

# BOOK NOOK

## Book Reviews by Ms. Jaenichen's 4th Grade

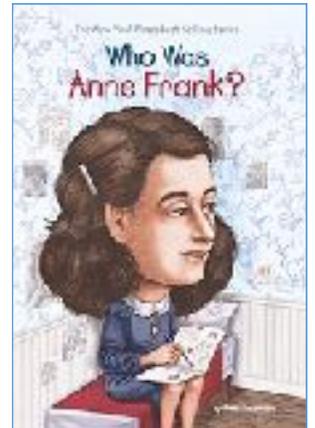
### Who Was Anne Frank?

Name: Angelina Anderson  
Book Title: Who Was Anne Frank?  
Author: Ana Abramson  
Publisher: Penguin Group  
Copyright Date: 2007

Do you appreciate your freedom? In Europe, it wasn't always that way. *Who Was Anne Frank?* Tells you a lot of facts about how it was.

Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt, Germany. She was just a normal girl who loved to read books and write in her diary. She dreamed about being a writer, until her entire world turned upside down. The Jewish people were being hunted and imprisoned just for their religion. Anne and her family, as Jews, were suddenly forced into hiding. Anne's positive attitude is inspiring because of the circumstances she found herself in. She didn't even have time to say goodbye to her pet cat! It was scary and Anne never got to go outside. She had to be as silent as possible living in the attic, so she and her family would survive. Do they survive? Read the book to find out.

I loved this book because it's very inspiring to see Anne keep such a positive attitude and making the most of her situation. I would recommend this book to people 9 years and up. I loved this book and I hope you will too.

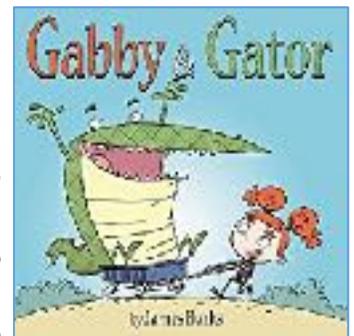


### Gabby and Gator

Name: Jaidyn Freyn-Angel  
Book Title: Gabby and Gator  
Author: James Burk  
Publisher: Yen Press  
Copyright Date: 2005

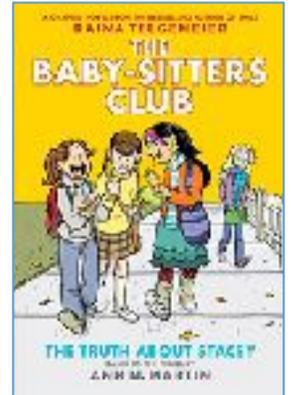
Have you ever wondered if a scary animal could actually be nice? Some gators go through dramatic times like us. Sure it might seem insane, but it's true. If you like fiction books, *Gabby & Gator* is the book for you.

The main characters in this book are Gabby, Floyd Fiddleman, and Gator. The setting is in the park, pool, and in the sewers. In the story, Gabby has a goal list. Each day Gabby writes what she wants to do. She isn't sure about the last item on her list. Gabby wants to meet someone who wants to be her friend. Gabby gets bullied by a football player who is a jerk. Then one-day Gator sticks up for her. Gator wants to stop being a monster and eating dogs. Since Gator saved Gabby, maybe Gabby will save Gator. You have to read the book to find out.



I recommend this book to fiction-lovers and kids of all ages. This book is very good and shows you that anyone can be nice if they try. I hope you like this book as much as I do.

Name: Alexandra Florida  
Book Title: The Truth About Stacey  
Author: Reina Telgemeier  
Publisher: Scholastic  
Copyright Date: 2005



Do you like graphic novels with a lot going on? Well, in the book *The Truth about Stacey* you will find those things and much more. This book is mostly about Stacey, just moved from New York City to a little town called Stoney Brook. Stacey found her way as a member of the BSC (the Baby Sitters Club). Unfortunately, she also found some enemies too. The girls; Liz, Michelle, Jaydell, and Leslie are all members of the Baby Sitters Agency.

