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My First Book Club

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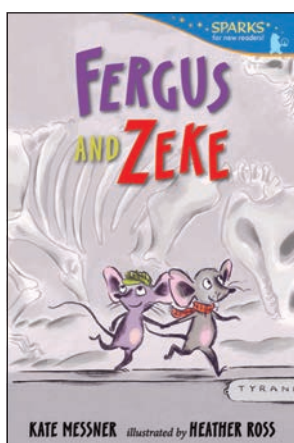
Candlewick Press and My First Book Club are committed to inspiring a love of books in young readers and bringing them together through shared reading, activities, and discussion.

Being part of a book club allows new readers to:

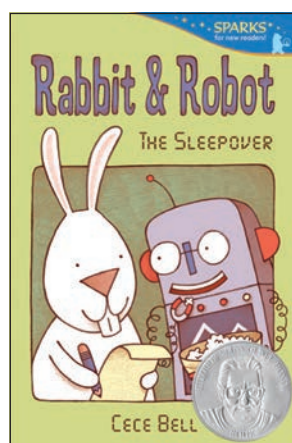
- **explore** new ideas and viewpoints
- **discover** connections with books and others
- **imagine** others' feelings and experiences
- **share** their own thoughts and opinions

More information about My First Book Club, including downloadable activities and discussion guides, is available at www.myfirstbookclub.com.

My First Book Club Picks

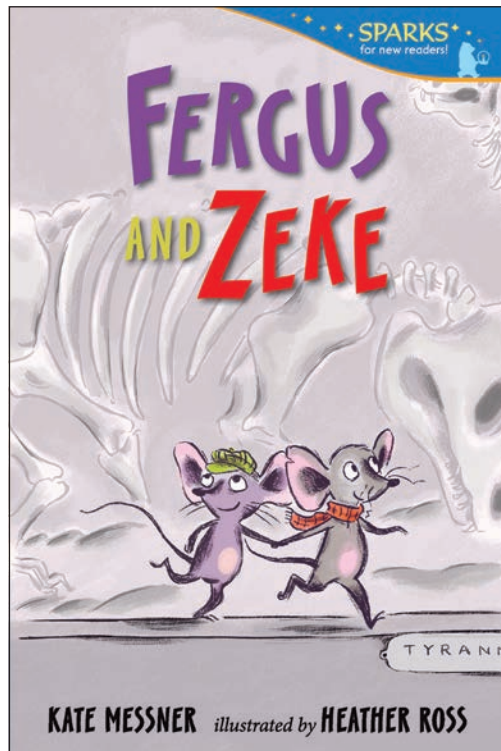


Fergus and Zeke
by Kate Messner
illustrated by Heather Ross



Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover
by Cece Bell

FERGUS AND ZEKE



HC: 978-0-7636-7846-3 • PB: 978-0-7636-9953-6

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Kate Messner is an award-winning author whose books for kids have been *New York Times* Notable, Junior Library Guild, IndieBound, and Bank Street College of Education Best Books selections. She lives on Lake Champlain.

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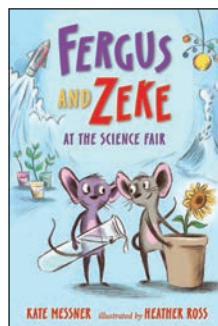


