

## Fiction

### **Applegate, Katherine. “Odder” 2022**

Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spending time with a good friend. She's a fearless daredevil, curious to a fault. But when Odder comes face to face with a hungry great white shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about herself – and about the humans who hope to save her.

**J FIC APPLGATE; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio**

### **Barnhill, Kelly. “The Ogress and the Orphans” 2022**

Stone-in-the-Glen, once a lovely town, has fallen on hard times. Fires, floods and other calamities have caused the people to lose their library, their school, their park and even their neighborliness. The people put their faith in the Mayor, a dazzling fellow who promises he alone can help. After all, he is a famous dragon slayer. (At least, no one has seen a dragon in his presence.) Only the clever children of the Orphan House and the kindly Ogress at the edge of town can see how dire the town's problems are. Then one day a child goes missing from the Orphan House. At the Mayor's suggestion, all eyes turn to the Ogress. The Orphans know this can't be: The Ogress, along with a flock of excellent crows, secretly delivers gifts to the people of Stone-in-the-Glen. But how can the Orphans tell the story of the Ogress's goodness to people who refuse to listen?

**J FIC BARNHILL**

### **Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss. “Sisterhood of Sleuths” 2022**

Maizy always assumed she knew everything about her grandmother, Jacuzzi. So when a box full of vintage Nancy Drew books gets left at her mom's thrift store, Maizy is surprised to find an old photo of her grandmother and two other women tucked beneath the collection. Stranger still, when Maizy shows the photo to Jacuzzi she feigns ignorance, insisting the woman is someone else. Determined to learn the truth — and inspired by the legacy of Nancy Drew — Maizy launches her own investigation with the help of new friends, Nell and Cam. What they discover not only points to the origins of the iconic series, but uncovers a truth from the past that will lead to self-discovery in the present, connecting three generations of women.

**J FIC BERTMAN**

**Blakemore, Megan Frazer. “Princess of the Wild Sea” 2023**

A curse will fall and a hero will rise. Princess Harbor Rose is cursed. She's lived her whole life hidden away on a remote island with her magical aunts, following all the rules for being a princess. Now it is only one more year until her 13th birthday, when a hero will finally arrive to save her from her curse. But as with any story, there are two sides, and the curse told of much more than a single princess's uncertain fate. It told of a dangerous foe rooted in powerful magic. It told of a terrible war that could destroy everything if a young hero didn't arrive in time. It told of a magic imbued with hope that could save everyone, but only if they believe. With her beloved kingdom and island at grave risk, Harbor Rose has a choice: Should she wait for the hero, or take matters into her own hands?

**J FIC BLAKEMORE**

**Bruel, Nick. “Bad Kitty School Daze” 2022**

In the latest full-color reissue of the New York Times bestselling series, Kitty and Puppy are out of control! They're screaming, fighting, hissing and drooling all over the house, and all of the commotion is upsetting Baby. Time for school — obedience school, that is. Can Kitty learn to follow the rules and make friends with the other students, or will she bring chaos to the classroom?

**J FIC BRUEL**

**Buxbaum, Julie. “The Area 51 Files” 2022**

When Sky Patel-Baum is sent to live with her mysterious uncle, she never imagines she'll end up in Area 51, a top-secret military base. Sky feels like she's landed in a whole new world, even though she hasn't left the planet. Sky must team up with her pizza-obsessed pet hedgehog, Spike, her otherworldly next-door neighbor, Elvis, and his fluffy pup, Pickles, to solve the case.

**J FIC BUXBAUM**

**Castillo, Lauren. “Our Friend Hedgehog: A Place to Call Home” 2022**

Autumn leaves are falling in Hedge Hollow, and the change in season brings with it a spiny surprise — another hedgehog. Is it friend or foe? Or is it ... family? On the one paw, Hedgehog is excited to meet one of her own kind, but on the other paw, she has never felt so different — or distant — from her old friends. Where does Hedgehog belong, and who does she belong with? A journey upriver through an unfamiliar forest just might lead her home.

**J FIC CASTILLO; LIBBY: eAudio**

**Davies, Jacqueline. "The Bridge Battle" 2022**

Unexpectedly cast as outsiders, siblings Jessie and Evan must learn to be true to themselves when they are faced with bullies and unexpected circumstances that cause them to act in ways they never have before. A gripping, funny addition to the bestselling Lemonade War series.

