POETRY


George, Kristine O'Connell. *Toasting marshmallows: camping poems*, New York: Clarion Books, c2001. Reading these poems, you will feel the heat of the campfire, walk through whispering grass, sleep under the starry sky, and get a glimpse of deer disappearing into the woods: “A silent shiver/fading into dusk.”

Engle, Margarita. *Bravo! Poems about amazing Hispanics*, New York: Godwin Books/Henry Holt and Co., 2017. *Bravo!* provides a poetic introduction to 18 Latinos from various backgrounds and origins who lived in the U.S. or its territories—an intriguing jumping off point for further investigation into these interesting lives. Brief biographical notes are included.


Singer, Marilyn. *Echo echo: reverse poems about Greek myths*, New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015. One of several collections of “reverse” poems by this talented poet which, read forward and then backward, provide witty and surprisingly different viewpoints. See also her other collections of reverse poems: *Follow Follow* and *Mirror Mirror* as well as additional collections of poetry by this author.

FOLKLORE/MYTHS

Osborne, Mary Pope. *The one-eyed giant*, New York: Hyperion Books for Children, c2002. This is the first in a series of slender, action-packed volumes, each of which tells one of the adventures of the legendary Odysseus as he fights monsters and defies the gods on his way home from the Trojan War.


Sierra, Judy. *Silly and sillier: read-loud tales from around the world*, New York: Knopf, 2002. A wonderful collection of 20 funny stories from all over the world. Meet the Toontoony bird from Bangladesh, Clever Mandy from the Bahamas, the Mighty Caterpillar from South Africa, and Bear Squash-You-All-Flat from Russia.
Robertson, Keith. *Henry Reed, Inc.*
Henry Reed keeps a journal of his small town (Princeton New Jersey) summer adventures in which he describes establishing "Henry Reed Inc., Research" and carrying out a series of humorously unpredictable business ventures involving turtles, pigeons, earthworms and other animals.

School has started, and that means the six Herdmans kids are back and creating their inimitable brand of destruction and mayhem. This classic series begins with *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and continues with *The Best Halloween Ever.* In this instance, it is fine to start out of order.

Six of the king's seven sons go out to seek their fortune and do not return. The seventh son, Prince Fred, goes out to rescue them, encountering a bold princess and a troll with no heart in his body. See also the folktale collection featuring a traditional version of this story, listed above.

11-year-old Tom, floating sleepily downriver on a makeshift raft, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters. Resolute in his determination to survive, Tom fights total darkness, tight quarters, and rising waters. High adventure beneath the earth.

**NON-FICTION**

It was becoming dangerous to ride bicycles on the increasingly car-filled streets of Amsterdam until a coalition of adults and children came together with demonstrations and "good ideas to allow bikes, people and cars to all share the streets peacefully." A moving example of dedicated and successful "people power."

Survival rope, crushable cup, wearable water bottle holder, instant ice pack—it's all here, ready to help you survive. Don't miss the other entries in this series: *Duct Tape Fashion, Duct Tape Costumes,* and *Duct Tape Animals.*

Challenged by autism and food aversions, Chase developed his process "Check It Out, Get Up and Go, Make It Happen," to study cooking by watching cooking shows, traveling, and developing his own versions of recipes. His recipes feature straightforward ingredients and instructions. Take his advice, follow his process, and enjoy the delicious results!

Mix together one part cultural influence, one part literary and other artistic fantasy, and one heaping portion of science to discover the origins and real world potential of some of our most iconic monsters: Frankenstein, Vampires, Bigfoot, Zombies, Werewolves, and Sea Monsters.

A biography of American labor activist Fannie Sellins. "Fannie dreamed that America could achieve its ideals of equality and justice for all, and she sacrificed her life to help that dream come true." (Dust jacket copy.) Includes fascinating period photos, primary documents, and a timeline.