“This first book in a new series is sure to be a hit.” —*Booklist*

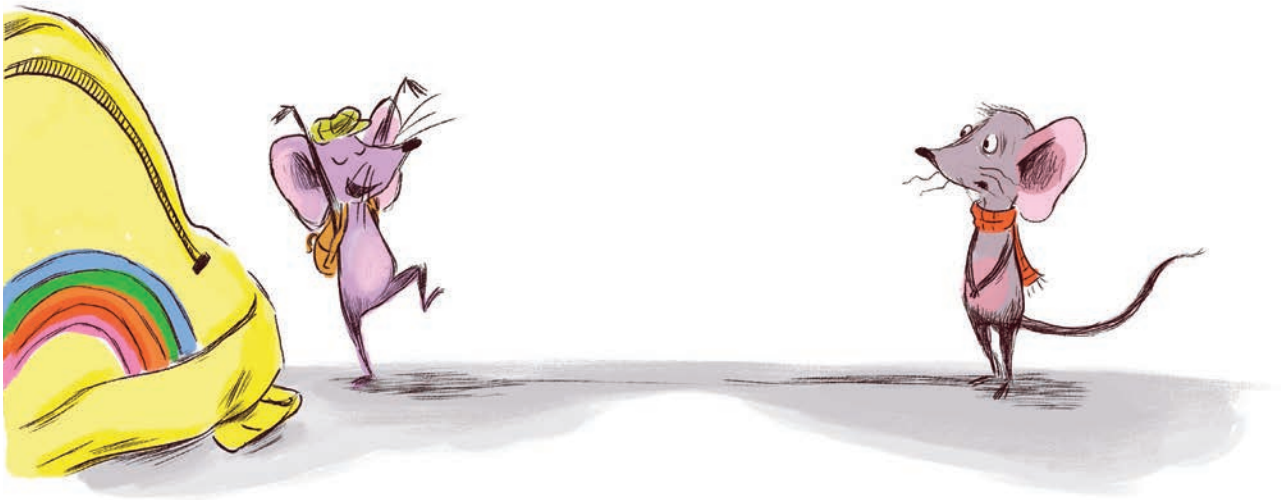
“The four chapters of this easy reader zip right along with a straightforward, breezy plot and two charming, mischievous mice leading the way.” —*Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books*

“Messner lets readers live out their Night at the Museum fantasies through Fergus and Zeke’s explorations. . . . Ross’s energetic full-color cartoons run wild with the museum-as-playground theme, and Zeke’s decision to join Fergus in the classroom neatly sets up their next adventure.” —*Publishers Weekly*

Don’t miss Fergus and Zeke’s next adventure:



1. Why do you think it is so important to Fergus that he go on the field trip to the Natural History Museum with the rest of the class?
2. Have you ever visited a museum, either on a field trip or another time? What was your favorite part?
3. Why does Fergus need a buddy for the field trip? Does he just want to be like all of the other students?
4. Zeke tells Fergus, "I don't like following rules. But I do like having a friend. So I promise I'll do my best" (page 49). Fergus likes to follow rules, and Zeke likes to break them, but they still make great friends. What makes a great friendship?
5. Have you ever had a class pet? If you could have any animal as a class pet, what would you choose?