**J FIC DAVIES; LIBBY: eBook**

**Deen, Natasha. "The Ghost Tree" (Spooky Sleuths) 2022**

Is it science, or is it strange and ghostly? Asim's new town is freaking him out. There are weird noises at night, eerie lights and now an evil tree that is growing way faster than it should. He's sure there's something supernatural going on. His friend Rokshar believes that everything can be explained by science. But even she's worried when the tree takes control of their teacher. It's starting to look like an evil spirit straight out of Guyanese folklore is to blame. Can Asim and his friends save their teacher – and the town – from the ghost tree?

**J FIC DEEN**

**Florence, Debbie Mechiko. "This Is How I Roll" A Wish Novel 2023**

Susannah Mikami dreams of becoming a famous sushi chef like her dad. This summer, she plans to learn everything about his traditional kitchen. Only he refuses to teach her, and won't tell her why. Is it because he doesn't want her to embarrass him in front of the documentary crew filming at his restaurant? Or worse, because she's a girl? Either way, Sana decides he's not the only one who can keep secrets. When she meets Koji, a cute boy who wants to help her cook up some trouble in the kitchen — and film online tutorials to show the world her mad skills — Sana is all in. But sneaking around means lying to her parents, something Sana's never done before. Can she take the heat, or will she get out of the kitchen for good?

**J PAPERBACK FLORENCE; LIBBY: eBook**

**Guillory, Sarah. "Nowhere Better Than Here" 2022**

For 13-year-old Jillian Robichaux, three things are sacred: bayou sunsets, her grandmother Nonnie's stories, and the coastal Louisiana town of Boutin that she calls home. When the worst flood in a century hits, Jillian and the rest of her community band together as they always do — but this time the damage may simply be too great. After the local school is padlocked and the bridges into town condemned, Jillian has no choice but to face the reality that she may be losing the only home she's ever had.

But even when all hope seems lost, Jillian is determined to find a way to keep Boutin and its indomitable spirit alive. With the help of friends new and old, a loveable golden retriever and Nonnie's storytelling wisdom, Jillian does just that in this timely and heartfelt story of family, survival and hope.

**J FIC GUILLORY**

**Guojing. “The Flamingo” 2022**

From a highly acclaimed illustrator comes a stunning graphic novel filled with adventure and wonder about an imaginative girl and her obsession with flamingos. A little girl arrives, excited for a beach vacation with her Lao Lao. The girl and her grandmother search for shells, chase crabs and play in the sea, but when the girl finds an exquisite flamingo feather in her grandmother's living room, her vacation turns into something fantastical.

**J GN GUO**

**Keller, Tae. “Mihi Ever After” 2022**

Mihi Whan Park loves fairy tales. She wants to be a princess more than anything, but everyone tells her she's not the princess type. Then Mihi gets her shot. She and her new friends Savannah and Reese discover a portal to a fairy tale realm, where they get a chance to learn how to be princesses. But the fairy tale world turns out not to be the wonderful place Mihi imagined. Soon, Savannah and Reese decide they're ready to go home, and Mihi has to decide where her loyalties lie – with her friends and her future at home or with her princess dreams?

**J FIC KELLER; LIBBY: eAudio**

**Kenna, Kimberly Behre. “Artemis Sparke and the Sound Seekers Brigade” 2023**

When Artemis Sparke has had it with humans, she heads to the nearby salt marsh to hang out with the birds, plants and mollusks who don't make a big deal of her stutter. The shoreline sanctuary is predictable, unlike her family and friends, and the data in her science journal proves it. But one day that data goes haywire, and her bird friend RT confirms it: The salt marsh is dying. Artemis discovers that the historic hotel where she lives with her mom may be part of the problem, but speaking up would mean confronting the cranky hotel owner who happens to be her mom's boyfriend and boss. Artemis conjures up help from deceased ecologists, and as she works to untangle their clues, she finds family secrets that could be the key to saving the salt marsh but also may destroy her life as she knows it.

**J FIC KENNA**

**King, Amy Sarig. “Attack of the Black Rectangles” 2022**

Everyone in town knows and fears Ms. Laura Samuel Sett. She is the town watchdog, always on the lookout for unsavory words and the unsavory people who use them. She is also Mac's sixth-grade teacher. Mac and his friends are outraged when they discovered that their class copies of Jane Yolen's “The Devil's Arithmetic” have certain works blacked out. Mac has been raised by his mom and grandfather to call out things that are wrong, so he and his friends head to the principal's office to protest the censorship. Her response isn't reassuring – so the protest grows.

