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As TOON Books marks its fifth anniversary in 2013, we're thrilled to look back over the books and years that have established us as the undisputed leader of easy-to-read comics. To mark our anniversary year, we're publishing two long-awaited follow-ups to a pair of our most successful titles. First, comics masters Frank Cammuso and Jay Lynch return to TOON with *Otto's Backwards Day,* in which our favorite feline navigates a world filled with palindromes. Next, Geoffrey Hayes, who won the Theodor Seuss Geisel award in 2010 for his TOON Book *Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!,* is bringing back his beloved Patrick Brown character in *Patrick Eats His Peas and Other Stories.*

In this banner year, we're also proud to present internationally renowned artist Liniers's first English-language children's book, *The Big Wet Balloon,* which is being published simultaneously with Spanish-language version *El globo grande y mojado*. Featuring Liniers's gorgeous watercolor drawings alongside his insightful observations of childhood, this book could have been a classic twenty years ago and is sure to be one twenty years from today.

With this season, we're renewing our commitment to fostering a lifelong love of reading in even the most reluctant of readers. To that end, we're dramatically expanding our paperback offerings. In addition, we continue to offer custom educators' guides vetted by elementary educators for free on our website. So here's to five more years of excellence—from established authors, emerging talent, and, of course, the tireless parents and educators who have made TOON Books into the force it is today. Together, we'll continue bringing great books to our kids.

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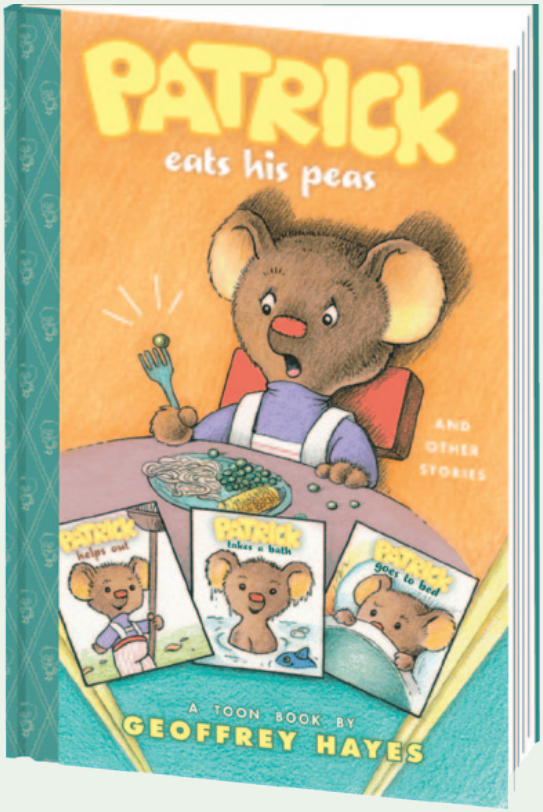


Patrick Bear is the perfect playmate. Equal parts adorable and bratty, this endearing hero transforms daily routines into fun adventures. As he keeps his parents on their toes from breakfast to bedtime, Patrick also keeps early readers coming back for more. In this second Patrick TOON Book, four classic stories beloved by parents and librarians are given new life by the uncontested master of children's comics.

Geoffrey Hayes has written and illustrated more than forty children's books, including the extremely popular series of early readers *Otto and Uncle Tooth,* the classic *Bear by Himself,* and *When the Wind Blew* by Margaret Wise Brown. His Benny and Penny titles for TOON Books are bestsellers and have garnered multiple awards. In 2010, *Benny and Penny in The Big No-No!* received the prestigious Theodor Seuss Geisel Award, given to the "most distinguished book for beginning readers published during the preceding year."

MARKETING **Lesson plan and Common Core guides available | Coloring pages and other kids' activity sheets available | Select author appearances**

