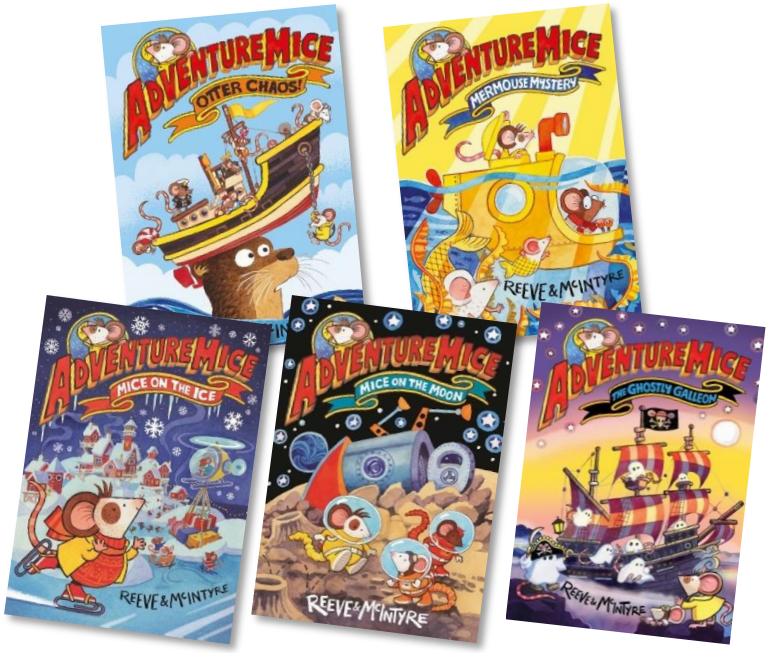


Adventuremice:
Otter Chaos
Mermouse Mystery
Mice on the Ice
Mice on the Moon
The Ghostly Galleon
by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

***Booklist*, STARRED**
Otter Chaos!
"[O]tterly delightful … … charmingly illustrated with simple, full- color spot art and occasional double-page scenes filled with energy and drama. …. Early chapter-book readers ready for slightly longer text will find this kindhearted tale wonderfully rewarding."

Jamie Bills
"PERFECT for new readers and readers drawn to early graphic novels. The colored illustrations on each page make the book more engaging and consumable."

Little Cub Literacy
"[A] series that celebrates the joy of discovery and the magic of childhood, all while teaching valuable life lessons in the most enchanting way."

Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's and Young Adult Literature
Otter Chaos!
Mermouse Mystery
"Bright color illustrations and crisply-written text combine to make this a fun entry in the 'AdventureMice' series."

Storymamas
"[A] great read aloud or early chapter book series for second grade-ish aged readers. With adorable colorful illustrations on almost every page, and witty & interesting characters, young readers will fall in love with this series."

Lil Reader That Could
"Featuring the most stunning full-color illustrations and engaging adventures that weave in the values of courage, cooperation, problem-solving, and a gentle eco-conscious message, this series makes the perfect foray into chapter books."

Youth Services Book Review
"Both stories are rousing adventures that include cooperation, teamwork and fun machines. Language includes lots of description and dialogue, with some challenging vocabulary but lots of context clues to figure it out. Brightly colored and detailed illustrations abound and the books are printed on sturdy paper, unlike some series paperbacks."

The Storytellers
Otter Chaos!
"[C]ourage, humor, kindness, and cooperation in the fast-based action world of Adventuremice. Kids will love the Daring Dormouse ship, Fledermaus' plane, Juniper's submarine, Millie's helicopter, the marvelous illustrations of the Mousebase, Mouse Islands, and the drawing guide."

Booklist
Mice on the Moon
"Young readers will truly be over the moon for this installment in the Adventuremice chapter-book series, which bundles silliness with imagination and rip-roaring escapades. The color illustrations capitalize on the story's humor and add whimsical details to an already fun-filled read that kids will adore."

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Early Chapter Books to Entice Young Readers"
"[A] new series that is rich in color and adventure."