**J FIC KING; LIBBY: eBook; HOOPLA: eAudio**

**Lincoln, Beth. "The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels" 2023**

On the day they are born, every Swift child is brought before the sacred Family Dictionary. They are given a name, and a definition. A definition it is assumed they will grow up to match. Meet Shenanigan Swift: little sister, risk-taker, mischief-maker. Shenanigan is getting ready for the big Swift Family Reunion and plotting her next great scheme: hunting for Grand Uncle Vile's long-lost treasure. She's excited to finally meet her arriving relatives – until one of them gives Arch Aunt Schadenfreude a deadly shove down the stairs. So what if everyone thinks she'll never be more than a troublemaker, just because of her name? Shenanigan knows she can become whatever she wants, even a detective. And she's determined to follow the twisty clues and catch the killer. Deliciously suspenseful and delightfully clever, *The Swifts* is a remarkable debut that is both brilliantly contemporary and instantly classic. A celebration of words and individuality, it's packed with games, wordplay and lots and lots of mischief as Shenanigan sets out to save her family and define herself in a world where definitions are so important.

**J FIC LINCOLN**

**Luqman-Dawson, Amina. "Freewater" 2022**

After an entire young life of enslavement, 12-year-old Homer escapes Southerland Plantation with his little sister Ada, leaving his beloved mother behind. Much as he adores her and fears for her life, Homer knows there's no turning back, not with the overseer on their trail. Through tangled vines, secret doorways, and over a sky bridge, the two find a secret community called Freewater, deep in the recesses of the swamp. In this new, free society made up of escaped slaves and some born-free children, Homer cautiously embraces a set of spirited friends, almost forgetting where he came from. But when he learns of a threat that could destroy Freewater, he hatches a plan to return to Southerland plantation, overcome his own cautious nature, and free his mother from enslavement. Loosely based on a little-mined but important piece of history, this is an inspiring and deeply empowering Newbery Award-winning story of survival, love and courage.

**J FIC LUQMAN-DAWSON; LIBBY: eAudio and eBook**

**MacLachlan, Patricia. "My Life Begins!" 2023**

Dubbing his new triplet sisters "the Trips," 9-year-old Jacob studies them for a science project by watching them grow and realizes they aren't just "the Trips" anymore, but individuals he has come to love.

**J FIC MACLACHLAN**

**Moore, David Barclay. “Holler of the Fireflies” 2022**

Javari knew that West Virginia would be different from his home in Bushwick, Brooklyn. But his first day at STEM Camp in a little Appalachian town is still a shock. Though run-ins with the police are just the same here. Not good. Javari will learn a lot about science, tech, engineering and math at camp. And also about rich people, racism and hidden agendas. But it’s Cricket, a local boy, budding activist and occasional thief, who will show him a different side of the holler — and blow his mind wide open. Javari is about to have that summer. Where everything gets messy and complicated and confusing ... and you wouldn’t want it any other way.

**J FIC MOORE**

**Osborne, Mary Pope. “Rhinos at Recess,” Magic Tree House #37 2023**

Jack and Annie are on the playground at recess when they feel the magic tree house calling them. They sneak away and are whisked off on an adventure in South Africa, where a majestic rhino needs saving. There is a swooping helicopter, strict park rangers, and – most terrifying of all – poachers. How do you hide one of the largest land mammals in the flat terrain of the African savanna? Jack and Annie are going to need a little bit of magic for this mission!

**J FIC OSBORNE; J PLAYAWAY OSBORNE; LIBBY eBook and eAudio**

**Perez, Celia. “Tumble” 2022**

Twelve-year-old Adela “Addie” Ramírez has a big decision to make when her stepfather proposes adoption. Addie loves Alex, the only father figure she’s ever known, but with a new half brother due in a few months, everything suddenly feels like it’s moving too fast. She has a million questions, and the first is about the young man in the photo she found hidden away in her mother’s things. Addie’s sleuthing takes her to a New Mexico ranch, and her world expands to include much more family, including her biological father, who’s in the midst of a career comeback. As luchadores, the Bravos’ legacy is strong. But being part of a family is so much harder — it’s about showing up, taking off your mask, and working through challenges together.

