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Best Books of 2017

Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

*Additional formats available from other libraries and/or downloadable from OverDrive.

***7 Ate 9: The Untold Story* – Tara Lazar**

++Lazar

When 7 is accused of eating 9, worried 6 hires a detective to investigate.

***The Adventures of Caveboy (series)* – Sudipta Bardhan-Qualle**

++Early Readers Bardhan

Caveboy loves banging his club, running really fast, and playing with his friends, but when his club breaks, he needs to find a new one, leading him to making a new friend and discovering his own bravery.

***Animal Ark: Celebrating Our Wild World in Poetry and Pictures* – Kwame Alexander +811.6 Ale**

Newbery medalist, Alexander, matches bursts of poetic commentary to dozens of dramatic close-ups, mostly of creatures classified as endangered or threatened. Drawn from National Geographic's Photo Ark project, which aims to portray examples of every creature in captivity.

***A Case in Any Case (series)* – Ulf Nilsson**

+Nilsson

When Detective Gordon retires and Buffy is left alone at the police station, she hears strange noises and decides to call Gordon in to help her with the mystery.

***Double or Nothing: With the Two and Only Kelly Twins* – Johanna Hurwitz**

+Hurwitz

Cherishing everything about being identical twins, Arlene and Ilene are astonished when they discover that they do not share everything in like manner, from ice cream preferences to favorite nail polish colors.

***Greatest Animal Stories* – Michael Morpurgo**

+398.24 Mor

Offers seventeen classic stories about animals, including "The Ugly Duckling," "The Tortoise and the Baboon," and "The Fox and the Crow."

***Harper and the Scarlet Umbrella (series)* – Cerrie Burnell**

+Burnell

Harper lives in the City of Clouds with her Great Aunt Sassy and her beloved cat Midnight. When Midnight goes missing, together with all the cats of the neighborhood, Harper realizes that only her magical scarlet umbrella can help her find him...

***How to Be an Elephant* – Katherine Roy**

+599.67 Roy

Follows an elephant's growth from a newborn calf to a full-grown adult in one of the most socially and structurally complex family groups on earth.

***Jada Jones: Rock Star (series)* – Kelly Starling Lyons**

+Lyons

Fourth-grader Jada's best friend moved away but a class project on rocks and minerals, her favorite topic, could mean new friends, if only one of her teammates would stop being mean.

***King and Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats (series)* – Dori Hillestad Butler**

++Early Readers Butler

King's human, Kayla, has baked some treats for a friend's new puppy, Thor, but some go missing and it is up to King to find the culprit.

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***Lilly and Fin: A Mermaid's Tale* – Cornelia Funke**

+Funke

Two merpups named Lilly and Fin must escape from the clutches of the humans who want to add them to their collection of rare aquatic creatures.

***Molly Mac Series*– Marty Kelley**

++Early Readers Kelley

Meet Molly Mac, the curious girl who is always onto something. She's a whirlwind full of questions and she's out to find the answers!

***Noodleheads See the Future* (series) – Tedd Arnold**

+Arnold Graphic Novel*

Inspired by folktales about fools from around the world, brothers Mac and Mac Noodlehead exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend Meatball, and make a garden for their mother.

***Not So Different* – Shane Burcaw**

+362.43 Bur*

A picture book answering the questions young children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with Spinal Muscular Atrophy with equal parts optimism, humor, and empathy.

***Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere* (series) – Elise Gravel**

+Gravel

Discovering a smelly creature in her garbage can that she names after herself, Olga befriends and studies the eccentric Olgamus using the scientific method, the practices of Jane Goodall, and other scientific concepts.

***Princess Cora and the Crocodile* – Laura Amy Schlitz**

++Schlitz*

Unhappy queen-in-training Cora receives a pet crocodile from her fairy godmother, who disrupts her mundane daily routine.

***Princess Pulverizer: Grilled Cheese and Dragons* (series) – Nancy Krulik**

+Kruklik; +CD-Audio Book Kru

A princess who'd rather wear a suit of armor than a crown goes on a quest, along with a dragon and a knight-in-training, to prove she deserves to go to Knight School.

***This is How We Do it: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World* – Matt Lamothe**

+305.23 Lam

Follows the daily lives of seven children from around the world, including such places as Japan, India, Uganda, and Italy, and discusses how schools, meals, and play can be different or similar in different places in the world.

***Toucans, Too* – Bethanie Deeney Murguia**

++Murguia

Thinking the cockatoos have said "toucan stew," the toucans run away in a toucan canoe but the cockatoos set things right with some two-can stew.

***Ugly Cat & Pablo* (series) – Isabel Quintero**

+Quintero

Ugly Cat and Pablo couldn't be more different, but when these two mejor amigos come together, there are loads of laughs, slithery misunderstandings, and tasty treats.

***Wallace and Grace Take the Case* (series) – Heather Alexander**

++Early Readers Alexander

Wallace and Grace are partners in the Night Owl Detective Agency. In their first adventure, they meet a rabbit who is sure he saw a ghost! Can they solve the mystery of the spooky garden?

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***What was the Ice Age?* – Nico Medina**

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Introduces the period approximately 20,000 years ago when global temperatures were much colder and ice covered much of the planet, and describes how animals living during that time adapted to the environment.

***What's the Big Deal about First Ladies?* – Ruby Shamir**

+920 Sha

Discusses what made each first lady unique and describes their role, ambitions, and partnerships with their presidential husbands.

***Where's Halmoni?* – Julie J. Kim**

+Graphic Novels Kim

Searching for their missing grandmother, two Korean children follow tracks into a fantastic world filled with beings from folklore who speak in Korean.

***Who Wants to be a Princess?: What it was Really Like to be a Medieval Princess* – Bridget Heos**

+940.1 Heo

A comparison of the life of a fairy tale princess vs. that of a real medieval princess.

***Yours Sincerely, Giraffe* – Megumi Iwasa**

+Iwasa

Giraffe is bored, as usual. Hed love a friend to share things with. So he writes a letter and sends it as far as possible across the other side of the horizon. There he finds a pen palPenguin.

***Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows (series)* – Asia Citro** **++Early Readers Citro**

A girl, Zoey, and her cat, Sassafras, use science experiments to help a dragon with a problem.

