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The Bookshelf Chronicles

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A selection from the new books recently added to the library shelves
Une sélection des nouveaux livres récemment ajoutés à la bibliothèque

Nous qui avons connu Solange Auteur: Marie Vareille

ROM V292

Célestine grandit sur les terres familiales. Elle est bien décidée à réussir ses études pour échapper à la vie de labeur qui l'attend aux champs.

À quelques centaines de kilomètres de là, Solange est internée dans une école de préservation pour jeunes filles où sont envoyées des adolescentes jugées « déviantes ».

Quel secret les lie l'une à l'autre ? Pourquoi Solange nourrit-elle une telle haine contre Célestine ? Et comment cette dernière a-t-elle pu commettre l'irréparable ?

À travers les destinées de quatre générations de femmes puissantes, Marie Vareille retrace l'extraordinaire évolution de notre monde depuis un siècle et nous rappelle ce que nous devons à la persévérance et au courage de nos aînées.



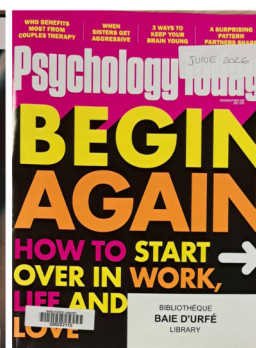
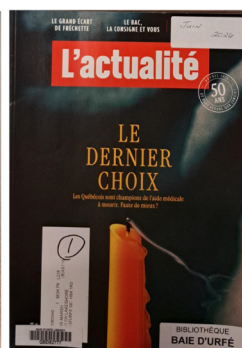
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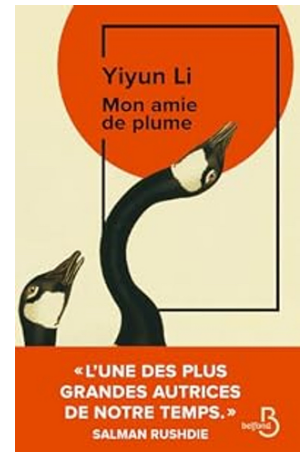


Fiction Romans

Mon amie de plume Auteur: Li Yiyun ROM L693

Fabienne est morte. Cette nouvelle, Agnès l'apprend en Amérique, bien loin de la campagne française où toutes deux ont grandi et sont devenues inséparables, bien loin de ce lieu qu'Agnès a fui, avec l'aide de Fabienne. Donc Agnès est enfin libre de raconter son histoire. Un petit village de France, deux amies inséparables qui refont le monde, qui pensent pas comme les autres, qui inventent des histoires même. L'une, plus intelligente, bouillonnante d'imagination, semble entraîner l'autre. A ce point que l'une va décider de dicter à l'autre tout un livre. Puis un deuxième. Elles vont même décider de les faire publier mais au nom de celle qui écrit et pas de celle qui crée. La narratrice est celle qui écrit. Elle va être confrontée au succès littéraire mais comment défendre, expliquer, une oeuvre dont on n'est pas l'auteur ?

J'ai aimé ce roman pour la description de cette amitié profonde : elles deux dans leur bulle face aux autres.. Superbe d'imagination, de phrases qui déroutent et font s'asseoir quelques secondes, qui font rire aussi parfois. Leurs échanges épistolaires sont la cerise sur le gâteau : lorsqu'il faut passer des messages et des idées à l'autre sans que personne ne puisse rien comprendre sauf elles. L'écriture est limpide, claire, sans fioriture. J'ai apprécié de suivre l'évolution intellectuelle et affective d'une petite provinciale, pas si passive et pas si soumise que cela.