**J FIC PEREZ; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio**

**Phillips, Tom. “Egypt’s Fire” 2022**

After 12-year-old John Boarhog’s mom dies, he makes himself a snug home in the ceiling of the New York Museum of Natural History, where he reads anything he get his hands on and explores afterhours. But when a rare Egyptian ruby goes missing, John is accused of the crime. That is until the unpredictable Inspector Toadius McGee takes control of the case, certain that the true culprit is a notorious criminal he’s been tracking for years. John quickly becomes the Watson to Toadius’ Holmes as they race from Broadway to back alleys. Along the way, John uncovers secrets about his own past, including that he’s a lot more involved in this web of endearing ne’er-do-wells than he ever could have imagined.

**J FIC PHILLIPS**

**Rubin, Adam. "The Human Kaboom" 2023**

Adam Rubin is back with this companion to the No. 1 New York Times bestseller "The Ice Cream Machine," inviting you into six thrilling new worlds filled with daring and danger, mystery and mayhem — not to mention explosions! In a swanky New York City hotel, a reclusive guest appears to have spontaneously combusted. On a school field trip to a human anatomy museum in space, two kids try to pull off the greatest prank in history. Somewhere on a deserted island, three siblings try to make a life for themselves after the rest of the planet has been decimated by gigantic rock monsters. And then there's the small, quaint fishing town where a boy visiting his sister stumbles across an ancient curse; the traveling circus where a young girl becomes the assistant to a death-defying human cannonball; and the rugged wilderness where one kid with superpowers just can't seem to find some peace.

**J FIC RUBIN**

**Santat, Dan. "The Aquanaut" 2022**

Ever since her father was lost at sea, Sophia has been moping around Aqualand, the marine theme park her dad and uncle created. But Sophia's world is turned upside down when an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's research lab. To her amazement, Sophia discovers that the aquanaut is not what it seems — inside lives a band of four goofy sea creatures. And when they all realize that Aqualand has evolved into something much darker than Sophia's dad had envisioned, Sophia is determined to help the aquanaut crew free the park's captive marine life before it's too late.

**J GN SANTAT; LIBBY: eBook**

**Soontornvat, Christina. "The Last Mapmaker" 2022**

In a fantasy adventure every bit as compelling and confident in its world building as her Newbery Honor Book "A Wish in the Dark," Christina Soontornvat explores a young woman's struggle to unburden herself of the past and chart her own destiny in a world of secrets. As assistant to Mangkon's most celebrated mapmaker, 12-year-old Sai plays the part of a well-bred young lady with a glittering future. In reality, her father is a conman — and in a kingdom where the status of one's ancestors dictates their social position, the truth could ruin her. Sai seizes the chance to join an expedition to chart the southern seas, but she isn't the only one aboard with secrets. When Sai learns that the ship might be heading for the fabled Sunderlands — a land of dragons, dangers and riches beyond imagining — she must weigh the cost of her dreams.

**J FIC SOONTORNVAT; PLAYAWAY SOONTORNVAT; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio; HOOPLA: eAudio**

**Steadman, A. F. “Skandar and the Unicorn Thief” 2022**

Skandar Smith has always yearned to leave the Mainland and escape to the secretive Island, where wild unicorns roam free. He’s spent years studying for his Hatchery exam, the annual test that selects a handful of Mainlander 13-year-olds to train to become unicorn riders. But on the day of Skandar’s exam, things go horribly wrong, and his hopes are shattered ... until a mysterious figure knocks on his door at midnight, bearing a message: The Island is in peril and Skandar must answer its call. Skandar is thrust into a world of epic sky battles, dangerous clashes with wild unicorns, and rumors of a shadowy villain amassing a unicorn army. And the closer Skandar grows to his newfound friends and community of riders, the harder it becomes to keep his secrets — especially when he discovers their lives may all be in graver danger than he ever imagined.

**J FIC STEADMAN; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio**

**Sugiura, Misa. “Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind” 2023**

All Momo wants for her 12th birthday is an ordinary life — like everyone else's. At home, she has to take care of her absentminded widowed mother. At school, kids ridicule her for mixing up reality with the magical stories her mother used to tell her. But then Momo’s mother falls gravely ill, and a death hag straight out of those childhood stories attacks Momo at the mall, where she’s rescued by a talking fox ... and “ordinary” goes out the window. It turns out that Momo's mother is a banished Shinto goddess who used to protect a long-forgotten passageway to Yomi — the land of the dead. That passageway is now under attack, and countless evil spirits threaten to escape and wreak havoc across the earth. Joined by Niko the fox and Danny — her former best friend turned popular jerk, whom she never planned to speak to again, much less save the world with — Momo must embrace her (definitely not "ordinary") identity as half human, half goddess to unlock her divine powers, save her mother’s life, and force the demons back to Yomi.

