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"A twelve-year-old boy is chosen to join a four-person applicant team to work towards membership in the Confederation of United Planets, and stumbles across conspiracies resembling science fiction he's been a fan of his entire life"--

Life is good for the four humans in Cleveland who know that mice have evolved into possibly the smartest species on earth. Eleven-year-old Megan and her cousin Joey have great summer jobs at the mouse-powered factory that makes Thumbtops-the tiny computers mice use to spread the word about climate change. But

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suddenly, the Big Cheese, leader of the Mouse Nation, needs their help. There's trouble at his Headquarters in California. The four humans rush to the rescue, only to find themselves on a crazy road-trip-with way too many mice. Their journey takes them clear across the country, always just one step ahead of the mysterious enemy. Will the humans save the Mouse Nation, so mice can continue their fight for the health of the planet? Get ready for the exhilarating sequel to Mousenet! This updated take on the classic mouse tale is charmingly illustrated and filled with friendship, humor and heart. Four children have been chosen to

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compete in a national competition to find the tastiest confection in the country. Who will invent a candy more delicious than the Oozing Crunchorama or the Neon Lightning Chew? Logan, the Candymaker's son, who can detect the color of chocolate by touch alone? Miles, the boy who is allergic to merry-go-rounds and the color pink? Daisy, the cheerful girl who can lift a fifty-pound lump of taffy like it's a feather? Or Philip, the suit-and-tie wearing boy who's always scribbling in a secret notebook? This sweet, charming, and cleverly crafted story, told from each contestant's perspective, is filled with mystery, friendship, and juicy revelations.

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In this imaginative adventure from Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary, a young mouse named Ralph is thrown into a world of excitement when a boy and his shiny toy motorcycle check in to the Mountain View Inn. When the ever-curious Ralph spots Keith's red toy motorcycle, he vows to ride it. So when Keith leaves the bike unattended in his room one day, Ralph makes his move. But with all this freedom (and speed!) come a lot of obstacles. Whether dodging a rowdy terrier or keeping his nosy cousins away from his new wheels, Ralph has a lot going on! And with a pal like Keith always looking out for him, there's nothing this little

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mouse can't handle. This timeless classic now features a foreword written by New York Times bestselling author Kate DiCamillo, as well as an exclusive interview with Beverly Cleary herself. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* is perfect for independent reading or for shared reading at home or in a classroom. This fun story is the first of a trilogy, along with *Runaway Ralph* and *Ralph S. Mouse*, all inspired by the author's hope to create appealing books for boys and girls—and by the sight of her son playing with toy cars.

Good Night, Bunny
A Whale of the Wild
Randoms
The Mouse and the Motorcycle

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The Selfish Crocodile

Explore the world of such a little mouse--from the bestselling author of LITTLE BLUE TRUCK! "And way down deep in the hole lives a mouse. Such a little mouse, with his smart gray coat, with his ears pink as petals, with three twitchety whiskers on each side of his nose." With Alice Schertle's sweet descriptive language and touching illustrations from Stephanie Yue, a little mouse interacts with the world around him. Every season of the year, "such a little mouse" pops out of his hole and goes out to explore the wider world. Praise for Such a Little Mouse: * "The book begins in

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spring. 'In the middle of the meadow, under a clump of dandelions, there is a hole.' Out pops '[s]uch a little mouse,' with 'ears pink as petals' and a tiny smile. He sees bees on clover blossoms and his own reflection in a puddle. Each season is represented in one exploratory day. In summer, the mouse sees beavers and a porcupine; in autumn, rustling leaves, honking geese and busy ants. When winter arrives, he sees his landscape covered in snow. 'Brrrrrrrr,' he says, retreating underground to his cozy burrow, which features tunnels and many discrete rooms--a bedroom, a kitchen and a fully stocked

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larder. All year he's been storing seeds, watercress and acorns; now he can bake acorn bread and cook seed-and-watercress soup.

Preschoolers will recognize the wooden alphabet blocks that form the base of his counter. Seasons and animals aren't new topics, but Yue's idyllic meadowscapes are full of clean, fresh air. From full-page to spot illustrations, from the breezy greens, blues and yellows of spring to the rustic browns of underground, her colors glow gently. Her lines have a light touch but feel grounding; fine details, shadings and a real feel for weather make this special. ... Perfectly charming." -- Kirkus

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Reviews, starred review * "Yes, Schertle and Yue's hero is cute as can be, 'with his smart gray coat, with his ears pink as petals, with three twitchety whiskers on each side of his nose.' But he's also self-reliant, self-directed, and very much at home in the world--in other words, what readers in the target audience aspire to be. The story follows the mouse through spring, summer, and autumn as he emerges from his wonderfully snug underground home to gather food for his winter larder. Neither obsessive nor a procrastinator, the mouse knows he can get the job done and still have time to kibitz with neighbors (he

