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UNIT 1

GAMES WE PLAY




Title: Travel Guide for Monsters 
Author: Lori Degman
Call No.: JP DEG

Taking your monster on a road trip this summer? Or letting your favourite beast tag along on a family beach vacation? Wherever you and your monster are travelling, *Travel Guide for Monsters* is full of essential tips to help you both enjoy the sights from coast to coast—and avoid monster-related mishaps.

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press, 2020 | From: www.sleepingbearpress.com




Title: Mia Mayhem and the Super Family Field Day (Mia Mayhem) 
Author: Kara West
Call no.: JS WES

Mia and friends get ready for family field day at the PITS! Potato sack races, tug of war, and the hula hoop ring toss reach dangerous limits when a group of the most skilled and talented superheroes go head to head. Will Mia and her parents be able to come out on top or will the whole day end up in a major family fiasco?

Publisher: Little Simon, 2020 | From: www.simonandschuster.com



Title: Toy Store Trouble (Twig and Turtle) 
Author: Jennifer Richard Jacobson
Call No.: JS JAC

In their tiny house, the rule is that Twig and Turtle are each allowed to have five toys. With a new toy store opening in town, the rule is creating a big problem—getting a new toy means giving up one they love. But when the girls realise that the owner has very old-fashioned ideas about who should play with what kinds of toys, changing her mind might be the biggest problem of all.

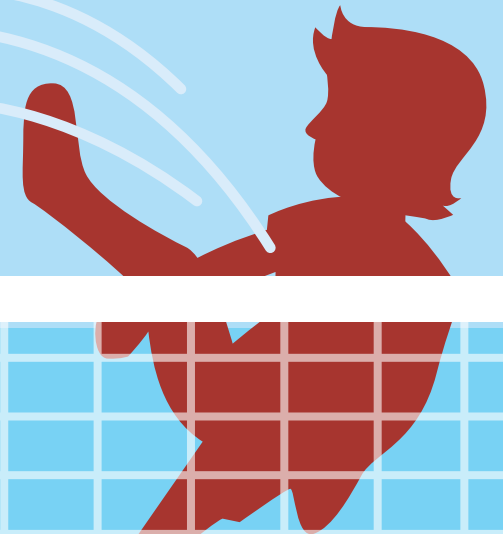
Publisher: Pixel + Ink, 2020 | From: www.holidayhouse.com



Title: Tennis Triumph (Jake Maddox JV Girls)
Author: Jake Maddox
Call No.: J MAD

Mira Ravi is the first-seed singles star on Hilltop Middle School's tennis team, but her life off the court is a much harder match to win. Mira juggles tough responsibilities at home, in school, and with her team, but she also has a secret that threatens the balance. Can Mira be honest about her struggles and still play the sport she loves?

Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2021 | From: www.capstonepub.com






UNIT 2

LINKS TO THE PAST




Title: A Bowl Full of Peace 
Author: Caren Bazelay Stelson
Call No.: J 940.54252 STE

Sachiko's family home was about half a mile from where the atomic bomb fell on August 9, 1945. Her family experienced devastating loss. When they returned to the rubble where their home once stood, her father miraculously found their serving bowl fully intact. This delicate, green, leaf-shaped bowl—which once held their daily meals—now holds memories of the past and serves as a vessel of hope, peace, and new traditions for Sachiko and the surviving members of her family.

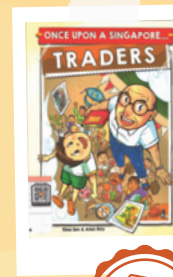
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books, 2020 | From: www.lernerbooks.com




Title: The Very Solid Adventures of Handsome Hock and Champion Poh 
Author: Phua San San
Call No.: J SING PHU

The Very Solid Adventures of Handsome Hock and Champion Poh is a collection of childhood stories and memories of two boys who grew up in Singapore in the 1970s. Handsome Hock and Champion Poh live in the same block of HDB flats in Toa Payoh. They are curious and adventurous seven-year-olds, who become fast and best friends after their first meeting. Always full of energy, they get up to all sorts of mischief and have awesome adventures.

