Zoe and her family find strength in each other as they make a new home in the Nebraska territory. Considering the course his life took, one might wonder how Zachary Taylor ever came to be elected the twelfth president of the United States. According to K. Jack Bauer, Taylor “was and remains an enigma.” He was a southerner who espoused many antisouthern causes, an aristocrat with a strong feeling for the common man, an energetic yet cautious and conservative soldier. Not an intellectual, Taylor showed little curiosity about the world around him. In this biography—the most comprehensive since Holman Hamilton’s two-volume work published forty years ago—Bauer offers a fresh appraisal of Taylor’s life and suggests that Taylor may have been neither so simple nor so nonpolitical as many historians have believed. Taylor’s sixteen months as president were marked by disputes over California statehood and the Texas–New Mexico boundary. Taylor vehemently opposed slavery extension and threatened to hang those southern hotheads who favored violence and secession as a means to protect their interests. He died just as he had begun a reorganization of his administration and a recasting of the Whig party. Balanced and judicious, forthright and unreverential, and based on thoroughgoing research, this book will be for many years the standard biography of Zachary Taylor. Few people have the energy, vision, or talent that Evelyn Swensson has. Married at age 20, she passed up an opportunity to attend the Juilliard School of Music to raise a family. But when her children went to college, she followed them. Attending nearby West Chester University, she then earned a MA in music in three years and successfully resumed her career. Over the next three decades, she sang, conducted, and composed. She completed her musical career having written a dozen children's operas, which have been performed thousands of times in the United States and abroad. While her personal accomplishments are extraordinary, the most remarkable feature of this picture-filled memoir are the notes in its concluding segment. These have been sent by the stars (now grown) of her operas. Some achieved stardom on a national stage, while some are building promising
careers. Others have become scientists and professionals, while others still are in college. They all share a love and admiration for their mentor, who instilled her love of music in these remarkable members of a new generation. Provides a look at the lives of Orville and Wilbur Wright, as seen through the eyes of their younger sister, Katharine, who provided support and encouragement while they worked on their many inventions. Tallest, wisest, most studious—Lincoln was simply superlative! Get to know the personal side of Honest Abe (his LEAST FAVORITE nickname) through fresh and funny poems expressing his superlative nature. Abraham Lincoln is famous for many extremes: he was the TALLEST president, who gave the GREATEST SPEECH and had the STRONGEST conviction. But did you know that he was also the MOST DISTRACTED farmer, the BEST wrestler, and the CRAFTIEST storyteller? Nineteen poems share fascinating stories about events in Lincoln's life, while history notes go even deeper into how he excelled. Don't forget to think of all the ways you, too, are superlative! When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow. Two boys on an expedition in southern France decide to protect the prehistoric cave they discover from desecration and public scrutiny. Young Nate Twitchell is surprised when one of the hens on his family farm lays a giant egg. After a painstaking wait, Nate is even more surprised when it hatches and out pops a baby triceratops that he names Uncle Beazley! But when Nate decides to keep the dino and raise it on his own, he has no idea what he's getting himself into. As Uncle Beazley grows, Nate and his family realize they are not equipped to take care of a full-sized dinosaur, and so with the help of their scientist friend, Nate and Uncle Beazley set out for the National Museum in Washington, D.C., on the hunt for the perfect home for a modern-day dinosaur---then the real trouble begins! The Enormous Egg was originally published in 1956 and has been a classic in children's literature ever since. This brand new edition features amazing new illustrations from Eisner-award winning graphic novelist Mark Crilley (creator of Akiko and Miki Falls). There is a marked and most unfortunate dichotomy in the studies of avian eggs and hence in the application of new findings in commerce. Thus over the past twenty years there has been a renewed interest in the contributions of various parts of an egg to embryo development. This is best illustrated by those studies that have explored the diffusion of respiratory gases across the shell and at long last