

Giggles In The Middle

Imagine if all your personal thoughts about crushes, fears, enemies, and even kissing practice ended up on the internet for everyone to read! That's what happens to Erin Swift when her secret blog lands on the school Web site. As if navigating the treacherous waters of seventh grade weren't enough! Writing with warm, knowing humor, first-time novelist Denise Vega perfectly captures life from a seventh grade girl's point of view.

A foolish knight is certain that his side of the wall is the safe side in this clever, amusingly meta picture book by the acclaimed creator of *It's Only Stanley*. There's a wall in the middle of the book, and our hero--a young knight--is sure that the wall protects his side of the book from the dangers of the other side--like an angry tiger and giant rhino, and worst of all, an ogre who would gobble him up in a second! But our knight doesn't seem to notice the crocodile and growing sea of water that are emerging on his side. When he's almost over his head and calling for help, who will come to his rescue? An individual who isn't as dangerous as the knight thought--from a side of the book that might just have some positive things to offer after all!

"A couple of friends can't keep from laughing during the first day of school and are worried what their teacher will think if they can't avoid the giggles in the middle of class"--

"A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school"--

Giggles in the Middle Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for Middle School Maupin House Publishing, Inc.

Caught'ya!, Grammar with a Giggle for Grades One, Two, and Three Smiles and Giggles (Peppa Pig)

A Tale Told in Ten Blocks

And Then They Stopped Talking to Me

Memory Jars

The Snowy Nap

A generous but increasingly put-upon bear makes batch after batch of doughnuts for her woodland friends without saving any for herself in this delightful debut picture book about counting, sharing, and being a good friend. LouAnn (a bear) is making a doughnut feast in preparation for her long winter's nap. But just before she takes the first bite, DING DONG! Her friend Woodrow (a woodchuck) drops by. LouAnn is happy to share her doughnuts, but as soon as she and Woodrow sit down to eat, DING DING! Clyde (a raccoon) is at the door. One by one, LouAnn's friends come over--Topsy (an opossum) and then Moufette (a skunk) and then Chip and Chomp (chipmunks)--until it's one big party. LouAnn welcomes her surprise guests and makes batch after batch of doughnuts, always dividing them equally among her friends. But she makes one BIG miscalculation. Soon LouAnn's kitchen is bare, winter is near, and she's had nothing to eat at all!

A heartwarming story about the new girl in school, and how she learns to appreciate her Korean name. Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what happens when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious about fitting in. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she decides to choose an American name from a glass jar. But while Unhei thinks of being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, nothing feels right. With the help of a new friend, Unhei will learn that the best name is her own. From acclaimed creator Yangsook Choi comes the bestselling classic about finding the courage to be yourself and being proud of your background.

Kids will be giggling through their own yawns as they enjoy this contagiously adorable bedtime story by the New York Times bestselling illustrator of the Ordinary People Change the World books. Two best friends have big plans for their sleepover. They aren't going to go to bed at all--they'll stay up playing all night long. But then it happens: The YAWNS show up! And as much as they try to outrun and hide from them, it's no use: The Yawns catch them. Maybe they could keep going anyway, but then a DOZE arrives . . . followed by the dreaded SNORES. Will our heroes escape the SLEEPERS? Need a funny bedtime book that will stealthily bring on a snooze and still have your child asking to hear it night after night? Look no further than *The Yawns Are Coming!* Miles Murphy is not happy to be moving to Yawnee Valley, a sleepy town that's famous for one thing and one thing only: cows. In his old school, everyone knew him as the town's best prankster, but Miles quickly discovers that Yawnee Valley already has a prankster, and a great one. If Miles is going to take the title from this mystery kid, he is going to have to raise his game. It's prankster against prankster in an epic war of trickery, until the two finally decide to join forces and pull off the biggest prank ever seen: a prank so huge that it would make the members of the International Order of Disorder proud. In *The Terrible Two*, bestselling authors and friends Mac Barnett and Jory John have created a series that has its roots in classic middle-grade literature yet feels fresh and new at the same time. Advance Praise for *The Terrible Two* "A double helping of fun and mischief!" —Jeff Kinney, author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* Series "The pranks, the brotherhood, the art, the heart! What's not to love about the *Terrible Two*?" —Sara Pennypacker, author of the *Clementine* series "You don't have to be a cow, like cows, or even know a cow to love the *Terrible Two*." —Dave Eggers "This book is terrible! Terribly funny, terribly full of pranks, and terribly wonderful." —Jon Scieszka, author of *The Stinky Cheese Man* and the *Frank Einstein* series "The *Terrible Two* are my kind of kids. And what's more, they're kids' kind of kids." —Annie Barrows, author of the *Ivy & Bean* series "Hilarious." —Dav Pilkey, author of the *Captain Underpants* series