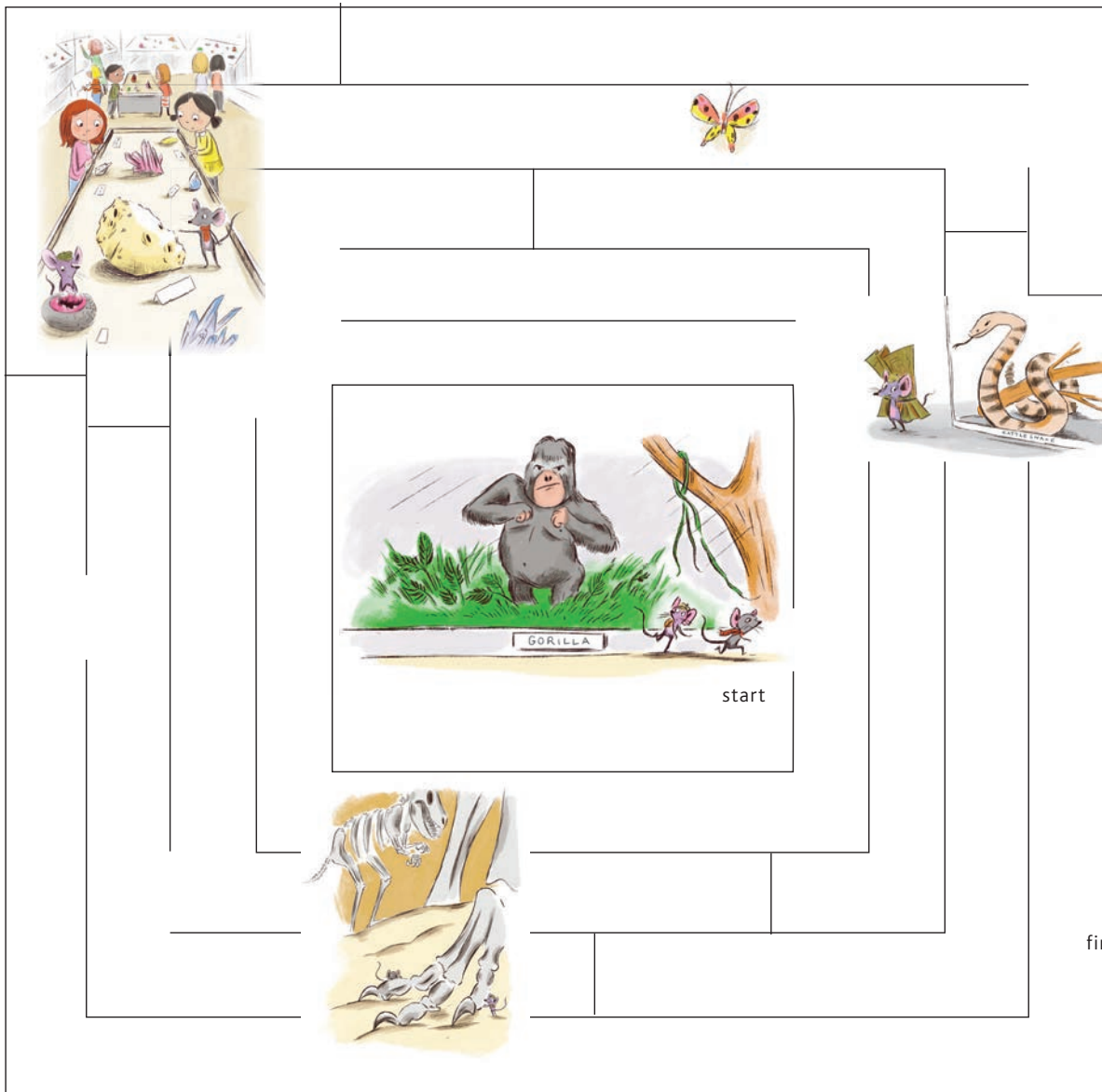


Because Fergus and Zeke are so small, they have a much different view of the museum than the students do.

As a group, imagine what the exhibits must look like to two tiny mice. Have each person draw a different exhibit from the perspective of Fergus and Zeke. Then put them all together and discuss how the trip to the museum was different for the mice and the students.

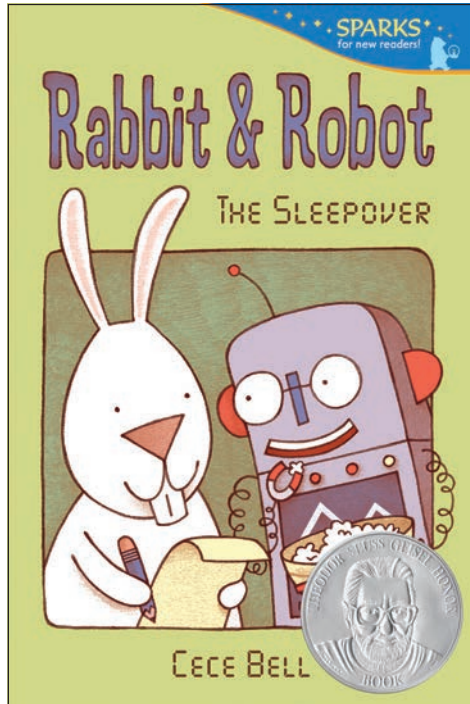


Quick, the bus is leaving! Help Fergus and Zeke find their way back through the museum so they don't get left behind.



Rabbit & Robot

THE SLEEPOVER



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ABOUT THE CREATOR

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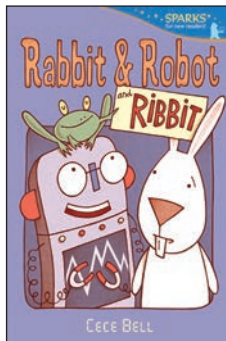
A Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book

★ “Crisp, cheery cartooning. . . . Delightful.” — *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