Finger, Brad. *13 skyscrapers children should know.* Munich : Prestel, [2016].
Profiles thirteen famous skyscrapers around the world, from the Woolworth Building to the Burj Khalifa (and Willis Tower). Includes important information like height, architectural style, number of floors and the name of
NON-FICTION

125 Wacky Roadside Attractions: See All the Weird, Wonderful and Downright Bizarre Landmarks from Around the World!. 2016.
Would you like to go on a road trip and visit some of the wackiest landmarks in the U.S.? Then you should definitely read this book. It features 125 of the wackiest roadside attractions not only in the U.S. but from around the world.

African Americans have a long history of struggle. This is a story that isn’t often written about. African Americans both free and enslaved fought with America and Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. The thirteen stories in this book give you a glance into their world. Why did they make the choice to fight, did it help them and how did their efforts change the world? These are the stories of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Are you into social justice and social change? Well this is the book for you. The author gives ideas, examples and tips on how to create groups and small companies that promote change and support different causes.

Have you ever heard the term “human computers”? Well, from the 1940s through the 1970s, hundreds of women, many of whom were African American, worked as mathematicians for NASA. This is the story of how five African-American women who were considered “human computers” helped to get John Glenn and Neil Armstrong in space. Without their dedication, commitment and brains, this couldn’t have happened. This is a story that needed to be told!
FICTION

Behar, Ruth. Luck Broken Girl. 2017

Ruthie is new to America but has mastered the language and has been able to settle in to this new life. Unfortunately, she is involved in an accident and she has to be in the hospital for months. Not only does she have to be in the hospital, she has to lie in bed in a full body cast. She thinks she has the worst luck. Things slowly change by visits from different people who bring stories and gifts that give her hope.

Bishop, Jenn. The Distance to Home. 2016.

This is a very heartfelt and emotional book. It deals with grief, hope, love and lots of baseball. Baseball player, Quinnen, is trying to cope with the loss of her sister who was her biggest fan. She feels lots of anger and guilt. Each chapter is told by alternating summers: last summer... how it used to be and this summer... how it is NOW! If you like books that are happy, sad and funny, give this one a try.


Siblings Flora and Julian have been in so many foster homes and don't believe they were born. Even now that they've been adopted Person, they are struggling with the fear of being left alone. Their new adoptive mom tries to find the answers that the two are looking for. Discover the meaning of having a true family.


"Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space"—Provided by publisher.


Long ago the dam formed, the lively river turned into a swamp, and the wasting illness came to Luna's village, and now that her little sister is sick Luna will do anything to save her. She will even offer herself to the creature that lives in the swamp on the day of the nearer moon

Preferring science and reading to the sports his father wants him to play, Garvey comforts himself with food and endures bullying before joining the school chorus, where he learns how to accept himself and bond with his father.


"A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment"-Provided by publisher.


Geniuses and orphans Jack, Ava and Matt travel to Antarctica for a prestigious science competition when thing go awry. The trio try to solve the mystery of the missing scientist. If you like a good mystery, read this book! Lots of scientific jargon fit for kids. It's written by none other than Bill Bye the Science Guy.

Rorby, Ginny. How to Speak Dolphin. 2015.

Following her mother's death, twelve-year-old Lily is forced into caring for her severely autistic half-brother, Adam, because her stepfather, Don, refuses to acknowledge that Adam needs professional help. Adam has always been fascinated with dolphins and echolocation, so when Don, an oncologist, hears about a dolphin in captivity seeking treatment for cancer, he offers to help and brings Adam and Lily along. Though Adam develops an instant bond with Nori the dolphin, Lily is confronted with another dilemma; supporting her family or getting Nori to freedom.


Chronicles the life and career of samurai Minamoto Yoshitsune, discussing his exile as a child, running away as a teenager, becoming a military genius and more.


Farah and her best friends are sucked into the Gauntlet of Blood and Sand game. They must unravel the mystery of her brother's disappearance, figure out the Rubik's Cube like game and defeat its creator. But how do they do that while battling the likes of camel spiders, red scorpions, grease monkeys and sand cats? With help from two unlikely allies, they may be able to come out on top.