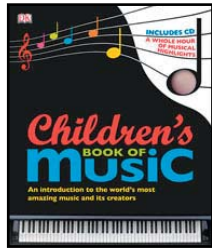


The Candymakers, by Wendy Mass. 978-0316002585, \$16.99. Four children compete in a candy-making competition. Just right for fans of Roald Dahl.

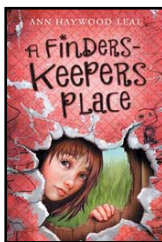
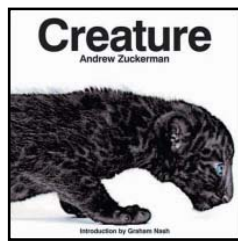
Children's Book of Music, by DK Publishing. 978-0756667344, \$24.99. This book takes children on the ultimate

musical journey by profiling musical instruments, styles, and cultural traditions from around the world. Packed with examples - from classical and folk to hip-hop and dance - along with fun activities and an interactive CD, this is a delightful gift for budding musicians.



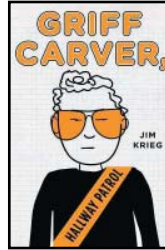
Countdown, by Deborah Wiles. 978-0545106054, \$17.99. Grades 5-8. It's 1962, and the whole country is living in fear. Franny just wants some peace - but that's hard to get when her best friend is feuding with her, her sister has disappeared, and her uncle is fighting an old war in his head. Worst of all, everyone is walking around waiting for a bomb to fall. An incredible "documentary novel."

Creature, by Andrew Zuckerman. 978-0811861533, \$60.00. Astonishing studio photos of 175 wild creatures, from baby leopards to parrots, are shown against white backgrounds in this stunning visual treat for the animal lover.



A Finders-Keepers Place, by Ann Haywood Leal. 978-0805088823, \$16.99. Grades 5+. As their mother's manic-depression grows worse, 11-year-old Esther and her sister visit various churches hoping to find their father, a preacher who left them seven years before. By the CT author of *Also Known as Harper*.

Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol, by Jim Krieg. 978-1595142764, \$15.99. Griff discovers that some of the hall passes floating around school are counterfeit. With the help of his partner Tommy, Boy Scout Extraordinaire, and Verity, Intrepid Girl Reporter, Griff is determined to get to the bottom of things.



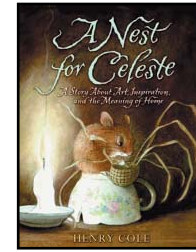
Guys Read: Funny Business, by Jon Scieszka. 978-0061963742, \$16.99 (also in paperback). This collection of 10 hysterical stories by some of today's top children's authors is perfect for all young "guys" - even the ones who don't usually like to read. Vol. 1 of the *Guys Read Library of Great Reading*.

The Lost Hero, by Rick Riordan. 978-1423113393, \$18.99. (*Heroes of Olympus* series, vol. 1) This book launches another wonderfully constructed and interesting series by Rick Riordan, author of *Percy Jackson & the Olympians*. New characters meet some old favorites in adventures that teach us mythology while we go for an amazing "quest!"



The Missing Golden Ticket and Other Splendiferous Secrets, by Roald Dahl; illus. by Quentin Blake. 978-0142417423, \$4.99 (pbk). The missing chapter from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is now available for the first time! Who is Miranda Piker, and did Mr. Wonka really invent a spotty powder that would keep kids out of school? A must for Dahl fans!

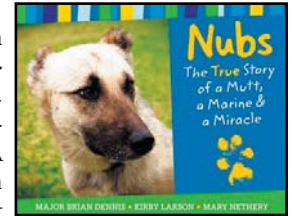
The Mysterious Howling, by Maryrose Wood. (*The Incurrable Children of Ashton Place*, v. 1) 978-0061791055, \$15.99. A 15-year-old girl gets a job as a governess to children who have been raised by wolves. Exciting, funny, and sweet, with a cliffhanger ending will have children biting their nails waiting for the next installment!



