

The Mini Page

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

Next Week:
Our 2020 Calendar!

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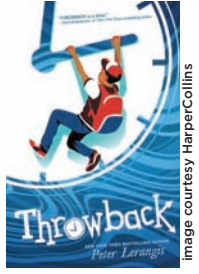
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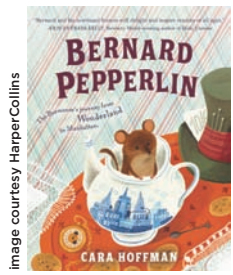
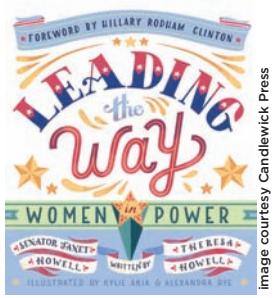
What Will You Read?

Cold weather and time off from school add up to lots of chances to read! Stack up new and old favorites, or check out some of these suggestions from The Mini Page.

• What if you could travel back in time, just by holding a metal object from a particular era? That's what Corey Fletcher can do in "Throwback" by Peter Lerangis. But in this first book of a series, Corey bites off more than he can chew.

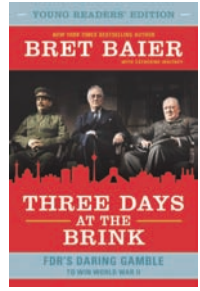


• If it's inspiration you're after, then you may want to spend some time with "Leading the Way: Women in Power" by Virginia State Sen. Janet Howell and Theresa Howell. With illustrations from Kylie Akia and Alexandra Bye, this collection of female trailblazers will give young readers role models to look up to.



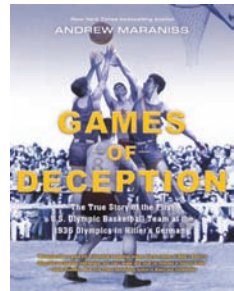
• Author Cara Hoffman takes "Alice in Wonderland" a step further as she imagines a new adventure — in New York City! — for the sleepy Dormouse from that classic in "Bernard Pepperlin."

• Young readers who love to read about history, and especially the world wars, will dig in to "Three Days at the Brink" by Bret Baier. This young reader edition tells the story of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's meeting with Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin in November 1943.

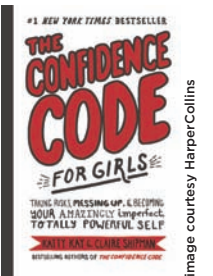


• Piper is hoping to make her mark at her new school by winning a special prize. Along the way, she learns what it means to "Shine!" Authors J.J. and Chris Grabenstein turn kindness and empathy into award-winning qualities in this chapter book.

• For a strong dose of sports and history, check out "Games of Deception." Author Andrew Maraniss tells of the first U.S. Olympic basketball team, from the day they left New York City on the S.S. *Manhattan* to their stepping up to receive gold medals in the new sport. The 1936 Olympics were in Berlin, Germany, just as the Nazis were beginning their campaign against Jewish people and others. Great historical photos accompany the text.



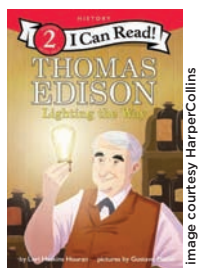
• A new year is a perfect time to begin a new journal. Two for girls pose questions that'll put your mind to work: "The Confidence Code for Girls Journal" by Katty Kay and Claire Shipman, and "Make Your Mark: A Journal for Capturing Big Dreams" by Amy Richards. Learn more about yourself and be inspired by others.



• If you'd rather get lost in a fanciful story, go along with Mother Shrew in "Wild Honey From the Moon," written and illustrated by Kenneth Kraegel. As her little shrew, Hugo, lies sick in his bed, Mother Shrew travels all the way to the moon and back to get him the one thing that will cure him.



• For younger readers who love science, author Lori Haskins Houran presents "Thomas Edison: Lighting the Way." The story of Edison's improved lightbulb and other inventions is illustrated by Gustavo Mazali.



Resources



On the Web:
• bit.ly/MPwinterbooks

At the library:
• "Chapter Two Is Missing!" by Josh Lieb

Try 'n' Find

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



ADVENTURE, AUTHOR, BOOKS, EMPATHY, FANCIFUL, HISTORY, ILLUSTRATOR, IMAGINATION, INSPIRATION, INVENTIONS, JOURNALS, KINDNESS, READ, SCHOOL, SCIENCE, SPORTS, WAR, WINTER.

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Cook's Corner

Ooodles of Noodles

You'll need:

- 1 (8-ounce) package soba noodles
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds*
- 2 tablespoons Bragg liquid aminos

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Optional: fresh ginger, grated or chopped small



What to do:

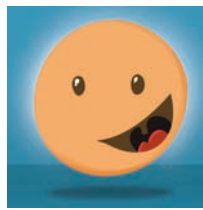
1. Cook soba noodles according to package directions, then rinse and drain off as much water as possible.
2. Put noodles in a large mixing bowl, then add rest of ingredients.
3. Stir gently and serve warm or chill in the fridge. Serves 4.
(*Toast sesame seeds in a small dry frying pan. Turn off heat as soon as they smell toasty and transfer to a small dry bowl.)

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

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. Mars or Saturn (6) _____
2. you have five on each hand (7) _____
3. it helps you glide on ice (5) _____
4. very small rock (6) _____
5. try to give (5) _____
6. where firefighters get water (7) _____
7. small piece (8) _____

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Answers: planet, fingers, skate, pebble, hydrant, fraction, offer, hydrant, fraction.

Mini Jokes



Winnie: Why was the dinosaur afraid to go to the library?
Will: Her books were 65 million years overdue!

Eco Note



The average person in the U.S. wastes 231 pounds of food annually. If converted to energy, that's enough to power a 100-watt bulb for two weeks. We can help prevent food waste by planning meals in advance to prevent having extra food, getting more creative about using up ingredients, properly storing food in the best type of storage container and freezing food for later consumption.

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For later:

Make a list of the books you'd like to read this winter, then share it with a friend.

Teachers: For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: bit.ly/MPstandards. And follow The Mini Page on Facebook!



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