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Orphan Island Penguin UK

When Shigeru Miyamoto created "Jumpman" for his new platform game, Donkey Kong, it's highly unlikely that he realised he was creating the most recognisable gaming character of all time. That's exactly what happened though, and after a quick name change to Mario as well as a change in job professions (he started off life as a carpenter) the mascot to end all mascots was born. Everyone remembers the first time they discovered the princess they were rescuing was in another castle, or their first encounter with Bowser. They remember the impact of witnessing a 3D Mario in Super Mario 64 or the time they teared across Rainbow Road in Super Mario Kart. There is no denying that Mario has had an incredible impact on the games industry. The Complete Book of Mario celebrates Nintendo's greatest star from Super Mario Bros to Super Mario Odyssey and every aspect of the popular character.

Jack Strong Takes a Stand Macmillan

In this hysterical #1 New York Times bestseller, one kid has to wrangle gators, snakes, bats that bite, and a reality show host gone rogue! This is Carl Hiaasen's Florida—where the creatures are wild and the people are wilder! When Wahoo Cray's dad—a professional animal wrangler—takes a job with a reality TV show called Expedition Survival!, Wahoo figures he'll have to do a bit of wrangling himself to keep his father from killing Derek Badger, the show's inept and egotistical star. But the job keeps getting more complicated: Derek Badger insists on using wild animals for his stunts; and

Wahoo's acquired a shadow named Tuna—a girl who's sporting a shiner courtesy of her father and needs a place to hide out. They've only been on location in the Everglades for a day before Derek gets bitten by a bat and goes missing in a storm. Search parties head out and promptly get lost themselves. And then Tuna's dad shows up with a gun . . . It's anyone's guess who will actually survive Expedition Survival. . . "Only in Florida—and in the fiction of its native son Carl Hiaasen—does a dead iguana fall from a palm tree and kill somebody." —New York Post "Chomp is a delightful laugh-out-loud sendup of the surreality of TV that will be enjoyed by readers of all ages." —Los Angeles Times

The Keeping Quilt Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From the author of Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading comes the second book in the humorous & illustrated new series about a boy whose new dog may or may not be a crimefighting vampire. Jimmy is sure that his dog Abby is special. After all, it was Abby who (with the help of Jimmy & friends) helped nab the criminal Barnaby Bratford and shut down Barnaby's babysitting service, a front for robbing the nice folks of Quietville. Jimmy's parents, on the other hand, are starting to feel like Abby is one destructive little dog (she chewed up Mom's entire shoe collection!) and they insist on enrolling Abby in obedience training. The only problem is that the longer Abby's in class, the more normal (read: boring) she becomes. Jimmy's superhero crime-fighting vampire dog is slowly becoming just like every other dog. She doesn't even sneak out at night anymore! At the same time Jimmy's friends (the Crimebiters) are realizing that there's just not very much crime to

fight in their tiny town. But when Jimmy joins the lacrosse team & mysterious things start happening on and off the field, the Crimebiters realize that Abby better get back to her crime-fighting ways... and fast!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot (Book 16)
HarperCollins UK

A magical fantasy, an allegorical cautionary tale, a feast of language, a celebration of creativity--this dazzling debut novel is poised to become a story for the ages! Penelope is running out of time! She dreams of being a writer, but how can she pursue her passion when her mother schedules every minute of her life? And how will she ever prove that writing is worthwhile if her mother keeps telling her to "get busy!" and "be more productive"? Then one day, Penelope discovers a hole in her schedule--an entire day completely unplanned!--and she mysteriously falls into it. What follows is a mesmerizing journey through the Realm of Possibility where Penelope sets out to find and free the Great Moodler, the one person who may have the answers she seeks. Along the way, she must face an army of Clockworkers, battle the evil Chronos, take a daring Flight of Fancy, and save herself from the grip of time. Brimming with clever language and masterful wordplay, *The Lost Track of Time* is a high-stakes adventure that will take you to a place where nothing is impossible and every minute doesn't count--people do!

It's a Doggy Dog World (Crimebiters #2) Macmillan

A seventh grade prankster is determined to escape the all-girls academy where he's the only boy--by getting expelled--in this "spectacular debut" (Kirkus Reviews) MAX novel that's perfect for "fans of Jerry Spinelli's *Crash*

and *Loser*" (Booklist). Seventh grader Jeremy Miner has a girl problem. Or, more accurately, a girls problem. 475 of them to be exact. That's how many girls attend his school, St. Edith's Academy. Jeremy is the only boy left after the school's brief experiment in co-education. And he needs to get out. His mother--a teacher at the school--won't let him transfer, so Jeremy takes matters into his own hands: he's going to get expelled. Together with his best friend Claudia, Jeremy unleashes a series of hilarious pranks in hopes that he'll get kicked out with minimal damage to his permanent record. But when his stunts start to backfire, Jeremy has to decide how far he's willing to go and whom he's willing to knock down to get out the door.

