



The Mini Page

Next Week:
Be safe in the sun

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Be Bookish!

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Summer's nearly here, and along with all the other fun it brings, there will be more time for books, too! This week, The Mini Page shares suggestions for your summer reading.

• Author Jonathan Todd is a former second-grade teacher, so he knows something about the stress of arriving at a new school. In **"Timid: A Graphic Novel,"** Cecil Hall is navigating a new home and an unfamiliar group of schoolmates, who aren't sure what to make of the kid who loves to draw.

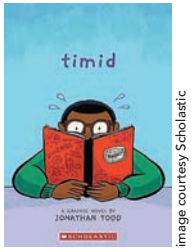


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• When visitors arrive from outer space in Stephen's yard one dark night, one of them gets left behind in **"Dalmartian: A Mars Rover's Story."** Author Lucy Ruth Cummins tells the tale of Stephen and his new houseguest trying to understand each other and become friends.



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• Readers (and aspiring chefs) looking for another way to think about history will love **"Bite by Bite: American History Through Feasts, Foods, and Side Dishes"** by Marc Aronson and Paul Freedman. With dishes and cuisines from prehistory to today, the authors show us who we are and how we've moved about the globe.

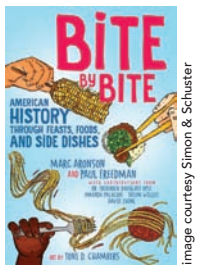


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• In **"Keep It Like a Secret,"** author John David Anderson explores the special relationship between Morgan and his older sister, Claire. They've always been close — until they're not and Morgan must adjust to their new normal.



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• Asian Americans come from widely varied backgrounds and origins, and some of their stories of coming to the United States reflect bravery and difficulty. **"Made in Asian America"** by Erika Lee and Christina Soontornvat describes how ordinary people contribute to the American story in an extraordinary way.

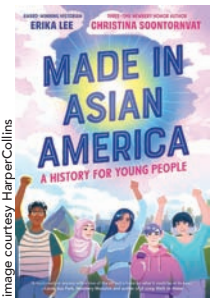


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• During the Great Depression, the Pack Horse Library Project delivered books to remote parts of Kentucky, where many people had no other access to books. **"Junia, The Book Mule of Troublesome Creek"** by Kim Michele Richardson tells the story of the mule who carries her "Book Woman" up and down mountains, through forests and in spite of rain and snow to deliver books.



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• At the School for Unusual Magic, students must pass a test to pass into Middle Magic. **"The Equinox Test"** by Liz Montague introduces Rose, Amethyst and Lavender, three friends who are depending on the results of the test, in this new book series.



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• What's a girl to do when her uncle and aunt are separated, her little sister is on the warpath and her grandmother is seeing ghosts? It's going to be a wild summer for **"Ferris"** by Kate DiCamillo, with readers along for the bumpy ride.

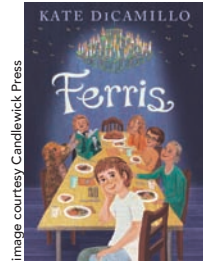


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• In **"Great Gusts: Winds of the World and the Science Behind Them,"** authors Megan Benedict and Melanie Crowder employ poetry to describe winds such as Japan's oroshi and Libya's ghibli. Along with poems, the book includes the science of each wind: how it forms and what weather systems it brings.

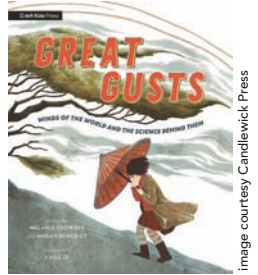


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Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPlog
- kids.scholastic.com/kid/homebase/

At the library:

- "Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built" by Angela Burke Kunkel

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of summer reading are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



AMERICAN, ASIAN, AUTHOR, BOOKS, CUISINE, EQUINOX, FAMILY, FOOD, FRIENDS, FUN, GUSTS, HISTORY, KIDS, MAGIC, MULE, READING, SCHOOL, SECRET, SISTER, SUMMER, TIME, VISITOR.

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H M L S U M M E R S I S T E R
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O S B R H V I S I T O R F U N
L T S K O O B X H Y L I M A F

Cook's Corner

Barbecue Baked Potato Chips

You'll need:

- cooking spray
- 4 medium Yukon gold potatoes, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 2 teaspoons mesquite seasoning

What to do:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Arrange the potato slices on the baking sheet. Spray the potatoes with cooking spray and sprinkle with the mesquite seasoning.
3. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the potatoes are golden brown and crisp. Serves 4.

Adapted from "The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

Mini Jokes



Ben: Why was the dinosaur afraid to go to the library?

Bina: His books were 65 million years overdue!

Eco Note



The first live golden jackal ever to be seen in Spain was photographed on Feb. 24 by an automatic camera along the Ebro River. *Canis aureus* is native to Asia, but it has expanded westward across Europe during the past decade, now finally reaching Spain. A dead jackal was found on a highway in Álva during January 2023, indicating that the species had only recently arrived in Spain. "For now, we cannot say if it is good or bad news," said José Garcia of the Spanish Society for the Conservation and Study of Mammals.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for reviews of children's books.

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7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. cooked in oil (5) _____
2. change places (6) _____
3. smoke comes out of it (7) _____
4. part (7) _____
5. risk of harm (6) _____
6. blue pants (5) _____
7. very smart person (6) _____

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NEY	SWI	GEN	IED
ANS	FR	POR	CH
IM	NG	TCH	DA

Answers: fried, switch, chimney, portion, genius, danger, jeans, genius.

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