YOUNG adult

And The Ocean Was Our Sky

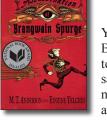
by Patrick Ness & Rovina Cai (Ages 13+. \$19.99) Full of sibling shenanigans, robot-building, and wrenching illustrations, this graphic novel adventure shows how hard it can be to find your true friends—especially if one of them is a sea-dwelling monster. A stirring inversion of Moby Dick & Leah

STEALTH

COUNTRY

TO THE REAL PROPERTY.

The Assassination of Brangwain **Spurge** by M.T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin (Ages 10-14. \$24.99) Elfin historian Brangwain Spurge travels deep into goblin territory to carry out a secret mission: to assassinate the evil goblin overlord. But as his mission begins, he is swept up by his eager and enthusiastic host. What ensues is a comically bungled covert operation, imaginatively narrated in an engaging combination of text and illustrations. ~Linda



BOOK award FINALIST

NONFICTION

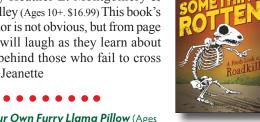
Steal This Country: A Handbook for Resistance, Persistence, and Fixing **Almost Everything** by Alexandra Styron (\$19.99) Calling all teen activists! This is a handbook for those who want to change the world. Filled with comics, helpful hints, and comprehensive overviews for how to

facilitate change on a local, state, and national level. The Martha

Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at **Roadkill** by Heather L. Montgomery & Kevin O'Malley (Ages 10+. \$16.99) This book's sense of humor is not obvious, but from page one readers will laugh as they learn about the science behind those who fail to cross the road. Jeanette



10+. \$21.99) Design and craft an adorable llama pillow! Easy-to-follow instructions inspire kids and teens to customize their llama; sew hats, blankets, SHORD SOLVERS BOOKS TO THE SHORT SHORT SOLVERS BOOKS sassy faces, and more! All supplies are included.



A Winter's Promise: Book One of the Mirror Visitor Quartet by Christine Dabos (Ages 12+. \$19.95) Ophelia would love nothing more than to immerse herself in the museum she owns. Instead, she is engaged to an ice king of a fiance and must join

an equally unwelcoming family. But Ophelia is stronger than she looks, and in a city where one family's hatred breathes fire into another, Ophelia will learn just how resilient she really is. Perfect for fans of Philip Pullman's "His Dark Materials" series. ~Mia

Dry by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman (Ages 12+. \$18.99) Imagine: you turn on your tap, and...nothing happens. How would you react? How would your neighbors? Already optioned for a movie, this ultra-realistic disaster book should be the next Hunger Games.~Leah



Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Ages 13+. \$14.99) This

memoir is a courageous story about one young man's experience growing up

in a household marked by addiction, secrets, and silence. When Jarrett's mom prioritizes her drug dependence over her son, Jarrett goes to live with his grandparents—who suffer from addiction in their own way, too. Resonant, heart-gripping, and honest, *Hey, Kiddo* will inspire young adults to turn to their passions (like comics and art!) to get through tough times. ~Aubrey

Kitten Construction Company by John Patrick Green (Ages 6-10. \$17.99) An adorable troupe of highly trained builders attempt to take on the most challenging of construction projects—but nobody will let them work because they are cute kittens! Shrewd and understated, this full-color graphic novel captures the kittens' collective struggle to be taken seriously in a good-natured, amusing way. ~Aubrey



(Ages 8+. \$20.99) Make two bouquets of stunning paper flowers (and a vase to put them in) with this socially-conscious kit.

100 Kids Books Scratch Off Bucket List (All Ages. \$15.99) Scratch off a foil square on this poster-sized bucket list each time you or your child finish reading a great book!



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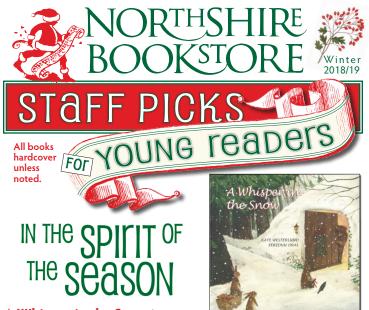
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A Whisper in the Snow by Kate

Westerlund & Feridun Oral (Ages 4-7, \$17.99) The spirit of the season is perfectly embodied in this sweet story of a lost and bedraggled teddy bear found buried in the snow by a small band of forest animals. The animals make haste to ensure the bear lands back in the arms of his mistress in time for Christmas. Charming and beguiling illustrations capture the snowy woodland scene flawlessly. ~Jess

All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah by Emily Jenkins & Paul O. Zelinsky (Ages 3-7. \$17.99) The beloved family classic is back just in time for the holidays. Gertie returns to the family home to help prepare the meal, but at four years old is unable to make the latkes or help with the meal. But she is given the best job of all: lighting the menorah. A perfect gift to start kids on the series. ~Martha

Advent Story



A Christmas Advent Story by Ivy Snow & Hannah Tolson (Ages 1-5. \$14.99) Countdown to Christmas! This perfect gift for little ones introduces a new word each day. Find the sad snowman on every page and find out what happens to him.