A Nest For Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration and the Meaning of Home, by Henry Cole. 978-0061704109, \$16.99. Celeste, a basket-making mouse, lives at the plantation where John James Audubon is painting pictures of birds. Celeste strikes up a friendship with home-sick Joseph, Audubon's assistant.

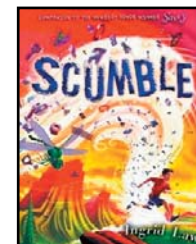
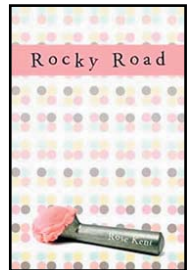
Detailed pencil illustrations add charm and depth to this gentle tale.

Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle, by Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery. 978-0316053181, \$17.99. A feral dog named Nubs and a Marine named Dennis meet in war-torn Iraq. This true, heart-warming story of the bond they form will leave you cheering.

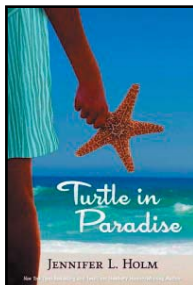


The Ring of Solomon, by Jonathan Stroud. 978-1423123729, \$17.99. (*Bartimaeus* series) Wise-cracking djinni Bartimaeus finds himself at the court of King Solomon with an unpleasant master, a sinister servant, and King Solomon's magic ring. A laugh-out-loud prequel for fans of the *Bartimaeus* series.

Rocky Road, by Rose Kent. 978-0375863448, \$16.99. This moving story of family, community, and ice cream proves that with a little help from the people around us, life really can be sweet - and a little nutty - just like Rocky Road.



Scumble, by Ingrid Law. 978-0803733077, \$16.99. In this companion to *Savvy*, Ledger Kale comes into his magical power at the age of thirteen and finds that his world is, literally, falling apart.



Turtle in Paradise, by Jennifer L. Holm. 978-0375836886, \$16.99. Sent by her housekeeper mother to stay with Florida relatives she has never met, Turtle's world expands to include a whole new view of family, love and dreams.

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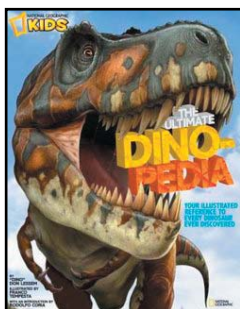


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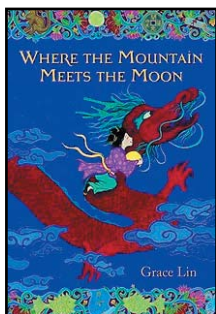
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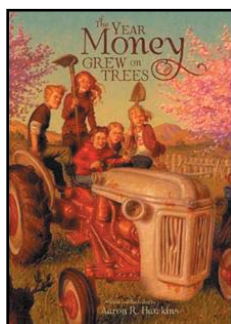
The Ultimate Dino-Pedia, by Don Lessem; illus. by Franco Tempesta. 978-1426301643, \$24.95. This *National Geographic Kids* volume will be beloved by the dinosaur fan in your life. The encyclopedia-style format, with phenomenal full-page illustrations of over 600 dinosaurs, make this a great choice for anyone seeking information about these prehistoric beasts!



Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, by Grace Lin. 978-0316114271, \$16.99. Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a flightless dragon on a quest to find the secret to good fortune. Stories drawn from Chinese folktale weave lyrically throughout this timeless tale of the evil of greed and the joy of gratitude.



The Year Money Grew On Trees, by Aaron R. Hawkins. 978-0547279770, \$16.00. Grades 5-8. Take one thirteen year-old boy. Mix in a handful of relatives, an eccentric neighbor and an apple orchard. The result is a wonderful family story about hard work, motivation and success set in an earlier time.



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