I Am Fartacus Bloomsbury USA Childrens

This bestselling first book in the Tapper Twins series is a hilariously authentic showcase of what it's like to be in middle school in our digitally-saturated world, told as a colorful "oral history" with photos, screenshots, text messages, chat logs, and online gaming digital art. Twelve-year-old twins, Claudia and Reese, who couldn't be more different...except in their determination to come out on top in a vicious prank war. But when the competition escalates into an all-out battle that's fought from the cafeteria of their New York City private school all the way to the fictional universe of an online video game, the twins have to decide if their efforts to destroy each other are worth the price. In a starred review, Publishers Weekly declared "This uproarious series opener... is packed with both laugh-out-loud moments and heart." Don't miss the further adventures of the Tapper Twins in *The Tapper Twins Tear Up New York*, *The Tapper Twins Run for President*, and

The Tapper Twins Go Viral.

Stuff That's Loud Stanford University Press

Cartboy and the Time Capsule by L. A. Campbell is a laugh-out-loud debut novel for young readers about sixth-grader Hal Rifkind-unfortunately nicknamed "Cartboy"-and his horribly historic, hilarious year. Hal hates history class-it literally bores him to tears. But his father is a big history buff, and unless Hal gets a good grade this year, he'll never get his own room. Sixth grade gets off to a horrible start when history teacher Mr. Tupkin gives the class an assignment to write journals that will be buried in a time capsule at the end of the year. Things get even worse when his dad makes him take his neighbor's old shopping cart to school, earning him the nickname "Cartboy." What else could possibly go wrong? Read Hal's journal to find out! Filled with photos, drawings, and timelines, Hal's time capsule journal chronicles a year in the life of the hopelessly hapless Cartboy. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Always, Abigail Shimmer Publications
It's the start of the school year, and nothing feels right to Justin. He didn't get the teacher he wanted, he's not in the same class as his best friend, and his little sister, Elizabeth, is starting kindergarten at his school. Elizabeth doesn't seem nervous at all. Justin is very nervous about third grade. And to top it off, he's lost his favorite stuffed animal, but he can't tell anyone, because technically he's too old to still have stuffed animals. Right? Here is third grade in all its complicated glory—the friendships, the fears, and the advanced math. Acclaimed author Rachel Vail captures third grade with a perfect pitch,

and Matthew Cordell's line art is both humorous and touching. As Justin bravely tries to step out of his shell, he will step into readers' hearts. Justin Case is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

The Big Splash HarperCollins

When a copy of the final math test is stolen and the local animal shelter is in danger of closing, the Crimebiters family jump into action with a new member, Daisy's kitten Purrkins.

Scare Scape Hachette+ORM

Jack Strong just wants to be a regular kid. But his parents have overscheduled his week with every extracurricular activity under the sun: tennis, baseball, cello, karate, tutoring, and Chinese language lessons—all on top of regular homework. His parents want him to be "well-rounded" and prepared for those crucial college applications. Jack's just about had enough. And so, in *Jack Strong Takes a Stand* by Tommy Greenwald, he stages a sit-in on his couch and refuses to get up until his parents let him quit some of the extracurriculars. As Jack's protest gains momentum, he attracts a local television host who is interested in doing a segment about him. Tensions rise as counter-protesters camp out across the street from Jack and his couch. Jack's enjoying this newfound attention, but he's worried that this sit-in may have gone too far.

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Making Money Feiwel & Friends

From the author of *Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading* comes a humorous and illustrated new series about a boy whose new dog may or may not be a crimefighting vampire. Jimmy Bishop loves doing 3 things: 1) Laughing at funny dog videos online, 2) watching his favorite show (*Stop! Police!*) on TV, 3) and reading his favorite vampire book

(Fang Goodness) over and over. His self-involved older sister and workaholic Mom think he needs to stop obsessing already! But when his Dad finally allows Jimmy to get a puppy before school starts, everything changes and Jimmy has something new to focus on: his amazing dog, Abby who seems to have some very unusual habits. She sleeps all day but is wired at night, and she runs from the garlic kelp biscuit made by Jimmy's strange new babysitter Mrs. Cragg. There's just something different about Abby. Could she possibly be...a vampire? Jimmy's best friend Irwin thinks Jimmy's being ridiculous, but then when Abby uncovers a real crime in progress and helps him become friends with an actual, human girl, even Irwin has to admit that perhaps Abby might have some super powers after all.

Cartboy and the Time Capsule Scholastic Inc.

A boy and his dad discover all they have in common on a fishing trip in this sweet picture book about father-son bonding.