Remember when A was for apple? Well, now (sigh) A is for aging. The A, B, Cs of adulthood differ ever so slightly from the popular grade school primers of the past inside Ross and Kathryn Petras's *B Is for Botox: An Alphabet Book for the Middle-Aged*. This hilarious board book has a fun, retro look and makes a unique gift for grown-ups who don't necessarily want to grow up. Dripping with sarcasm, each letter will remind you that while you still have your sense of humor, jokes about aging seem to ring a little truer than they used to! For example: A is for Antique. Arnold sees his favorite childhood toy, the Atomic Astro-Rocket, on Antiques Roadshow. It is officially an antique! "Hmm," thinks Arnold. "Does this mean that now that I'm middle-aged, I'm officially an antique?" Hmm. . . What do you think?

Elementary, My Dear!

The Giggle Box

An Alphabet Book for the Middle-Aged

Bear Says Thanks

Dozens of Doughnuts

Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for Third Grade

Shay Mitchell, star of ABC Family's #1 rated show *Pretty Little Liars*, and best friend Michaela Blaney team up to write this sharp, sexy, and entertaining romp through the imperfect world of 21-year-old BFFs Sophia, Demi, and Leandra. Sophia Marcus, 21, has already mapped out every aspect of her glamorous life as a Hollywood actor on her vision board. But her life right now in Toronto is anything but exciting. Attending fruitless auditions during the day and working at a douche-y club at night, Sophia is starting to feel like she's going nowhere...slowly. Demi Michaels, Sophia's best friend, didn't go to college after high school. Short of ideas for her own future, she puts her energy into building the perfect relationship with an older man. And when that relationship crashes and burns, Demi is left to pick up the pieces. Sophia's friend (and Demi's frenemy) Leandra Hunting doesn't give a crap about hard work or a loving relationship. She has other plans for her future. After college graduation, Leandra sets out to travel the world in the yachts, planes and limos of ridiculously wealthy men. Will any of them be able to show her what love really means-if she can take off her Chanel sunglasses long enough to see it? Set in the exotic, intoxicating worlds of Hollywood, Thailand, and London, Shay Mitchell and Michaela Blaney's *Bliss* paints a relatable portrait of life in your early twenties with equal parts optimism and fear, hope and disappointment, expectation and reality. It's the Age of Uncertainty when you can count on nothing, but, if you're lucky enough to have one truly great friend, you can survive just about anything.

A sparkling new series about two best friends on the adventure of a lifetime! Maggie's been waiting for her best friend Abby to get home from Camp Cantaloupe for SIX. WHOLE. WEEKS. But now that Abby's finally home, she's...different. All New Abby wants to do is talk about camp things and plan campy activities—she even has the nerve to call Maggie's massive, award-worthy pillow fort a “cabin.” But hey, at least she's willing to build a “cabin” of her own. And when Maggie discovers that a pillow in the back of her fort mysteriously leads right into Abby's new one, the two friends are suddenly just an arm's length away. Soon they're adding links and building more forts, until Maggie looks behind one pillow too many and finds herself face-to-face with...the authorities. Turns out their little pillow fort network isn't the first to exist. A massive network of linked-up pillow and sofa forts already spans the globe, and the kids who run it are not happy with Maggie and Abby. With just three days to pass their outrageous entrance requirements or lose the links forever, Maggie and Abby pull out all the stops to try to save their network. There's only a little bit of summer left to burn, and Maggie and Abby are both determined to win back their pillow fort freedom. But can their friendship—and their scrappy homemade network—survive the mission?

"The French have a name for the uniquely hellish years between elementary school and high school: "l'âge ingrat" or "The Ugly Age." Characterized by a perfect storm of developmental changes-physical, psychological, and social-the middle-school years are a time of great distress for parents and children alike, marked by hurt, isolation, exclusion, competition, anxiety, and often outright cruelty. Some of this is inevitable; there are intrinsic challenges to early adolescence. But these years are harder than they need to be, and Judith Warner believes that adults are complicit. With piercing

insight, compassion, and humor, Warner walks us through a new understanding of the role that middle school plays in all our lives. Part intellectual investigation and part call to action, this timely book unpacks one of life's most formative periods and shows how we can help our children not only survive it, but thrive"--