LEVEL 2 READER

Patrick Eats His Peas and Other Stories

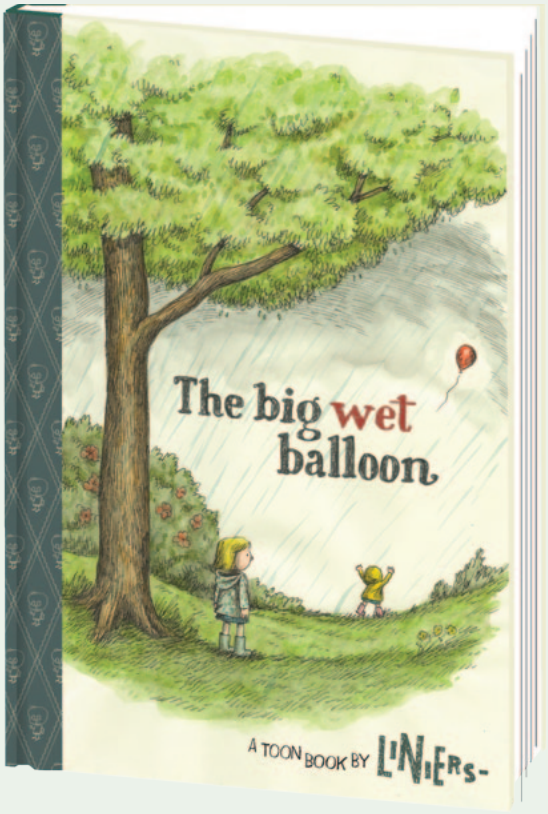
written and illustrated by Geoffrey Hayes

Early reader
6 x 9 32 pages
Ages 4–8
Preschool–Grade 3
Colored pencil
August LC: 2013931436

ISBN: 978-1-9351-7934-4
$12.95 ($15.00 CAN)

LEXILE LEVEL: GN 160
GUIDED READING LEVEL: K

- Patrick in a Teddy Bear's Picnic, Geoffrey Hayes's other Patrick TOON Book, is an Eisner Award nominee and one of Booklist's Top 10 Graphic Novels for Youth
- Hayes' Benny and Penny books earned him the 2010 Geisel and honors from Bank Street and Kirkus Reviews



LEVEL 2 READER

The Big Wet Balloon

written and illustrated by Ricardo Liniers

Early reader

6 x 9 32 pages

Ages 4–8

Preschool–Grade 3

Ink, watercolor, and drops of rain

September LC: 2012047662

ISBN: 978-1-9351-7932-0

$12.95 ($15.00 CAN)

El globo grande y mojado

SPANISH HC: 978-1-9351-7940-5

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SPANISH PB: 978-1-9351-7939-9

$4.99 ($6.00 CAN)

LEXILE LEVEL: GN 190

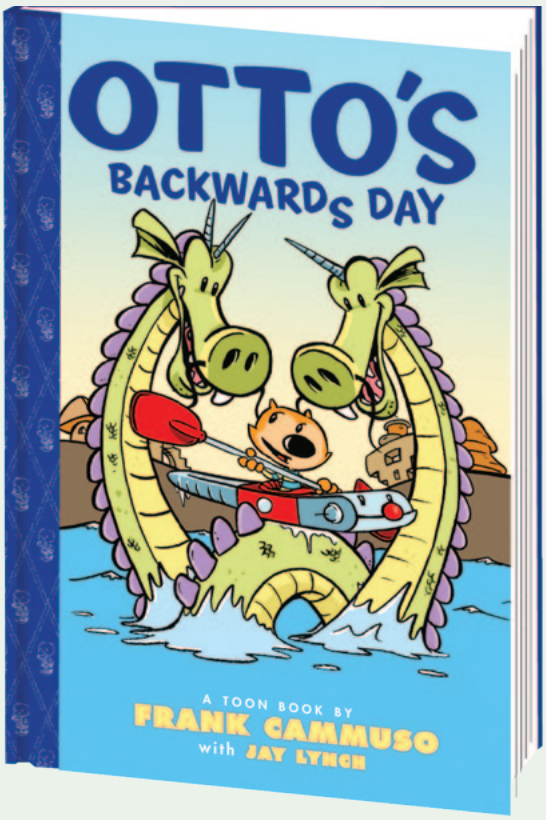
GUIDED READING LEVEL: J

When her little sister, Clemmie, refuses to go out in the rain, Matilda sets out to teach her all the delights of a wet Saturday. But after her enthusiasm leads her to make a big mistake, it's Matilda who will end up learning an unforgettable lesson. The world-renowned cartoonist Liniers gives us a funny and sweet portrait of his daughters that is sure to become every beginning reader's favorite story.