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contributes a twig to a beaver's dam) and savor the scenery (including his own handsome reflection in a puddle). Yue (the Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private Eye series) channels her customary jaunty energy into a more old-school drawing style, delivering nature scenes that are warm but not treacly, while Schertle's gentle prose ('Such a little mouse. Off he goes into the wide world') has just enough repetition to provide a comforting structure and a cozy lilt." -- Publishers Weekly, starred review Praise for Little Blue Truck (written by Alice Schertle and illustrated by Jill McElmurry) * Schertle "gives

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readers plenty of opportunities to chime in with animal and vehicle noises." -- Publishers Weekly, starred review Praise for Very Hairy Bear (written by Alice Schertle and illustrated by Matt Phelan) * "Schertle's patterned language sets up a playful cadence." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review

The day the blizzard started, no one knew that it was going to keep snowing for a week. That for those in its path, it would become not just a matter of keeping warm, but of staying alive. . . . Scotty and his friends Pete and Jason are among the last seven kids at their high school waiting to get picked up that day, and

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they soon realize that no one is coming for them. Still, it doesn't seem so bad to spend the night at school, especially when distractingly hot Krista and Julie are sleeping just down the hall. But then the power goes out, then the heat. The pipes freeze, and the roof shudders. As the days add up, the snow piles higher, and the empty halls grow colder and darker, the mounting pressure forces a devastating decision. . . . Michael Northrop is the New York Times bestselling author of TombQuest, an epic book and game adventure series featuring the magic of ancient Egypt. He is also the author of Trapped, an Indie Next List

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Selection, and Plunked, a New York Public Library best book of the year and an NPR Backseat Book Club selection. An editor at Sports Illustrated Kids for many years, he now writes full-time from his home in New York City. Learn more at www.michaelnorthrop.net. In this funny, uncannily wise portrait of the dynamics of a sixth-grade class and of the greatness that sometimes comes in unlikely packages, Dwight, a loser, talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. If that weren't strange enough, the puppet is uncannily wise and prescient. Origami Yoda predicts the date of a pop quiz, guesses who stole the

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**classroom Shakespeare bust, and saves a classmate from popularity-crushing embarrassment with some well-timed advice. Dwight's classmate Tommy wonders how Yoda can be so smart when Dwight himself is so clueless. With contributions from his puzzled classmates, Tommy assembles this first case file in the blockbuster bestselling Origami Yoda series, written by Tom Angleberger, author of Star Wars: Return of the Jedi: Beware the Power of the Dark Side, and hailed by School Library Journal as "honest, funny, and immensely entertaining." F&P Level: T
F&P Genre: RF**

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This book provides a concise set of protocols for assessing basic neutrophil functions, investigating specialized areas in neutrophil research, and completing step-by-step diagnostic assays of common neutrophil disorders. Each of the protocols is written by leading researchers in the field and includes hints for success, as well as guidance for troubleshooting. Scientists and clinicians will find this collection an invaluable aid.

The Gruffalo

Gene Function Analysis

Aesop's Fables

The Gun Debate

Melonhead

"A spellbinding, heart-stopping adventure."

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—Booklist (starred review)
“A dreamily written, slyly educational, rousing maritime adventure.” —New York Times Book Review In the stand-alone companion to the New York Times–bestselling *A Wolf Called Wander*, a young orca whale must lead her brother on a tumultuous journey to be reunited with their pod. This gorgeously illustrated animal adventure novel explores family bonds, survival, global warming, and a changing seascape. Includes information about orcas and their habitats.

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For Vega and her family, salmon is life. And Vega is learning to be a salmon finder, preparing for the day when she will be her family's matriarch. But then she and her brother Deneb are separated from their pod when a devastating earthquake and tsunami render the seascape unrecognizable. Vega must use every skill she has to lead her brother back to their family. The young orcas face a shark attack, hunger, the deep ocean, and polluted waters on their journey. Will Vega

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become the leader she's destined to be? A Whale of the Wild weaves a heart-stopping tale of survival with impeccable research on a delicate ecosystem and threats to marine life. New York Times-bestselling author Rosanne Parry's fluid writing and Lindsay Moore's stunning artwork bring the Salish Sea and its inhabitants to vivid life. An excellent read-aloud and read-alone, this companion to *A Wolf Called Wander* will captivate fans of *The One and Only Ivan* and *Pax*. Includes black-and-white

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illustrations throughout, a map, and extensive backmatter about orcas and their habitats.