In ultra-cool Los Angeles, can two freshman girls remain best friends despite a tidal wave of high school drama, or does growing up mean leaving some friends behind? Describes a teaching technique which uses one sentence per lesson of a funny story to help students in all grade levels improve grammar

The Name Jar

Pig Giggles and Rabbit Rhymes

Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for Middle School

Eggbert, the Ball, Bounces by Himself

The Rich, the Famous, the Historical

"Readers will laugh out loud, cry, and commiserate with her every step of the way....The protagonist is a feisty, mixed-up, phenomenal delight." Kirkus Reviews "Shawna Railey has crafted a funny, sensitive, yet relatable narrative around her title character. Anyone who has experienced loss can understand Blue's attempts to come to terms with it. A strong debut novel that would be an excellent recommendation for any reader looking for books on loss and sibling relationships." Booklist "Railey's debut is a touching and humorous tale of family, loss, grief, and friendship." School Library Journal "A book for our times."-Betsy Bird for School Library Journal Eleven-year-old "Blue" Warren is cursed with three bothersome brothers, a too-busy father, a recently deceased mother, and she's annoyed. With humor, hijinks, and heart, this debut novel is a touching tale of grief and the healing power of family. Eleven-year-old Beulah "Blue" Warren spends every waking moment surrounded by boys: her three brothers, her father, her best friend, even the family dog, but that's never stopped her from being her usual rambunctious self. Grappling with the loss of her mother, Blue is determined to do what she wants without fear of consequences. When she is sent to the principal's office, she gets out of it like a pro. When the witchy neighbor next door trashes her yard, Blue doesn't just get even, she gets ahead. No clean underwear because she hasn't done the laundry? No worries. That's what her little brother's Superman underwear is for, isn't it? But everything changes on the day she explores the attic and finds her mother's death certificate. Blue will need to muster all the strength she has to deal with the truth, find forgiveness, trust in her father, and grieve for her mother once and for all.

Rafe Khatchadorian is horrified that because of a missed science assignment he has to go to summer school; but instead of three weeks in a school room, he finds himself as a volunteer at BushyTail animal refuge, which is really hard, smelly work--and somehow he needs to use the experience (and the help of a girl he meets there) to produce a first-class science report.

"Galileo's Middle Finger is historian Alice Dreger's eye-opening story of life in the trenches of scientific controversy. Dreger's chronicle begins with her own research into the treatment of people born intersex (once called hermaphrodites). Realization of the shocking surgical and ethical abuses conducted in the name of "normalizing" intersex children's gender identities moved Dreger to become an internationally recognized patient rights activist. But even as the intersex rights movement succeeded, Dreger began to realize how some fellow activists were using lies and personal attacks to silence scientists whose data revealed uncomfortable truths about humans. In researching one case, Dreger suddenly became a target of just these kinds of attacks. Troubled, she decided to try to understand more -- to travel the country and seek a global view of the nature and costs of these damaging battles. Galileo's Middle Finger describes Dreger's long and harrowing journeys between the two camps for which she felt equal empathy: social justice activists determined to win and researchers determined to put hard truths before comfort. What emerges is a lesson about the intertwining of justice and truth-- and about the importance of responsible scholars and journalists to our fragile democracy." --

In Juan and Marie Join the Class, third-grade students will have fun learning about the language and customs

of Mexico and France as they master vocabulary, punctuation, literary devices, and sentence structure. Clear instructions help you integrate the proven Caught'ya! approach easily into your classroom. And for your convenience, the supplemental CD contains the Caught'ya! sentences formatted in Word for duplication, along with writing suggestions and activities, a complete and easy-to-use grammar reference with examples and teaching tips, and other helpful tools.

Interactive stories teach grammar, usage, and mechanics in a writing context, and also teach vocabulary and reading comprehension; includes pre-writing and writing activities.

Making Sense of Middle School

Once Upon a Golden Apple

Laughs, Hoots & Giggles

The Wall in the Middle of the Book

Putrescent Petra Finds Friends

[Click Here](#) (to find out how i survived seventh grade)

A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom by a Jane Addams Peace Award-winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist. Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.

With Putrescent Petra Finds Friends, second-grade students will have fun learning vocabulary and practicing punctuation, capitalization, verb tenses, and paragraphing skills as they follow the adventures of a skunk who befriends a classroom. Clear instructions help you integrate the proven Caught'ya approach easily into your classroom. And for your convenience, the supplemental CD contains the Caught'ya sentences formatted in Word for duplication, along with writing suggestions and activities, a complete and easy-to-use grammar reference with examples and teaching tips, and other helpful tools.

