

## Book Buzz

With Carolyn Larson

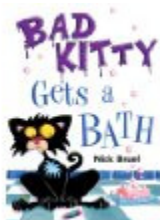
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*Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library.  
Book annotations are culled from online publishers' descriptions and published reviews.*

### Children's Book Week – May 13, 2009 Column

To help celebrate Children's Book Week, this week's Book Buzz highlights some fun new children's books available at your neighborhood library. Whether picture books or children's readers, series books are in. Some favorites are **Skippyjon Jones** by Judith Byron Schachner for preschoolers and for grade-schoolers the **Candy Apple** books by Lisa Papademetriou for girls and **Time Surfers** by Tony Abbott for boys. But don't stop there--thousands of wonderful new and old books for kids are available at your library. For special help with locating appropriate materials for children try asking Lihue Library's knowledgeable children's librarian Lisa Kiuchi. No internet search engine can take the place of a good librarian. Children's books never cease to delight both young and old. So hey, I'll never tell if you just read them yourself.

Happy Reading,



#### Bad Kitty Gets a Bath

By Nick Bruel

Grades 3-5

Very cleverly put together and illustrated description of how much kitty hates baths and how to give her one anyway. (Is this really about a CAT not wanting to bathe?) Whether you have a cat or not it's great fun.



#### Goose and Duck

By Jean Craighead George

Illustrated by Priscilla Lamont

Grades K-2

A lyrical I Can Read! book by a Newbery Award-winning author. With lively art, it is a silly tale about boys, geese, ducks and the rhythms of nature.

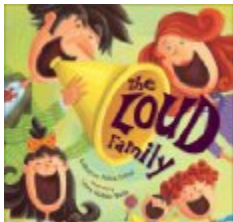


## **The Lemonade War**

By Jacqueline Davies

Grades 3-5

Jessie turns to Evan. “Let’s make a winner-takes-all bet. Whoever earns a hundred dollars first gains the earnings of the other.” Evan doesn’t like bets, but this one matters. He gives Jessie his most menacing look. “You better pray for mercy,” he says.



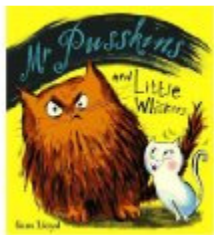
## **The Loud Family**

By Katherine Pebley O’Neal

Illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith

Grades PS-2

What’s a loud family to do? Well, whatever it is it’ll be LOUD...even in church. You never saw such hushing and shushing. But God has a plan for everyone—even a papa with a very loud voice.



## **Mr. Pusskins and Little Whiskers**

### **Another Love Story**

By Sam Lloyd

Grades PS-2

From a series starting with the bestseller Mr. Pusskins. What will happen when Emily gets Mr. Pusskins a big surprise? Can he live with it?

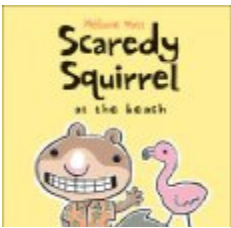


## **Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed**

By Mo Willems

Grades PS-2

Wilbur is different from the other naked mole rats in the colony- he wears clothes and he **LIKES** it. But what will happen when Grand-pah the oldest and wisest naked mole rat discovers Wilbur's secret? By the author of the popular **Piggie and Elephant** readers.

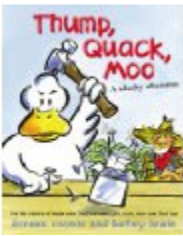


## **Scaredy Squirrel At the Beach**

By Melanie Watt

Grades K-2

The story in a nutshell is that Scaredy Squirrel never goes to the beach because it is crowded, dangerous and generally unsafe. Anything could happen. Scaredy Squirrel begins a nutty adventure building his own safe beach but for the last ingredient he needs to go to a **REAL** beach.



## **Thump, Quack, Moo**

### **A Whacky Adventure**

By Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin

Grades K-2

The farm gang from **Click, Clack, Moo** is back and trying to outsmart Farmer Brown again. Everyone is excited for the Corn Maze Festival. Well Duck is not excited exactly, but he has a plan for Farmer Brown's corn maze design. Guess who's in for a big surprise?



## **As If Being 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Isn't Bad Enough, My Mother is Running for President**

By Donna Gephart

Grades 4-6

Vanessa's mother is running for president and it's ruining Vanessa's already pathetic life. Doesn't her Mom realize her daughter needs her more than the rest of the country? And doesn't her mother know that she may be in grave danger? Vanessa may be the only one who can save her.



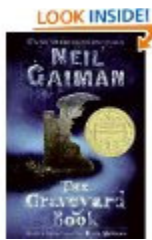
## **The Dragonfly Pool**

By Eva Ibbotson

Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

Grades 5-8

Tally befriends Karil, the crown prince, who would love nothing more than to have ordinary friends and attend a school like Tally's. When Karil's father is assassinated, it is up to Tally and her friends to help Karil escape the Nazis and save him from the bleak future that he has inherited. An imaginative tale of friendship heroism and great escapes.



## **The Graveyard Book**

By Neil Gaiman

Grades 5-8

"There was a hand in the darkness and it held a knife..." So begins Bod's story of living in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts with a guardian who's neither living nor dead. But if Bod leaves the graveyard he will come under attack from the man who has already killed Bod's family... Winner of the 2009 Newbery Award.



## **Hannah Montana**

### **Rock the Waves**

By Suzanne Harper

Grades 4-6

This summer vacation Miley Stewart is seriously stoked about three months with no homework or cafeteria food. Plus her Aussie surfer crush will compete in the Breakpoint Surf Series and

Hannah is asked to perform at the closing ceremonies. But now instead of hanging out on the beach she'll be making up work in the classroom for two whole weeks! The drama heats up.



## **Just Grace Goes Green**

By Charise Mericle Harper

Grades 2-5

Grace is back in another book and now she's worried about pollution. As always, Grace is ready to help out...but can she save the planet? At the very least, can she help Mimi get a special friend back?



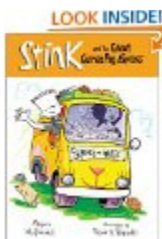
## **Moonlight on the Magic Flute**

By Mary Pope Osborne

Illustrated by Roger Bollen

Grades 3-5

In Magic Tree House book #41 our heroes Jack and Annie travel to 18<sup>th</sup>-century Austria on another mission for Merlin the Magician. There they run into a musician by the name of Mozart.



## **Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express**

By Megan McDonald

Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

Grades 3-5

Join Stink and his buddies on a wacky Great Guinea Pig Giveaway adventure. Can Stink find a home for 101 guinea pigs? Another **Stink** tale from the author of the Judy Moody books.