Booklist "Top 10 Early Reading: 2024" By Julia Smith.
Otter Chaos!
"Young mouse Pedro goes in search of adventure in this new, charmingly illustrated chapter-book series that harnesses the spirit of the Rescue Rangers."

Jamie Bills
Mice on the Ice
Mice on the Moon
"I gave a little cheer when I noticed new Adventure Mice books in the latest Kane Miller catalogue! … … just the right mixture of humor, friendship, problem-solving, and exploration."

Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's and Young Adult Literature
"The illustrations are bright and cartoon-like and large enough for sharing. A good additional purchase."

Nanny Miss Monique
"Get ready for a literary joyride …"

Nanny Miss Monique
"[C]ute and vibrant illustrations help make this book stand out along with the unique movement and snowy scenes. This book is sure to become a favorite for your ever-learning, ever-growing toddler."

School Library Journal
The Ghostly Galleon
"With humorous dialogue and page-turning pacing, the writing is perfect for readers venturing into chapter books. The illustrations, done in ink and watercolor, add to the humor of the story with clever actions and expressions, and moderate the spookiness to just the right level for the intended audience. VERDICT A wonderful addition to any early chapter book collection."

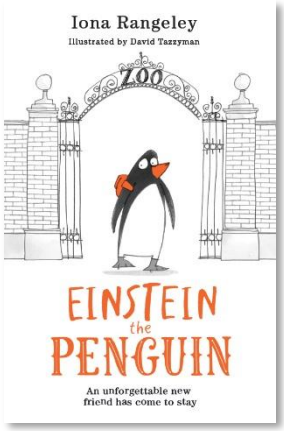
Kirkus Reviews
The Ghostly Galleon
"A speedy pace, well-differentiated characters, frequent illustrations that complement the text, and an unexpected, satisfying ending that speaks to the power of community will keep interest high and pages turning. Another first-rate yarn starring an intrepid rodent crew."

Agent Harrier:
This Book Will Self-Destruct
You Only Spy Twice
by Ben Sanders

School Library Journal
"[A] promising new series that crosses the stunning graphic design of film noir with slapstick comedy and mystery. … The intricate details, including footnotes and puns, will have readers picking it up to read again. Highly recommended for all graphic collections, especially those who are looking for a new series."

Mom Read It "This Book Will Self-Destruct! Can you help save the day?"
"[L]oaded with puns and breaks the fourth wall, making sure that readers can share in the fun. … Readers will laugh out loud at the back-and-forth between characters, and the stark red and black illustration work makes everything pop against the stark white pages. Harrier is a fun character and his mission is easy enough to follow for newly confident readers moving on from picture books and easy readers."

Kirkus Reviews (May 4, 2026)
You Only Spy Twice
"Another tail-wagger featuring much graphic and typographic foolery."



Einstein the Penguin
by Iona Rangeley, illustrated by David Tazzyman

Kirkus Reviews
"Rangeley's wry, confiding tone and third-person narration are gently funny, offering a sense both of happy family life and safe adventure. Tazzyman's loose-lined, goggle-eyed cartoon drawings emphasize the humor. … Exceptionally likable and nicely set up for further escapades."

Always in the Middle
"Young readers are often searching for higher level books with a bit of mystery. Einstein the Penguin is the perfect choice full of amusing scenes, friendship, and family."

Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's and Young Adult Literature
"The publisher promises we'll see more of Einstein and children will be delighted to hear it."

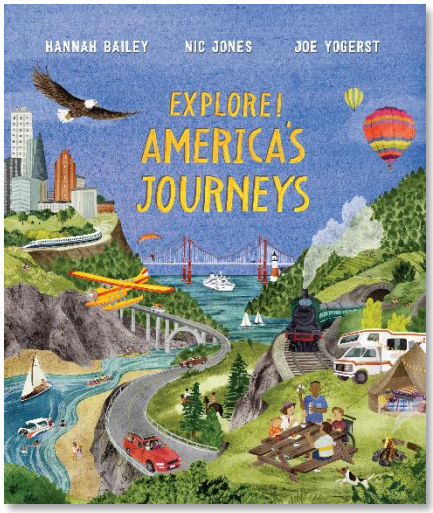
Youth Services Book Review

"This well-paced, sweet story with short chapters and charmingly humorous pencil illustrations would make a great read aloud for the whole family. … With likable characters, funny penguin hijinks, a satisfying conclusion with a tease for more adventures, fans of *Paddington* and *Mr. Popper's Penguins* will love this endearing tale."