Publisher: Epigram Books, 2013 | From: www.epigrambookshop.sg



Title: Once Upon a Singapore... Traders 
Author: Tina Sim
Call No.: J SING SIM

While flipping through Grandpa's photo album of his childhood days, Aloysius and Grandpa are magically transported to 1900s Singapore. Aloysius, having grown up in a world of iPhones and movie theatres, finds himself in a foreign land, where cinemas travel around on wheels and letters take two weeks to arrive!

With Grandpa as his tour guide, Aloysius travels around olden Singapore and meets traders who once did a roaring trade—and provided invaluable service to their communities—but are now vanishing. What else will Aloysius discover during this journey? How will experiencing the past change Aloysius? Will he find out how naughty Grandpa was at his age?

Publisher: Asiapac Books, 2018 | From: www.asiapacbooks.com



Title: Tape Escape (Max Booth, Future Sleuth)
Author: Cameron Macintosh
Call No.: JS MAC

It's 2424. Max and his robo-dog sidekick, Oscar, are out to solve another techno-history mystery! They've been asked to identify an object that's baffling everyone: a 1980s cassette tape. But there's more to the tape than meets the eye and the ears! When devious Dr. Grizzlowe tries to take credit for the tape's rock-tastic recordings, Max and Oscar know they're going to need all their future sleuthy skills to put things right.

Publisher: West 44 Books, 2020 | From: www.west44books.com



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
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UNIT 3

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

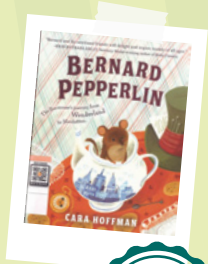


Title: Hello Goodbye Little Island 
Author: Leila Boukarim
Call No.: J SING BOU

Maja had moved to the little island with her family not long ago. She missed home terribly and wanted nothing more than to go back. Soon after, she finds a friend and wishes things would never change. But when her friend moves away, her world crumbles once more.

One day, Maja hears a friendly voice speak to her and a new friendship begins to form. With time, Maja discovers that distances do not matter; the friendship and love she finds in others will stay with her always, and goodbyes are not forever.

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2018 | From: www.marshallcavendish.com




Title: Bernard Pepperlin 
Author: Cara Hoffman
Call No.: J HOF

When a girl in a blue dress crashes the Mad Hatter's eternal tea party, the sleepy Dormouse feels more awake than he has in a long time. He wishes he could follow her and be a part of her adventure.

And as luck would have it, a surprising twist of fate sends the Dormouse on an adventure of his own, where he must not fall asleep. For he is destined to save a magical world outside Wonderland, and it will take all his courage—and a few new friends—to do it.

Publisher: Harper, 2019 | From: www.harpercollins.com



Title: The Wishing Star (The Playdate Adventures) 
Author: Emma Beswetherick
Call No.: JS BES

Katy, Cassie, and Zia find themselves transported into outer space when their rocket made out of recycled waste magically becomes life-sized. With the help of Katy's cat Thunder, the girls navigate their way to the Wishing Star.

But as they prepare to make their wishes, the friends see the destruction happening back home and realise they have a greater mission: TO SAVE PLANET EARTH.

Publisher: Rock the Boat, 2020 | From: www.oneworld-publications.com



Title: Artemis & the Awesome Animals (Little Goddess Girls)
Authors: Joan Holub & Suzanne Williams
Call No.: JS HOL

All Artemis wants is the gift of courage. There are a lot of scary things out there! With the help of her new friends—Athena, Persephone, and Aphrodite—Artemis hopes she can ask the super-duper-powerful Zeus to help her be a little less afraid.

But the mean green girl, Medusa, has other plans. Can Artemis dig deep, be brave, and help her friends find their way to Sparkle City? With the help of some animals who aren't what they seem, Artemis just might end up being an unexpected hero!