Justin Case Hachette UK

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading by Tommy Greenwald is the hilarious story of an avid non-reader and the extreme lengths to which he'll go to get out of reading a book. Charlie Joe Jackson may be the most reluctant reader ever born. And so far, he's managed to get through life without ever reading an entire book from cover to cover. But now that he's in middle school, avoiding reading isn't as easy as it used to be. And when his friend Timmy McGibney decides that he's tired of covering for him, Charlie Joe finds himself resorting to desperate measures to keep his perfect record intact.

The Unspoken Rules Simon and Schuster
Discover Abigail's triumphant story of friendship told through heart-touching

letters and lists Abigail and her two best friends are poised for a life of pom-poms and popularity. But not only does Abigail end up in a different homeroom, she doesn't make the squad. Then everyone's least favorite teacher pairs Abigail up with the school's biggest outcast, Gabby Marco, for a year-long "Friendly Letter Assignment." Abigail can hardly believe her bad luck. As her so-called best friends and entire future of popularity seems to be slipping away, Abigail has to choose between the little bit of fame she has left or letting it go to be a true friend.

Billionaire Boy Macmillan

Yes! Graduation day is finally here! Charlie Joe has been waiting for this moment his entire middle school career. This might even be the best day of his life. No more teachers! No more books! Just make it through the ceremony and he's free. But suddenly things around him are starting to change. Words like "responsibility" and "college prep" keep popping out of his friend's mouths. What happened to words like "fun" and "pool party"? And come to think of it, doesn't high school bring more teachers and more books? Maybe this whole growing up thing isn't such a good idea after all. Actually being a kid is pretty darn fun! Surely Charlie Joe can figure out a way to put the brakes on growing up-and fast! This hilarious final installment in the Charlie Joe Jackson series written by Tommy Greenwald and illustrated by J. P. Coovert is infused with nostalgia and just the right amount of chaos.

The Period Book Scholastic Inc.

Charlie Joe signs up for the school play in an attempt to get straight A's on his last quarter report card to avoid summer camp.

Chomp Scholastic Inc.

From the author of Charlie Joe Jackson's

Guide to Not Reading comes the third book in the humorous & illustrated new series about a boy whose new dog may or may not be a crime-fighting vampire. Just what every crimebiting gang needs... a cat?!?! No one fights crime harder than the Crimebiters gang... and of course my crime-fighting dog, Abby. Together, we've fought against corruption in the world of elementary school sports and even stopped a neighborhood crime ring! But now a copy of the final math test has been stolen, AND our local animal shelter (where I found Abby!) is in danger of closing. As if that weren't enough, Daisy has introduced her new kitten, Purrkins, into the Crimebiters family -- and everyone knows that cats and dogs fight like... well, cats and dogs! Can four determined kids and two squabbling pets come together to save the day again? I'd say we have a furry good chance.

Mr. Terupt Falls Again Harvard Business Press

GREG HEFFLEY AND SPORTS JUST DON'T MIX. After a disastrous competition at school, Greg decides that he's officially retired from ANY kind of sport! That is, until his mom persuades him to give it one more go and makes Greg reluctantly agree to sign up for basketball. Tryouts are a MESS, and Greg is sure he won't make the cut. But he unexpectedly lands a spot on the worst team. As Greg and his new teammates start the season, their chances of winning even a single game look slim. But in sports, anything can happen. When everything is on the line and the ball is in Greg's hands, will he rise to the occasion? Or will he blow his big shot?

The Barftastic Life of Louie Burger Roaring Brook Press

Charlie Joe's weekly allowance just isn't cutting it and he desperately needs money to buy a Botman, the latest gadget to sweep his middle school. Only catch is, he wants to earn the money by doing the least amount of work possible. After several failed attempts, including a near disastrous day of dog-walking, Charlie Joe hatches a plan to throw his own bar mitzvah (no gifts please—checks only) even though he's not Jewish. Hilarity ensues when throwing a fake coming-of-age party turns out to be much harder than it looks.

Game Changer W. W. Norton & Company
It's jocks vs. nerds as a tween and his cadre of misfits go to hilarious lengths to bring down their enemies in this laugh-out-loud MAX novel. Chub is a short, accidentally bald, middle school outcast with no chance of ever becoming one of the popular kids. With help from his personal band of like-minded misfits (not to mention tactics gleaned from the Colonel, a US military vet with toenail issues), Chub's determined to bring down his nemesis, class hero and now potential class president, Archer, or the Arch—the very guy who betrayed Chub with the lice-killing potion that left him bald as a billiard ball. If the Arch gets to be president, Chub knows his life is officially over. Chub's got a lot of dirt on the Arch: embarrassing photos and underwear about to fly from the school flagpole, for starters. But then he discovers that there are some very dangerous skeletons in Archer's closet, and more at stake than just a few middle school reputations. With a lot of help from his friends, Chub sets off to bring down an evil empire—and inadvertently become the least likely hero that Alanmoore Middle School's ever seen.