have provided a fundamental definition of a previously nebulous term, porosity. The activity in this general area has led in the past four years to the publication of three major books dealing with many aspects of egg structure, function and embryogenesis. When browsing over these books, two developments are evident. First, the advantages that are to be gained by comparative studies. Thus it is now common to see within a single book articles concerned with the eggs of a range of avian species as well as those of reptiles. Second, it is evident that zoologists and physiologists as well as those employed in large breeding firms are all contributing to an improvement of our knowledge of the egg's role in the breeding biology of birds. Comparative studies are a very uncommon feature of studies concerned with bacterial infection of eggs. When a new family moves into the neighborhood the animals of Rabbit Hill are very curious about how these human inhabitants will act. A Newbery Medal Winner. Reissue. An updated version of the timeless children's classic featuring a business-savvy mouse, a kind alley cat, and a talented country cricket,
featuring a new foreword and revisions by YA author Stacey Lee. Tucker is a streetwise city mouse. He thought he'd seen it all. But he's never met a cricket before, which really isn't surprising, because, along with his friend Harry Cat, Tucker lives in the very heart of New York City—the Times Square subway station. Chester Cricket never intended to leave his Connecticut meadow. He'd be there still if he hadn't followed the entrancing aroma of liverwurst right into someone's picnic basket. Now, like any tourist in the city, he wants to look around. And he could not have found two better guides— and friends— than Tucker and Harry. The trio have many adventures—from taking in the sights and sounds of Broadway to escaping a smoky fire. Chester makes a third friend, too. It is a boy, Mario, who rescues Chester from a dusty corner of the subway station and brings him to live in the safety of his parents' newsstand. He hopes at first to keep Chester as a pet, but Mario soon understands that the cricket is more than that. Because Chester has a hidden talent and no one— not even Chester himself— realizes that the little country cricket may just be able to teach even the toughest New Yorkers a thing or two. The Cricket in Times Square is George Selden at his best, and the new illustrations and interior images by Garth Williams make this edition a special treat. After being sold to an unscrupulous pet store owner, a young mouse lives with several owners and has many adventures, before ending up with an appreciative family. From award-winning author Emily Jenkins and New York Times bestselling illustrator Harry Bliss comes the first book in a sweet, quirky chapter book series about a boy and his invisible friend, Inkling. Perfect for fans of Clementine and Ivy and Bean. This series is a great choice for emerging readers who are ready for chapter books. The thing about Hank's new friend Inkling is, he's invisible. No, not imaginary. Inkling is an invisible bandapat, a creature native to the Peruvian Woods of Mystery. (Or maybe it is the Ukrainian glaciers. Inkling hardly ever gets his stories straight.) Now Inkling has found his way into Hank's apartment on his quest for squash, a bandapat favorite. But Hank has bigger problems than helping Inkling fend off maniac doggies and searching for pumpkins: Bruno Gillicut is a lunch-stealing, dirtbug caveman and he's got to be stopped. And who better to help stand up to a bully than an invisible friend? Ben Franklin was the most famous American in the entire world during colonial times. No wonder! After all, the man could do just about anything. Why, he was an author and an athlete and a patriot and a scientist and an inventor to boot. He even found a way to steal the lightning right out of the sky. Is such a thing possible? Is it. Take a look inside and find Ben busy at work on every spread. Then find out how he used his discovery about lightning to make people's lives safer. In an inventive way, Rosalyn Schanzer brings us a brilliant and ever-curious American original. Presents suggested topics, sample book club sessions, and an annotated book list organized by such subjects as gender equity and sports fiction to help educators launch a book club for children between kindergarten and eighth grade. After the mysterious egg they find hatches into a dragon, Jason, Philip, and Rose join their family and friends in a conspiracy to keep the growing creature a secret from the outside world. Best-selling author Clyde Robert Bulla's classic, finely-crafted Arthurian tale with its sword fights, dark and dangerous dungeon, roguish knaves, action-packed showdowns and tales of dangerous feats, will appeal to emerging readers who are ready for chapter books and reluctant tween readers alike. In the days of King Arthur there stood a mighty oak tree within