Publisher: Aladdin Quix, 2020 | From: www.simonandschuster.com





UNIT 4



HOW PEOPLE WORK, LIVE AND PLAY



Title: The Teacher (Who Works in My Neighbourhood)
Author: Jared Siemens
Call No.: J 371.1 SIE

A teacher helps children explore new things. Learn more about teachers in *The Teacher*. This title is part of the *Who Works in My Neighbourhood* series, which has been developed for children aged 5 to 7.

Publisher: Smartbook Media, 2020 | From: Book cover



Title: Roosevelt Banks: Good-Kid-in-Training 
Author: Laurie Calkhoven
Call No.: JS CAL

When Roosevelt's friends plan a bike and camping trip, there's just one problem—he doesn't have a bike. Roosevelt's parents agree to buy him a bike if he can be good for two whole weeks. It's a struggle with hilarious outcomes. But good prevails over chaos to make for a great day.

Publisher: One Elm Books, 2020 | From: www.redchairpress.com



Title: If You Come to Earth 
Author: Sophie Blackall
Call No.: JP BLA

If you come to Earth, there are a few things you need to know...

We live in all kinds of places.

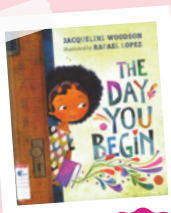
In all kinds of homes.


In all kinds of families.

Each of us is different. But all of us are amazing.

And, together, we share one beautiful planet.

Publisher: Chronicle Books, 2020 | From: www.chroniclebooks.com

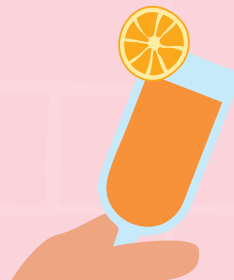



Title: The Day You Begin 
Author: Jacqueline Woodson
Call No.: J WOO

There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you.

There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com



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UNIT 5

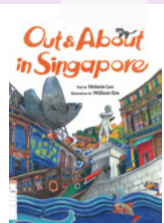
SINGAPORE HOUSES




Title: Our Big Little Place 
Author: James A. Conan
Call No.: JP CON

Come inside one boy's high-rise apartment complex, where his backyard is the space between his neighbouring apartment buildings, and his basketball net is tucked into a bedroom. His parents sometimes complain their home is too small, but the boy's balcony view of the city and the extended play space of the hallways are a few ways that make the boy's house feel just the right size.

Publisher: Annick Press, 2019 | From: www.annickpress.com



Title: Out & About in Singapore 
Author: Melanie Lee
Call No.: J SING 915.957 LEE

With *Out & About in Singapore*, young readers get to go on a fun and colourful tour around this bustling Southeast Asian city. The book starts out with Singapore's origin story, and is followed by captivating "tours" around the Civic District, Chinatown, Kampong Glam, and Little India. Popular spots such as Marina Bay Sands, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Sentosa, and Gardens by the Bay are explored as well. Lesser-known kid-friendly destinations such as Haw Par Villa and Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum are also highlighted. In the midst of exploring all these fascinating attractions, readers will also gain insights into the culture and history of Singapore for a deeper understanding of this country.

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2020 | From: www.marshallcavendish.com



Title: Freddy the Eager Fundraiser 
Author: Swapnil Mishra
Call No.: J SING MIS

Freddy finds out about the devastating 2015 earthquake in Nepal from his family and hears how his dad had survived one in India. Moved by the plight of the earthquake victims, Freddy wants to contribute to his middle school's fundraiser with the Singapore Red Cross. He and his brother work on household chores for pay and attempt to set up a lemonade stand, but Freddy feels it is too small a contribution. Discouraged and about to give up, Freddy is inspired by a young girl selling cookies at his inter-class football game and decides to give it a second run. Inspired by his younger brother Ray, who plays the ukulele, Freddy calls on his friends, family, and colleagues of his parents to set up a fundraiser within two weeks, battling and overcoming challenges along the way.