Ricardo Liniers lives in Buenos Aires with his wife and two daughters, who inspired this story. For more than ten years, he has published a hugely popular daily strip, *Macanudo,* in the Argentine newspaper *La Nación*. He also tours the world drawing onstage with musician Kevin Johansen. His work has been published in nine countries from Brazil to the Czech Republic, but this is his first book in the United States. Like his daughters, Liniers likes rainy days even more than sunny ones.

MARKETING **Lesson plan and Common Core guides available | Select author appearances**

- Also available in Spanish-language edition
- First English-language children's book from wildly successful Argentine cartoonist
- Spanish-language edition is a Junior Library Guild Selection.



LEVEL 3 READER

Someone stole Otto's birthday! When Otto and his robot sidekick, Toot, follow the crook, they discover a topsy-turvy world where rats chase cats and people wear underpants over their clothes. To get his presents back, Otto needs to solve a slew of backwards puzzles—but his greatest challenge comes at the journey's very end. On this special day, will Otto discover something even better than cake or gifts?

Frank Cammuso lives in Syracuse, New York, where he writes and draws the graphic novel series Knights of the Lunch Table, a middle-school version of the King Arthur tales. He is also the writer and illustrator of the forthcoming series The Misadventures of Salem Hyde. His writing has appeared in *The New Yorker,* the *New York Times, The Village Voice,* and on Slate.

Jay Lynch lives in upstate New York. He is the founder of *Bijou Funnies,* one of the first and most important underground comics of the sixties, and for many years wrote the weekly syndicated comic strip *Phoebe & the Pigeon People*. He has helped create some of Topps's most popular humor products, such as Wacky Packages and Garbage Pail Kids.

Otto's Backwards Day

by Frank Cammuso and Jay Lynch

Early reader
6 x 9 32 pages
Ages 4–8
Preschool–Grade 3
Ink and digital color
August LC: 2012047661

ISBN: 978-1-9351-7933-7
$12.95 ($15.00 CAN)

LEXILE LEVEL: GN 180
GUIDED READING LEVEL: M

MARKETING **Lesson plan and Common Core guides available | Select author appearances**

- a Junior Library Guild Selection
- "A high-quality comic that is both loads of fun and easy to read..." –BOOKLIST (STARRED REVIEW)
- Highly-anticipated follow-up to TOON Book Otto's Orange Day, which Booklist named one of its Top 10 Graphic Novels for Youth

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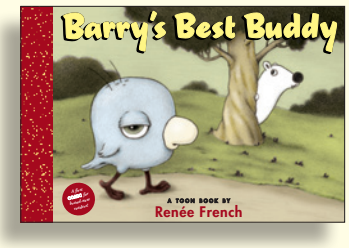
BARRY'S BEST BUDDY

by Renée French



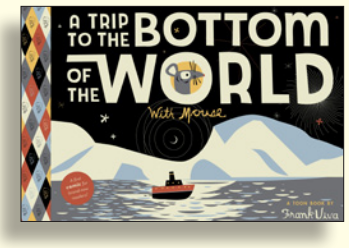
What's waiting for Barry at the end of the walk? The ridiculous hat his friend Polarhog forces on him? No, that's only a distraction from the *real* surprise! Kids will crack up over this funny friendship and be all the more moved by the book's genuinely poignant ending. This book is a treat for beginning readers to read aloud with a grown-up or all on their own!

ISBN: 978-1-9351-79-21-4

"BLEND OF ART AND TEXT"
-THE BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

A TRIP TO THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD WITH MOUSE

by Frank Viva



There's so much to see at the bottom of the world! Join a young explorer and his best friend, Mouse, on a sea journey to Antarctica, where they make new friends with penguins and a whale – and have all kinds of fun. As kids TOON into Reading, they will want to circle back to this magical world again and again.

ISBN: 978-1-9351-7919-1

STARRED REVIEW IN *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*

CHICK & CHICKIE PLAY ALL DAY!

by Claude Ponti

Chick and Chickie love to play in their very own way, whether scaring each other silly or tickling the letter A. The fast-paced and zany narrative by Claude Ponti, one of the world's most beloved children's book authors, will instantly delight early readers, tease them with witty asides, and just as surely turn reading into play.

ISBN: 978-1-935179-14-6

"INGENIOUS AND HILARIOUS." *--PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE*

JACK AND THE BOX

by art spiegelman

Jack just got a new toy full of surprises. Each time the box pops open, there's a new and bigger surprise. Is it a silly toy, a scary toy...or something else entirely? With a limited vocabulary and unlimited imagination, art spiegelman applies his out-of-the-box thinking to a book that has all the fun of a Jack-in-the-box.