Omnilibros
"The lively, humorous text makes the book ideal for reading aloud. Quirky pen and ink drawings highlight this funny story, which supports the values of family cooperation and concern for others."

Always a Storybook
"It is one of those rare, heart-hugging series that feels like a warm cup of cocoa on a chilly day. … the series glows with warmth, kindness, and whimsy. … a truly beautiful, timeless read for children and parents alike."

Unleashing Readers
"The cover and title of this book sucked me in right away and then finding out that it also has mystery and a great side cast of characters made it even better! ... The book reminds me a bit of Paddington, and I think that kids who like that kind of humor and pacing will love this book."



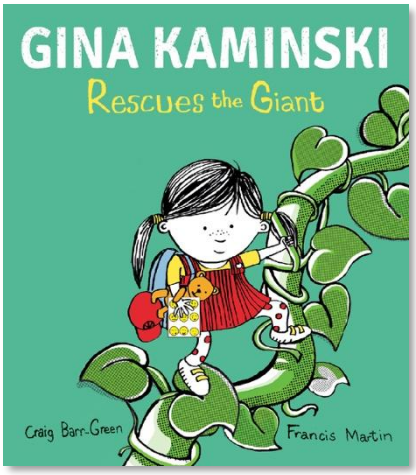
Explore! America's Journeys
by Joe Yogerst, illustrated by Nic Jones

Shelf Awareness for Readers
"Travel journalist Joe Yogerst shows young readers that the United States is a land ripe for exploration through a diverting and informative combination of facts, maps, definitions, and pictures … Bailey and Jones's art helps keep Yogerst's travel guide dynamic as the reader pursues their visual journey from region to region. … delightful and educational travel book."

Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's and Young Adult Literature
"[T]his extensive book will generate curiosity and delight with its colorful pages loaded with information."

Axton Gard
"Perfect for kids who love asking where, why, and what's next."

Meridian Magazine, "Newton's Book News: Our Great America Books"
"This engaging book offers a wonderful way to explore our expansive country without leaving home."



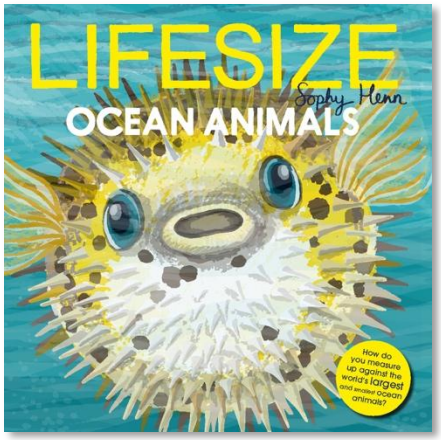
Gina Kaminski Rescues the Giant
by Craig Barr-Green, illustrated by Francis Martin

School Library Journal (May 29, 2026)
"Readers watch a girl rewrite a classic story for the better. They also see someone work through their emotions when they don't have the words to fully describe what they're feeling … The characters are shown with white skin, and their hair texture and facial features are drawn with black lines. This may seem limiting, but pops of color, exaggerated proportions, and diverse facial features make each illustration a joy to look at and provide an overall fun reading experience."

Picture Book Recommendations
"Highlights: giant-sized chaos; clever problem solving; fearless main character; laugh-out-loud adventure."

Instant Monsters!
The Impossible Jelly Beans
Beware of Bewilderbeasts!
by Michael Buxton

A Blue Box Full of Books
"With a perfect mix of humor, adventure and friendship, this series is sure to delight young readers who love silly creatures, big adventures and stories that spark creativity."