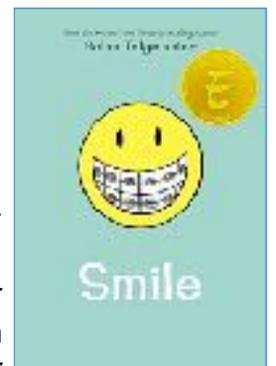
Later in the story, Stacey and her friends all risked being tattletales to prove that the Baby Sitters Agency did some terrible things such as leaving burn marks on the furniture, not watching the children, and even letting the kids play in the road! The parents believed Stacey and her friends. They never called The Baby Sitters Agency again.

When everything seemed good again, Stacey's parents announced that the family would be spending Christmas in New York. They were going to stay at Stacey's old friend, Lainie's, house. Stacey wasn't very happy because when she was diagnosed with diabetes, Lainie started avoiding Stacey and spreading rumors. While Stacey was visiting, Lainie kept trying to apologize, but Stacey wouldn't listen. After a couple of days, Stacey went back to Stoney Brook, but she and Lainie talked on the phone and worked everything out. Stacey even invited Lainie to be a member of the Baby Sitters Club.

I would recommend this book to anyone that enjoys graphic novels. I liked this book because Stacey never gives up and has a lot of friends. I hope you will like it too!

## Smile

Name: Harmony Cadle  
Book Title: Smile  
Author: Raina Telgemeier  
Publisher: Scholastic  
Copyright Date: 2010



Do you like drama? Then *Smile* is a good book for you. It is a graphic novel about a girl named Raina who just wants to be a normal girl.

One night, after Girl Scouts, Raina trips and falls, and severely injures her two front teeth. What follows is a long frustrating journey with on again off again braces, surgery, embarrassing head gear, and even a retainer with a fake teeth attached!

The story also tells about a boy. In band, Raina sits next to a boy that looks pretty cute to her. His name is Samuel. He likes people to call him Sammy. Sammy is in sixth grade. Raina is in seventh grade. They both play the flute and like helping each other. After an

“earthquake”, they both are glad that they are okay. During a Valentine’s Day dance Raina wants to leave because she feels sick. When she gets to back to school, Sammy was sad because Raina didn’t go to the dance. Sammy gave her a bag with a card and some chocolate with the price tag still on it!

I think this book was amazing! I like all the drama, especially when Raina has to wear head gear. I would recommend this book to anyone that likes drama and graphic novels.

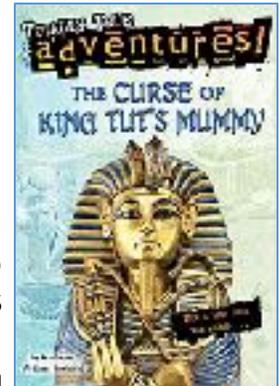
Name: Hayden Baumaister

Book Title: The Curse of King Tut’s Mummy

Author: Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

Publisher: Random House

Copyright Date: 2007



King Tut was a king in Egypt. He was not very well known until Howard Carter found his mummy and his tomb. But did you know that his tomb was cursed? Well, that is what the book *The Curse of King Tut’s Tomb* is all about.

The main characters in the story are Howard Carter, an archeologist, and Lord Carnarvon, a rich man from England who paid for Carter’s expedition. Both men had a passion for finding ancient things in Egypt. Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon set out to find the tomb of King Tut, who became the king of Egypt at only nine years old! They spent a little over four years searching and almost gave up until one day the water boy was digging a hole to put water in and felt something hard. It was a set of stairs that was covered with sand. They started digging, but when they came back the next day, the stairs were covered again. Eventually that was where they found King Tut’s Tomb.

After the tomb was found, some bad things started happening. First, Lord Carnarvon’s bird died. Then, Lord Carnarvon died because he was bit by a mosquito. Later that same day, his dog in England died. Everyone thought this was because of the curse, although Howard Carter never believed it was.

I really liked learning about the curse of King Tut’s mummy because it was all a big mystery. I also liked learning about the history of ancient Egypt and how they found King Tut’s tomb. If you like mysteries and books about history, I would recommend this book.

