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Monthly Youth Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

Picture Book



Hen in the Bed

Katrina Charman

This counting book is sure to please both kids and parents alike. Its split-page format provides a clever way to add humorous action to the story. Scan the QR code at the back of the book for a free and fun audio reading!

- Stuart O.

You Have Feelings All the Time

Deborah Farmer Kris

This rhyming, reassuring book gently acknowledges that there are lots of feelings... sometimes simple, sometimes complicated... and that even adults have feelings too.

- Kary H.



Picture Book

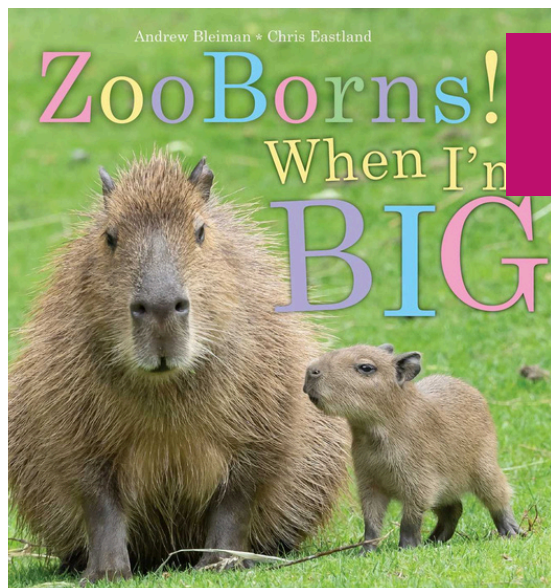
ZooBorns: When I'm Big

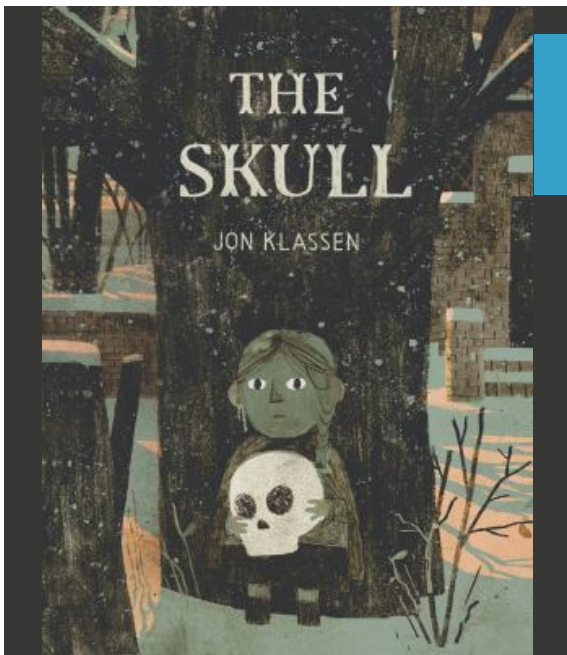
Andrew Bleiman

It is always a great time to look at adorable baby animals!! This book can introduce younger readers to new animals and vocab words. It's also a fun way for kids to guess how an animal will look different when they're older.

- Megan S.

Nonfiction





The Skull

Jon Klassen

The Skull is a dark adaption of an old Tyrolean fable-- it's certainly spooky, a terrifying creature stopped by a child. Still, its metered exploration of an abandoned mansion was quite calming to me, Klassen's illustrations perfectly depicting a huge, tranquil former home.

- Sean C.

(CW: some dark themes)

Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales: Troubling Tonsils

Aaron Reynolds

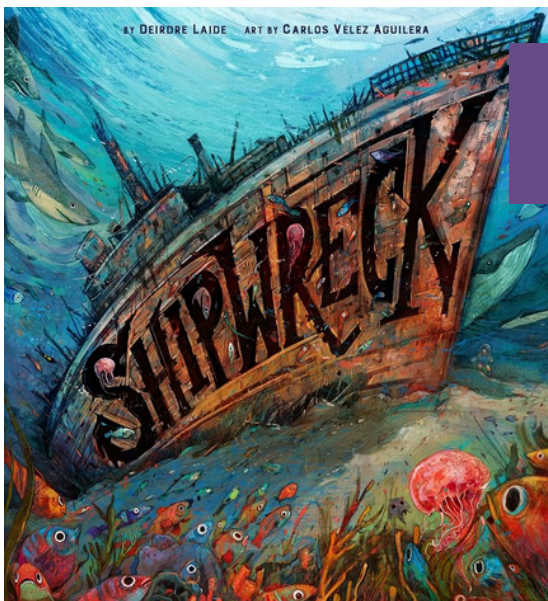
From the creator of Creepy Carrots comes a new chapter book series. Charlie Marmot needs to have his tonsils removed. When he gets to the hospital, the doctor realizes his tonsils have disappeared! That's when things start to get pretty creepy! Read on if you dare.

- Andrea L.



Shipwreck

Deirdre Laide



A gorgeously illustrated nonfiction picture book that introduces you to a variety of famous shipwrecks. It covers what the ships were originally doing, how they sank and how they were discovered. It made me want to immediately read more about the individual shipwrecks!

- Dylan G.



Spark

Chris Baron

Can kids make a difference? Absolutley! Finn and his friend Rabbit love to document events that occur in the forest. Baron's novel in verse takes us through the trauma of wildfires to the healing of regrowth. An excellent book that addresses climate change and wildfires.

- Andrea L.

(CW: PTSD, natural disaster)

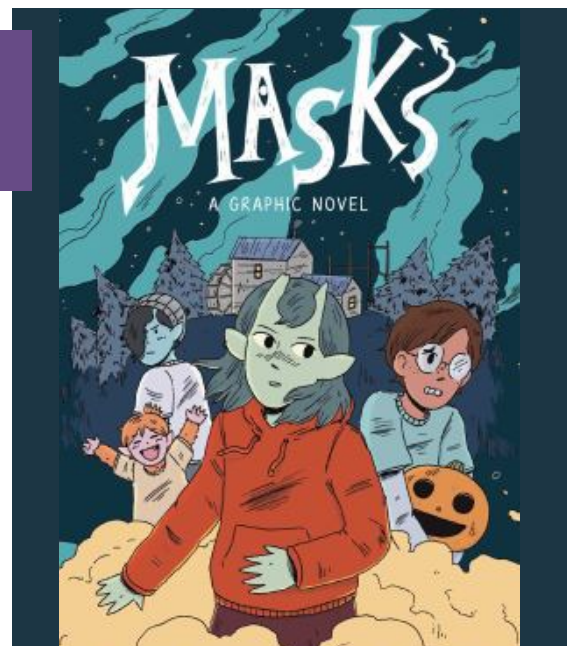
Masks

Margaret Rae

Kay Davault's *Misfit Mansion* was one of my favorite books of 2023, and while there are some books with similar ideas, *Masks* is the perfect read-a-like. The story deftly tackles the fact that the creatures called monsters are not always the "true" monsters of the world.

- Dylan G.

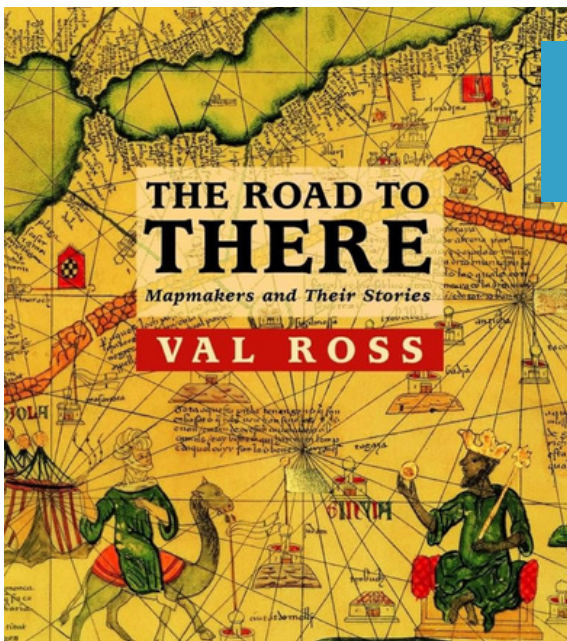
(CW: bullying, death, abandonment)



