

August 2023 Booktalks

Title: *La Catrina: Numbers = Números: a Bilingual Book of Numbers*
Author(s): Patty Rodriguez and Ariana Stein
Illustrator(s): Citali Reyes
Ages: 1-3
Copyright Year: 2021
Publisher: Lil' Libros
Call Number: Juv BoardBk Rodriguez

Count three pieces of pan de muerto, four vases of marigolds, five instruments. Introduce toddlers to some of the traditions of the Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) while helping them begin exploring their numbers (1-10) in both English and Spanish.

Title: *Stuck with You*
Author(s): Heather Ayriss Burnell
Illustrator(s): Hazel Quintanilla
Ages: 5-7
Copyright Year: 2022
Publisher: Scholastic
Call Number: Juv Reader Burnell, Heather

The latest installment of the Unicorn and Yeti series will have you sticking with this early graphic series. Unicorn and Yeti debate the use of stickers, try out roller skating, and have fun with gum. This short, simple series is great for young graphic novel lovers.

Title: *Camp-Out*
Author(s): Kelly Starling Lyons
Illustrator(s): Nina Mata
Ages: 4-8
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Harperally
Call Number: Juv Primer Lyons, Kelly

When their camping trip is disrupted by a storm, Ty and his family use their imagination to make this camp-in one of the best ever!

Title: *Dim Sum, Here We Come!*
Author: Maple Lam
Illustrator: Maple Lam

Ages: 4-8
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Harper
Call Number: Juv PicBk Lam, Maple

This delightful book celebrates the joys of family, delicious food, and sharing through the eyes of a young Chinese America girl. She can hardly contain her excitement as she runs ahead of her family to the car: "Dim sum, here we come!" It's her family's tradition to meet grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles for dim sum each Sunday. The family members rush in to the restaurant, so happy to see each other, and after a little wait, sit together at a large circular table. The metal cart of dim sum dishes wrapped in bamboo make its way to their table, and we can almost hear the clatter and smell the aromas coming off the steaming dishes. A full page spread shows a variety of wonderful dishes the family can select from, including chive dumplings, shrimp dumplings, rice noodle rolls, and char siu buns (sweet pork), our main character's favorite. She'll have to wait for it to make its way around the table before it gets to her. Will there be enough? This book is a real treat!

Title *Weather Together*
Author(s): Jessie Sima
Illustrator(s): Jessie Sima
Ages: 4-8
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division
Call Number: Juv PicBk Sima, Jessie

Weather TOGETHER is about two unicorn friends. Kelp is a sea unicorn and Nimbus is a sky unicorn who become friends. They have lots of good times and fun together but sometimes Nimbus feels...cloudy. She has a little cloud that follows her where ever she goes and she does not know what to do about it, so she ignores the cloud and it grows bigger and bigger until one day something happens that makes her and all of her other unicorn friends notice the cloud. But her good friend Kelp is there to help Nimbus through it all. What happened to make Nimbus stop ignoring her cloud? How did Kelp help Nimbus?? You'll have to read the book to find out how they learned to Weather TOGETHER...

Title: *Mindy Kim and the Summer Musical*
Author(s): Lyla Lee
Illustrator(s): Dung Ho
Ages: 6-9
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Aladdin

Call Number: Juv Step-up Lee, Lyla

Mindy Kim plans to audition for the summer musical, Cinderella at her local community theater. Since Mindy Kim is nervous, she asked her two friends, Lindsey and Sally to join her by auditioning in the play as well. Will their friendship survive all three girls wanting to be cast as the leading role of Cinderella? With the star role awarded to Lindsey while Mindy Kim and Sally are the evil stepsisters, this remains to be seen. Then, when Mindy Kim finds out her Dad and Stepmother, Julie are expecting a baby, Mindy Kim worries she will not be a good big sister. After all, she was cast as an evil stepsister in a play.

Title: *Escape at 10,000 Feet, Unsolved Case Files V. 1*
Author(s): Tom Sullivan
Illustrator(s): Tom Sullivan
Ages: 8-11
Copyright Year: 2021
Publisher: HarperCollins
Call Number: Juv Graphic Unsolved Case Files v. 1

Escape at 10,000 Feet tells the story of Dan Cooper, who hijacked an airplane, got \$200,000 dollars, parachuted from the plane into a dark, stormy night, and was never seen or heard from again. With photos and illustrations, this graphic novel gives the reader a fascinating look into one of the history's strangest unsolved crimes.

Title: *Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea*
Author(s): Dav Pilkey
Illustrator(s): Dav Pilkey
Ages: 8-10
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.
Call Number: Juv Graphic Dog, Man v. 11

Dog Man and his friends work together to save the town from a bad, selfish, tyrannical pig. Piggy is so mean, he even mistreats his friends! Although the news reports Piggy's band as being the FLEAS, Fuzzy Little Evil Animal Squad, Piggy's friends prefer to think of themselves as the Friendly Friends, and are actually nice. They annoy the heck out of Piggy, though. Dog Man and his friends wind up in a flying submarine that can change sizes. They use this impossible technology to thwart Piggy's evil plans.

Title: *How Do You Spell Unfair? MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee*
Author: Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrator: Frank Morrison
Ages: 7-10 years old
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Call Number: Juv Bio C877.6w

This beautiful picture book tells the story of eight grader MacNolia Cox. In 1936, she became the first African American to win the Akron, Ohio Spelling Bee. Because of that win, she became one of the first African Americans to compete in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Can you spell E-X-C-I-T-E-D? However, that excitement soon faded when her train crossed into Maryland and she learned about segregation first hand. Can you spell D-I-S-C-R-I-M-I-N-A-T-I-O-N? MacNolia and her mother had to stay in someone's house because the hotel for the participants was for "white's only". She had to enter the building for the Spelling Bee using the back door. She had to sit at a separate table during the competition. When MacNolia made it to the final round, the judges changed a rule and MacNolia was eliminated from The National Spelling Bee. Can you spell U-N-F-A-I-R? MacNolia was out, but what an achievement! She made history by becoming a finalist in the National Spelling Bee! Can you spell A-M-A-Z-I-N-G?