Revu par Sylvie Fournier

L'homme aux mille peaux Auteur: Ronald Lavallée ROM L394

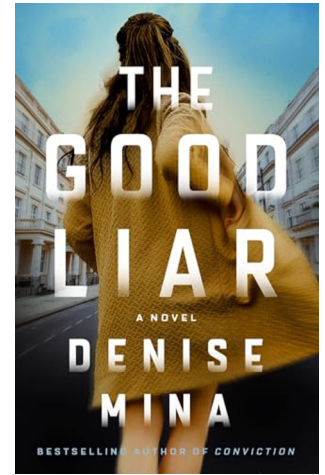
À remuer le passé, on fait remonter les morts. Au retour de l'ultime chasse, Couteau sera riche. Mais lorsqu'il découvre la trahison de son associé, commence une traque aux confins de territoires hostiles où il provoquera sa propre chute. Lui qui dans les plaines était respecté et craint. Lui qui en une seule saison tuait des milliers de bisons. Lui qui marchandait autant avec l'ange qu'avec le diable. Combien sont-ils, finalement, à le haïr ? Contraint de fuir pour ne pas y laisser sa peau, Couteau s'exile avec tous ses remords au-delà de la frontière du Nord. Des années plus tard, le vieux chasseur croise le chemin de Léo Galli, un policier new-yorkais en déroute qui, comme tant d'autres, croit pouvoir refaire sa vie dans l'Ouest. Sur cette vaste terre où rêve de liberté et désir de vengeance se confondent, l'homme aux mille peaux et le flic déchu fraternisent. L'âme des anciens se glisse entre silences et confidences jusqu'à ce qu'il n'y ait plus rien à réparer, plus rien à espérer. Une seule chose reste alors à faire : se remettre en chasse. « Le chasseur actionne le levier, éjecte la douille, insère une nouvelle cartouche dans la culasse. Ses doigts tremblent. De peur ? De colère ? Il choisit la colère. »



The Good Liar - Denise Mina

Claudia, an accomplished scientist, has developed a tool to analyze blood spatter at crime scenes and is now widely used in court. She is recently widowed and parenting two teenagers while also trying to keep her sister, who is an addict in control. Now, new evidence proves her tool may be faulty, putting at risk the outcome of numerous court cases. Claudia has to decide whether to expose the truth at a major fundraiser—a move that will destroy her career, her reputation, and her family's security. The author gives us enough information early on to figure things out, but her writing and characterization are so strong that it's hard to put this book down. The big question is what lengths people will go to cover up a wrong and which side Claudia will come down on. A gripping summer read!

I was so taken with Mina's writing that I went on to read *The End of the Wasp Season* (superb, also at our library. ...* **Review by Lynda Attack



Hot Chocolate on Thursday by Michiko Aoyama A638

Across a bridge, in view of seasonal cherry blossom lies the Marble Cafe where a woman writes in a notebook and a young waiter prepares her favourite hot drink. Both wonder about each other and about the other lives of the clientele who frequent this magical cafe behind the trees

Without even realizing it, we may touch and change someone else's life.

Taking a walk along the river, cooking the best tamagoyaki, ordering hot chocolate, forgetting to remove our nail polish... The small, everyday acts that we do can offer unexpected encounters and ultimately change a life. HOT CHOCOLATE ON THURSDAY connects twelve slice-of-life moments that open and close with a woman ordering her regular hot chocolate at the mysterious Marble Cafe.

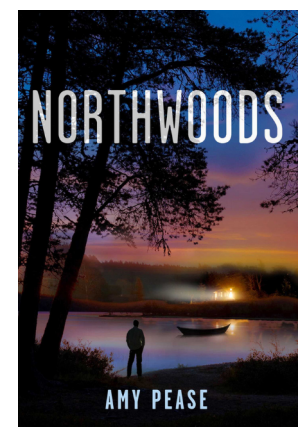


Northwoods by Amy Pease P363 mystery/thriller

*** This is the first book in this series which is proving popular with members; we have #2 Wildwood and #3 is to be published next year!*

The dark underbelly of an idyllic Midwestern resort town is revealed in the aftermath of a murder with ties to America's opioid epidemic in this unputdownable and thrilling debut.