Writers, game designers, teachers, and students ~this is the book youve been waiting for! Written by storytellers for storytellers, this volume offers an entirely new approach to word finding. Browse the pages within to see what makes this book different:

All of the animals are afraid of the Selfish Crocodile - he never let's them into his river, and he's always so snappy! And

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so when the Selfish Crocodile finds himself in terrible pain, no-one wants to help him - after all, what if he gobbles them up? But, to everyone's surprise, there is one animal in the forest who is willing to help . . . A brilliant tale of friendship, The Selfish Crocodile has become a picture book classic.

MousenetLittle, Brown
Books for Young Readers
Mouse Mission

Lulu the Broadway Mouse
Such a Little Mouse

The North Wind and the Sun

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One Thousand Years of Painting is an easy-to-follow 'map' that will enable readers to follow the itineraries of the illustrations and their various protagonists, and the creation of the works that mark our visual culture. Through a completely novel presentation, based on the meshing of historical development and geographical dynamics, this volume presents around 800 European and American paintings. The various reference sections provide a further 'navigational' aid to guide readers through the history

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of painting.

With the advent of high-throughput technologies following completion of the human genome project and similar projects, the number of genes of interest has expanded and the traditional methods for gene function analysis cannot achieve the throughput necessary for large-scale exploration.

This book brings together a number of recently developed techniques for looking at gene function, including computational, biochemical and biological methods and protocols.

When ten-year-old Megan helps her uncle invent the Thumbtop, the world's

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smallest computer, mice are overjoyed, and they want one for every mouse hole. The Big Cheese, leader of the Mouse Nation, has orders: follow that girl—even if it means high-tailing it to Megan's new home on the other side of the country. While Megan struggles as the new girl, the mice watch, waiting for their chance. But when they tell Megan the biggest secret in the history of the world—mice have evolved, and they need her help—she isn't sure anyone will believe her. In Washington, D.C., Lucy Rose's friend Adam "Melonhead" Melon, a budding inventor with a knack for

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getting into trouble, enters a science contest that challenges students to recycle an older invention into a new invention.

Statistical and

Computational Methods

1001 Things to Do with Your
Macintosh

The Turn of the Tide

One Thousand Years of
Painting

Endangered

From National Book Award
Finalist Eliot Schrefer comes
the compelling tale of a girl
who must save a group of
bonobos -- and herself --
from a violent coup. Congo
is a dangerous place, even

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for people who are trying to do good. When Sophie has to visit her mother at her sanctuary for bonobos, she's not thrilled to be there. Then Otto, an infant bonobo, comes into her life, and for the first time she feels responsible for another creature. But peace does not last long for Sophie and Otto. When an armed revolution breaks out in the country, the sanctuary is attacked, and the two of them must escape unprepared into the jungle. Caught in the crosshairs of a lethal conflict, they must

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struggle to keep safe, to eat, and to live. In

ENDANGERED, Eliot

Schrefer plunges us into a heart-stopping exploration of the things we do to survive, the sacrifices we make to help others, and the tangled geography that ties us all, human and animal, together.

"Og the Frog tells the story of how he first came to Room 26, where he meets Humphrey the hamster, befriends the students, and writes poems and songs"--
Winner or washout? When it comes to tackling third

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grade, Clementine is at the top of her game—okay, so maybe not all the time. After her teacher announces that the third and fourth graders will be putting on a talent show, Clementine panics. She doesn't sing or dance or play an instrument. She can't even hop with finesse. And as if she didn't feel bad enough, her perfect best friend, Margaret, has so many talents, she has to alphabetize them to keep them straight... As the night of the big "Talent-palooza" draws closer, Clementine is desperate for an act, any

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act. But the unexpected talent she demonstrates at the show surprises everyone--most of all herself. This Clementine sequel is sure to bring the house down!

IT'S AN UNDERCOVER ADVENTURE! When a remote island's rainforest is threatened by the greedy timber company Loggocorp, the Humans Who Know that mice have evolved develop a secret plan to stop them. And they need all the help they can get from the Big Cheese, Trey, and their other friends in the Mouse

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Nation. First, the team must unravel a centuries-old mystery: who actually owns the rainforest? The mission to find that person brings Megan and her family across the ocean to England, where everything starts to go just a little bit . . . weird.

