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# Book Reviews for 2005

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Terrific by Jon Agee

Reading level: Ages 4 - 7

When is terrific, not terrific? When its terrible! This is the tale of Eugene, who has a severe case of the-bread-always-falls-butter-side-down. Eugene and his bad attitude meet a parrot with a can-do-itude! Find out how Eugene learns the difference between terrific and terrible, and lands a feathered friend.

**Reviewer: HF**

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Please, Puppy, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee; illustrations by Kadir Nelson

Reading Level: Ages 2 - 5

Please, Oh, Please read this book to your young pups! Anyone was has tried to train a young pup (or a two-year old!) will recognize the pleading, cajoling, begging and praising required to control the enthusiasm of puppies. The delightful illustrations of this young pup (breed unidentifiable!) will have your listeners wagging their tails and begging for a pup.

**Reviewer: HF**

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The Perfect Pumpkin Pie by Denys Cazet

Reading Level: Ages 4 - 7

Some ghosts are scary and some are just annoying. The ghost in this book is a little bit of both. Old one-EYE Wilkerson dies abruptly just before he gets his first bite of PIE. But, hes not about to let death keep him from his PIE. He haunts a resourceful and unflappable grandmother and grandson until he gets his perfect PIE. But some ghosts just never DIE.

**Reviewer: HF**

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Chicks and Salsa by Aaron Reynolds; illustrations by Paulette Bogan

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 6

Tired of the same old thing for dinner? Savor this amusing book about animals at the Nuthatcher farm who are fed up with feed. Along the lines of Chicken Run, the animals militantly take the menu into their own hands and delicious things ensue. This book comes complete with recipes.

**Reviewer: HF**

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Look What the Cat Dragged In by Gary Hogg; illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka

Reading Level: Ages 4 - 7

That old familiar saying will take on a whole new meaning after you read this story of an extremely resourceful (and nervous) feline. In an effort to keep cat and coat together this smart puss supplies an ungrateful family with every need. However, some people are just never satisfied and this family learns that whining can go too far!

**Reviewer: HF**

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Prehistoric Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

Reading Level: Ages 3 9

Having trouble imagining what a four inch cockroach might look like, or how big a Giganotosaurus teeth would look if you were unfortunate enough to be looking into its mouth? This companion book to Actual Size will solve those dilemmas and more. Filled with life-sized cut paper illustrations of prehistoric animals, this book will be a hit with any child who is dinosaur crazy.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Over the River: A Turkeys Tale by Derek Anderson

Reading Level: Ages 3 6

Anderson gives a funny twist to the lyrics of Lydia Maria Childs famous song by illustrating it with a turkey familys perilous attempt to travel to grandmothers house on Thanksgiving Day.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert

Reading Level: Ages 3 6

Children will enjoy finding Leaf Man, squirrels, chickens and more all made from leaves, and hidden within the pictures of this simple fall story.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Sakes Alive! A Cattle Drive by Karma Wilson; illustrated by Karla Firehammer

Reading Level: Ages 2 6

Molly and Mabel, a pair of cows, steal the farmer's truck and take if for a joy ride wreaking havoc, and taking the entire police force on a very strange cattle drive.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Bad Bears and a Bunny by Daniel Pinkwater; illustrated by Jill Pinkwater

Reading Level: Ages 3 9

Two bad polar bears in a zoo learn some manners after they tease the wrong bunny.

**Reviewer: SH**

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The Milkman by Carol Foskett Cordsen; illustrated by Douglas B. Jones

Reading Level: Ages 4-7

Enjoy a step back in time while sharing this delightful book with young listeners. The story of the milkmans day and the 1950s period illustrations will bring to life a time gone by for most of todays young readers. The search for the lost puppy is a wonderful device to keep readers engaged in the story and looking at every page.

**Reviewer: HF**

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White is for Blueberry by George Shannon; pictures by Laura Dronzek

Reading Level: Ages 3 6

Creative, simple text and illustrations urge a child to look at the world from a different angle to discover things such as pink crows and blue fire.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Puppies! Puppies! Puppies! by Susan Meyers; illustrated by David Walker

Reading Level: Ages 2 8

This lilting, rhyming book examines everything about puppies from their cuteness and cuddliness to their destructiveness when not trained. A must for dog lovers.