Eli North is not okay. His drinking is getting worse by the day, his emotional wounds after a deployment to Afghanistan are as raw as ever, his marriage and career are over, and the only job he can hold down is with the local sheriff's department. And that's only because the sheriff is his mother--and she's overwhelmed with small town Shaky Lake's dwindling budget and the fallout from the opioid epidemic. The Northwoods of Wisconsin may be a vacationer's paradise, but amidst the fishing trips and campfires and Paul Bunyan festivals, something sinister is taking shape. When the body of a teenage boy is found in the lake, it sets in motion an investigation that leads Eli to a wealthy enclave with a violent past, a pharmaceutical salesman, and a missing teenage girl. Soon, Eli and his mother, along with a young FBI agent, are on the hunt for more than just a killer. If Eli solves the case, could he finally get the shot at redemption he so desperately needs? Or will answers to this dark case elude him and continue to bring destruction to the Northwoods?



Honneur Auteur: Thrity Umrigar ROM U52

Il y a des années, encore adolescente, Smita a dû quitter l'Inde avec sa famille dans des circonstances dramatiques. Aux États-Unis, elle a chassé de son cœur la nostalgie des crépuscules orangés et du parfum enivrant des épices. Smita s'est fait la promesse de ne jamais retourner dans un endroit qui l'a si profondément blessée.

Mais des années plus tard, devenue journaliste, elle doit se résoudre à revenir à Mumbai pour couvrir un fait-divers. Sur place, elle rencontre Meena, une jeune femme défigurée par ses propres frères parce qu'elle a épousé un homme d'une autre religion.

Smita est brutalement replongée dans une société qui semble figée dans un Moyen Âge éternel, où les traditions ont plus de valeur que l'individu. Pourtant, peu à peu, alors qu'elle devient amie avec Meena, ses défenses commencent à vaciller et les douloureux secrets de son passé refont surface



Nos héritages Auteur: Anna Hope ROM H79

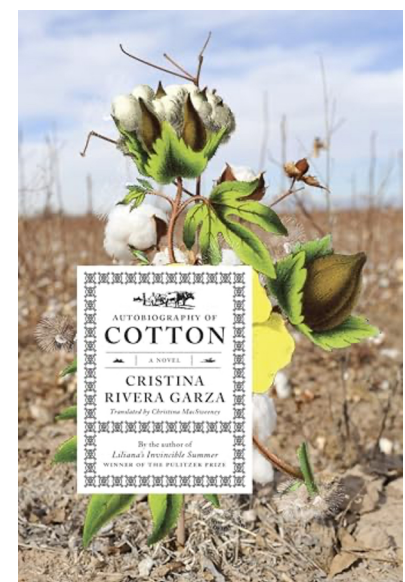
La mort du riche aristocrate anglais Philip Brooke déstabilise l'équilibre familial : sa veuve et ses trois enfants doivent s'occuper de l'enterrement et de l'héritage d'un manoir classé, dans le Sussex. Tout en gardant bonne figure, le clan se déchire, entre les dettes de ce père absent et volage, les travers de chacun, les secrets du passé et l'argent.



Autobiography of Cotton by Cristina Rivera Garza R621

In 1934, a young José Revueltas traveled to Tamaulipas to support the cotton workers' strike in Estación Camarón, which became the basis of his landmark novel Human Mourning. In her own groundbreaking novel, Autobiography of Cotton, Cristina Rivera Garza recounts her grandparents' journey from mining towns to those same cotton fields as it intersects with Revueltas's life in a vivid and evocative history of cotton cultivation along the Mexico-US border.

Through archival research and personal narrative, Rivera Garza chronicles the way cotton transformed the borderlands by reconstructing the cotton workers' strike and reveals how cycles of deprivation and ecocide persist across generations. Deeply personal and politically acute, Rivera Garza crafts a new kind of border novel that tells how a brittle land radically altered her grandparents' lives and the territories they helped develop. An intimate fictionalization, Autobiography of Cotton reveals a rich social history of agricultural colonization, labor activism, environmental degradation, and cross-border migration.