the walls of a castle. Peace reigned in the castle until the fearsome night when Lionel, long-
lost brother of Lord Weldon, returned to cause trouble and unhappiness. It was then that
Shan, the son of Lord Weldon, took on the duties of a knight and hid the sword in the hollow
of the giant oak. The days that followed were filled with adventures that tried the courage
of the young boy. Shan was surprised by bearded robbers in the woods. He met noble knights in
plumed helmets, and eventually he even made a trip to high-towered Camelot. His story is
filled with the pageantry and color of England in King Arthur's time. It creates a vivid picture
of the Knights of the Round Table and the wisdom of King Arthur himself. "Right Ho, Jeeves" is the second novel by P. G. Wodehouse, featuring Jeeves - a fictional character in a
series of comedic short stories and novels by an English author P. G. Wodehouse. Jeeves is
the highly competent valet of a wealthy and idle young Londoner Bertie Wooster. Together
they get into unimaginable adventures, which the author describes with brilliant humor and
subtle irony. NC State Textbook Adoption 1996-2000 - Rowan/Salisbury Schools. After
experimenting with some earphones, Jenny discovers that she can hear people's thoughts. On
their second flight to the planet of Basidium, two boys find that they have a would-be scientist
as a stowaway. Sequel to The wonderful flight to the Mushroom Planet. It's finally summer
and Amber Brown is going to London to visit her aunt Pam and then to Paris to visit with her
father. She is one excited kid before she goes. A nd one itchy kid when she arrives. Mosquito
bites, she thinks. Chicken pox, she finds out. Is her vacation completely ruined? A nd now that
she can't go to Paris, how will she be able to convince her dad to move back home? Welcome
to Centerburg! Where you can win a hundred dollars by eating all the doughnuts you want;
where houses are built in a day; and where a boy named Homer Price can foil four slick
bandits using nothing but his wits and pet skunk. The comic genius of Robert M cCloskey and
his wry look at small-town America has kept readers in stitches for generations! Joe Stoshack
lives for baseball. He knows everything there is to know about the game -- except how to play
well. His specialty is striking out. Stosh feels like a real loser, and when he takes a low-paying
job cleaning a bunch of junk out of his neighbor's attic, he feels even worse -- until he comes
across a little piece of cardboard that takes his breath away. His heart is racing. His brain is
racing. He can hardly believe his eyes. Stosh has stumbled upon a T-206 Honus Wagner --
the most valuable baseball card in the world! And he's about to find out that it's worth a lot
more than money.... Five adventures in Bonny's busy four-year-old life with her three sisters
and brothers in the days of copper-toed shoes. J O LAROU CHE HAS lived her 13 years in the
California desert with her A unt Lily, ever since she was dropped on Lily's doorstep with this
note: This is J o. Please take care of her. But beware. This is a dangerous baby. A t Lily's
annual Christmas costume party, a variety of strange events take place that lead Jo and Lily
out of California forever— and into the mysterious, strange, fantastical world of Eldritch City.
There, Jo learns the scandalous truth about who she is, and she and Lily join the Order of
Odd-Fish, a collection of knights who research useless information. Glamorous cockroach
butlers, pointless quests, obsolete weapons, and bizarre festivals fill their days, but two villains
are controlling their fate. Jo is inching closer and closer to the day when her destiny is
fulfilled, and no one in Eldritch City will ever be the same. This powerful account of the
tragic defeat of the Nez Perce Indians in 1877 by the United States Army is narrated by Chief
Joseph's strong and brave daughter. From the author of the beloved classic Where the Red Fern Grows comes a timeless adventure about a boy who discovers a tree full of monkeys. The last thing fourteen-year-old Jay Berry Lee expects to find while trekking through the Ozark Mountains of Oklahoma is a tree full of monkeys. But then Jay learns from his grandpa that the monkeys have escaped from a traveling circus, and there’s a big reward for the person who finds and returns them. His family could really use the money, so Jay sets off, determined to catch them. But by the end of the summer, Jay will have learned a lot more than he bargained for—and not just about monkeys. From the beloved author of Where the Red Fern Grows comes another memorable adventure novel filled with heart, humor, and excitement.