## Spirit Animals

Name: Hayden Hedges

Book Title: Spirit Animals

Author: Eliot Schrefer

Publisher: Scholastic

Copyright Date: 2015



Have you ever heard of having a spirit animal? Have you wondered if you can relate to your spirit animal? Well, this thrilling fiction book talks about how four kids did just that while trying to save the land of Eardas from villains.

The main characters, Abeke and Meilin, are two of the four kids trying to save Eardas. In this story, the young kids learn to control their spirit

animals by training with them in the natural habitat of that spirit animal. The kids want to be able to control the powers of these animals to defeat the villains who are spreading eternal darkness over Eardas. This makes life very unpleasant for those living there.

The spirit animal's power increases with more one on one training with the animals. One of the powers from a spirit animal is the Supersonic Roar. This roar stuns the villains. To defeat these villains, the kids must master the spirit animals' powers and then team up with them to defeat the villains, so everyone can live in Eardas peacefully.

I thought this book was great for kids of all ages or gender. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes animals. This book is filled with information. The book also kept me on my toes wanting to read more of the story.

Name: Rydon Hoang

Book Title: Claudia and Mean Janine

Author: Raina Teigemeier

Publisher: Scholastic

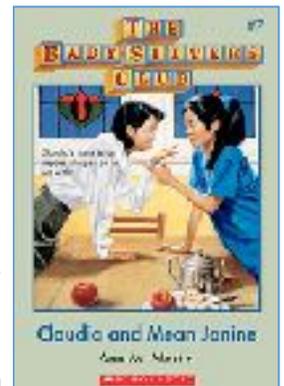
Copyright Date: 2015

Have you ever wondered what it would be like in a world where you have a sister that is mean and smart? Or what if your grandmother was sick too? This is what life is like for the main character, Claudia Kishi and her sister Janine and their "Mimi" in the book *Claudia and Mean Janine*.

The other characters in the book are Kristy, Dawn, Mary Anne, and Stacey, who are all members of the Baby-Sitters Club. This story mainly takes place at Claudia's house and in Stacey's backyard.

Claudia's goal is to get good grades so her parents will take her more seriously. Janine's goal is to create a website that works. Mimi's goal is to bring Claudia and Janine closer together. In the story, Mimi fainted due to her illness, aphasia, and has forgotten how to do basic skills like talking, walking, eating and standing. Mimi has to go to therapy so she can relearn how to do these things. Claudia also helps Mimi learn to speak by showing her flashcards with pictures on them. Throughout the book, the sisters did not like each but as they spent more time together, they realized that they really did love each other.

I really liked this book because it was exciting and interesting. I also liked it because there were many surprises and it taught me some life lessons like as long as you try you can accomplish anything. I would recommend this book to people who like surprises, family, friends, and learning life lessons because this book has it all.



## What Was the March on Washington?

Name: Reese Hudson

Book Title: What was the March on Washington?

Author: Kathleen Krull

Publisher: Scholastic

Copyright Date: 2013

Could you imagine being in the middle of hundreds of thousands of people? Well, that's just the explanation of The March on Washington. Let's go on an adventure to when people of different colors had different



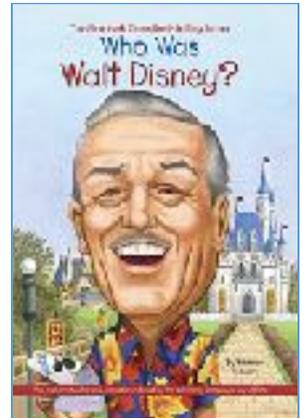
rights.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a young boy who wanted the same rights as white people. He was raised in the south where the conditions were worse for African Americans than in the north.

During the 1950's and 60's African Americans began to fight for equal rights. During this time MLK Jr. supported peaceful protests and marches. President Kennedy was making some very important civil rights decisions. When they arranged the march they said it would cost \$135,000. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech to over 250,000 people on August 28, 1963.

I hope you have enjoyed this book report. I recommend this book to ages 7 and up. I really liked this book because it is full of interesting history facts.

