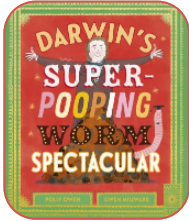




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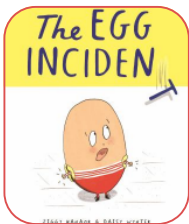
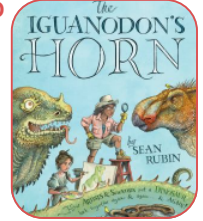
DARWIN'S SUPER-POOPING WORM SPECTACULAR

by Polly Owen, art by Gwen Millward

Who knew worms were so important? Charles Darwin did! And his bassoon-playing research taught people that worms have loads of superpowers, most importantly their poop! It is full of nutrients, which supports plant and animal life on Earth.

THE IGUANODON'S HORN: HOW ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS PUT A DINOSAUR BACK TOGETHER AGAIN AND AGAIN... AND AGAIN

by Sean Rubin
Explore the fascinating world of dinosaur history! See how scientists and artists used new fossil discoveries and changing theories to piece together what the iguanodon may have looked like when it roamed the Earth.



THE EGG INCIDENT

by Ziggy Hanaor, art by Daisy Wynter

When a cautious egg named Humphrey meets the rambunctious Princess Jean, he finds himself in a situation where he must face his fears and, in the process, learns that when you're too careful, you miss out on all the fun.

JUST HARRIET

by Elana K. Arnold, art by Dung Ho

Harriet Wermer is not happy to be spending the summer after third grade on Marble Island, helping out at her Nanu's bed-and-breakfast. But when Harriet finds a very old key in Nanu's shed, she is determined to unlock whatever mysteries may be hidden on the island.



FEATHERS TOGETHER

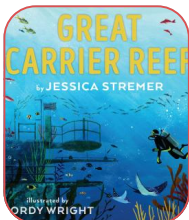
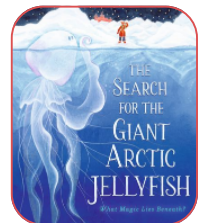
by Caron Levis, art by Charles Santoso

Klepetan and Malena are two loveable storks who spend every day together! But this year, the inseparable duo must spend their winters alone, and learn how to stay together even when distance keeps them apart.

THE SEARCH FOR THE GIANT ARCTIC JELLYFISH

by Chloe Savage

Dive into an epic adventure where daring explorers search the icy Arctic waters for an elusive giant jellyfish.



GREAT CARRIER REEF

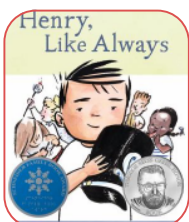
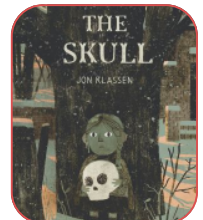
by Jessica Stremmer, art by Gordy Wright

In an amazing example of recycling, scientists sank an old aircraft carrier called the USS Oriskany, the "Mighty O", to the bottom of the ocean off the coast of Florida. Over time, it became a busy artificial reef, filled with all kinds of colorful fish and interesting plants.

THE SKULL: A TYROLEAN FOLKTALE

by Jon Klassen

Running through the forest, Otilla finds an old house where a talking skull is seen in a window. The two form an unlikely bond and save each other from their pasts in this haunting but heartwarming retelling of a Tyrolean folktale.



HENRY, LIKE ALWAYS

by Jenn Bailey, art by Mika Song

Henry's teacher makes a big change to the class schedule for a special event. Henry is not happy; he doesn't like change. Can Henry find a way to be a part of the celebration and still be true to himself?

THE WORLD'S BEST CLASS PLANT

by Liz Garton Scanlon & Audrey Vernick, art by Lynnor Bontigao

What could possibly be exciting about a mostly green, hardly growing, never moving plant? Well, Arlo and his class are about to find out just how amazing Jerry, the class plant, can be!