**Reviewer: SH**

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A Crash Course for Molly by Eva Eriksson

Reading Level: Ages 4 8

Molly gets a two wheeler and rides it very well and carefully, but for some reason, the harder she tries NOT to crash into something the more likely she is to hit it. Then, after literally bumping into the town's driving instructor, she learns a very important rule for handling any vehicle.

**Reviewer: SH**

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The Three Little Rigs by David Gordon

Reading Level: Ages 3 6

This goofy version of The Three Little Pigs replaces the pigs with trucks and the Big Bad Wolf with the Big Bad Wrecking Ball. Vehicle obsessed little boys will love this book and their parents will find some good laughs along the way too.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Food for Thought: The Complete Book of Concepts for Growing Minds by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers

Reading Level: Ages 2 6

The creator of How are You Pealing has another winner with his fruit and vegetable creatures illustrating basic preschool concepts in a humorous way that will entertain the adult reader as well.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Chestnut by Constance W. McGeorge; illustrated by Mary Whyte

Reading Level: Ages 3 9

When Mr. Decker falls asleep and misses his morning delivery route, his trusty carthorse Chestnut takes matters into his own hooves and makes sure their customers are not disappointed.

**Reviewer: SH**

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My Penguin Osbert by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel; illustrated by H. B. Lewis

Reading Level: Ages 3 6

Every year Joe writes a letter to Santa describing what he wants for Christmas and each year Santa gives him something that is close to what he asked for, but not quite it. So, to be on the safe side Joe writes a very detailed letter describing the live penguin he is wishing for, and when Santa finally delivers exactly what he described, Joe discovers that sometimes getting what you want is not always for the best.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Stagestruck by Tomie DePaola

Reading Level: Ages 4 9

In this delightful memoir, Tomie DePaola tells how he stole the show during his kindergarten production of Peter Rabbit, even though he gets a non-speaking part as punishment for misbehavior in class.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Mr. Maxwells Mouse by Frank Asch; illustrated by Devin Asch

Reading Level: Ages 5 - 8

A beautifully (and graphically) illustrated and suspense-fully written tale of a clever mouse who out-smarts a hungry cat at a formal cat restaurant. Younger listeners may worry a bit and older listeners may catch on, but everyone, even the reader, will enjoy this one.

**Reviewer: HF**

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The Friend by Sarah Stewart; pictures by David Small

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 9

This book, dedicated to Oda Beatrice Smith (whose picture is on the end papers), lovingly tells the story of a young girl's relationship with her family's maid, the only member of the household who pays her any attention.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Shoo! Scat! by Lois G. Grambling; illustrated by Barbara Johansen Newman

Reading Level: Ages 3 9

Professor Flugel builds a wonderful new bird feeder and sits back with his tea to enjoy some bird watching when, must to his disgust, cheeky Grey Squirrel invades the feeder, scares the birds and eats every single seed! Poor Professor Flugel then enters a war of wits with Grey Squirrel and finds himself losing every time. How can a poor human ever outwit an intelligent squirrel?

**Reviewer: SH**

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Even More Parts by Tedd Arnold

Reading Level: Ages 3 9

Arnold's poor confused boy from Parts and More Parts returns with another book; this one full of silly idioms. All eyes will be on this book and those who think the English language is boring will definitely change their minds. For more idiom silliness don't miss Wake the Dead by Monica Harris, Monkey Business by Wallace Edwards, and A Chocolate Moose for Dinner by Fred Gwynne.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Hello, Robots by Bob Staake

Reading Level: Ages 2 6

Four happy robots share a house and each performs his specific chore with ease until a surprise rain shower shorts them out and mixes them up. The four clever robots however soon find a simple solution to their problem.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Sweet Tooth by Margie Palatini; illustrated by Jack E. Davis

Reading Level: Ages 3 9

Stewart's sweet tooth is anything but, and its constant demands for goodies gets him into some very embarrassing

situations. There is only one way to defeat such a terrible pain in the mouth, and it involves *gulp* vegetables.

