



Big Bites

Prehistoric Creatures & Dinosaurs

FICTION

Butterworth, Oliver. *The Enormous Egg*. Twelve-year-old Nate Twitchell's hen lays an egg the size of a melon and the creature that hatches makes world news.

Crichton, Michael. *Jurassic Park*. Dinosaur theme park goes haywire. A techno-thriller with teeth!

Gordon, Roderick, and Brian Williams. *Tunnels*. Will's dad has disappeared into a subterranean society that time forgot. Tapping into his passion for archaeology, Will has to free him from the creepy Colony.

Paver, Michelle. *Wolf Brother*. Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

Smith, Roland. *Cryptid Hunters*. Twins, Grace and Marty, along with a mysterious uncle, are dropped into the middle of the Congolese jungle in search of their missing photojournalist parents.

NONFICTION

Sloan, Christopher. *Feathered Dinosaurs*. Looks at the evidence of dinosaurs with skeletal structures and feathers so similar to birds and why that is convincing many scientists that birds evolved from dinosaurs.

Zallinger, Peter. *Dinosaurs and Other Archosaurs*. Surveys the dinosaurs and other smaller prehistoric reptiles and describes many individual species.

Animal Bites

Animals & Insects

FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Fever 1793*. Sixteen year-old Mattie Cook flees her Philadelphia home during the yellow fever outbreak of 1793.

George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*. Forced to marry at thirteen, Julie/Miyax, runs away from her Eskimo village and is adopted by a wolf pack.

Hunter, Erin. *Into the Wild*. Rusty, a bored house kitten, is apprenticed by the ThunderClan and must struggle to fit in when the group of wild cats is threatened by the enemy ShadowClan.

Mikaelsen, Ben. *Touching Spirit Bear*. After being banished to a remote Alaskan island, a violent youth struggles to survive a bear attack.

Smith, Roland. *Jaguar*. While accompanying his father on an expedition up the Amazon River to a jaguar preserve in Brazil, 14 year old Jacob must contend with dangerous animals and fortune hunters.

Zindel, Paul. *Rats*. Vicious rats from a Staten Island landfill threaten to overtake New York City.

NONFICTION

Capuzzo, Michael. *Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916*. In 1916, mass hysteria grips the Jersey coast when a shark terrorizes the shoreline.

Halfmann, Janet. *The Bug Book*. Describes the habitat, life cycle, behavior, predators, and unique characteristics of several common insects.

Edwards, Allen. ***The Ultimate Encyclopedia of the Cat***. Expert advice on cat breeds and how to care for your cat is clearly illustrated with step-by-step photographs.

Fuller, T.K. ***Wolves of the World***. This book covers everything from the wolf's physical characteristics, habits and habitats, communication, enemies, its relationship with humans, and its future.

Books with Byte

Technology

FICTION

Asimov, Isaac. ***I, Robot***. Stories of robots gone mad, mind-reading robots, robots with a sense of humor, robot politicians, and robots that secretly run the world.

Gutman, Dan. ***Homework Machine***. Four fifth-grade students--a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker--as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

Paulsen, Gary. ***The Time Hackers***. When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on twelve-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time trying to stop the gamesters who are endangering the universe.

Van Velde, Vivian. ***Heir Apparent***. While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, fourteen-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

Vega, Denise. ***Click Here (To Find Out How I Survived Seventh Grade)***. All of Erin's most personal thoughts are revealed when her secret blog lands on the school Web site.

NONFICTION

Coleman, Janet Wyman. ***Secrets, lies, gizmos, and spies: a history of spies and espionage***. This heavily illustrated book details the secret history of spies and espionage through the ages.

Gore, Albert. ***An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming***. This book explains global warming in very real terms: what it is, what causes it, and what will happen if we continue to ignore it.

Reynolds, David West. ***Apollo: The Epic Journey to the Moon***. An illustrated retrospective of the Apollo missions, which peaked in 1969 with the historic moon landing.

Reynolds, David West. ***Star Wars: The Complete Visual Dictionary***. The ultimate guide to characters and creatures from the entire Star Wars saga.

White, Casey. ***Sergey Brin and Larry Page : The Founders of Google***. A career biography of Sergey Brin and Larry Page, the two developers of the Internet search engine Google, a company whose revenue increased by more than 400,000 percent in its first five years.

Biting Humor

FICTION

Danzinger, Paula. ***The Cat Ate My Gymsuit***. Marcy defends a controversial teacher and incurs the wrath of her school and her father.

Ogilvy, Ian. ***Measle and the Dragodon***. Twelve-year-old Measle Stubbs sets out to rescue his mother from the wrathmonk wizards who have kidnapped her, battling an ancient dragon, as well as carousel horses and various stuffed animals that have magically come to life, in an amusement park.

Rees, Douglas. **Vampire High.** Fifteen-year-old Cody Elliot is the new guy in school and one of the only non-vampires to be seen. Follow Cody's hilarious journey adjusting to life and classes at Vlad Dracul.

Rex, Adam. **The True Meaning of Smekday.** When her mother is abducted by aliens on Christmas Eve (or "Smekday" Eve since the Boov invasion), 11 year-old Tip hops in the family car and heads south to find her and meets an alien Boov mechanic who agrees to help her and save the planet from disaster.

Rockwell, Thomas. **How to Eat Fried Worms.** Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

NONFICTION

Prelutsky, Jack. **A Pizza the Size of the Sun.** This is a wondrously rich, varied, clever - and always funny – collection of poems.