The Road to There

Mapmakers and Their Stories

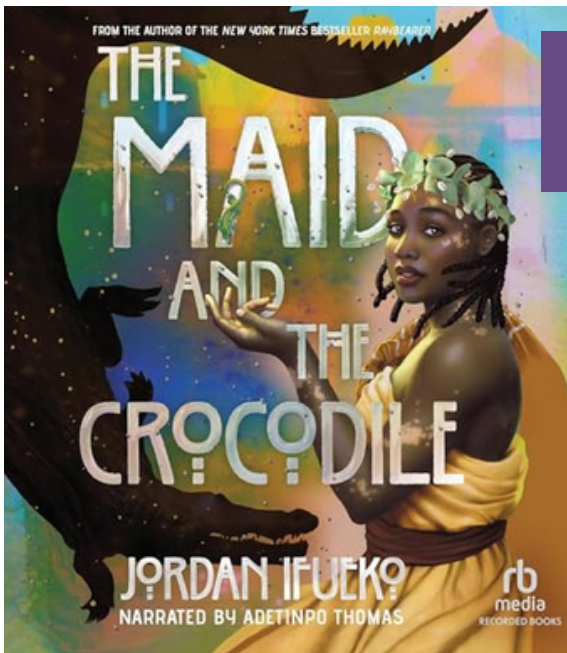
Val Ross



I adored maps as a kid, and reading this book about the history of mapmaking taught me a few things as an adult, too. It shows how historical mapmakers were both influenced by the forces of their time and constantly pursuing innovation in our concept of the world's shape.

- Sean C.

(CW: The violence in the book is the violence of history; wars, massacres, and slavery.)



The Maid and the Crocodile

Jordan Ifueko

I'd recommend this for its vivid storytelling, wonderful characters, and fantastic world building. Small Sade is a curse eater in a bustling city who stumbles upon the temple of a very handsome Crocodile God and learns more about herself than she ever thought possible.

- Jasmine H.

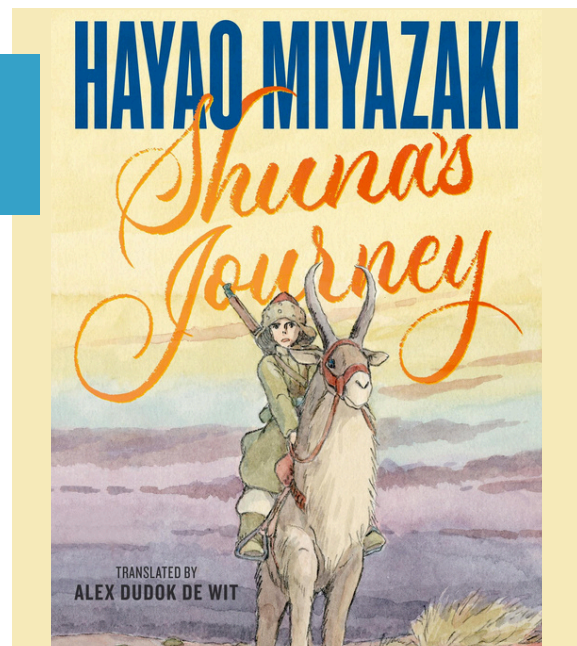
(CW: death of a parent, systemic violence, disabling injury, classism)

Shauna's Journey

Hayao Miyazaki

Any fans of Miyazaki will love this graphic novel. Its a perfect blend of Princess Mononoke and Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind.

- Joseph G.
(CW: violence)



Lore Olympus

Rachel Smythe

A beautifully rendered reimaging of the story of Persephone and Hades through a modern lens. Readers follow Persephone as she discovers who she is and comes into her own in a dreamy, emotionally rich landscape.

- Johnnie B.