Jane Bell Kiester, author of the popular Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle series, has adapted her effective and fun approach to meet the specific learning needs of middle-school students. This resource improves writing and editing skills, raises test scores, engages students, and creates classrooms filled with giggles! Giggles in the Middle offers middle-school teachers all the benefits of the previous Caught'ya! books, plus some helpful "extras" created especially for the middle-school student. You'll find: One continuous story, "The Bizarre Mystery of Horribly Hard Middle School," divided into three parts, each with enough sentences for an entire school year; Classroom-tested writing assignment suggestions, mini-lessons, and teaching tips; "Almost-midterm" and final exam tests for each grade, with teacher keys; Easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions; Complete vocabulary lists for words used in each story; and A CD with the Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Guide for easy reference and duplication; the complete, uninterrupted story in narrative form; and the Caught'ya! sentences. Giggles in the Middle gives middle-school teachers the perfect alternative to boring grammar books and dry lectures. With this flexible, proven approach to developing grammar, usage, and mechanics (GUM) skills, as well as vocabulary, everyone has fun while they learn!

Do all the people in books seem boring for teens? Not anymore! Now they can be: Animated, Mythical, and Biblical Figures, Icons of Literature, Art, and Fashion, Stars of TV, Film, and Music, World Leaders, Revolutionaries and Innovators, Athletes and Adventurers, Presidents, Vice Presidents, and First Ladies, Scientists, Inventors, Doctors, and Nurses, Spies, Informers, Reporters, Newsmakers, and Money Takers. In school, people can seem perfect and dull to teens. In this new book by Kristen Dabrowski, celebrities of history, science, and politics, as well as fictional characters are reimagined as 'tween and teens. In original, diverse roles from comic to

dramatic, they can play the part of: oAlbert EinsteinoMarie AntoinetteoJames BondoEmily DickinsonoMr. CleanoHillary ClintonoRosa ParksoPersephoneoDavy CrocketoPablo PicassoCoco ChaneloAgatha CristieoMr. RogersoZsa Zsa GaboroFidel CastrooHannibalPlus, a game has been built into this book. The monologues are organized into categories but individual speakers are not identified by name. It's up to you to guess who's who! (Answers are at the back of each chapter, but don't peek!) A handy name index has also been included to help find that specific character. A fun read for students and a great tool for teachers to help incorporate history and social studies into their curriculum in a engaging and active way, these monologues are surefire winners in auditions or the classroom. KRISTEN DABROWSKI is an actress, writer, teacher, and director residing in New York City. She has performed all across the United States and the United Kingdom. Her other books, published by Smith and Kraus, include 111 Monologues for Middle School Actors Volume 1, The Ultimate Audition Book for Teens Volume III, the 10+ play series, the Teens Speak series, 20 Ten-Minute Plays for Teens, and 111 One-Minute Monologues for Teens: Just Comedy!

Michael feels like such an outsider. He has just moved to a new place and has no friends. A providential change in school bus seating places Michael next to Davey, a happy little boy who wants nothing more than to make Michael smile, but no matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to get through to him. That is, until a wise and helpful fairy, Giggieina, comes to the rescue. Find out how she helps Davey share his gift of laughter with Michael, and how good things can come from sharing and from laughing!

111 One-Minute Monologues

Maggie & Abby's Neverending Pillow Fort

The Giggles Are Coming

Henry's Freedom Box

Grammar with a Giggle

Funniest. Stories. Ever

An illustrated collection of riddles, jokes, knock-knocks, put-downs, limericks, and other silly verse.

While on a picnic, a father puts together familiar elements from various stories until he comes up with a version his children like.

A collection of humorous stories from over two dozen contemporary female writers, as well as autobiographical essays, comics, poems, and comic strips.

Introducing everyone's new best friend: Stick Dog! Don't miss the very first book in this bestselling funny illustrated series. He'll make you laugh...he'll make you cry...but above all, he'll make you hungry! Follow Stick Dog as he goes on an epic quest for the perfect burger. With hilarious text and stick-figure drawings, reluctant readers eat this one up! Perfect for fans of such series as The Last Kids on Earth, Dog Man, Big Nate, Timmy Failure, and Diary of a Wimpy Kid, this is the first book in the bestselling Stick Dog series. A favorite of readers ages 6 to 12, both avid and less so, Stick Dog is a winner for those looking for their next funny illustrated middle grade book series. Other favorites in the series include Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog, Stick Dog Chases a Pizza, and many more!

