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BRITANNICA SUMMER READING 2026

BOOK LIST



Britannica Education's summer reading list showcases our community's favorite books this year! We asked educators and librarians for titles to recommend to readers, and we got so many responses that we couldn't include them all.

This selection has options for early elementary through high school, some connecting to this year's *dino*-tastic theme, and all just for fun.

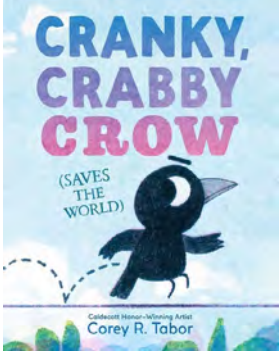
Browse our list, pick your favorites, and extend the learning with bonus links to Britannica School and Britannica Library. Happy reading!



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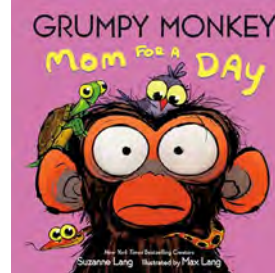
Early Elementary



**Cranky, Crabby Crow
(Saves the World)**
By Corey R. Tabor

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**Grumpy Monkey Mom for
a Day**

By Suzanne Lang
Illustrated by Max Lang

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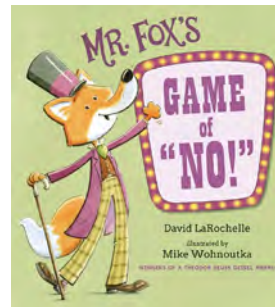
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**Mike Mulligan and His
Steam Shovel**
By Virginia Lee Burton

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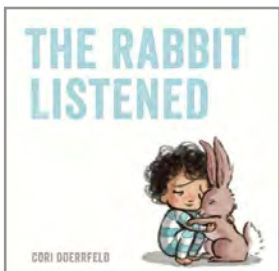


Mr. Fox's Game of "No!"

By David LaRochelle
Illustrated by Mike
Wohnoutka

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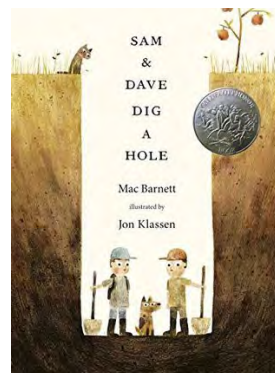
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The Rabbit Listened
By Cori Doerrfeld

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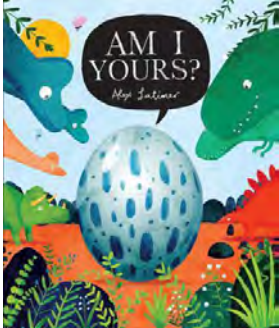
Sam and Dave Dig a Hole
By Mac Barnett
Illustrated by Jon Klassen

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Early Elementary: Dinosaur Books

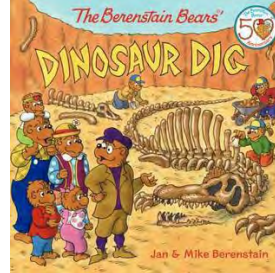


Am I Yours?

By Alex Latimer

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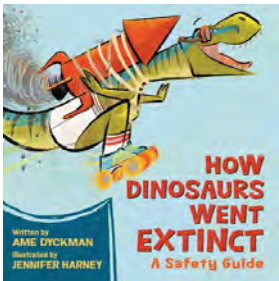


The Berenstain Bears' Dinosaur Dig

By Jan Berenstain
Illustrated by Mike
Berenstain

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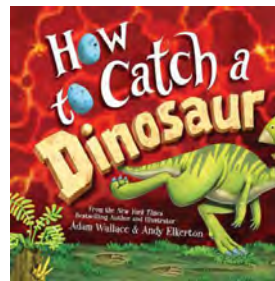


How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide

By Ame Dyckman
Illustrated by Jennifer
Harney

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How to Catch a Dinosaur

By Adam Wallace
Illustrated by Andy Elkerton

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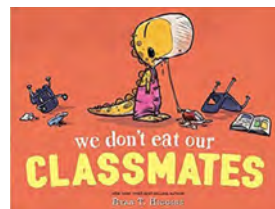


Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug

By Jonathan Stutzman
Illustrated by Jay Fleck

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We Don't Eat Our Classmates

By Ryan T. Higgins

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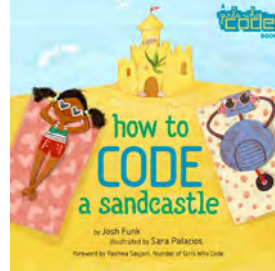
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Frankenslime
By Joy Keller
Illustrated by Ashley Belote

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How to Code a Sandcastle
By Josh Funk
Illustrated by Sara Palacios

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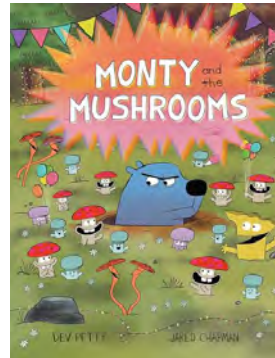
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**If I Wandered with a
Woolly Mammoth**
By Jenna Lee Gleisner