ISBN: 978-0-9799238-3-8

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY'S
BEST CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS OF 2008

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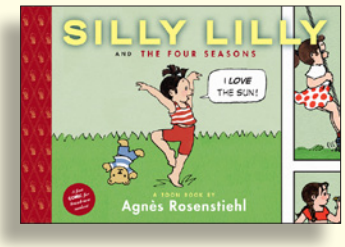
SILLY LILLY AND THE FOUR SEASONS

by Agnès Rosenstiehl



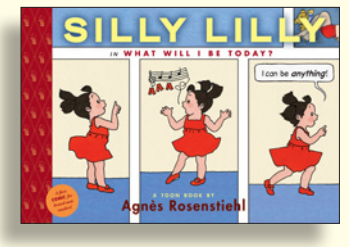
Lilly is a spunky little girl who delights in the unexpected pleasures of each season. In this charming and subtle book by one of France's premier children's book authors, Lilly captures a child's sense of wonder in five whimsical episodes that cycle through the calendar from Spring back to Spring again.

ISBN: 978-0-9799238-1-4

STARRED REVIEW IN *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY*

SILLY LILLY in WHAT WILL I BE TODAY?

by Agnès Rosenstiehl



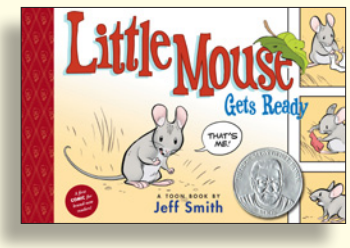
No job is too tough for Silly Lilly: first she's a cook, then an acrobat, then a city planner...Agnès Rosenstiehl's spunky heroine, one of France's most beloved children's book characters, takes on a new role every day of the week. Lilly's unstoppable antics are bound to spark young readers' imaginations.

ISBN: 978-0-935179-08-5

"BRIEF, SIMPLE, INCREDIBLY SWEET." *--THE WASHINGTON POST*

LITTLE MOUSE GETS READY

by Jeff Smith



There's lots to do before Little Mouse is ready to go visit the barn. Will he master all the intricacies of getting dressed, from snaps and buttons to Velcro and tail holes? Eisner Award-winning cartoonist Jeff Smith and his determined Little Mouse reveal all the smallest pleasures of this daily task.

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MAYA MAKES A MESS

by Rutu Modan

In the midst of a family dinner with her scolding parents, Maya receives an unexpected invitation to dine with the Queen. Suddenly, her messy manners are put to the ultimate test and she begins to improvise her very own set of rules with uproarious results.

Filled with humor and exquisitely imagined detail, this book by Eisner Award-winner Rutu Modan is bound to turn every child into a voracious reader.

ISBN:
978-1-935179-17-7

"FRANK AND CONFIDENT... ANOTHER WINNER FROM TOON."

--BOOKLIST

STINKY

by Eleanor Davis

Stinky is a monster who loves pickles and possums but is terrified of people. When a new kid enters his swamp, this adorable little monster comes up with all sorts of crazy plans to scare him away. But Stinky quickly learns to conquer his fear, as he realizes that bats, rats, and toads aren't the only friends you can find in the swamp.

This hilarious and heart-warming story by ferociously talented newcomer Eleanor Davis proves that even monsters can make new friends…warts and all!

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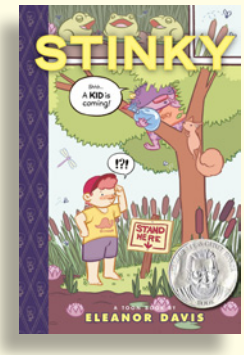
BOOKLIST'S NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2009



LUKE ON THE LOOSE

by Harry Bliss

Luke looks on at the pigeons in Central Park, while Dad is lost in "boring Daddy talk," and before you know it—LUKE IS ON THE LOOSE! He's free as a bird, on a hilarious solo flight through New York City.

Harry Bliss, the renowned illustrator of many bestselling children's books, finally goes on a solo flight on his own with a soaring story that will delight any young reader who has ever felt cooped up.