"Holy Moldy Bread Contest! Kiester strikes again with four more stories plus mini-lessons, writing workshops, and a complete grammar reference. Solid classroom-proven techniques turn students into better writers. Includes teacher keys, tests, and special notes for the home school teacher. A time-saver that really works!"

Out of My Mind

Blowing Away the State Writing Assessment Test

The Terrible Two

Caught 'ya Again!

Stick Dog

Giggles in the Middle

After hearing about winter from his friends, Hedgie the hedgehog tries to stay awake to experience its wonders.

Austin Davenport's fabulous luck landed him on this earth only 11 short months after his brother, Derek, putting them in the same grade. Join Austin on his journey through the tumultuous waters of middle school as he navigates the swampy and undeodorized hallways and explores the depths of the cafeteria's seafood surprise.

Coloring fun with Peppa Pig! Join Peppa Pig, Candy Cat, Danny Dog, and all their friends in tons of fun-filled adventures! Boys and girls ages 3 to 7 will love to count the ducks, spot the different teddy bears, and much more in this color and activity book featuring 4 chunky crayons and over 30 stickers for more creative fun! Peppa Pig is a loveable little piggy who lives with her younger brother George, Mummy Pig and Daddy Pig. Peppa loves playing games, dressing up, visiting exciting places, and making new friends--but her absolute favorite thing is jumping up and down in muddy puddles! Peppa Pig airs daily on Nick Jr. and focuses on strong brand values that parents and kids identify with: family, friendship, trust, humor and life experiences.

Good grief! Is nothing sacred? Jane Bell Kiester transforms Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Much Ado about Nothing* into the best way ever to teach grammar, mechanics, vocabulary, and usage to high school students. Easy to adapt to your specific needs, this fun resource gives you three years' worth of sentences, final tests with answer keys, literary devices, daily vocabulary words, lesson plans, a handy grammar reference, and a mix-and-match menu of Elizabethan swear words. Created especially to meet the needs of high school teachers and students. By the author of *Caught'ya Grammar with a Giggle*, and *Caught'ya Again! More Grammar with a Giggle*, .

A couple of friends can't keep from laughing during class on the first day of school, in this companion to *The Yawns Are Coming from the Ordinary People Change the World* series! Two best friends are so excited to go back to school. They're in the same class, their classroom is full of art supplies, and they've even made a new friend. But then it happens: Just as the teacher introduces herself, the GIGGLES show up! They're everywhere and impossible to escape. And as if that wasn't embarrassing enough, soon a GUFFAW shows up, and then the CHUCKLES! What will their teacher

think if they can't avoid laughing in the middle of her first lesson?

Down with the Dance

The Yawns Are Coming!

Juan and Marie Join the Class

Four Steps to Better Writing Scores for Students of All Levels

Middle School: It's a Zoo in Here!

Look Both Ways

A young girl finds a clever way to keep her favorite things--and people--close to her forever in Memory Jars, from Caldecott Honoree Vera Brosgol. Freda is devastated when she can't eat all the delicious blueberries she's picked. She has to wait a whole year before they're back, and she doesn't want to lose them! Then Gran reminds her that they can save blueberries in a jar, as jam. So Freda begins to save all her favorite things. But it turns out that saving everything also means she can't enjoy anything, and Freda realizes that some things are best saved as memories.

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

"As Egbert, an adventurous ball, bounces his way into some very strange places, your first-graders get practice with basic punctuation, spelling, and phonics. Story sentences on the CD are formatted one to a page so you can duplicate them easily or print them out as editing journals for your students. The cloze technique used throughout provides practice with consonant blending and diphthongs. For your convenience, the included supplemental CD contains the Caught'ya sentences formatted in Word for duplication, along with writing suggestions and activities, a complete and easy-to-use grammar reference with examples and teaching tips, and other helpful tools."

Kiester provides teachers with the tools they need to teach students how to respond to any fiction or nonfiction prompt with superior and creative writing that incorporates solid writing-craft principles. The CD contains reproducibles along with graphic organizers, practice prompts, and more.

In this playful and charmingly illustrated Classic Board Book, Bear has so much to give thanks for! What better way for Bear to say thanks than over a nice, big dinner? Bear decides to throw a feast! One by one, Bear's friends show up with different platters of delicious food to share. There's just one problem: Bear's cupboards are bare! What is he to do?

Bliss

The Messy Life of Blue

Galileo's Middle Finger

The Giggles are Coming

A Book of Animal Riddles

The Chortling Bard: Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for High School

Presents more than twenty simple animal jokes.

Funny Girl

Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for Second Grade

Caught'ya!

A Tale of Two Besties

Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for First Grade

A Novel