Non-Fiction Documentaires

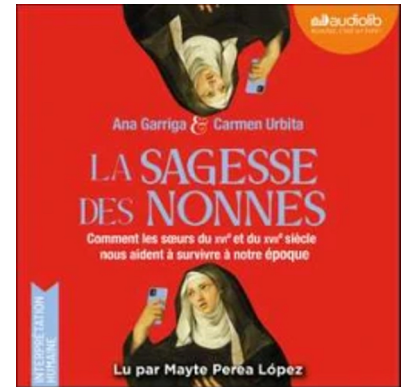
La sagesse des nonnes Auteur: **Anna Garriga** 271.9 G241 FR

Aussi original qu'érudit, la sagesse des nonnes vous aidera à affronter le monde anxiogène et ultraconnecté d'aujourd'hui. Car quelque soit l'époque, les soeurs sont là pour vous guider !

Soucis professionnels, embrouilles sentimentales, régimes ascétiques ou crises existentielles : tout ce que vous pouvez traverser, une nonne l'a déjà vécu.

Ana Garriga et Carmen Urbita, brillantes chercheuses et amies, s'emparent des conseils des soeurs les plus fascinantes de l'histoire pour livrer un guide de survie plein d'esprit et d'humour.

Des astuces financières de sainte Thérèse au don de bilocation de Marie d'Agréda en passant par les désirs de sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, quelle sera celle qui vous éclairera



La joueuse d'échecs Auteur: **Mitra Hejazipour** 794.1 H473 FR

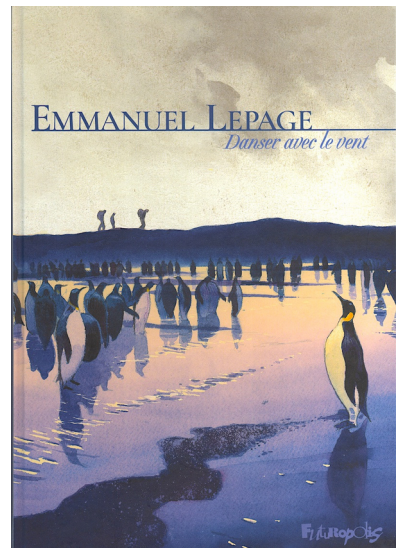
Ce jour-là de l'année 2019, lors du championnat du monde à Moscou, Mitra Hejazipour a eu le courage inouï d'enlever son hijab, ce bout de tissu réglementaire, devant les caméras du monde entier, pour marquer sa résistance aux lois de la République islamique d'Iran.

Aujourd'hui citoyenne française, Grand Maître féminin, elle nous raconte sa fulgurante trajectoire, qui a tout d'un combat : l'enfance à Téhéran façonnée par le jeu d'échecs qu'elle découvre à quatre ans, son irrésistible ascension de jeune prodige vers les podiums internationaux jusqu'à son exil en France, où sa force de caractère et sa passion de gagner lui ont permis de trouver le chemin de l'émancipation. Un livre de résilience, un parcours éclatant vers la liberté.