Martha

> The Christmas Wind by Stephanie Simpson McLellan &

Brooke Kerrigan (Ages 6+. \$19.95) A touching story about a family seeking shelter from the bitter winter wind. Stunning pictures accompany the story and reflect the true meaning of Christmas. TMartha

> Delights **Plush Toys** animals ready for some holiday snuggling!

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The Little Book of Woodland

Bird Songs by Caz Buckingham & Andrea Pinnington (Ages 5-9. \$19.95) Perfect for a budding naturalist. Kids can learn twelve different bird sounds and a little about woodland birds.

Martha



Highest Mountain, Smallest Star: A Visual Compendium of Wonders by Kate Baker & Page Tsou (Ages 7-10. \$22) This book will fill you with wonder at the world we live in. An exquisite book of superlatives and comparisons accompanied by Victorian-style infographics: perfect for the "why?" kids in your life.

Smithsonian: Timelines of Everything by

DK/Smithsonian Institution (Ages 8+. \$29.99) From the Big Bang to today, this DK book contains more than 120 beautifully rendered timelines that depict a wide range of topics, contextualizing events and concepts to help kids make sense of the world. Beth



A World of Cities by James Brown (Ages 7-10. \$25.00) Readers can create the perfect traveler's bucket list or reminisce about places they've been while enjoying fun facts about famous cities around the world. ~Necole

The Sun is Kind of a Big Deal by Nick Seluk (Ages 4-8. \$17.99)

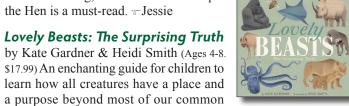
The perfect mix of informative and hilarious, Nick Seluk engages his audience with facts about our solar system using fun descriptions and illustrations. Great for younger readers! ~Jessie



The Hen Who Sailed Around the World: A True Story by Guirec Soudée (Ages 7-10. \$17.99) Ever wonder what it would be like to sail around the world with a hen as your companion? Guirec Soudée describes his journey with Monique from France to California: 17,500 miles! Witty

and entertaining, this tale about Monique the Hen is a must-read. ~Jessie

by Kate Gardner & Heidi Smith (Ages 4-8. \$17.99) An enchanting guide for children to learn how all creatures have a place and a purpose beyond most of our common



understandings. From the buzzing bee to the great white shark, there is something lovely and wondrous about

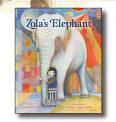
each beast's hidden life. ~Linda



An Anthology of Intriguing Animals by Ben Hoare (Ages 7-13. \$19.99) Our planet is full of fascinating animals, and this lovely blue book highlights 210 of them! Learn about the pangolin, the sea slug, the meerkat, and many

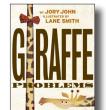
other cute (and not so cute) creatures! ~Leah

WINTER ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND



Zola's Elephant by Randall de Sève & Pamela Zagarenski (Ages 4-7. \$17.99) The lovely and magical qualities of this volume transcend the mere fantastical musings of a young girl, they are the exploration of possibilities

themselves. And concerning the new girl next door and her elephant, the possibilities are endless! Exploring the themes and illustrations in this volume is like being wrapped up in a warm blanket on a cold winter's night. ~Jess



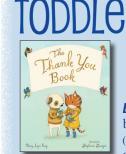
Giraffe Problems by Jory John & Lane Smith (Ages 3-8. \$17.99) Everyone has problems. Giraffe thinks his neck is too long until he meets a new friend who shows him how amazing his neck is. Smile as you read

about how finding a new perspective can help you feel better about yourself. ~Necole



The Day War Came by Nicola Davies & Rebecca Cobb (Ages 6-10. \$16.99) On a regular day, war comes and upends a little girl's world. This story shows readers how the young

girl perseveres and finds hope during the dark time, examining the difficulties refugees face and sparking conversation about what can be done to help. ~Necole



Baby Loves Green Energy by Ruth Spiro & Irene Chan (Ages 1-3, \$8.99) This bright and clever board book

gives future environmentalists a baby's-eye view of the science of energy production. A fun way to plant seeds of awareness. ~Linda

The Thank You Book by Mary Lyn Ray & Stephanie Graegin (Ages 4-7. \$13.99) During this season of gratitude, The Thank You Book reminds us to say "thank you" for more than just good manners. Charming and sweet, it is a gentle reminder to be thankful. Necole

PICTURE BOOKS



Archie and the Bear by Zanni Louise & David Mackintosh (Ages 3-7. \$17.99) Archie is convinced he is a bear even though everyone around him thinks he is a boy. Until

one day when he ventures into the forest only to find a bear...who thinks he's a boy! They end their day together enjoying the things both boys and bears love: warm quilts, warm fires, and honey sandwiches. The perfect bedtime story! ~Whitney