Honors and Praise for Wilson Rawls' Where the Red Fern Grows: A School Library Journal Top 100 Children's Novel An NPR Must-Read for Kids Ages 9 to 14 Winner of 4 State Awards Over 7 million copies in print! “A rewarding book...[with] careful, precise observation, all of it rightly phrased.” —The New York Times Book Review “One of the great classics of children's literature...Any child who doesn’t get to read this beloved and powerfully emotional book has missed out on an important piece of childhood for the last 40-plus years.” —Common Sense Media “An exciting tale of love and adventure you’ll never forget.” —School Library Journal When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, Pa pulls twelve-year-old May, who suffers from dyslexia, from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier. Open a window each day of Advent onto the natural world. With the help of Screwie, a foul-mouthed ball, Yankee Irving must find Babe Ruth's missing bat Darlin' before the last out of the inning or the New York Yankees will lose the World Series. What happened to the class hamster? Find out in this Edgar Award–winning mystery story with some “delightfully comic twists” (Kirkus Reviews). When Junior brings home the classroom hamster, Scooty, he decides to build the best hamster tunnel ever. But when Scooty goes missing, all evidence points to Mud. Meanwhile, Mad Mary is missing, too—although her bag and walking stick were found near the highway. When Mary later wakes up in the hospital, she realizes that the Blossoms might just have provided her with the strength she needs to pull her life back together. It’s anything but an ordinary weekend with the Blossoms! Perfect for young dog lovers, this Edgar Award–winning Blossom Family title is a mysterious and touching finale to the bestselling series by Newbery Medal-winning author Betsy Byars. Danny uses a computer that Professor Bulfinch has created for NASA to prepare his homework, despite Professor Bulfinch's warning that Danny is to leave the machine alone. With his friend Joe Pearson and his new neighbor, Irene Miller, Danny has some success with the machine before it is sabotaged. Can Danny figure out what is wrong with the computer and fix it? And will their teacher learn what's really going on with homework? A pair of fierce but beautiful eyes look out from the undergrowth of conifers. She is an intelligent killer...So begins one of the most extraordinary novels you will ever read. The time is 120 million years ago, the place is the plains of prehistoric Utah, and the eyes belong to an unforgettable heroine. Her name is Raptor Red, and she is a female Raptor dinosaur. Painting a rich and colorful picture of a lush prehistoric world, leading paleontologist Robert T. Bakker tells his story from within Raptor Red's extraordinary mind, dramatizing his revolutionary theories in this exciting tale. From a tragic loss to the fierce
struggle for survival to a daring migration to the Pacific Ocean to escape a deadly new predator, Raptor Red combines fact and fiction to capture for the first time the thoughts, emotions, and behaviors of the most magnificent, enigmatic creatures ever to walk the face of the earth. It's THE book on manga from YouTube's most popular art instruction Guru! There's more to manga than big, shiny eyes and funky hair. In these action-packed pages, graphic novelist Mark Crilley shows you step-by-step how to achieve an authentic manga style—from drawing faces and figures to laying out awesome, high-drama spreads. You'll learn how a few basic lines will help you place facial features in their proper locations and simple tricks for getting body proportions right. Plus, you'll find inspiration for infusing your work with expression, attitude and action. This is the book fans have been requesting for years, packed with expert tips on everything from hairstyles and clothing to word bubbles and sound effects, delivered in the same friendly, easy-to-follow style that has made Mark Crilley one of the "25 Most Subscribed to Gurus on YouTube." Take this opportunity to turn the characters and stories in your head into professional-quality art on the page! Packed with everything you need to make your first (or your best-ever) manga stories! • 30 step-by-step demonstrations showing how to draw faces and figures for a variety of ages and body types • Inspirational galleries featuring 101 eyes, 50 ways to draw hands, 40 hairstyles, 12 common expressions, 30 classic poses and more! • Tutorials to create a variety of realistic settings • Advanced lessons on backgrounds, inking, sequencing and layout options Planet Jurassica is under siege. The sinister space pirates have raided the Imperial palace and stolen the famous Jewels of Jurassica. This looks like a job for . . . Captain Raptor! . . . hero of a thousand space missions; champion of truth, justice, and dinosaurs in space throughout the galaxy. If anyone can track down those marauding space pirates, it's Captain Raptor and the fearless crew of the Megatooth! With Father in Washington and Cuffy, their housekeeper, away visiting a sick cousin, almost anything might happen to the Melendy kids left behind at the Four-Story Mistake. In the Melendy family, adventures are inevitable: Mr. Titus and the catfish; the villainy of the DeLacey brothers; Rush's composition of Opus 3; Mona's first rhubarb pie and all the canning; Randy's arrowhead; the auction and fair for the Red Cross. But best of all is the friendship with Mark Herron, which begins with a scrap-collection mission and comes to a grand climax on Oliver's birthday. Here is Elizabeth Enright's classic story of a long and glorious summer in the country with the resourceful, endearing Melendy bunch. Then There Were Five is the third installment of Enright's Melendy Quartet, an engaging and warm series about the close-knit Melendy family and their surprising adventures.