ISBN:
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STARRED REVIEW IN *SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL*

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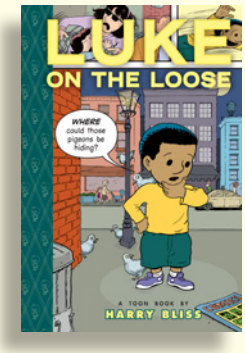

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NINA
in THAT MAKES ME MAD!

by Hilary Knight

What makes Nina mad? Lots of things—lots of little, everyday things, frustrations that all children will recognize. But Nina knows how to speak her mind and that makes her feel much better. In a series of humorous vignettes, Hilary Knight, the artist who brought the enormously successful Eloise to life, applies his magic to a text by veteran children's book writer Steven Kroll, and brings to life a spunky character who will show young readers how to articulate their feelings.

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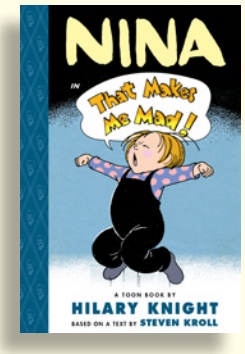
"A GRAPHIC NOVEL THAT KIDS WILL COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND."

--SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL



BENJAMIN BEAR
in FUZZY THINKING

by Philippe Coudray

Benjamin Bear does everything in his own funny way, whether it's drying dishes on a rabbit's back or sharing his sweater without taking it off.

In this series of gags starring a very loopy bear, Philippe Coudray creates a zany world that makes kids think and solve puzzles, drawing all readers into the game.

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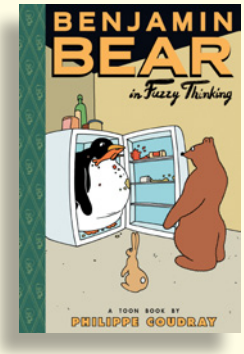

BENJAMIN BEAR
in BRIGHT IDEAS!

by Philippe Coudray

Benjamin Bear walks on water, rides a square bicycle, and wears a fishbowl helmet under the sea. Told in the form of one-page comic strips, each of Benjamin's adventures is a hilarious gag, a puzzle, a mini physics lesson, or sometimes all three. Of the first Benjamin book, Horn Book wrote, "Original, deep-down funny...steeped in the rare quality of imaginative kindness." Kirkus called it, "A visually formatted joke book to inspire thinking as well as laughs."

ISBN:
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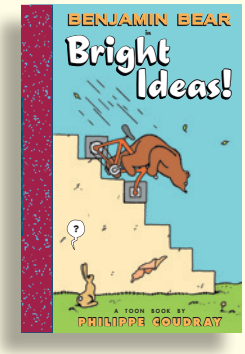

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BENNY AND PENNY in LIGHTS OUT!

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It's nearly time for lights out but Benny and Penny just can't settle down. The moon has gone missing, there's a flashlight to play with, Benny can't sleep without his favorite pirate hat—and he left it inside the spooky backyard playhouse!

Geoffrey Hayes' loveable mice are about to find out just how many adventures can be packed in before bedtime.

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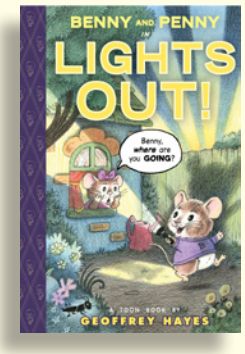

BENNY AND PENNY in THE TOY BREAKER

by Geoffrey Hayes

Benny and Penny hide every toy and tell Cousin Bo he can't play with them. Will the three mice find a way to play without something getting torn, ripped, or snatched away?

Bestselling author Geoffrey Hayes thrills us with this hilarious tale of tiny cousins who discover a game that can't ever be ruined.

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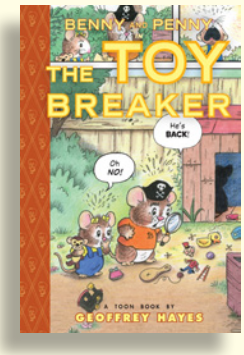

BENNY AND PENNY in THE BIG NO-NO!

by Geoffrey Hayes

Benny and his sister Penny know it's wrong to sneak into someone else's backyard but their mysterious new neighbor—or is it a monster?—may be a thief. They go snooping and discover a lot about themselves and…a new friend. Bestselling children's artist Geoffrey Hayes enchants early readers with his charming and subtle storytelling. In this lively caper, the artist's small-scale mice take on large-scale issues with enormous comics mastery.