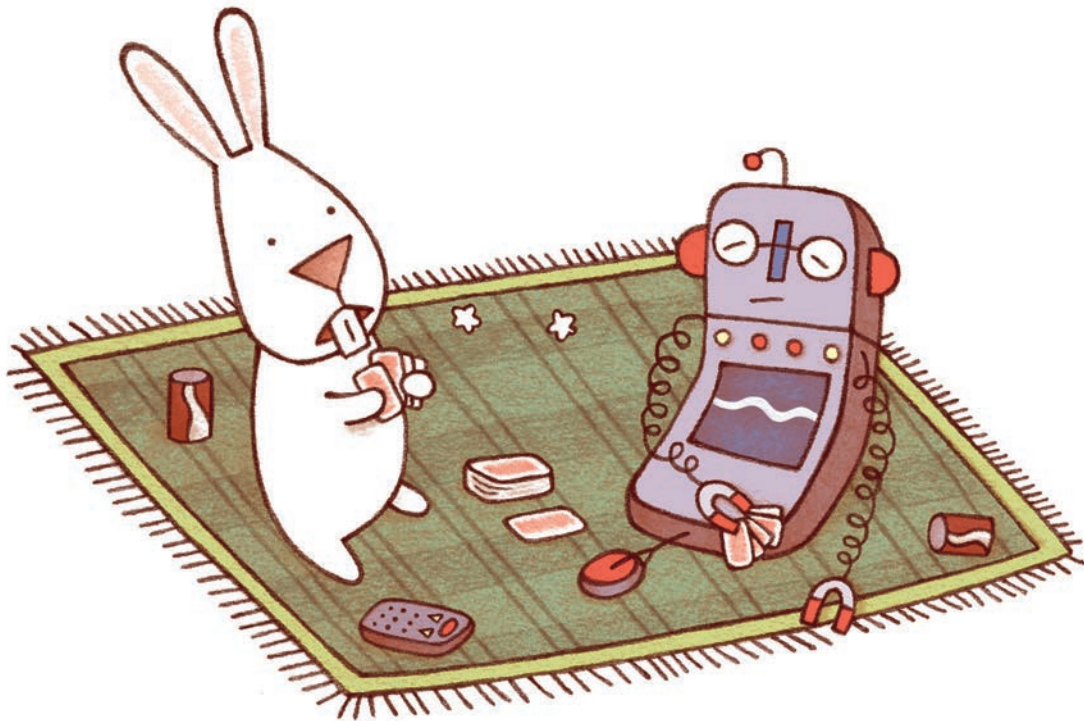
“Make way for another endearing, odd-couple pair of friends in beginning-reader land.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

“The light ridiculousness of a machine and animal hanging out together provides plenty of yuks . . . and Bell breaks up the easy-reading text with warm, goofy cartoon illustrations. Kids will welcome these new besties to their early-reading rotation.” — *Booklist*

Loved *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover*? Then don't miss the sequel:



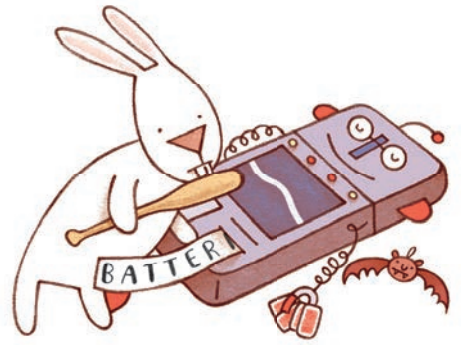
1. Rabbit doesn't want to play Robot's suggestions of Old Maid or Crazy Eights because they aren't on the list. Have you and a friend ever had to compromise on what game to play together?
2. Why does Rabbit get so upset when Robot takes apart the table and chairs for his pizza? Do you think Robot does a good job of making Rabbit feel better?
3. Rabbit gets angry when he can't find the remote, and he yells at Robot, "Don't you beep at me!" (page 23). What does Robot do to help Rabbit calm down? Have you ever gotten into an argument and yelled at a friend? How did you resolve it?
4. When Robot falls asleep, Rabbit tries everything to wake him up and make sure he's OK. Why is he so worried about Robot? Do you ever worry about your friends? What do you do to make sure your friends are all right?
5. Robot compiles the data he's gathered into a list of everything he and Rabbit did at their sleepover. Why does he do this? Does this prove him to be a good friend?