Publisher: Epigram Books, 2018 | From: www.epigrambookshop.sg



Title: The Little Men From Yix and Other Stories
Author: Jessie Wee
Call No.: J SING WEE

Sunnee and Raynee are twin brothers. Their school days are sprinkled with adventures and unforgettable experiences with their friends and teachers.

What happens when Sunnee brings his pet mouse to school? Will a chimpanzee ruin the school fancy-dress parade? Why does Siva change the course of history in the class play? How do the twins react when they face the fantastic little men from Planet Yix?

Publisher: Landmark Books, 2019 | From: www.landmarkbooks.sg



UNIT 6

GIVING AND RECEIVING



Title: Athena & the Island Enchantress (Little Goddess Girls)
Authors: Joan Holub & Suzanne Williams
Call No.: JS HOL

After sparkly adventures on Mount Olympus, Athena is called back to help a boy named Hercules. They have been asked by Hestia to rescue the rightful queen of a magical island, who has been captured by the evil King Hephaestus. The key seems to be a mysterious enchantress named Circe—but Athena and Hercules aren't sure if she's a friend or foe! With the help of her fellow little goddess girls, can Athena help save the queen?

Publisher: Aladdin Quix, 2020 | From: www.simonandschuster.com



Title: Donate Money
Author: Emily Raij
Call no.: J 361.7 RAI

Why do people donate money? People donate money to support a cause. Find out more about the different ways people can donate money.

Publisher: Pebble, 2020 | From: shop.capstonepub.com



Title: There Was an Old Lady Who Lived With Her Cats (Furry Tales by Leia)
Author: Daniel Boey
Call no.: J SING BOE

Blanche and Rose are two young cats who share their home with Grandma Dorothy and the feisty, opinionated tabby Sophia.

Sophia is the grande dame of the household and rules it with an iron paw, perched on her throne atop the pile of freshly-pressed laundry. Sophia is also ill and requires a special diet and daily visits to the vet for her injections. She makes the trip each day in her favourite basket wrapped in her warm and familiar blanket.


One day, they bump into millennial Kardashian Tan, who tells Grandma Dorothy to dump the old cat and get a younger one.

What would Grandma Dorothy do? Is a pet for life? Or can they be replaced when they get old?

This is the heart-warming story of the bond between an old lady and her three fur babies.

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2020 | From: www.marshallcavendish.com



Title: Give and Take 
Author: Elly Swartz
Call No.: J SWA

Family has always been important to twelve-year-old Maggie: a trapshooter, she is coached by her dad and cheered on by her mom. But her grandmother's recent death leaves a giant hole in Maggie's life, one which she begins to fill with an assortment of things: candy wrappers, pieces of tassel from Nana's favourite scarf, milk cartons, sticks... all stuffed in cardboard boxes under her bed.

Then her parents decide to take in a foster infant. But anxiety over the new baby's departure only worsens Maggie's hoarding, and soon she finds herself taking and taking until she spirals out of control. Ultimately, with some help from family, friends, and experts, Maggie learns that sometimes love means letting go.

Publisher: Square Fish, 2020 | From: www.us.macmillan.com



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UNIT 7

SCIENCE IN OUR LIVES



Title: Grow: Secrets of Our DNA
Author: Nicola Davies
Call No.: J 572.8 DAV

All living things grow—every plant and every animal, including human beings. Some things grow fast and others grow slowly; some things grow by tiny degrees, while others grow to be enormous. Yet there's something about the way we grow that links us all together. Ever since you were the size of a dot, your body has been following a set of instructions: a code, which connects you with every creature on the planet...

Publisher: Walker Books, 2020 | From: www.walker.co.uk



Title: The Iron Man (Faber Classics) 
Author: Ted Hughes
Call No.: J HUG

The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.

Where had he come from? Nobody knows.

How was he made? Nobody knows.