Danser avec le vent (BD) Auteur: **Emmanuel Lepage** BD 916.99 L591

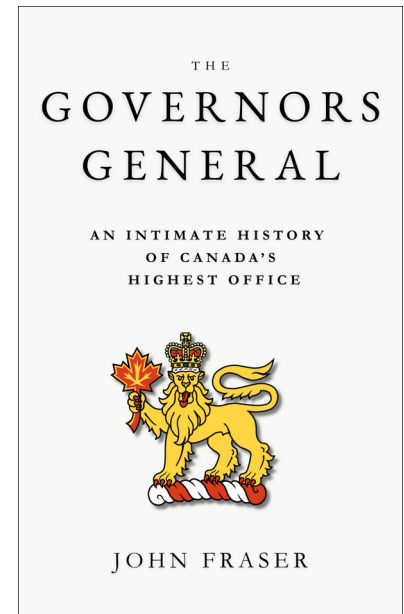
Novembre 2022. Douze ans après son premier voyage, Emmanuel Lepage embarque pour les îles Kerguelen. Cette fois-ci, contrairement au premier voyage, il restera sur place à l'invitation de Christophe Guinet, responsable des programmes éléphants de mer, pour qu'il puisse rendre compte de leur travail sur place. Pour lui c'est aussi l'envie de vivre le quotidien de ces reclus volontaires, soudés par la rudesse du climat, qui inventent d'autres façons de vivre ensemble. Mais Emmanuel n'est plus ce jeune dessinateur inconnu qui est monté à bord



The Governors General by John Fraser 971.06 F841

Often misunderstood or even unrecognized, Canada's governors general are not merely heads of state; they are amongst the great constitutional curiosities of our age.

In this delightful and often whimsical account of the Canadians who have held this post since 1952, journalist and author John Fraser explains the successful, if illogical, evolution of the institution and engages readers with the hilarious foibles, moving triumphs, and sombre tragedies of the men and women who have been chosen to represent the Sovereign in Canada. With personal knowledge of all of the governors general, Fraser proves a delightful guide whose tales range from an amusing schoolboy encounter with the magisterial Vincent Massey, a profound conversation with Georges Vanier, intimate moments with Adrienne Clarkson, and a bracing account of the catastrophic mandate of former astronaut Julie Payette.



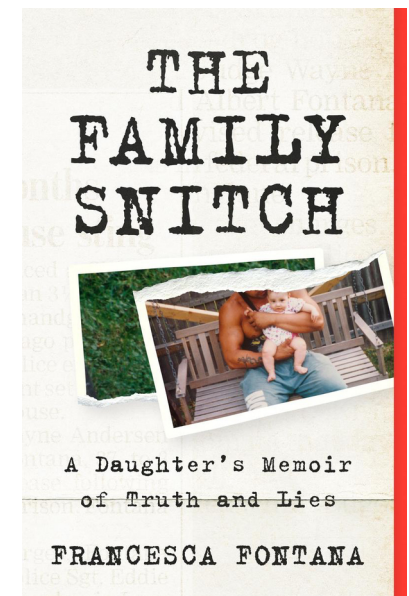
The family Snitch by Francesca Fontana 070.92 F679 memoir/true crime

Francesca's parents represented opposing world-views. Her mother always slid her way out of questions about the past, saying only "My life started when you were born." Her dad, an absent bodybuilder, loved telling stories about his seemingly larger-than-life past. He said he would tell her anything she wanted to know. But more often than not, it was a total lie. When Francesca was 9, he went to prison, and her mother, the grounding center of Francesca's world, moved her half a continent away...

The first in her family to attend college, The Family Snitch started as a youthful experiment in journalistic investigation, as Francesca began to uncover her father's secret criminal past. But in her increasingly dogged pursuit of the truth at any cost, was she just selling everybody out?

In her thought-provoking exploration, Francesca also interrogates her own relationship to the truth, finding that she trusts almost no one and refuses to believe anything that can't be backed by hard evidence. She turns to experts on memory and psychology, in search of someone to help explain the secrets kept between parents and children, and the inheritances they leave us in the fallout of their choices. She pulls on the threads that lead her back through the forms that came before this one: theater and film, Greek tragedy and myth.

The result is a page-turning memoir that is also an artful work of literature with enduring appeal.





YA & Middle School Ado et pré-ado)

YA

16 For Ever - Lance Rubin

It's the morning of Carter Cohen's 16th birthday, and everything's going his way. He's psyched and ready to get his driver's license, his little brother's not hogging the bathroom, and, man, something smells good for breakfast...

But when Carter bounds downstairs, Mom bursts into tears. It happened again. It's Carter's 16th birthday—for the sixth time. Every time he's supposed to turn 17, he loops back a year. His memory gets wiped clean, his body ages backward—the rest of the world moves on, just not him.