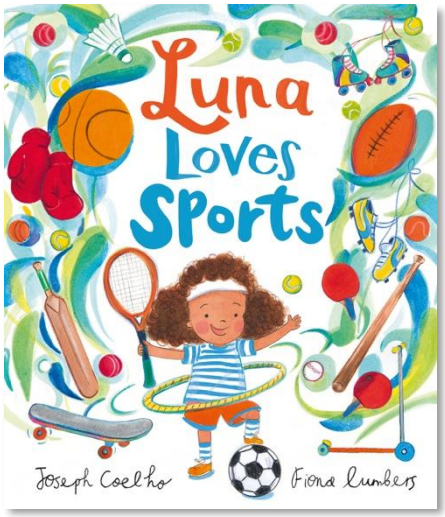


Lifesize Ocean Animals
by Sophy Henn

School Library Journal (May 1, 2026)
"Between the text and the illustration, this serves as an artful and informative intro to the more mysterious ocean wildlife and would be a great addition to a school or home library."

Little Cub Literacy
"Sophy masterfully makes nonfiction feel playful and genuinely surprising. ... If you want a nonfiction book that sparks curiosity and feels fun to explore, any from this series are a great choice."

Those Book Kids
"This beautiful book is so fun and perfect for all ages!"



Luna Loves Sports
by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Fiona Lumbers

School Library Journal (May 29, 2026)
"An energetic picture book that shows childhood is a journey, not a race. Progress takes time, and joy is never perfect."

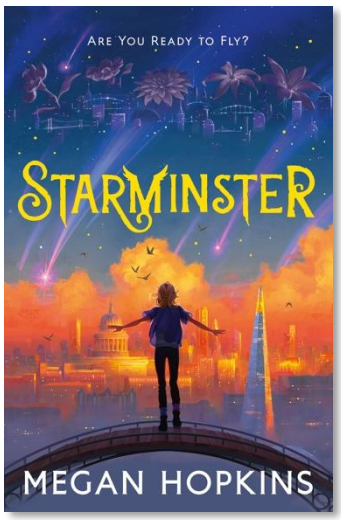
Picture Book Recommendations
"A warm and uplifting read for kids who may need a little confidence boost before stepping onto the field, court, or track."

Pop Out Colors
Pop Out Animals
By Fiona Powers

Storymamas
"These fun pop out books are perfect for young readers! They are creative and grab the readers interest as they open each page!"

A Smell-It-Too Book:
Cat Goes to the Bakery
Sheep Goes to the Farmers Market

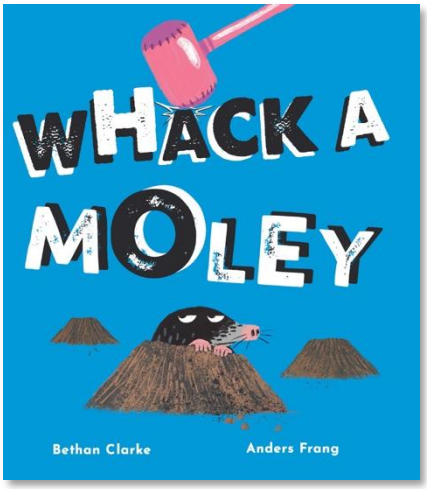
Storymamas
"We love these new board books that all have to do with food!"



Starminster
by Megan Hopkins

Kirkus Reviews (April 20, 2026)
"A creative, attention-grabbing fantasy exploring themes of classism and love and desperation."

Booklist (June 3, 2026)
"A stellar story packed with magic and mystery."



Whack a Moley
by Bethan Clarke, illustrated by Anders Frang

Kirkus Reviews (April 20, 2026)
"Frang's art is once again in its full loveliness, depicting the goings-on in an airy woodland setting featuring interesting plant life and, apparently, an off-page prop closet."

Picture Book Recommendations
"Highlights: fast-paced silliness; playful humor kids will love; unexpected antics; chaotic read-aloud fun."