**Reviewer: SH**

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The Mystery of Eatum Hall by John Kelly and Cathy Tincknell

Reading Level: Ages 4 8

Glenda and Horrace Pork-Fowler are invited to a gourmet holiday at Eatum Hall, and although their host, Dr. A. Hunter, is unable to join them they have an very enjoyable weekend. Too bad they have to go home before the Pie Fest.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes

Reading Level: Ages 2 5

When kitten sees her first full moon she mistakes it for a bowl of milk and does everything in her power to drink it in this charming Caldecott Award winning book.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Monkey Business by Wallace Edwards

Reading Level: Ages 4 9

In this creative book of idioms each saying is richly illustrated by a humorous literal translation of the phrase. Dont forget to look for the monkey hidden in each picture. For more silly wordplay be sure to check out Wake the Dead by Monica Harris and A Chocolate Moose for Dinner by Fred Gwynne.

**Reviewer: SH**

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The Trouble Begins by Linda Himelblau

Reading Level: Grades 4 - 6

Du has the misfortune of having a fine name in Vietnamese and a terrible one in English. This is no problem while Du and his grandmother live in the Philippines, but is a problem when Du comes to America, and meets his parents and siblings for the first time. Du struggles mightily in the United States as everyone from his next door neighbor, who calls the police on Du, to his teacher and his father, thinks he is a trouble maker. The book, told from Dus perspective, lets us experience his

frustration, anger, and loneliness.
Himelblau deserves credit for creating in Du a unique voice and a near modern day (the story takes place during the 1980s) immigrant story that does not paint an unduly rosy picture of life in America. The changes in Du during the story are subtle and realistic and will give the reader a lot to think about.

**Reviewer: LY**

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Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by Hudson Talbott

Reading Level: Grades 2 4

Jacqueline Woodson tells her familys story of slavery, love and freedom as she follows the generations of women from her great-grandmas great-grandma to her own daughter and their tradition of handing down the secrets to sewing show way quilts, even after the secret codes in the squares and stitching were no longer needed to show escaping slaves the safe routes north.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Bear Dancer the Story of a Ute Girl by Thelma Hatch Wyss

Reading Level: Grades 3-5

This book is based on the true-life story of Bear Girl. At fifteen she was torn from her happy life when Cheyenne warriors captured her and made her a slave. Later she was traded to the Arapahos for a sack of flour. Bear Dancer is finally rescued from slavery by white men, who she had been taught to fear as the greatest enemy to the Utes. This is a wonderful story of courage and survival with fascinating descriptions of native American life.

**Reviewer: HG**

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Three Good Deeds by Vivian Vande Velde

Reading Level: Grades 3 5

When Howard decides to steal some goose eggs from an old womans pond he discovers that there is a reason why all the children call her as a witch, she is one! After turning Howard into a goose she tells him that the only way he can turn himself back into a boy is to do three good deeds. But how can Howard, who has never done anything nice in his life, possibly do three good deeds now that he is a goose?

**Reviewer: SH**

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Tiger, Tiger by Lynne Reid Banks

Reading Level:  Grades 4 - 6

Aurelia, the twelve-year-old daughter of the Roman emperor, is given the astounding gift of a tiger cub. Under the guidance of the slave, Julius, the cub becomes her almost tame pet. At the same time, the cubs twin is trained to become a man-killer in the circuses held in the Colosseum. The story follows maturation of the beautiful, sensitive girl who abhors violence and the growing forbidden love of Aurelia and Julius. Then Aurelia agrees to a prank that leads to unthinkable consequences. This is a wonderful story from the author of The Indian in the Cupboard.

**Reviewer:  HG**

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The Doll with the Yellow Star by Yona Zeldis McDonough

Reading Level:  Grades 3 - 4

Eight-year-old Claudine is a Jewish girl living with her parents during the Nazi occupation of France. As life for the Jews becomes worse, her parents tell her that they have arranged for her to live with her aunts family in America. For her last birthday at home, Claudine is given a doll that she names Violette. She sews a tiny yellow star to Violettes cloak to match the stars that the Jews were forced to wear. A shipboard fire forces her to leave her beloved doll behind. Claudine must adjust to a new life without her parents or the last reminder of them. This is a gentle introduction to the horrors of the holocaust with a sweet ending.