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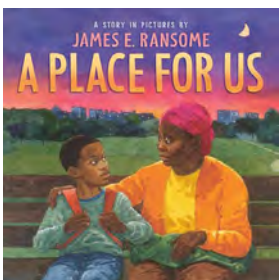
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**Monty and the
Mushrooms**
By Dev Petty
Illustrated by Jared
Chapman

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A Place for Us
By James E. Ransome

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**You're Going to Love This
Book!**

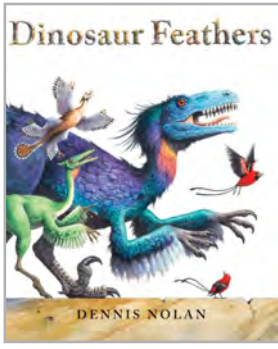
By Jory John
Illustrated by Olivier Tallec

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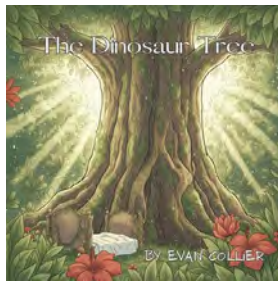
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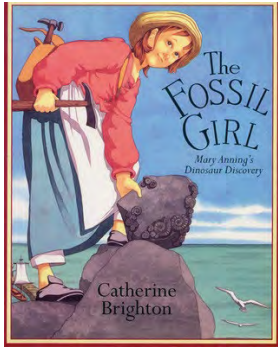
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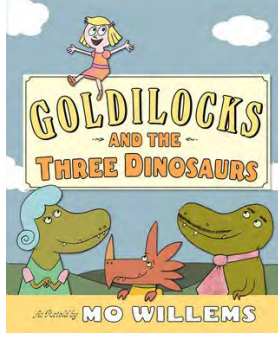
Dinosaur Feathers
By Dennis Nolan
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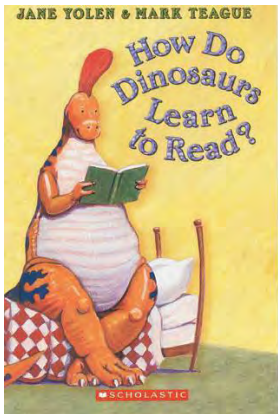
The Dinosaur Tree
By Evan Collier
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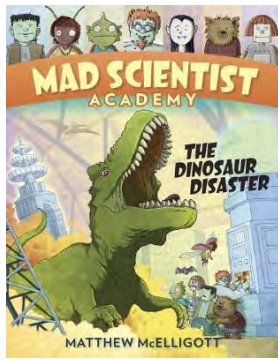
The Fossil Girl: Mary Anning's Dinosaur Discovery
By Catherine Brighton
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Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs
By Mo Willems
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How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read?
By Jane Yolen & Mark Teague
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Mad Scientist Academy: The Dinosaur Disaster
By Matthew McElligott
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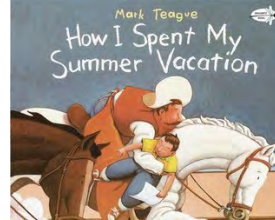
Elementary



Dragon Masters (series) By Tracey West

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation By Mark Teague

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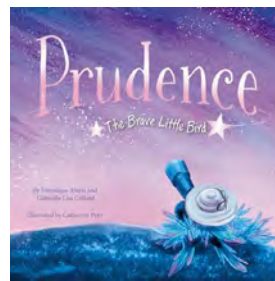
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InvestiGators (series) By John Patrick Green

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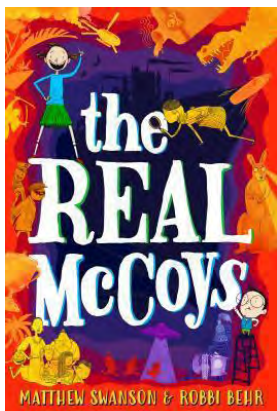


Prudence: The Brave Little Bird By Véronique Alarie & Gabrielle Lisa Collard

Illustrated by Catherine
Petit

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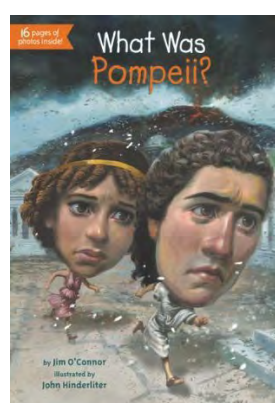
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The Real McCoys By Matthew Swanson & Robbi Behr

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What Was Pompeii? By Jim O'Connor

Illustrated By John
Hinderliter

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Dinos Love Donuts
By Ben Okon
Illustrated by Komal Sharma

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Dinosaur Bites
By Audrey Perrot & Shelby
A. Lees

