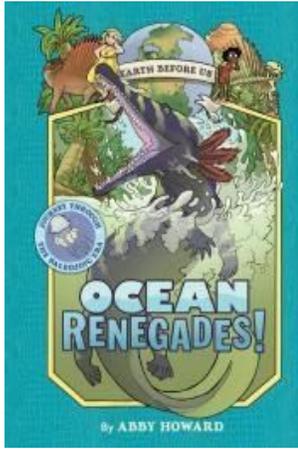


Wish List for Grades 2-3



Ocean Renegades! Journey through the Paleozoic Era: Earth Before Us #2

by Abby Howard

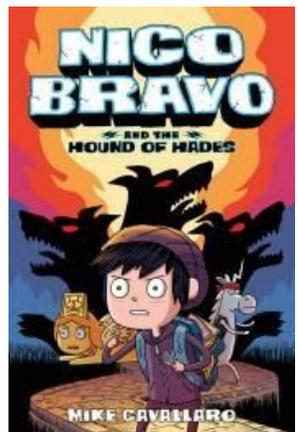
Learn many prehistoric facts—and some hilarious jokes—with Miss Lernin and Ronnie as they visit the Paleozoic era and explore the earliest life-forms on Earth.



Chasma Knights

by Kate Reed Petty

Beryl lives in a world full of toys. But these aren't ordinary toys—they're mechanical marvels that almost seem alive!

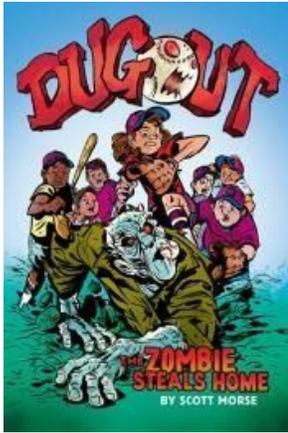


Nico Bravo and the Hound of Hades

by Mike Cavallaro

Got a problem? At Vulcan's Celestial Supply Shop, you can find the magical merchandise to set things right. The seasoned staff—a kid named Nico Bravo, a sphynx named Lula, and a unicorn named Buck—pride themselves on providing “legendary service and expertise in all areas of the arcane.” But Nico's world is about to be turned upside down, and it's all thanks his latest customer: Eowulf, the pint-size descendant of the monster slayer Beowulf. Determined to carry on the family business, this would-be warrior plans to slay Cerberus, the terrifying, three-headed hound of Hades. There's just one problem—Cerberus is the only thing preventing the hordes of the Underworld from entering the land of the living. Can Nico stop Eowulf from unleashing a zombie apocalypse? Full-color digital illustrations.

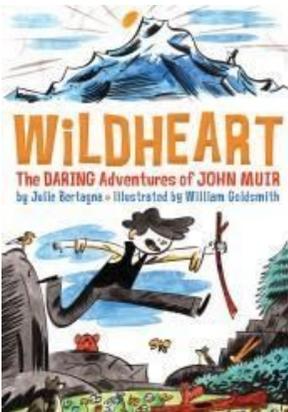
Dugout: The Zombie Steals Home



by Scott Morse

Twins Stacy and Gina Cavallaro are rivals on the baseball field, each pitching for a different little league team. Gina is a sports whiz and the star of her crack team, while Stacy's band of misfits hasn't won a game all season. The battling sisters also happen to be the youngest in a long line of local witches. So when Gina's magic spins out of control and her spell accidentally raises a zombie, the girls have to set aside their differences and figure out how to make everything going wrong, go right. And Stacy's team of misfits-Billy, Sanchez, Levi, Beans, Paddy, Killroy, Gomez, and Boots-must band together to save the day! Cast of characters. Baseball facts. Full-color illustrations.

Wildheart: The Daring Adventures of John Muir



by Julie Bertagna

John Muir led an adventurous life, starting with his wild and playful boyhood in Scotland to his legendary exploits in America, where he became an inventor, a global explorer, and the first modern environmentalist—and even made friends with a president! His heart was always in the outdoors and he aimed to experience all he could. Most importantly, though, John Muir told the world about the wonders of nature. His words made a difference and inspired people in many countries to start protecting planet Earth—and they still do. Key character list. Time line. Glossary. Source notes. “Parks Are for You.” Full-color illustrations.

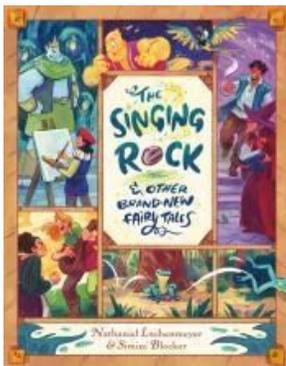
Hicotea: A Nightlights Story



by Lorena Alvarez

On a school field trip to the river, Sandy wanders away from her classmates and discovers an empty turtle shell. Peeking through the dark hole, she suddenly finds herself within a magical realm. Filled with sculptures, paintings and books, the turtle's shell is a museum of the natural world. But one painting is incomplete, and the turtle needs Sandy's help to finish it. Full-color illustrations.

