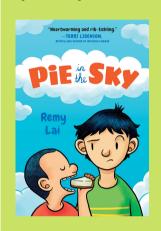
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The latest material hitting the library shelves

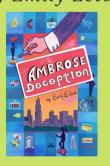
Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai



When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn't speak English, and he's often stuck looking after his (extremely irritating) little brother, Yanghao. To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making all the cakes on the menu of Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The only problem is his mother has laid down one major rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she's at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they'll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake making a secret from Mama. In her hilarious, moving debut, Lai delivers a scrumptious combination of vibrant graphic art and pitch-perfect writing.

The Ambrose Deception

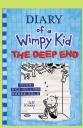
by Emily Ecton



Melissa is a nobody. Wilf is a slacker. Bondi is a show-off. At least that's what their middle school teachers think. To everyone's surprise, they are the three students chosen to compete for a ten thousand-dollar scholarship, solving clues that lead them to various locations around Chicago. At first the three contestants work independently, but it doesn't take long before each begins to wonder whether the competition is a sham. It's only by secretly joining forces and using their unique talents that the trio is able to uncover the truth behind the Ambrose Deception — a truth that involves a lot more than just a scholarship.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End

by Jeff Kinney



In The Deep End, book 15 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney, Greg Heffley and his family hit the road for a cross-country camping trip, ready for the adventure of a lifetime. But things take an unexpected turn, and they find themselves stranded at an RV park that's not exactly a summertime paradise. When the skies open up and the water starts to rise, the Heffleys wonder if they can save their vacation—or if they're already in too deep.

You Nest Here with Me

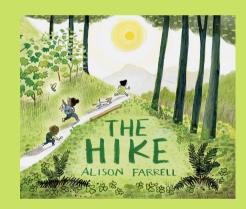
by Jane Yolen



As a mother describes how different species of birds nest, secure and cozy with their mama birds, she tucks her own child into bed with the soothing refrain -- "you nest here with me" -- easing her little one and readers alike to slumber. Accompanied by beautiful artwork by award-winning illustrator Melissa Sweet, mother and daughter Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple have combined their poetry writing and love of birding in this board book that is sure to become a bedtime classic.

The Hike

by Alison Farrell



The Hike is a plucky and sweet adventure story about three intrepid young female explorers who set out to conquer the outdoors in their local forest. This spirited picture book is filled with lyrical language that captures the majesty of the natural world, coupled with a fun narrative.

- · Features a glossary and scientific backmatter
- Includes a sketchbook by one of the characters that highlights discoveries the girls make along the trail
- Abundant labels throughout for learning about various plants and animals

The Hike celebrates how fun and rewarding it is to explore nature in your own backyard! This book is a must-have for budding scientists, best friends, and all adventurers in preschool and kindergarten.

Hello, Whaleby Sam Boughton



Say hello to all your favorite ocean animals in this bright and friendly nonfiction novelty title.

Little ones will love greeting a group of friendly undersea animals in this delightful lift-the-flap book. Sam Boughton's vibrant illustrations bring facts to life with deft humor and memorable comparisons. With big flaps to lift and a fantastic double gatefold on the final spread, this book is sure to please young marine explorers!