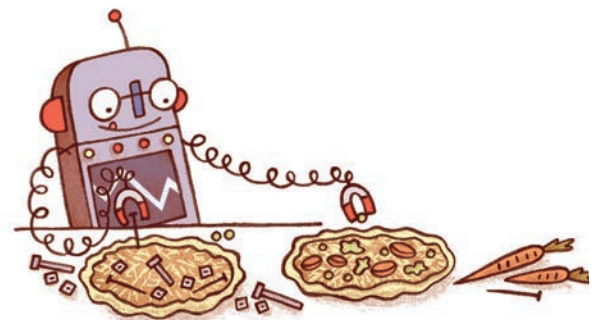
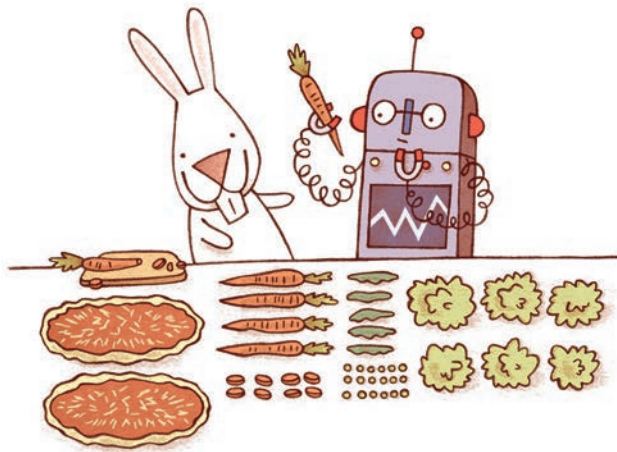
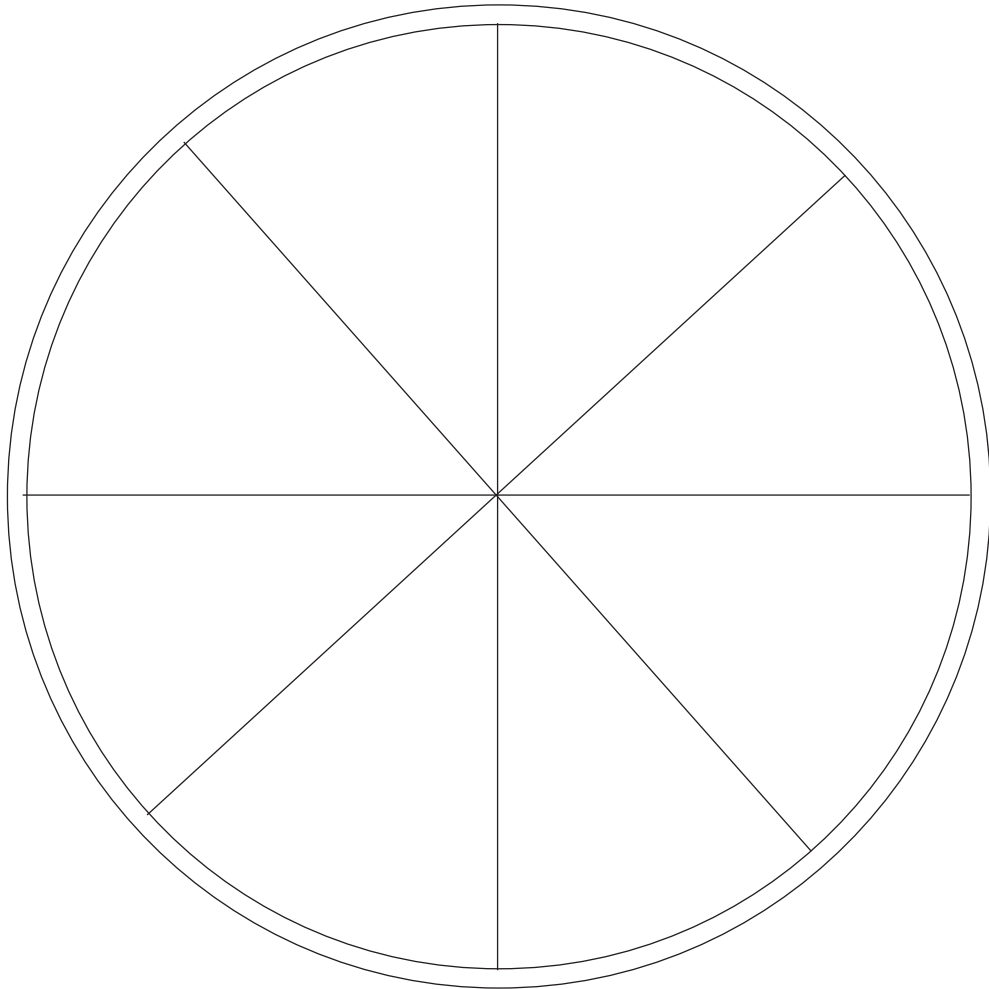
Rabbit and Robot both have big personalities! Act out the following scenes from the book, taking turns being Rabbit and Robot:

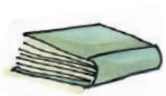
1. Rabbit and Robot making dinner
2. Rabbit looking for the remote with Robot telling him where to find it
3. Rabbit trying to figure out how to wake up Robot

Then talk about what might happen the next morning during breakfast or when Robot makes the list of things to do. Write your own scenes to act out.