Loggocorp spies are watching the family's every move as they, too, search for the rightful owner of the island's natural treasure. It's a race against the clock to save the rainforest! The trail leads to a duke's palace full of strange guests and a clan of helpful British mice. And

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Megan, the most famous human in the world (among mice) has to face her biggest challenge yet.
Last of the Name

Methods and Protocols
Renegades

Mutual Linguistic Borrowing
When Kansas Bloom moves to California and joins the Media Club at school, he soon finds himself trying to outdo one of the other fourth-grade students in a "dare war" while vying for the job of on-air video homeroom announcer. This volume presents

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established bioinformatics tools and databases for function prediction of proteins. Reflecting the diversity of this active field in bioinformatics, the chapters in this book discuss a variety of tools and resources such as sequence-, structure-, systems-, and interaction-based function prediction methods, tools for functional analysis of metagenomics data, detecting moonlighting-proteins, sub-cellular localization prediction, and pathway and comparative genomics databases. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include

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introductions to their respective topics, step-by-step instructions of how to use software and web resources, use cases, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Thorough and cutting-edge, Protein Function Prediction: Methods and Protocols is a valuable and practical guide for using bioinformatics tools for investigating protein function

Ratatouille meets Broadway in this charming new middle grade novel about a little mouse with big dreams. Lulu is a little girl with a very big dream: she wants to be on Broadway. She wants it more

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than anything in the world. As it happens, she lives in Broadway's Shubert Theatre; so achieving her dream shouldn't be too tricky, right? Wrong. Because the thing about Lulu? She's a little girl mouse. When a human girl named Jayne joins the cast of the show at the Shubert as an understudy, Lulu becomes Jayne's guide through the world of her theatre and its wonderfully kooky cast and crew. Together, Jayne and Lulu learn that sometimes dreams turn out differently than we imagined; sometimes they come with terms and conditions (aka the company

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mean girl, Amanda). But sometimes, just when we've given up all hope, bigger and better dreams than we'd ever thought could come true, do. Science fiction super fan Zeke is back in action as he and his friends work to finally take down the evil Phands in this hilarious and exciting conclusion to the Randoms series. Zeke has returned to Earth and, as usual, nothing is going like he planned. The plan was: escape from Junup, rescue Director Ghli Wixxix and Captain Qwlessl, stop the Phands, and finally get Tamret to officially be his girlfriend. Instead, he gets stuck in an

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Earth facility for disobedient children, is stranded on an unknown and supposedly deserted planet with Villainic, of all beings, and Tamret kind of broke up with him. He's not entirely sure. Nothing and no one is as it seems, and all Zeke knows is that he's tired of the Phands trying to take over the galaxy. With Smelly gone and his friends scattered, though, it's going to take a lot more than Zeke's expert sci-fi knowledge to save them this time.

*Life According to Og the Frog
The Storyteller's Thesaurus
Trapped
Panchatantra Stories*

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Double Dog Dare

Alex flees with his grandfather across snowy Europe to escape the human and mechanical assassins that pursue them, trying to retrieve a powerful object in this captivating, cinematic "Raiders of the Lost Ark"-type adventure with a sinister "Toy Story" twist.

This book focuses on the lexical borrowing between English and Arabic, and offers historical background regarding the contact between these two languages. It sheds light on why and how both languages have come in contact, showing how the hegemony of the English language can be clearly seen in its impact on Arabic.

Simultaneously, the text describes

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the role that Arabic played in shaping and enriching English in its early phase.

Contains Applications for Home, Business & Educational Uses as Well as Games. Includes Programs, Printouts, Flowcharts, Diagrams & Illustrations

A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake--only to have to outwit that creature as well.

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Fantasy, History and Horror
What Everyone Needs to Know®
Monstrous Devices

The Talented Clementine

"Good night, you, and good night, me.
Good night kisses one, two, three."

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Bunny says "good night" to the drowsy world, from the bluebells and pansies to the turtledove and ducklings in a row. Featuring beautiful watercolor illustrations by Stephanie Yue, *Good Night, Bunny* is a sweet good night book for sleepyheads everywhere.

Who do you think is stronger – the Sun or the North Wind? They both found themselves in a dispute because they both thought that they were strongest. They saw a traveler who was just passing by and they decided that whoever made the man remove his cloak would be proclaimed the strongest. A winner is declared. Who will it be and what is the moral of the story? Find out in Aesop's fable "The North Wind and the Sun". Aesop's fables feature animals, legendary creatures, plants, inanimate objects, or forces of nature that speak, solve

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problems, and generally have human characteristics. All the stories story lead to a particular moral lesson.