**J FIC SUGIURA**

**Tarshis, Lauren. “I Survived the Wellington Avalanche, 1910” 2022**

The Wellington snow slide of 1910 was — and still is — the deadliest avalanche in America’s history. Lauren Tarshis's story of one child surviving the frozen nightmare pounds with page-turning action and heartwarming hope. The snow came down faster than train crews could clear the tracks, piling up in drifts 20 feet high. At the Wellington train depot in the Cascade Mountains. Some passengers braved the storm to hike off the mountain, but many had no choice but to wait out the storm. But the storm didn’t stop. One day passed, then two, three ... six days. The snow turned to rain. Then, just after midnight on March 1, a lightning storm struck the mountain, sending a 10-foot-high wave of snow barreling down the mountain. The trains tumbled 150 feet.

**J PAPERBACK TARSHIS; J PLAYAWAY TARSHIS; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio**



**Warga, Jasmine. "A Rover's Story" 2022**

Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name. Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings. Maybe there's a problem with his programming ... Human emotions or not, launch day comes, and Res blasts off to Mars, accompanied by a friendly drone helicopter named Fly. But Res quickly discovers that Mars is a dangerous place filled with dust storms and giant cliffs. As he navigates Mars's difficult landscape, Res is tested in ways that go beyond space exploration.

**J FIC WARGA; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio**

**Weinersmith, Zach. "Bea Wolf" 2023**

A modern middle-grade graphic novel retelling of Beowulf, featuring a gang of troublemaking kids who must defend their tree house from a fun-hating adult who can instantly turn children into grown-ups.

**J GN WEINERSMITH**

**Yang, Kelly. "New From Here" 2022**

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus

**J FIC YANG; LIBBY: eAudio and eBook**

**Yee, Lisa. "Maizy Chen's Last Chance" 2022**

Eleven-year-old Maizy Chen visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant in Last Chance, Minnesota. During her visit, she makes unexpected discoveries about her family's history and herself.

**J FIC YEE; LIBBY: eAudio**

**Zhao, Jay. "Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor" 2022**

Percy Jackson meets Tristan Strong in this hilarious, action-packed middle grade contemporary fantasy that follows a young boy as he journeys across China to seal the underworld and save the mortal realm.

**J FIC ZHAO; LIBBY: eBook**

## **Non-fiction**

### **Cassany, Mia. "Majestic Oceans: Discover the World Beneath the Waves" 2022**

This book pays homage to the underwater world, a majestic yet delicate ecosystem which has to be cherished for future generations. Oceans cover 70 percent of the earth's surface, yet, we only know a third of the marine creatures that inhabit them. This large format book transports you underwater and helps you discover the different habitats, the incredible biodiversity and the wild animals that live beneath the waves.

**J 551.46 CASSANY**

### **Castrovilla, Seline. "Seeking Freedom: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America" 2022**

This book recounts the story of George Scott, an enslaved man seeking sanctuary during the Civil War, whose heroism saved Fortress Monroe and helped convince President Abe Lincoln that slavery must be abolished.

**J 306.362 CASTROVILLA**

### **Crull, Kelly. "Washed Ashore: Making Art From Ocean Plastic" 2022**

Every day, we use plastic products. And where do these items go when we are done with them?

When artist Angela Haseltine Pozzi found plastic trash polluting the beach near her home, she took action. She formed an organization called Washed Ashore and started gathering trash from beaches and using it to create incredible sculptures of wildlife. These sculptures travel the country to teach people about the importance of these animals — and the problems caused by plastic pollution.

**J 731.2 CRULL**

### **Gillman, Melanie. "Who Was a Daring Pioneer of the Skies? Amelia Earhart" 2022**

Explore the story of Amelia Earhart, as she embarks on her second and final journey around the globe. A story of determination, heart and courage, this graphic novel invites readers to immerse themselves into the daring grit of the aviation pioneer – brought to life by gripping narrative and vivid full-color illustrations that fly off the page.