**Reviewer:  HG**

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Black Storm Comin by Diane Lee Wilson

Reading Level:  Grades 5 - 7

Twelve-year-old Noah Colton is the man of the family since his father ran off from the California bound wagon train after accidentally shooting Noah. No other families are willing to help out since the Colton family is of mixed blood, Pa is white and Ma is black. Noah, who can pass for white takes a job as a pony express rider to support the family. The job is considered so dangerous that orphans are preferred as riders. With the coming Civil War, Noah must reach California to warn officials of a secessionist plot and to deliver the freedom papers to an aunt he has never met.

**Reviewer:  HG**

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Angus and Sadie by Cynthia Voigt

Reading Level: Grades 3 5

When Mister and Missus want a dog for their farm they go to the local animal shelter to see the puppies. Mister decides he wants the biggest puppy in the litter, but Missus decides she wants the smallest puppy, one with a broken leg. They compromise by buying both and soon learn that, even though two dogs can be from the same litter, they can be very different in personality and skills. Told from both the human and dog perspectives, anyone who liked I Jack by Patricia

Finney or A Coyote's in the House by Elmore Leonard will enjoy this book.

**Reviewer: SH**

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A Bear Named Trouble by Marion Dane Bauer

Reading Level: Grades 3 - 5

This is a fictionalized account of a true story about a wild brown bear cub that broke INTO an Alaskan zoo. It is told from two points of view, that of Trouble the bear and Jonathan, the zookeepers ten-year old son. Jonathan feeds the lonely, injured bear until Trouble kills Mother Goose, everyones favorite zoo animal. Then Jonathan sets a chain of events into motion that only he can stop, if he can forgive Trouble.

**Reviewer: HG**

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Chasing the Falcolners by Gordon Korman

Reading Level: Grades 4 - 7

After their parents are convicted of treason and sentenced to life imprisonment, 15-year-old Aiden and his sister Meg are locked up in a juvenile work farm for their own safety. When a fire breaks out at the farm the siblings escape and begin a cross-county quest to prove their parents innocence. The further adventures of Aiden and Meg appear in The Fugitive Factor.
If you enjoy Aidens thrilling quest for the truth try Spy X: The Code by Peter Lerangis.

**Reviewer: SJS**

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Cryptid Hunters by Roland Smith

Reading Level: Grades 5 - 8

When their parents are lost in a crash over the Amazon jungle, the 13-year-old OHara twins, Marty and Grace, are removed from school by their mysterious Uncle Travis and brought to his remote, heavily guarded island in the Pacific Northwest. The twins become further enmeshed in danger when they are accidentally jettisoned in a cargo drop over the Congo and must survive on their own until their uncle, or something else, finds them.
For other heart-pounding adventures try Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz or Raptor by Paul Zindel.

**Reviewer: SJS**

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Artemis Fowl: The Opal Deception by Eoin Colfer

Reading Level: Grades 4-8

When the evil Opal Koboi escapes and plots revenge against those who put her in a coma, Captain Holly Short's only hope is the mind-wiped super-criminal Artemis Fowl, but how can the brilliant boy help LEPrechon when he cannot even remember his previous encounters with the Lower Elements?

**Reviewer: SH**

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Red Riders Hood by Neal Shusterman

Reading Level: Grades 6 9

Red Rider lives in a city controlled by a vicious, supernatural street gang known as The Wolves. People try to stay clear of the Wolves, because those who dont tend to get eaten, but Red and his grandmother become targets when the gang learns that he is bringing her some bread (a bag full of cash) one afternoon. With the help of Marissa, a gang members sister, Red and his grandmother wage a war of good against evil with the fate of the entire United States resting on the outcome. If you enjoy this book you might also like the first book in Shustermans Dark Fusion series, Dread Locks.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Red Sea, by Diane Tullson

Reading Level: Grades 7 - 8

Terror on the high seas! This book is a thrilling survival tale, complete with barbaric pirates, grueling storms and eerie ghosts. The heroine is a young girl who endures all of the above and never gets seasick!! A wonderful book to sit back and immerse yourself in some long weekend.

**Reviewer: HF**

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Catch a Tiger by the Toe, by Ellen Levine

Reading Level: Grades 6 - 8

Touching on many of the same themes we struggle with today, homeland security and freedom of speech, this book about McCarthyism explores what life was like for many Americans during the Red Scare. Told from the viewpoint of a thirteen-year old girl, this book tells the story of a family that is proudly American and yet is struggling to keep their jobs, friends, and opinions.

