

Book Reviews

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Picture Books

***Are You Ready to Play Outside?* by Mo Willems.** Elephant and Piggie are excited to play outside, but rain washes away all their plans. See how they make the most of their rainy day!

***Bink and Gollie*, by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrated by Tony Fucile.** Bink loves peanut butter and Gollie loves pancakes, but they can still have fun adventures together. Sometimes compromise is the only way these two friends can make those adventures work! Two other books round out the series.

***Whoosh!* by Chris Barton, illustrated by Don Tate.** When Lonnie Johnson hooked up his latest invention to the bathroom sink to test it out, a powerful stream of water shot across the room. And unexpectedly, one of the most popular toys of all time was invented!

***The House that Jane Built: A Story about Jane Addams*, by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Kathryn Brown.** How did one person make a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people? Read the true story of how Jane Addams turned her dreams of helping people into reality.

***Fanny's Dream*, by Caralyn Buehner, illustrated by Mark Buehner.** Fanny is a hard-working farm girl who waits for her fairy godmother and dreams of marrying a handsome prince. But when Heber proposes, Fanny decides to marry him. Then one night, Fanny's fairy godmother shows up. What will she do?

***What Do You Do with a Problem?* by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom.** What do you do with a problem that won't go away? Do you run away and hide? What if the problem keeps getting bigger the more you worry about it? And what if you find out something amazing about the problem?

***5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!)*, published by National Geographic Kids.** Did you know that cold water weighs more than hot water, no



two fingerprints are alike, and ancient Egyptians made marshmallows? Now you know three of the facts in this book. Check it out to read the other 4,997!

Chapter Books

***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie*, by Julie Sternberg, illustrated by Matthew Cordell.** When the best babysitter in the world moves away, how can Eleanor ever be happy again? Find out how Eleanor learns to deal with the new beginnings in her life.

***Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White*, by Melissa Sweet.** Read the true story of the author of *Charlotte's Web*, told with beautiful art and his own letters, photos, and manuscripts. It might even inspire you to write your own story!

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