Blue by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Ages 2-6. \$17.99) Poetic and descriptive, Seeger explores different shades of blue using page cutouts in this new picture book. It is warm

and inviting with simple language for new readers. ~Jessie



Up the Mountain Path

blue

by Marianne Dubuc (Ages 4-8. \$17.95) Join wise Mrs. Badger & curious little Lulu on a journey of discovery as they climb the mountain path to the top of the world. Along the way, Lulu learns about

the beauty of nature, the joy of friendship, and the rewards of spreading kindness and respect. A beautiful book! ~Linda

Is That You, Eleanor **Sue?** by Tricia Tusa (Ages 4-8. \$17.99) A beautifully illustrated book about a day in the life of a (very patient!) mother and daughter. Eleanor Sue keeps



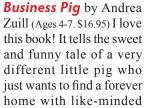
showing up at the front door in many different disguises and roles. Her mother plays her part, allowing Eleanor Sue to play out her imaginative characters. A warm, fun story, filled with acceptance and unconditional love. ~Beth



There's a Dinosaur on the 13th Floor by Wade Bradford & Kevin Hawkes (Ages 3-8. \$16.99) All Mr. Snore wants is to get some sleep—if he can find an empty bed! This comical picture book is inviting

Pig

and entertaining, with a twist ending. Kids love it! ~Jessie



people. Filled with messages of acceptance, diversity, community, and kindness, this story shows how even a little pig can capitalize on his strengths. ~Linda



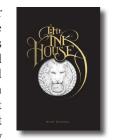
by Torben Kuhlmann (Ages 7-11. \$19.95) With the help of a professor at the University of Mice, a young mouse builds a submarine in order

to journey to the bottom of the sea in search of sunken family treasure. This award-winning illustrator will make little scientists and adults alike want to go deep sea exploring! ~Mia

Ink House by Rory Dobner (Ages 5-9. \$19.99) Celebrate the magic of ink and paper in this incredibly intricate black and white gem! A sophisticated picture book for children and adults of all ages! Don't miss the search and find at the end of book! ~Whitney

meditative book perfect for the winter solstice. The

gorgeous pictures are an ode to winter. ~Martha





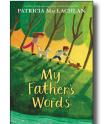


The Girl Who Saved Christmas by Matt Haig & Chris Mould (Ages 8-13. \$7.99) A great read-aloud! Father Christmas needs to find the girl who once possessed the most hope in order to restore his Christmas magic—but can he help her believe again in time? The Girl Who Saved Christmas is a holiday must-read depicting that anything is possible when you believe in possibilities. ~Necole

Monstrous Devices by Damien Love (Ages 8-12. \$17.99) A 12-year-old boy named Alex receives an old tin robot from his grandfather, which mysteriously triggers an attack that puts them in danger. What makes the robot so deadly? Together, Alex and his grandfather embark on an adventure across Europe to unravel the secrets of the old toy. Fastpaced and full of humor! ~Beth

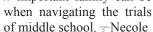


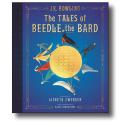
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My Father's Words by Patricia MacLachlan (Ages 8-12. \$15.99) When Fiona's father dies, she and her 5-year-old brother struggle to find meaning in the family's new life without him. But help soon comes from unexpected places, guiding them to move forward and heal by rediscovering the wisdom their father had imparted to them long ago. A sweet and gentle story! & Linda

The Third Mushroom by Jennifer L. Holm (Ages 8-13. \$16.99) The silly sequel to the bestselling The Fourteenth Goldfish is here! Ellie decides to enter the science fair with her grandfather, who remains trapped in the body of a 14-year-old boy. With the help of a groundbreaking experiment, Ellie learns just how important family can be





The Tales of Beedle the Bard: The Illustrated Edition by J.K. Rowling & Lisbeth Zwerger (Ages 10+. \$34.99) Folktales of the Wizarding World, beloved by Muggle and Magic children alike! This new edition is beautifully illustrated in a classic style.

A must for every Potter fan! ~Leah

Mac B. Kid Spy #1: Mac Undercover by Mac Barnett & Mike Lowery (Ages 7-10. \$12.99) Spies! Intrigue! The Queen of England! Disguises! Homework! These are just some of the dangers that Mac B., Kid Spy deals with in this new, almost true! series. A laugh-out-loud, James Bond meets Diary of a Wimpy Kid type of adventure. Teanette

Air Blast Cannon Using this Klutz Maker Lab kit, kids can engineer a cannon to launch foam darts at targets up to ten paces away. The ultimate book and maker kit for young scientists!



Snow by Walter de la Mare (Ages 2-5. \$15.95/\$7.95) Rhyming text accompanies a beautiful vet simple color palette, evoking a feeling of peace and tranquility as the children explore the wonders of a snowy day! ~Whitney