**J GN EARHART**

**Gravel, Elise. "Killer Underwear Invasion: How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation, & Conspiracy Theories" 2022**

Can peanuts give you super strength? Did Martians really invade New Jersey? For anyone who has ever encountered outrageous stories like these and wondered whether they were true, this funny, yet informative book breaks down what fake news is, why people spread it, and how to tell what is true and what isn't. With quirky illustrations and a humorous tone, Elise Gravel brings her kid-accessible wit to the increasingly important subject of media literacy and equips younger readers with the skills needed to interact with global news.

**J 070.43 GRAVEL**

**Guglielmo, Amy. "The Met Claude Monet: He Saw the World in Brilliant Light." 2022**

See the world through Claude Monet's eyes and be inspired to produce your own masterpieces.

Meet famous French painter Claude Monet. Step into his life and learn how he pioneered the Impressionist movement. Learn all about his love of nature and how he was inspired to paint light, water and water lilies. Have a go at producing your own art inspired by what you find most beautiful about nature.

**J BIO MONET**

**Hillstrom, Ylva. "The Art and Life of Hilma af Klint" 2023**

Hilma af Klint was a Swedish artist and mystic whose paintings are considered among the first abstract works known in Western art history. Unlike biographies that drily outline the birth, work and death of their subjects, this exploration of Klint's life and work couldn't be more different. It's a wild ride, challenging beliefs and opening new avenues of thought. This is a welcome and riveting tale of an often-overlooked artist, interesting enough to engage readers of any age.

**J BIO KLINT**

**Massimino, Mike. "Spaceman: The True Story of a Young Boy's Journey to Becoming an Astronaut" 2020**

Read about the author's nontraditional path to joining NASA, including his personal, academic and professional challenges. Throughout his story is a message about the importance of perseverance, initiative and optimism. The author repeatedly emphasizes that his willingness to work hard, accept useful criticism, and never give up led to achieving his goal.

**J BIO MASSIMINO**

**Neruda, Pablo. "Book of Questions" 2022**

This fully illustrated selection of "Book of Questions" contained 70 questions of the original 320. These poems, carefully woven together by theme and accompanying full-page illustrations, invite us to wonder at the natural world and the myriad mysteries it contains. Written by beloved Chilean poet and Nobel Prize winner Neruda, this book is at turns lyrical and cosmic, dreamlike and nonsensical, paradoxical and playful, each of these unanswerable questions asks us to set aside certainty and constraint and to enter into the vastness of the unknown.

**SP J 460 NERUDA**

**Poliquin, Rachel. "The Museum of Odd Body Leftovers" 2022**

This visually stimulating reference book is a great introduction to natural selection, adaptation, and mutation. Staged as a quirky visual tour of a museum, the "guide" includes a map (table of contents), pronunciation notes, as well as "revisions" provided by your guides a wisdom tooth and a disappearing kidney.

**J 612 POLIQUIN**

**Soontornvat, Christina. "The Tryout: A Graphic Novel" 2022**

When cheerleading tryouts are announced, Christina and her best friend, Megan, literally jump at the chance to join the squad. As two of the only kids of color in the school, they have always yearned to fit in-and the middle school cheerleaders are popular and accepted by everyone. But will the girls survive the terrifying tryouts, with their whole grade watching? And will their friendship withstand the pressures of competition?

**J GN SOONTORNVAT; LIBBY: eBook**

**Sullivan, Tom. "Escape at 10,000 Feet" 2021**

A man in his mid-40s, wearing a suit and overcoat, buys a ticket for Northwest Orient Airlines flight 305 bound for Seattle. A little over an hour later, the man presents his demands: \$200,000 in cash and four parachutes. If the demands are not met, he threatens to detonate the explosive device in his briefcase. So begins the astonishing true story of the man known as D.B. Cooper, and the only unsolved airplane hijacking case in the United States. Comic panels, reproductions of documents from real FBI files, and photos from the investigation combine for a thrilling read for sleuths of all ages.

**J 364.155 SULLIVAN**

**Turner, Pamela S. "How to Build a Human: In Seven Evolutionary Steps" 2022**

This overview of human evolutionary history starts off with an amusing quip: "If evolution had a motto it would be Yeah. Good enough." It then goes on to detail seven watershed moments, beginning with "Step One: We Stand Up." Also covered are: the emergence of toolmaking; the development of larger and more complex brains; the migration of Homo erectus out of Africa; the shift from raw to cooked foods; the evolution of human language; and the advent of storytelling.

**J 599.938 TURNER**