**Reviewer: HF**

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First Boy by Gary Schmidt

Reading Level: Grades 5-7

When his grandfather dies, Cooper Jewett is left alone in the world. With the help of two elderly neighbors, the 14-year-old struggles to run his grandfathers dairy farm. Coops troubles multiply when he turns down a prominent politicians proposal. Soon he finds himself fighting not just for his home, but also for his very life.

**Reviewer: SJS**

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Finding Lubchenko by Michael Simmons

Reading Level: Grade 8 and up

Sixteen-year-old Evan Macalister is in a bind. His wealthy, distant father is in prison awaiting trial for murder. Evan knows his father didnt do it. He has the evidence. Its on a laptop. One of many items Evan has stolen over the past year to sell on E-bay. Does he let his hated father go to prison for something he didnt do, or does he turn over the laptop to the FBI and face prison himself? Neither choice is acceptable. Instead, Evan embarks on a dangerous, international manhunt which may lead to his fathers exoneration or to Evans death.

Other tales of international intrigue include:
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz and The Best Place to Live is the Ceiling by Barbara Wersba.

**Reviewer: SJS**

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Code Orange by Caroline Cooney

Reading Level: Grade 7 and up

The dread diseases assignment is one every kid faces as some point in their school career. Sixteen-year-old Mitty wasnt surprised with the assignment, he just didnt want to do it. How right he was. His topic is smallpox. When he finds an old envelope containing relics from the last major smallpox epidemic tucked in an antique medical book, Mitty unwittingly exposes himself and possible the world to a terrifying end.

**Reviewer: SJS**

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Kipling's Choice by Geert Spillebeen; translated by Terese Edelstein

Reading Level: Grades 7 9

Based on fact, this book tells the story of Rudyard Kipling's only son John's first and tragically last battle during World War I and the events that lead up to the young man being able to join the army despite the fact that his very poor eyesight should have kept him safe on the home front.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery by John Feinstein

Reading Level: Grades 6 - 9

13-year-old Steve Thomas gets more than he bargained for when he wins the U.S. Basketball Writer's Association 14-and-under writing contest. He expected the prize, a trip, with press credentials and reporting responsibilities, to the Final Four in New Orleans. He didnt expect to stumble upon a dangerous scheme involving gamblers, thugs and Minnesota States star basketball player.
Other gripping basketball stories include Danger Zone by David Klass and Travel Team by Mike Lupica.

**Reviewer: SJS**

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The Diary of Pelly D. by L.J. Adlington

Reading Level: Grades 6 9

While working with a gang of teenagers tearing down a ruined city shortly after a war, Tony V. uncovers the diary of a rich girl who lived in the city before its destruction. As he secretly reads the entries each night he learns some hard lessons about his people's recent past.

**Reviewer: SH**

Tony V.s world view changes forever when he finds and reads the diary of the musings of a fatuous girl.
Other dystopian tales include: Uglies by Scott Westerfeld and Feed by M.T. Anderson

**Reviewer: SJS**

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Boy2Girl by Terence Blacker

Reading Level: Grades 6 - 8

Matt is your typical thirteen year-old British boy, whose life is shaken up by the arrival of his American cousin, Sam. Sams mother has recently died and with his father presumed to be in jail Sam is understandably angry at his life. This anger causes Matts group of friends, who call themselves the Sheds, to reject Sam. In order to regain their acceptance Sam agrees to a dare of having him dress as a girl for the first week of school so that Sam can spy on a group of girls who are the Sheds enemies. Sam proves to be remarkably successful in his role as a girl. Primarily using humor, Blacker successfully examines gender roles through such situations as Sam receiving a training bra, or teaching the girls how to intimidate a boy by looking at him. Blacker chooses to use multiple narrators, some who only narrate for a paragraph, to further show how the same event can be interpreted in different ways. This style could easily have been a gimmick, but instead works remarkably well in furthering the story and the humor.