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

Publisher: Faber, 2020 | From: www.faber.co.uk



Title: The STEM Night Disaster (Kate the Chemist) 
Author: Kate Biberdorf
Call No.: J BIB

Kate's school is having their first-ever STEM Night and the prizes are incredible! Kate is determined to win and comes up with the perfect experiment. But as she and her best friend, Birdie, start preparing, they find that Kate's project keeps getting messed up. Will Kate be able to use her science know-how to find out who is behind the STEM Night sabotage? And will she fix her project before it's too late?

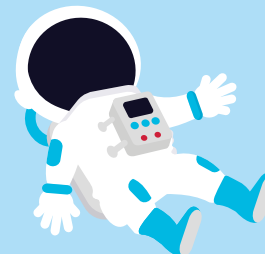
Publisher: Philomel Books, 2021 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com



Title: Let's Fly a Plane!: Launching Into the Science of Flight with Aerospace Engineering (Everyday Science Academy) 
Author: Chris Ferrie
Call No.: J 629.132 FER

How do airplanes stay up in the sky? That's the question Red Kangaroo needs answered, and she knows exactly who can help her—Dr. Chris! Explore the four forces of flight—drag, lift, thrust, and weight—and get ready to take off with this introduction to aerospace engineering.

Publisher: Sourcebooks Explore, 2020 | From: www.sourcebooks.com





UNIT 8

THE IN-THING



Title: Level Up (Level Up) 
Author: Tom Nicoll
Call No.: JS NIC

Videogame-obsessed Flo gets more than she bargained for when she finds herself INSIDE her favourite game. Turns out, virtual reality isn't as much fun when it's not so virtual.

When Flo's engineer mum creates a device that will make her image appear in her videogames, Flo can't wait to use it! Ignoring her mum's warnings that it's not ready, Flo accidentally transports herself into the game, along with her not-so-keen-on-video-games-and-wishing-he'd-stayed-home best friend Max. Immersed in the world of Star Smasher, they not only have to face armies of soldiers, but also the very real possibility that there may not be a way out...

Publisher: Stripes Publishing, 2019 | From: www.littletiger.co.uk



Title: Friend Me 
Author: Sheila M. Averbuch
Call No.: J AVE

Roisin hasn't made a single friend since moving from Ireland to Massachusetts. In fact, she is falling apart under constant abuse from a school bully, Zara. Zara torments Roisin in person and on social media. She makes Roisin the laughingstock of the whole school.

Roisin feels utterly alone... until she bonds with Haley online. Finally there's someone who gets her. Haley is smart, strong, and shares anti-mean-girl memes that make Roisin laugh. Together, they are able to imagine what life could look like without Zara. Haley quickly becomes Roisin's lifeline.

Then Zara has a painful accident, police investigate, and Roisin panics. Could her chats with Haley look incriminating?

Roisin wants Haley to delete her copies of their messages, but when she tries to meet Haley in person, she can't find her anywhere. What's going on? Her best friend would never have lied to her, right? Or is Haley not who she says she is...

Publisher: Scholastic, 2020 | From: www.scholastic.com




Title: Grow a Garden (Maker Comics)
Author: Alexis Frederick-Frost
Call No.: J 635 FRE

Will, Violet, and Basil must be the unluckiest students at the Garden Gnome Academy. They've been stuck with Mr. Butternut, the school's most unpopular (and unusual) teacher. Will and his friends have to learn about soil and compost while their classmates get to study exotic plants and butterflies. Although things get a little messy (and stinky) in his class, Mr. Butternut does know a thing or two about growing delicious veggies.

Publisher: First Second Books, 2020 | From: us.macmillan.com



Title: Ella May Does It Her Way! 
Author: Mick Jackson
Call No.: JP JAC

Ella May tries walking backwards, just to see how it feels. In her bedroom she tries reading her books backwards, and after dinner she goes backwards up to the bathroom and climbs backwards into bed. When Ella goes backwards up the slide and backwards over the castle, Ella's mum decides to turn around and walk backwards next to Ella, to make it easier for them to talk. Pretty soon, half the town is walking backwards in a giant, backwards-walking procession. Where will it end?

Publisher: Words & Pictures, 2019 | From: www.quartoknows.com

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