Name: Delaney Jarrell  
Book Title: Who Was Walt Disney?  
Author: Whitney Stewart  
Publisher: Penguin  
Copyright Date: 2009



Have you ever been to Disney World or seen a Disney movie? What do you know about the man behind it? You can learn all of this in the book *Who was Walt Disney?* Walt Disney was born in 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. When he was young his family moved to a farm in Marceline, Missouri. Walt loved a performance. Once he caught a field mouse and made a leash for it out of string. He took it to school and paraded it across his classroom showing off his new pet. In 1910, the family moved back to Chicago. In 1918, Walt Disney drove an ambulance during world War I. In 1919, Walt opened his first commercial art company.

In 1923, Walt and his brother Roy started the Disney Brothers Studio. In 1928, Walt releases a film *Steamboat Willie* where his most famous character, Mickey Mouse is introduced to the world. Walt Disney died in 1966 of lung cancer.

I think this book is great! I would recommend it to anyone who likes history or anything to do with Disney.

## I Survived the American Revolution, 1776

Name: Janah Meismen  
Book Title: I Survived the American Revolution, 1776  
Author: Lauren Tarshis  
Publisher: Scholastic  
Copyright Date: 2017



Boom! Boom! Crack! Nate's friend has been shot. Nate runs as fast as he could through the forest. Soldiers were getting closer and closer. Then everything goes black. Nate is sure this was the end. That is how the beginning of the book *I Survived the American Revolution, 1776*.

Nate Fox works on his uncle's farm. He pulls weeds and fat green worms off the plants. Nate hates living with his Uncle Storch. He is a

mean man who even owns a slave named Eliza.

In the story, Nate's uncle starts choking him and Nate punches his uncle and runs away. He ends up in the forest about three miles from his uncle's farm. Nate goes on to walk to Norwalk Harbor to catch a boat to New York City. He didn't have any money so Nate had to hide between baskets of corn. When Nate arrived in New York, he noticed that the only people around were soldiers. Everyone else was gone because of the war going on. Nate ended up as an army camp helper. He chopped wood, dug trenches, and hauled water. One night Nate went to sleep but awoke to the sounds of cannons. The Battle of Brooklyn had begun.

I liked this book because I like history. I would recommend it to anyone who also likes history or survival books. Have fun reading!

## Diary of the Wimpy Kid: The Getaway

Name: Eddie Nieto

Book Title: Diary of the Wimpy Kid: The Getaway

Author: Jeff Kinney

Publisher: Amulet

Copyright Date: 2017

Have you ever just wanted to relax for Christmas? But then out of nowhere, your parents say that you're going to an island for Christmas! Well that's exactly what happened to Greg Heffly in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Getaway*.

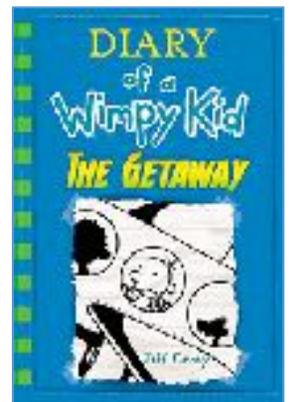
The main characters are: Greg, not so kind but a video game playing guy. Rodrick, who is very rude and unkind. Manny, who is very kind and loving; and Mom and Dad, who are very mean but generous.

The first problem they encounter on their journey is when Greg's little brother Manny sneaks a newly hatched sea turtle into the hotel room. They solve that problem by taking the sea turtle back to the sea.

The second issue some of the Heffly kids run into occurs at the pool. Manny finds a box jellyfish and it gets thrown into the pool. They solve that problem by draining the pool and refilling it.

Lastly they encounter a problem where they are hungry. The entire family is hungry and they ran out of money. They solve that problem by making Manny distract people while they eat their food.

I loved this book. If you like adventure and excitement this book is for you. If you do not this book is not for you.