Rissinger, Matt. **Totally Terrific Jokes.** This is a collection of laugh-producing, giggle-inducing jokes and knock-knocks about everything from doctors to school, monsters, and pets.

Spinnelli, Jerry. **Knots in my Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid.** This Italian-American author presents a humorous account of his childhood and youth in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Take a Bite

Food & Cooking

FICTION

Creech, Sharon. **Granny Torrelli Makes Soup.** With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.** Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Horvath, Polly. **Everything on a Waffle.** Primrose simply knows her parents did not perish at sea during a terrible storm. But, as she is shuffled from household to household, she always finds sanctuary at a restaurant where everything—including lasagna—is served on a waffle.

Manes, Stephen. **Chocolate-Covered Ants.** Max and his little brother Adam make a bet about eating chocolate-covered ants.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Beetles, Lightly Toasted.** Andy's entering the fifth-grade essay contest stirs his imagination to creative heights as he competes with his know-it-all cousin by making recipes with some unusual food sources and testing them on unaware friends and family.

NONFICTION

Better Homes and Gardens New Cook Book. Includes more than 1200 tried-and-true recipes, including hundreds of how-to photos to make cooking easier.

Cook, Deanna. **The Kids' Multicultural Cookbook : Food & Fun Around the World.** A selection of 75 recipes and local customs collected from around the world.

Fields, Debbie. **Mrs. Fields Best Cookie Book Ever.** Delicious cookie and dessert recipes.

Menzel, Peter. **What the World Eats.** A photographic collection exploring what the world eats featuring portraits of thirty families from twenty-four countries surrounded by a week's worth of food.

Schlosser, Eric. **Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food.** A behind-the-scenes look at the fast food industry.

Bite the Bullet

High Adventure

FICTION

Cooney, Caroline B. ***The Terrorist***. Billy accepts a package from a stranger in a London subway and becomes the victim of a bomb. His sister becomes obsessed with capturing the unknown terrorist.

Hobbs, Will. ***Downriver***. Fifteen-year-old Jesse and other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, steal his van and rafts, and run the dangerous whitewaters of the Grand Canyon.

Horowitz, Anthony. ***Stormbreaker***. After his uncle's death, Alex is coerced into continuing his uncle's work for the British Intelligence Agency, MI6. Equipped with spy toys, Alex is sent undercover to investigate the makers of a revolutionary computer called Stormbreaker.

Lawrence, Iain. ***The Wreckers***. John Spencer is on his father's boat when wreckers lure the ship onto their rocky shore with a false beacon. Mary helps him stay alive, find his father, and stop the wreckers.

Oppel, Kenneth. ***Airborn***. When the Aurora, an airship that takes passengers and cargo around the world, is forced to land on an uncharted island, Matt and Kate must battle pirates and strange winged creatures to return their damaged ship to its voyage.

NONFICTION

Karwoski, Gail Langer. ***Tsunami The True Story on an April Fools' Day Disaster***. April Fools' Day, 1946: a sunny Hawaiian school day that started out as any other - until the ocean began to pull back, exposing the seafloor. Suddenly, someone looked up: now a wall of water was racing toward them. This was no April Fools' joke - it was a deadly tsunami.

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. ***Ice Story: Shackleton's Lost Expedition***. During the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition, the ship Endurance was crushed in a frozen sea, and the men made the perilous journey across the ice facing freezing temperatures and starvation in order to reach inhabited land.

Nelson, Peter. ***Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis***. A Japanese submarine sank the USS Indianapolis in the last days of World War II. More than fifty years later, a teen works with the survivors of the disaster to clear the name of the Indianapolis's captain, who was wrongly court martialed for the tragedy.

Pfetzner, Mark, and Jack Galvin. ***Within Reach: My Everest Story***. What is it like to be the youngest high-altitude climber ever? Before the age of 18, Pfetzner has undergone two expeditions to Everest, and was the youngest person ever to reach 26,000 feet.

Philbrick, Nathaniel. ***Revenge of the Whale***. Recounts the 1820 sinking of the whaleship "Essex" by an enraged sperm whale and how the crew of young men survived against impossible odds.

Get Bitten

Monsters & Vampires

FICTION

Crilley, Mark. ***Billy Klikk: Creatch Battler***. Twelve-year-old Billy discovers that his parents' extermination business is really a cover for something a whole lot more sinister.

Howe, James and Deborah. ***Bunnacula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery***. Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.

Lorey, Dean. ***Nightmare Academy***. Rescued from a very sheltered life, thirteen-year-old Charlie learns that the monsters of his nightmares are real when he becomes a student at Nightmare Academy and begins training to harness his powers to fight terrible creatures and return them to the Netherworld.

Meyer, Stephenie. ***Twilight***. When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Riordan, Rick. ***The Lightning Thief***. After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

NONFICTION

Allen, Judy. ***Fantasy Encyclopedia: A Guide to Fabulous Beasts and Magical Beings- From Elves and Dragons to Vampires and Wizards***. This book is a spectacular one-stop guide to the creatures and people of folklore and fantasy.

Delrio, Martin. ***The Loch Ness Monster***. Examines the origins of Loch Ness stories, eyewitness reports and photographic evidence, recent scientific investigations, and possible explanations.

Gee, Joshua. ***Encyclopedia Horrifica: The Terrifying Truth! About Vampires, Ghosts, Monsters, and More***. Vampires, ghosts, monsters, and more—this book invites you to join the quest for the terrifying truth about all things ghoulish and ghastly.