Maggie Spear, on the other hand, has been dreading this day ever since she and Carter started dating. When she spies him in the halls and he doesn't seem to know her at all, it's obvious that it's over between them. She can't be in a relationship with someone who is just going to forget her again and again. Since Carter doesn't remember that they're together, then it's probably better if she just pretends that they never were.

Except Carter senses that there's more to their story than Maggie's letting on, and Maggie's keeping secrets of her own—but in the process of trying to let the other go, they find themselves falling in love all over again.

With Maggie soon leaving for college and Carter's birthday quickly coming around again, will they be able to find a forever that isn't stuck at 16?

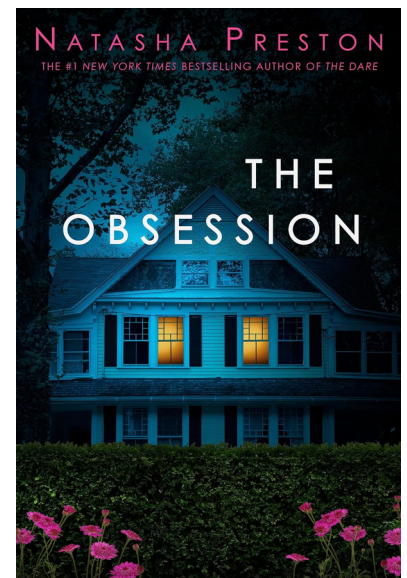


The Obsession - Natash Prestion

Sixteen-year-old Connie has been dragged into the world of vlogging - her mum Lou's vlog is hugely popular, enough to bring in money for a new house, expensive lifestyle . . . and a lot of criticism.

While Lou and Connie's older sister Isla are touring colleges, Connie stays home alone, where she becomes increasingly paranoid about comments on the vlog. Plus someone is turning up at her school and following her on her way home.

Then Connie's best friend is attacked - the third teenage girl attacked in five weeks - and suspicion turns to Connie. Connie doesn't know who she can trust any more and goes on the run. But will the killer - whoever they are - catch up with her?



Junior Fiction

The Free State of Jax - Jennifer Nielsen

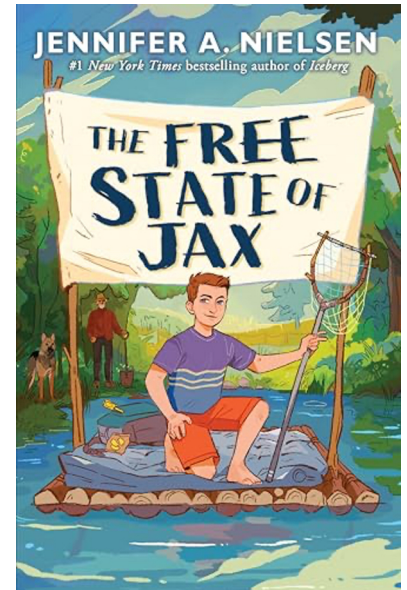
Jaxon Averett has had some terrifically bad luck. Because only the worst luck in the world can account for the fact that he has to live with his Uncle Clive Grimmitz, Aunt Helga, and their six kids in dead-end Walkonby, Kansas. Life with Jax's cousins isn't easy--they're all bullies, and his aunt and uncle can't even remember his name.

Which is why, on the night before his twelfth birthday, Jax sneaks over to the neighboring property, floats a raft out into the middle of the hot springs lake, and drops anchor.

Jax is now the president and sole citizen of his own micronation, the Free State of Jax.