## Dork Diaries: Not-So-Popular Party Girl

Name: Morgan Robinson

Book Title: Dork Diaries: Not-So-Popular Party Girl

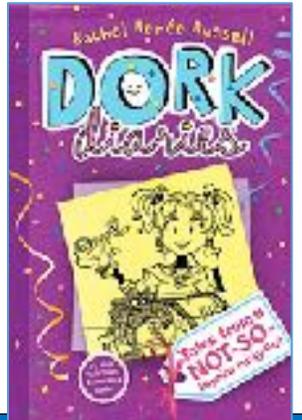
Author: Rachel Renee Russell

Publisher: Aladdin

Copyright Date: 2010

I am going to tell you about my book *Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So Popular Party Girl*. I think this book was funny and romantic at the same time. I suggest that you read this book sometime.

This book is about Niki's life and what she writes in her diary. Some of the things Niki writes about in her diary are: how she embarrassed herself in front of the boy she likes with only a few weeks left until the Halloween Dance, her dreams of winning an art competition then being insulted by a girl name Mackenzie, and some crazy things that happened at a party which involved a chocolate fountain. To find out more about these events and more, you will have to read the book.

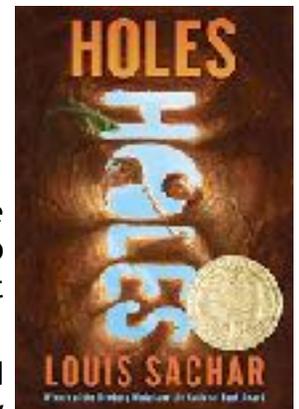


This book was so funny and easy to read. I think it was a great book and would recommend it to everyone.

Name: Abigail Osadchey  
Book Title: Holes  
Author: Louis Sachar  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus, Giroux  
Copyright Date: 1998

Have you wondered what it would be like to be sent to a juvenile detention camp for eighteen months? Can you imagine being forced to dig a hole every day in those eighteen months? Well, that's what happens to Stanley Yelnats in the book *Holes*.

Stanley came from a poor family who believed they were cursed because of his "no good, rotten, pig stealing" great grandfather. Stanley is convicted of stealing a pair of shoes that belonged to a famous baseball player and 'chooses' to go to the camp. There Stanley is forced to dig a hole every day. If he finds something in the hole and the warden likes the object, Stanley will get a day off. Stanley finds some objects like a gold tube that he gives to another camper. Stanley also teaches another camper to read and gets into a fight with another. Stanley and Zero, another camper, run away from camp. To find out what happens you have to read the book to find out.



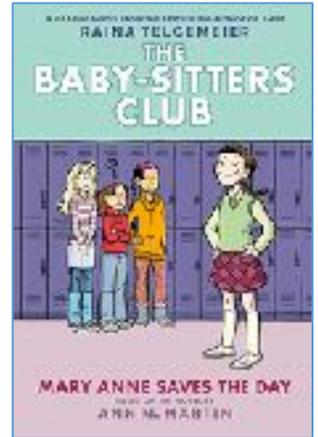
I really enjoyed this book. I loved the little twists in the plot. This author never disappointed me in any of his books. If you like a little mystery with some twists and turns, then this is the book for you.

## Mary Anne Saves the Day

Name: Sophia Walker  
Book Title: Mary Anne Saves the Day  
Author: Raina Telgemeier  
Publisher: Scholastic  
Copyright Date: 2015

Have you ever wondered what is like to baby-sit a child when you don't know what he/she like to do or play? Read *The Baby-Sitters Club Mary Anne Saves the Day* to find out what Mary Anne does to save the day.

The main characters in the story are Mary Anne, Raina, Stacey, Christy, Jenny, Claudia, and Dawn. The story begins at the end of the day at school. She baby-sat for a girl named Jenny, but the little girl started not feeling well because she had a fever 104 degrees. Mary Anne called a friend then an ambulance to take Jenny to the hospital. Jenny ended up having strep throat and started feeling better after receiving antibiotics. Later the girls in the club had a big fight and didn't speak to each other for weeks. Then they were all invited to a party where they started fighting again and almost ruined the party. Mary Anne decided to call a meeting after the party. All the girls met and talked. Everyone apologized to each other and decided to keep their club going.



I liked this book because it reminds me of my friends and me. I would recommend this book to everyone because it teaches you things that can happen to

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