**Reviewer: LY**

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Code Talker A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac

Reading Level: Grades 6-9

Ned Begay tells the tale of his life to his grandchildren in Code Talker. He starts his story as a six-year-old who is sent off to the white mans school for Indians. There the children are severely punished for practicing their customs or speaking their language. Ironically, it is the Navajo language that is the basis for the unbreakable code that the U.S. Marines need. When Ned turns sixteen he enlists. He sees fierce fighting in the Pacific as island after island falls to the Americans. Ned is sustained by the customs and beliefs that the white world was not able to take from him. This is a riveting war tale and the story of a unique group of men who helped win the war.

**Reviewer: HG**

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Real Time by Pnina Moed Kass

Reading Level: Grades 7 and up

Set in modern day Israel, the suicide bombing of a bus inextricably links the lives of a Palestinian boy who has vowed to become a martyr, a German boy who is seeking the truth about his grandfather, a Russian girl who has immigrated to Israel to embrace the identity her father has rejected, and a grandfatherly Holocaust survivor. This powerful, compelling book records the time leading up to the explosion and then its aftermath. Other good books on this conflict are Habibi by Naomi Shihab Nye and Broken Bridge by Lynne Reid Banks.

**Reviewer: HG**

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Cruise Control by Terry Trueman

Reading Level: Grades 6 8

This companion book to Stuck in Neutral follows Paul, severely disabled Shawn's brother. Paul has a hot temper and a desire to fight and hurt people fueled by his anger over his father leaving the family, his brother's condition and his own guilty memories of an incident in Shawn's past. While this book can be read on its own, one should read Stuck in Neutral first in order to get the most from Paul's story.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Now You See It by Vivian Vande Velde

Reading Level: Grades 5 8

Returning home from yet another eye doctor's appointment, Wendy finds a pair of sunglasses on her front lawn. Surprisingly the glasses are the same heavy-duty prescription as her own thick, ugly glasses. So, when her glasses are accidentally broken on the school bus, she decides to wear the sunglasses to school instead. It soon becomes apparent that something is odd about the sunglasses when Wendy starts seeing dead people, crones, elves and imps in the most unexpected places.

**Reviewer: SH**

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And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell; illustrated by Henry Cole

Reading Level: Ages 3 8

This charming book tells the true story of two male chinstrap penguins in a Central Park Zoo exhibit who bonded, nested and waited in vain for egg shaped rocks to hatch, until the keepers found a solution to their problem in the form of an extra egg from another pair of chinstrap penguins in the exhibit.

**Reviewer: SH**

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The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey by Louise Borden; Illustrated by Allan Drummond

Reading Level: Grades 3 5

This quick and spellbinding biography of the creators of Curious George and their bicycle trek out of Europe during World War II is illustrated with original art, photographs and manuscript pages as well as Drummond's art in the style of H.A. Rey.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Tanks by Matt Doeden

Reading Level: Grades 1-3

For children interested in the military, and perhaps the war in Iraq, heres a basic book about tanks. The basic features and the crew are identified in clear, close-up photographs. Additional sources of information about tanks are included at the back of the book.

**Reviewer: HF**

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Police Cars by Carol K. Lindeen

Reading Level: Grades 1-3

For kids fascinated by the flashing lights and sirens on police cars this book is a wonderful introduction about whats inside and how the police officer uses this equipment. Both men and women are pictured and they are presented in professional, non threatening way. Additional sources of information are included at the back of the book.

**Reviewer: HF**

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Knockin' on Wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates by Lynne Barasch

Reading Level: Grades K 3

This easy to read biography tells the story of Clayton Bates, the one-legged son of an African-American sharecropper in the Jim Crow era who achieved his dream to become a famous tap dancer.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Remember: The Journey to School Integration by Toni Morrison

Reading Level: Ages 3 and older

This stunning book about the battle to end segregation in America combines powerful sepia photographs from the 1940s through the 1980s with Tony Morrison's poetic captions.

**Reviewer: SH**

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Grandy Thaxter's Helper by Douglas Rees; illustrated by S. D. Schindler

Reading Level: K - 4

When Mister Death comes to get Grandy Thaxter she tells him she can't leave until all her chores are done, and she'd get them done faster if Mister Death would help her. Poor Mister Death learns the hard way that a woman's work is never done.

**Reviewer: SH**

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