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Our Time To Be Reading

The OTTER Award is designed for ALL students in grades K-5.

We recognize that elementary children transition into chapter books at different ages and, as such, do not limit our reading or voting to a specific age or grade level.

This Washington State Award is given yearly to a transitional chapter book starting in 2017. The award is sponsored by Washington Library Association's School Library Division and is voted upon by students in Washington State.

Below are 2020-2021 OTTER nominees. There are 6 books. All books are chapter books and they tend to be humorous and adventurous.

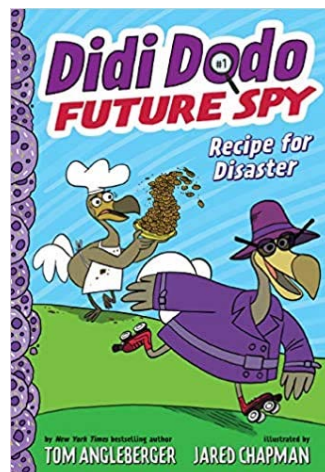


Didi Dodo, Future Spy: Recipe for Disaster (Didi Dodo, Future Spy #1) by Tom Angleberger, illustrated by Jared Chapman (Amulet Books)

- Chapter Book with pictures
- Series
- Grade 1 – 4
- Copyright: 2019
- Angleberger has written Origami Yoda series and Inspector Flytrap series.
- An Amazon Best Book of the Year

Synopsis: A chapter-book series spin-off from Inspector Flytrap by bestselling author Tom Angleberger.

In this series opener, Koko Dodo the cookie chef has a big problem. Today is the day of the royal cookie contest, and someone has stolen his top-secret fudge sauce! Luckily, a spy enters the scene just in time (or rather, crashes in on her roller skates): Didi Dodo! This might be Didi's first case ever, but she has a daring plan to help Koko. Koko would prefer a safe, simple, sure-to-work plan, but without another option, he and the amateur sleuth take off on a wacky caper full of high-speed chases and big belly laughs. Each book in the series will focus on a food-related mystery.



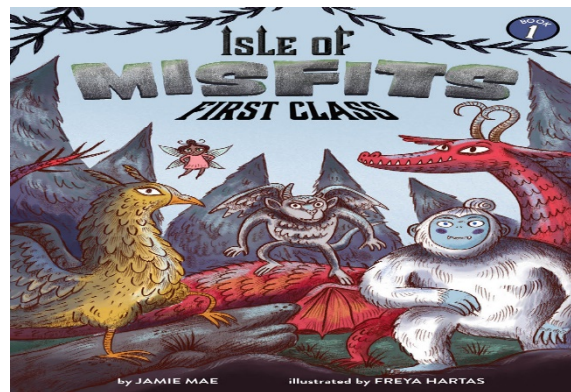
Isle of Misfits 1: First Class by Jamie Mae, illustrated by Freya Hartas (Simon & Schuster)

- Chapter book with pictures
- Series
- Grade K – 3
- Copyright: 2019

Synopsis: In the first book of the Isle of Misfits series, a gargoyle that can't sit still at his post is invited to live on an island full of other restless magical creatures!

Gibbon is a gargoyle who has been unable to sit still for hundreds of years. One day, he leaves his post from the castle he was meant to be guarding, and a person sees Gibbon, he panics and runs away. As Gibbon is sadly walking back, he meets three gargoyles who bring him to an island filled with other legendary creatures. There, he goes to a special academy that will train him to go on missions to protect all sorts of mythical creatures who are in trouble.

Excited to go and happy that he won't be lonely anymore, Gibbon is also nervous to go some place where he doesn't know anyone. Will he be able to make friends in this new place? Find out in this new and exciting creature-filled series, complete with a hilarious cast of characters such as a clumsy dragon, an ill-tempered fairy, a griffin with poor flying skills, and a yeti with a manbun!



Mia Mayhem is a Superhero! by Kara West, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez (Simon & Schuster)

- Chapter book with pictures
- Series
- Grade K – 4
- Copyright: 2018

Synopsis: Meet Mia Macaroonery, an ordinary eight-year-old who finds out she has an extraordinary *super*-secret in this first chapter book in the brand-new Mia Mayhem series!

Mia is a regular eight-year-old girl who finds out that she's A SUPERHERO! Her life literally goes from totally ordinary to totally *super* when she's invited to attend the afterschool Program for In-Training Superheroes a.k.a. THE PITS! And the crazy thing is, in a weird meant-to-be sort of way, all of this news somehow feels *super* right. Because all her life, Mia thought she was just super klutz...but it turns out, she's just SUPER! So now, it's up to Mia to balance her regular everyday life and maintain her secret identity as she learns how to be the world's newest superhero!



***Sparks* by Ian Boothby Illustrated by Nina Matsumoto (Graphix by Scholastic)**

- Graphic Novel/Book 1 of 2
- Grades 2 through 5
- Copyright: 2018

Synopsis: Sparks is a hero and man's best friend, but nobody suspects he's two cats!

This Super Dog is the Cat's Meow!

August is a brilliant inventor who is afraid of the outside. Charlie is a crack pilot who isn't afraid of anything. Together these pals save lives every day. They also happen to be cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!



Stealing the Sword! (Time Jumpers, book #1) by Wendy Mass, illustrated by Oriol Vidal (Scholastic Branches)

- Branches is Scholastics early chapter books for early, independent readers. Examples of Branches: *Dragon Masters*, *Diary of a Pug*, *Notebook of Doom*
- Chapter book with pictures
- Series
- Grade 1 - 3
- Copyright: 2018
- Wendy Mass has written the Willow Fall series and Candymakers.

Synopsis: Chase and Ava find an old suitcase filled with strange objects. One of the objects looks like a dragon-headed doorknob... Suddenly Chase and Ava find themselves jumping back in time to King Arthur's castle! They meet the king's wizard Merlin and soon discover what the dragon-headed doorknob *really* is. It turns out they have an important job to do: They must save the king! But a bad guy is after them... How will Chase and Ava get back home? They will need to act fast to find out!



Truman the Dog (My Furry Foster Family, book #1) by
Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Melanie Demmer
(Capstone Publishers)

- Chapter book – not many pictures
- Series
- Glossary at end of book
- Grade Level: K - 2
- Copyright 2019

"T" is for Truman, tricks, and TROUBLE! Truman the black lab might be an older rescue dog, but he's still got enough mischief beneath his collar to keep eight-year-old Kaita Takano and her animal-fostering family on their toes from morning till night. Chewed through and through, the playfully illustrated, Kaita-narrated chapter book promises plenty of canine fun.