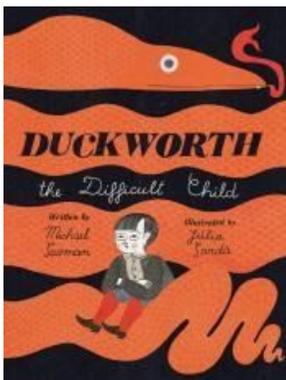
The Singing Rock & Other Brand-New Fairy Tales



by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer

A genie just wants a chance to grant a wish to the frog who accidentally let him out of his lamp—meanwhile, the frog just wants to be left alone. A witch is tormented by the cheerful (and awful) singing of a persistent bard, but when she finally snaps and turns him into a rock, he just keeps on singing—somehow the power of terrible music overcomes all magic. A wizard wants a pet. An ogre just wants to make beautiful art. Four original, wry, and utterly charming fairy tales comprise this new collection for young readers. With deft, lively text from Nathaniel Lachenmeyer and eye-popping, painterly art by Simini Blocker, *The Singing Rock* is the perfect read for kids who love a good yarn—and good comics! Full-color illustrations drawn and inked in Clip Studio Paint and colored digitally in Photoshop.

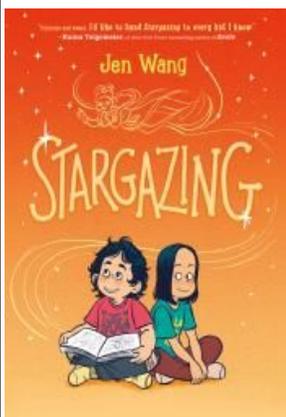
Duckworth, the Difficult Child



by Michael Sussman

Duckworth is a difficult child. At least that's what his parents think. So when Duckworth tries to explain that a gigantic snake slithered out of his closet, his parents insist it's all in his head—he is far too old to be imagining such nonsense. (And will he please do his chores?) But even when the cobra slides right up and swallows Duckworth whole, his parents remain unconvinced! (Where did he find that snake costume, and will he please put it away?) What's poor Duckworth to do when his parents just won't listen? With nods to the deliciously dark humor of Edward Gorey, Florence Parry Heide, and Jon Klassen, Michael Sussman and Júlia Sardà empathize with children everywhere who must find ways to deal with their difficult parents. Full-color illustrations rendered digitally.

Stargazing



by Jen Wang

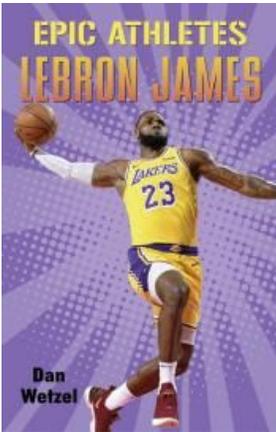
Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic ...and though they both grew up in the same Chinese American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. But after Moon moves in next door, these unlikely friends are soon best friends, sharing their favorite music videos and painting their toenails when Christine's strict parents aren't around. Moon even tells Christine her deepest secret: that she has visions, sometimes, of

celestial beings who speak to her from the stars. Who reassure her that Earth isn't where she really belongs.

Moon's visions have an all-too-earthly root, however, and soon Christine's best friend is in the hospital, fighting for her life. Can Christine be the friend Moon needs, now, when the sky is falling?

LeBron James: Epic Athletes

by Dan Wetzel

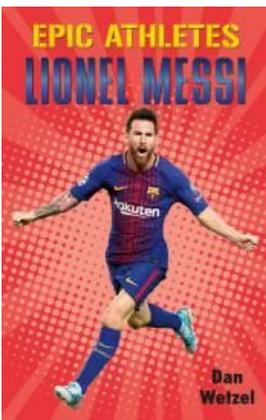


Whether you call him King James or simply LeBron, one thing is certain: He is THE face of the NBA. At just eighteen, and facing sky-high expectations, LeBron headed straight from high school to the pros. Cool under pressure, he went on to shatter the record books and become the most popular athlete in America.

Yet nothing was ever handed to LeBron. As a kid, he had to move homes constantly, even separating from his mother for a time. But through all the adversity, he took his natural talent and combined it with hard work to set himself on a path to greatness. Filled with sports action and bold illustrations, this exciting biography tells the story of a living NBA legend.

Lionel Messi: Epic Athletes

by Dan Wetzel

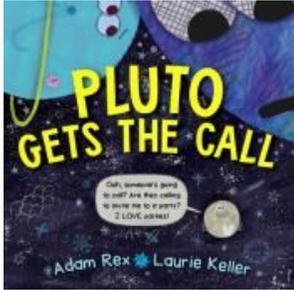


Lionel Messi has taken the soccer world by storm. He scored the most goals in a season. He's racked up championships. There was even a statue built in his honor. Despite the accolades, he's still hungry for more goals, more championships, more opportunities to shine on the soccer pitch. Messi's drive to succeed has motivated him ever since he first stepped on his local, worn-down field as a kid.

Yet his success didn't come without bumps in the road. Diagnosed with a career-threatening condition at ten, Messi refused to give up on his dream, and went on to amass one of the greatest careers in sports history. Filled with sports action and bold illustrations, this inspiring biography details the rise of a living soccer legend.

Pluto Gets the Call

by Adam Rex



Pluto loves being a planet. That is, until the day he gets a call from some Earth scientists telling him he isn't a planet anymore! You probably wanted to meet a real planet, huh?

Pluto takes the reader on a hilarious and informative journey through the solar system to introduce the other planets and commiserate about his situation along the way. Younger readers will be so busy laughing over Pluto's interactions with the other planets, asteroids, moons, and even the sun, they won't even realize just how much they're learning about our solar system!

Solar system fun facts and tidbits. Full-color illustrations rendered in traditional, digital, and "galactic" media.