Aesop (620–564 BCE) was a storyteller that was believed to have lived in Ancient Greece. He is celebrated for a number of fables now collectively known as Aesop's Fables. In the few scattered sources about his life, Aesop was described as a slave who by his cleverness acquires freedom and becomes an adviser to kings and city-states. Although Aesop's existence remains unclear, numerous tales credited to him were gathered across the centuries and in many languages in a storytelling tradition that continues to this day. Seven-year-olds Bradley, Brian, Nate, and Lucy make observations and gather clues that convince them that their older siblings, cousin, and

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animals have been captured by hungry space aliens.

Presents a collection of thirty-six of Aesop's fables, including "The Cat and the Mouse," "The Ant and the Grasshopper," and "The Vain Crow."

Evolutionary Genomics

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda
(Origami Yoda #1)

January Joker

Bigger Than a Bread Box

The Candymakers

After a devastating tsunami in Japan, cousins Jet and Kai spend the summer together in Astoria, Oregon, training for the Young's Bay Treasure Island sailboat race and become close friends in the process.

The Panchatantra is a collection of folktales and fables that were believed to have been originally written in

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Sanskrit by Vishnu Sharma more than 2500 years ago. This collection of stories features animal characters which are stereotyped to associate certain qualities with them. The origins of the Panchatantra lie in a tale of its own, when a King approached a learned pandit to ask him to teach the important lessons of life to his ignorant and unwise sons. This learned scholar knew that the royal princes could not understand complex principles in an ordinary way. So, he devised a method wherein he would impart important knowledge in the form of simple and easy-to-understand folktales.

A collection of nearly sixty fables from Aesop includes such familiar ones as "The Grasshopper and the Ants," "The North Wind and the Sun," "Androcles

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and the Lion," "The Troublesome Dog," and "The Fox and the Stork." 35,000 first printing.

Twelve-year-old Danny O'Carolan and his sister, Kathleen, arrive in New York City in 1863. Kathleen refuses to be parted from her only remaining relative, so she finds a job in domestic service for herself and her younger...sister. Danny reluctantly pretends to be a girl to avoid being sent to the children's workhouse or recruited as a drummer boy for the Union army. When he occasionally sneaks off to spend a few hours as a boy and share his rich talent for Irish dancing, he discovers the vast variety of New York's neighborhoods. But the Civil War draft is stoking tensions between the Irish and free black

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populations. With dangers escalating, how can Danny find a safe place to call home?

A large dictionary

Mousemobile

An Atlas of Western Painting from
1000 to 2000 A.D.

Protein Function Prediction

No topic is more polarizing than guns and gun control. From a gun culture that took root early in American history to the mass shootings that repeatedly bring the public discussion of gun control to a fever pitch, the topic has

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preoccupied citizens, public officials, and special interest groups for decades. The Gun Debate: What Everyone Needs to Know® delves into the issues that Americans debate when they talk about guns. With a balanced and broad-ranging approach, noted economist Philip J. Cook and political scientist Kristin A. Goss thoroughly cover the latest research, data, and developments on gun ownership, gun violence, the firearms

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industry, and the regulation of firearms. The authors also tackle sensitive issues such as the effectiveness of gun control, the connection between mental illness and violent crime, the question of whether more guns make us safer, and ways that video games and the media might contribute to gun violence. No discussion of guns in the U.S. would be complete without consideration of the history, culture, and politics that drive

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the passion behind the debate. Cook and Goss deftly explore the origins of the American gun culture and the makeup of both the gun rights and gun control movements. Written in question-and-answer format, the book will help readers make sense of the ideologically driven statistics and slogans that characterize our national conversation on firearms. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in getting a

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clear view of the issues surrounding guns and gun policy in America. What Everyone Needs to Know® is a registered trademark of Oxford University Press.

Devastated when her parents separate, twelve-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old bread box with the power to grant any wish--so long as the wished-for thing fits in the bread box.

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This carefully crafted ebook: "Aesop's Fables" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents.

Contents: The Wolf and the Kid The Tortoise and the Ducks The Young Crab and His Mother The Frogs and the Ox The Dog, the Cock, and the Fox Belling the Cat The Eagle and the Jackdaw The Boy and the Filberts Hercules and the Wagoner The Kid and the Wolf The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse The Fox

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and the Grapes The
Bundle of Sticks The
Wolf and the Crane The
Ass and His Driver The
Oxen and the Wheels The
Lion and the Mouse The
Shepherd Boy and the
Wolf The Gnat and the
Bull The Plane Tree The
Farmer and the Stork The
Sheep and the Pig The
Travelers and the Purse
The Lion and the Ass The
Frogs Who Wished for a
King The Owl and the
Grasshopper A Raven and
a Swan The Two Goats The
Monkey and the Camel...