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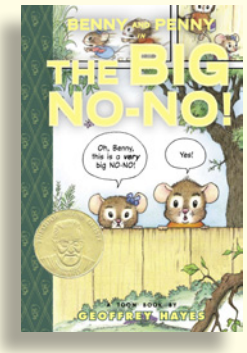

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BENNY AND PENNY in JUST PRETEND

by Geoffrey Hayes

How can Benny pretend to be a brave pirate when his pesky little sister, Penny, wants to tag along and is always asking for a hug? He tries to lose her, but when he does, he starts to feel a little lost himself. Penny proves her bravery and saves Benny from a bug. They hug as Benny explains he was only pretending she bugged him.

ISBN:
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BOOKLIST TOP 10 GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR YOUTH

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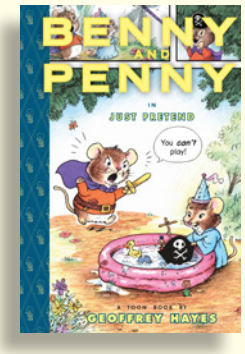

PATRICK in A TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC AND OTHER STORIES

by Geoffrey Hayes

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award-winner Geoffrey Hayes delights young readers with these easy-to-read short stories about Patrick Brown, in a collection perfect for emerging readers.

Patrick is a puddle-jumping teddy whose biggest challenge is avoiding nap time...until Big Bear shows up!

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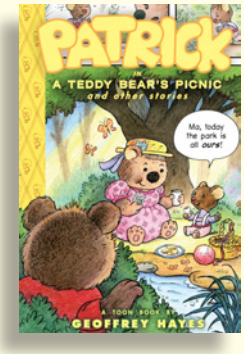

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THE SHARK KING

by R. Kikuo Johnson

From the islands of Hawaii comes the electrifying tale of Nanaue, who has to balance his yearning for Dad's guidance with his desire for Mom's nurture.

Award-winning cartoonist R. Kikuo Johnson transports young readers to the lush, tropical shores of his native Hawaii. Emerging readers, fluent or not, will be thrilled when they experience the transformative powers of this stirring literary work.

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STARRED REVIEW IN *THE HORN BOOK MAGAZINE*

ZIG AND WIKKI in THE COW

by Nadja Spiegelman & Trade Loeffler

When alien pals Zig and Wikki lose their spaceship on Earth, their friendship is definitely in trouble.

In order to get home, they must travel through a farm and into a cow, picking up fun facts about ecology (and picking fights) along the way. Nadja Spiegelman and Trade Loeffler's funny, science-based early-reader is packed with fast-paced adventure and facts about poop: what more could a young reader want?

ISBN:
978-1-935179-15-3

"STRIKES AN EFFECTIVE BALANCE BETWEEN HIJINKS AND EDUCATION."

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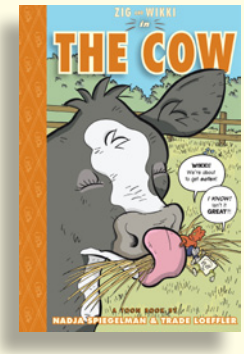

ZIG AND WIKKI in SOMETHING ATE MY HOMEWORK

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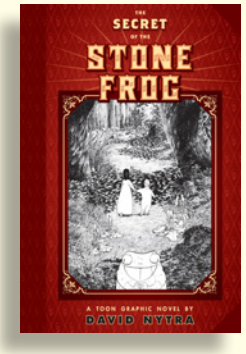

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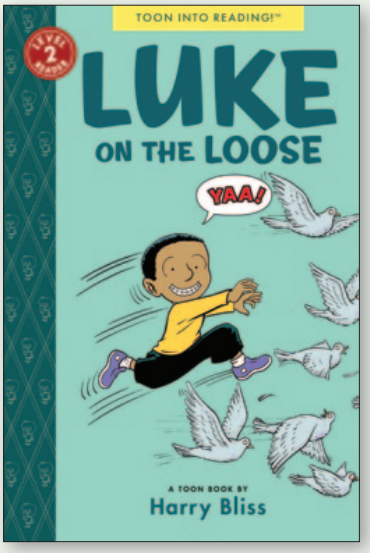