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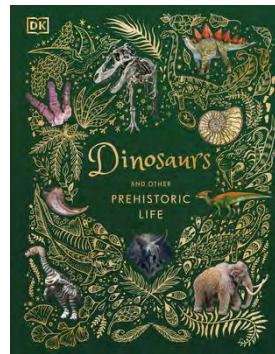
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**Dinosaur Lady: The Daring
Discoveries of Mary Anning**
By Linda Skeers
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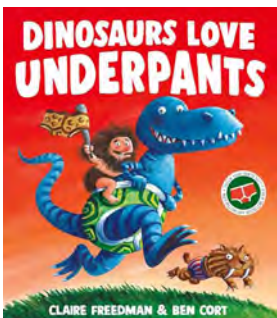
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**Dinosaurs and other
Prehistoric Life**
By Anusuya Chinsamy-
Turan
Illustrated by Angela Rizza
& Daniel Long

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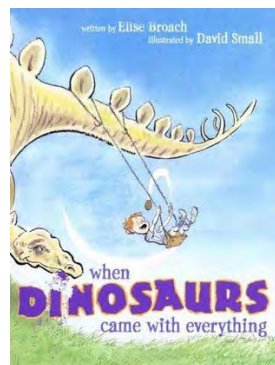
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**Dinosaurs Love
Underpants**
By Claire Freedman
Illustrated by Ben Cort

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**When Dinosaurs Came
with Everything**
By Elise Broach
Illustrated by David Small

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The Academy (series)

By T.Z. Layton

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Black Lives: Great Minds of Science

By Tonya Bolden
Illustrated by David Wilkerson

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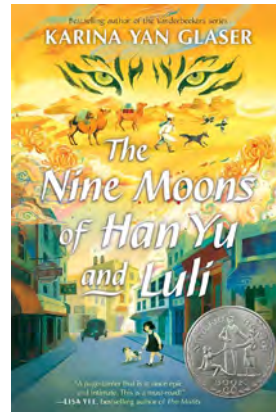


Hello, Universe

By Erin Entrada Kelly
Illustrated by Isabel Roxas

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The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli

By Karina Yan Glaser

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Pocket Bear

By Katherine Applegate
Illustrated by Charles Santoso

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Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster

By Jonathan Auxier

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Middle



Ascendance (series) By Jennifer A. Nielsen

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The New Girl By Cassandra Calin

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Not Nothing By Gayle Forman

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Olivetti By Allie Millington

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Safe Harbor By Padma Venkatraman

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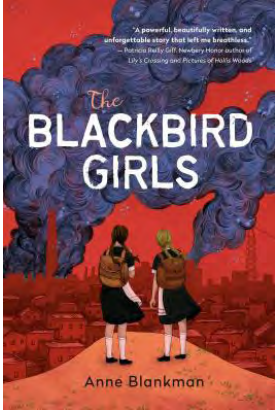
Wings of Fire (series) By Tui T. Sutherland

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The Blackbird Girls By Anne Blankman

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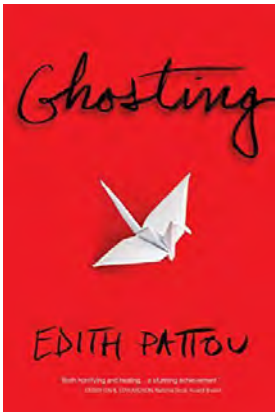
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Blood in the Water By Tiffany D. Jackson

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Ghosting By Edith Pattou

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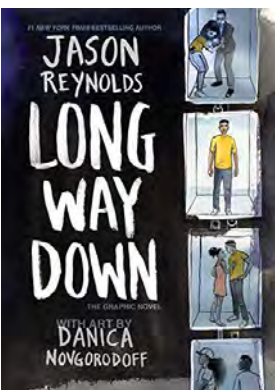
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The Inheritance Games (series) By Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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Long Way Down By Jason Reynolds Illustrated by Danica Novgorodoff

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The Princess Diaries By Meg Cabot

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High



As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow

By Zoulfa Katouh

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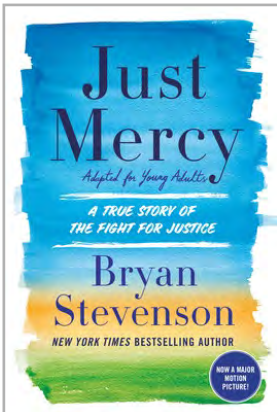


Banned Together: Our Fight for Readers' Rights

By Ashley Hope Pérez (Editor) & Contributors
Illustrated by Debbie Fong

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Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): A Story of Justice and Redemption

By Bryan Stevenson

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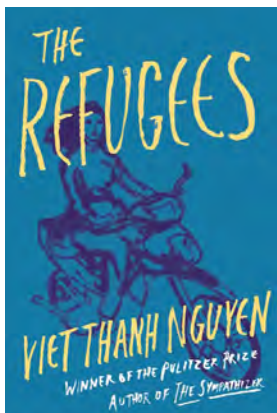


The Last Vampire

By Romina Garber

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The Refugees

By Viet Thanh Nguyen

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Wings of Starlight

By Allison Saft

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