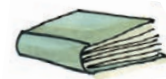
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Rabbit and Robot realize they don't like the same toppings on their pizza. What do you like on your pizza? Carrots? Snow peas? Nuts and bolts? Draw the toppings you would most like to eat on your pizza at a sleepover.





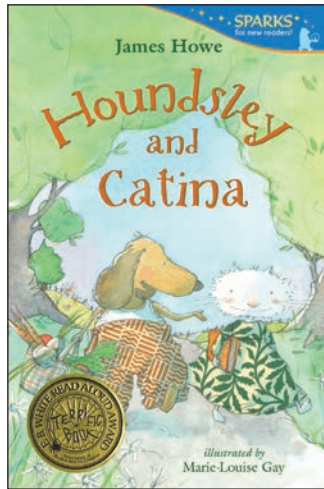
My Book Club Reading Log



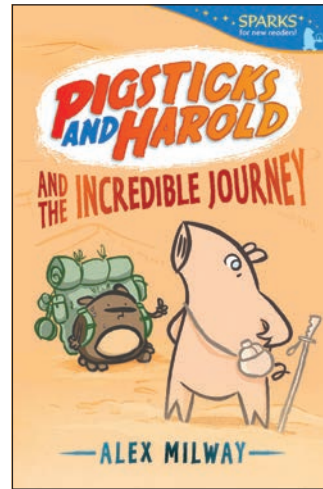
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Look for These Upcoming My First Book Club Picks

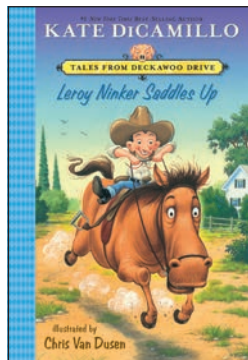


Houndsley and Catina
by James Howe
illustrated by Marie-Louise Gay

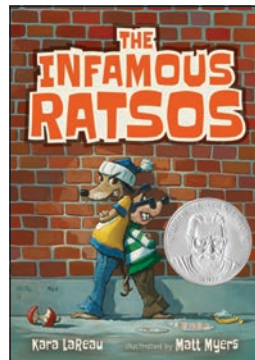


Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey
by Alex Milway

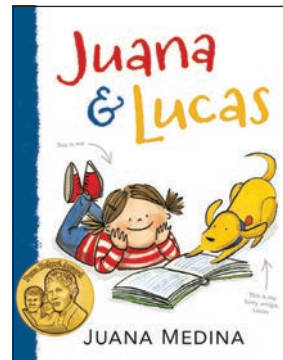
And Don't Miss the Previous My First Book Club Selections



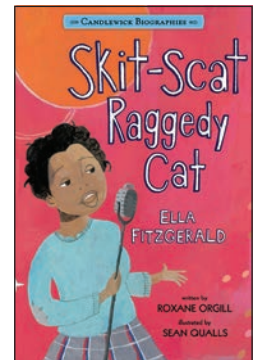
Leroy Ninker Saddles Up
by Kate DiCamillo
illustrated by Chris Van Dusen



The Infamous Ratsos
by Kara LaReau
illustrated by Matt Myers



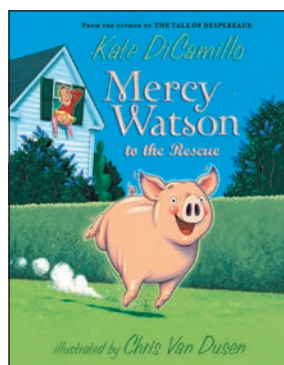
Juana & Lucas
by Juana Medina



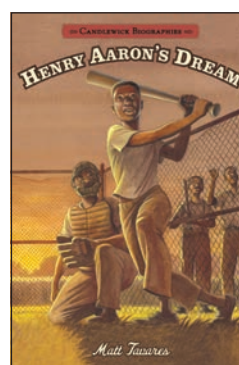
Skit-Scat Raggedy Cat
by Roxane Orgill
illustrated by Sean Qualls



The Princess in Black
by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale
illustrated by LeUyen Pham



Mercy Watson to the Rescue
by Kate DiCamillo
illustrated by Chris Van Dusen



Henry Aaron's Dream
by Matt Tavares



Rocky Zang in The Amazing Mr. Magic
by Megan McDonald
illustrated by Erwin Madrid