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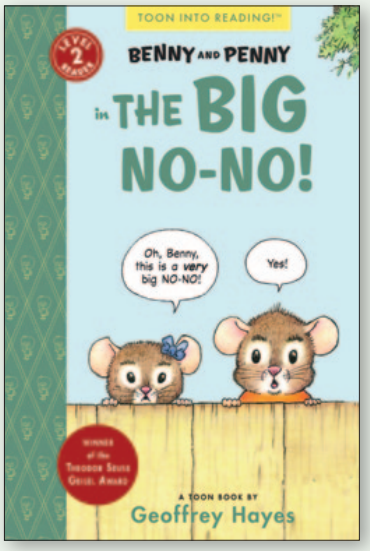
LEXILE LEVEL: GN 30
GUIDED READING LEVEL: H

Benny and his sister Penny know it's wrong to sneak into someone else's backyard, but their mysterious new neighbor—or is it a monster?—may be a thief. They go snooping and discover a lot about themselves and find a new friend. Best-selling children's book artist Geoffrey Hayes enchants early readers with his charming and subtle storytelling. In this lively caper, the artist's small-scale mice take on a large-scale issue with enormous comic mastery.



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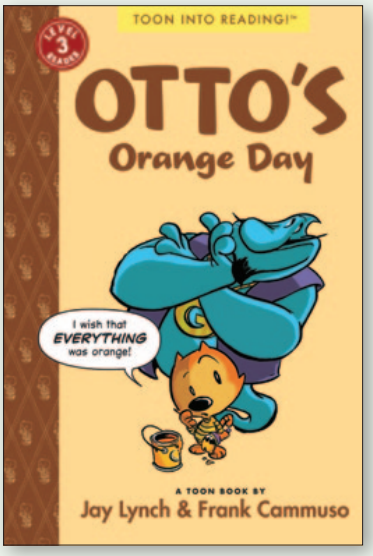

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Otto's Orange Day

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Mo and Jo Fighting Together Forever

by Jay Lynch and Dean Haspiel

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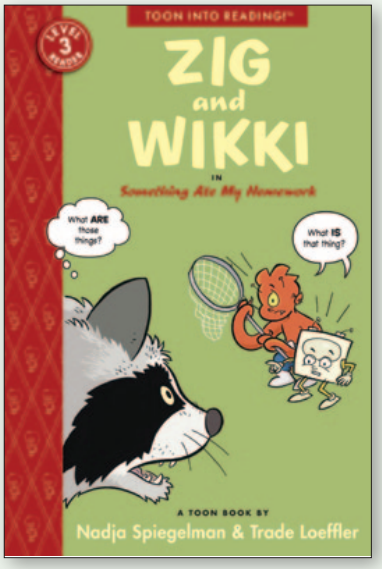

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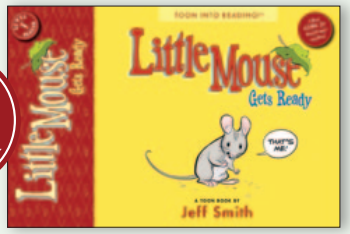

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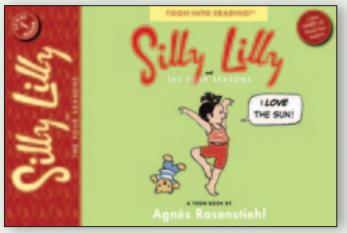

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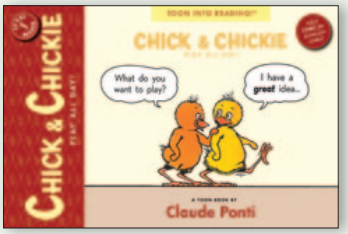

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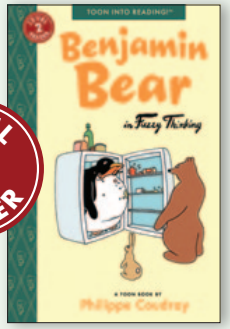

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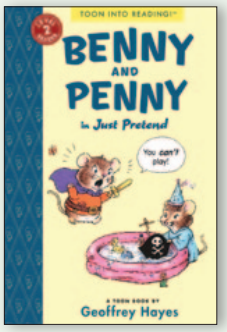

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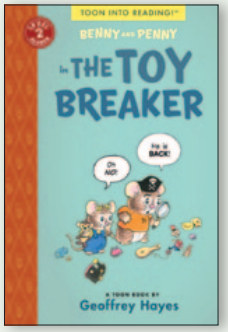

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