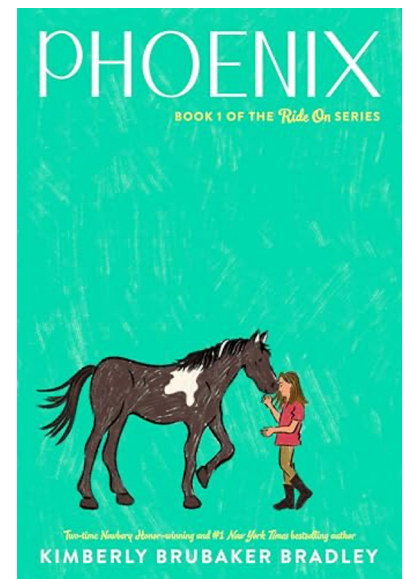
With the help of new friends, a local lawyer, and the property owner Owen O'Keefe, Jax's micronation begins to flourish. But the Grimmitzes will do anything to get him back and they are not above sabotage. On top of that, Jax is quickly embroiled in the mystery of Owen's missing brother--and a lost windfall of the town's money.

Investigating puts everything Jax has built at risk, and when long-buried family secrets are unearthed, he must find the courage to do what's right, even if it means losing his only chance at freedom.



Phoenix - Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Harper's life just exploded. Her parents are getting a divorce. And she suspects her best friend, Cat, may have known the reason for it long before she did. Now Harper and her mom are starting over in a cramped house, in a new town, where everything feels unfamiliar, including the riding barn next door. There, Harper watches the kids she avoids at her new school take lessons. Harper's never been around horses before. And no, she does not want to learn to ride. Then with no warning, a truck dumps a starved and neglected horse right in Harper's yard. She has no idea what to do with a live horse let alone a nearly dead one. But one look at the horse's huge eyes and his skinny body, and something inside Harper unlocks. The horse is named Phoenix, she decides. And she will not give up on him. Neither, it turns out, will Phoenix give up on her. She doesn't know it yet, but this is Harper's first step—toward new friends, new challenges, new adventures. Toward riding.





Global Gardens (DK Superplanet)

DK Super Planet Global Gardens is part of the new DK Super Planet series and children aged 5-7 to explore the fascinating environments on our planet and the animals that live in them.. Captivating and curriculum-aligned, this book is the perfect support for learning about the wonders of our planet. It builds background knowledge and covers core scientific content, including ecosystems, the continents, and the different habitats that plants and animals live in.

Fantastic Flora - Ann McCallum Staats

Leaf through this book and you'll unearth some of the amazing adaptations that help plants thrive: Seeds that explode. Leaves that look like stones. Berries so deadly that swallowing just a few will stop your heart. A plant that eats meat, and another that pretends to be meat—rotten meat, with a smell so rank you'll want to plug your nose. Dig in to the science of plant survival in a botanical book blooming with lush illustrations and filled with engagingly narrated, fascinating facts about how plants flourish, even in the most extreme environments on earth. A glossary, source notes, index, and select bibliography round out the back matter for readers eager to know more.

Keep Our World Green - Frieda Wishinsky

Green space is good for us all. Parks and gardens bring life to communities big and small all over the world and provide a habitat for native plants and animals. Ensuring access to these outdoor spaces can inspire art, music and literature and create ways for communities to grow their own food. But today, green space everywhere is at risk. Keep Our World Green looks at how green space has evolved throughout history, from the first public garden to the origins of bonsai trees. It examines the political, social and environmental challenges of maintaining green spaces because of pollution, inequality and the effects of the climate crisis. It also introduces the people working to protect these places for the future—you can be a green space activist too! Come on, let's take a walk in the park together!

Buzz - A family guide to bugs and bees and how to spot them

Discover 15 bugs with extraordinary abilities and uncover the secrets of their survival in nature through fun and accessible text in renowned entomologist Richard "Bugman" Jones's first book for children. Let your child's curiosity run wild with this beautifully illustrated book of beetles, butterflies, bees, and more! Try to spot the Indian stick insect and see how its remarkable camouflage helps it evade predators. Admire the vibrant colors of the monarch butterfly and learn how its wings support an incredible migration. And take a closer look at the emperor dragonfly's compound eyes to see how its vision helps it catch its next meal.

