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... and Now Miguel Joseph Krumgold 1992-04 Story of an American family in the Southwest to whom the traditions of sheep-raising have come down through generations from Spanish ancestors. Portrays their family life and the fulfillment of young Miguel's dream of being accepted on an equal footing by his father and older brothers.

The Electric Kingdom David Arnold 2022-03-01 New York Times bestseller David Arnold's most ambitious novel to date; Station Eleven meets *The 5th Wave* in a genre-smashing story of survival, hope, and love amid a ravaged earth. When a deadly Fly Flu sweeps the globe, it leaves a shell of the world that once was. Among the survivors are eighteen-year-old Nico and her dog, on a voyage devised by Nico's father to find a mythical portal; a young artist named Kit, raised in an old abandoned cinema; and the enigmatic Deliverer, who lives Life after Life in an attempt to put the world back together. As swarms of infected Flies roam the earth, these few survivors navigate the woods of post-apocalyptic New England, meeting others along the way, each on their own quest to find life and love in a world gone dark. *The Electric Kingdom* is a sweeping exploration of art, storytelling, eternal life, and above all, a testament to the notion that even in an exterminated world, one person might find beauty in another.

Pure America Elizabeth Catte 2022-01-16 The highly anticipated follow-up to *What You Are Getting Wrong About Appalachia* explores the legacy of white supremacy in a small Virginia town

Miracles on Maple Hill Virginia Sorensen 2003 Marly and her family share many adventures when they move from the city to Grandma's old farmhouse on Maple Hill. A Newbery Medal book. Simultaneous.

The White Stag 1979 Retells the legendary story of the Huns' and Magyars' long migration from Asia to Europe where they hope to find a permanent home.

Tales from Silver Lands Charles Joseph Finger 1924 These 19 folk stories originated by the Indians of South America include tales about giants, witches, and animals

Sweet Home Alaska Carole Estby Dagg 2019-07-16 "If Laura Ingalls Wilder had lived in Alaska, she might have written this novel . . ."--Kirkus Reviews It's 1934, and times are tough for Trip's family after the mill in their small Wisconsin town closes, leaving her father unemployed. Determined to provide for his family, he moves them all to Alaska to become pioneers as part of President Roosevelt's Palmer Colony project. Trip and her family are settling in, except her mom, who balks at the lack of civilization. But Trip feels like she's following in Laura Ingalls Wilder's footsteps, and she hatches a plan to raise enough money for a piano to convince her musical mother that Alaska is a wonderful and cultured home. Her sights set on the cash prize at the upcoming Palmer Colony Fair, but can Trip grow the largest pumpkin possible--using all the love, energy, and Farmer Boy expertise she can muster?

Newbery Award Library Box Set 1 Various 1985-10-02 Tells the stories of a boy having troubles with his father, an Eskimo runaway, an immigrant worker, and a Black sharecropper family

Collected Stories for Children Walter De la Mare 1984

Everything Sad Is Untrue Daniel Nayeri 2020-08-25 A National Indie Bestseller An NPR Best Book of the Year A New York Times Best Book of the Year An Amazon Best Book of the Year A Booklist Editors' Choice A BookPage Best Book of the Year A NECBA Windows & Mirrors Selection A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year A Wall Street Journal Best Book of the Year A Today.com Best of the Year PRAISE "A modern masterpiece." --The New York Times Book Review "Supple, sparkling and original." --The Wall Street Journal "Mesmerizing." --TODAY.com "This book could change the world." --BookPage "Like nothing else you've read or ever will read." --Linda Sue Park "It hooks you right from the opening line." --NPR SEVEN STARRED REVIEWS ★ "A modern epic." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review ★ "A rare treasure of a book." --Publishers Weekly, starred review ★ "A story that soars." --The Bulletin, starred review ★ "At once beautiful and painful." --School Library Journal, starred review ★ "Raises the literary bar in children's lit." --Booklist, starred review ★ "Poignant and powerful." --Foreword Reviews, starred review ★ "One of the most extraordinary books of the year." --BookPage, starred review A sprawling, evocative, and groundbreaking autobiographical novel told in the unforgettable and hilarious voice of a young Iranian refugee. It is a powerfully layered novel that poses the questions: Who owns the truth? Who speaks it? Who believes it? "A patchwork story is the shame of the refugee," Nayeri writes early in the novel. In an Oklahoman middle school, Khosrou (whom everyone calls Daniel) stands in front of a skeptical audience of classmates, telling the tales of his family's history, stretching back years, decades, and centuries. At the core is Daniel's story of how they became refugees--starting with his mother's vocal embrace of Christianity in a country that made such a thing a capital offense, and continuing through their midnight flight from the secret police, bribing their way onto a plane-to-anywhere. Anywhere becomes the sad, cement refugee camps of Italy, and then finally asylum in the U.S. Implementing a distinct literary style and challenging western narrative structures, Nayeri deftly weaves through stories of the long and beautiful history of his family in Iran, adding a richness of ancient tales and Persian folklore. Like Scheherazade of One Thousand and One Nights in a hostile classroom, Daniel spins a tale to save his own life: to stake his claim to the truth. EVERYTHING SAD IS UNTRUE (a true story) is a tale of heartbreak and resilience and urges readers to speak their truth and be heard.

The Trumpeter of Krakow Eric P. Kelly 2012-03-20 For well over thirty years, Eric P. Kelly's Newbery Award winner has brought the color and romance of ancient times to young readers. Today, *The Trumpeter of Krakow* is an absorbing and dramatic as when it was first published in 1928. There was something about the Great Tarnov Crystal...Wise men spoke of it in hushed tones. Others were ready to kill for it. Now a murderous Tartar chief is bent on possessing it. But young Joseph Charnetski was bound by an ancient oath to protect the jewel at all costs. When Joseph and his family seek refuge in medieval Krakow, they are caught up in the plots and intrigues of alchemists, hypnotists, and a dark messenger of evil. Will Joseph be able to protect the crystal, and the city, from the plundering Tartars?

Open Season C. J. Box 2016-05-31 Don't miss the Spectrum Originals series JOE PICKETT! The first novel in the thrilling series featuring Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett from #1 New York Times bestselling author C. J. Box. Joe Pickett is the new game warden in Twelve Sleep, Wyoming, a town where nearly everyone hunts and the game warden--especially one like Joe who won't take bribes or look the other way--is far from popular. When he finds a local hunting outfitter dead, splayed out on the woodpile behind his state-owned home, he takes it personally. There had to be a reason that the outfitter, with whom he's had run-ins before, chose his

backyard, his woodpile to die in. Even after the "outfitter murders," as they have been dubbed by the local press after the discovery of the two more bodies, are solved, Joe continues to investigate, uneasy with the easy explanation offered by the local police. As Joe digs deeper into the murders, he soon discovers that the outfitter brought more than death to his backdoor: he brought Joe an endangered species, thought to be extinct, which is now living in his woodpile. But if word of the existence of this endangered species gets out, it will destroy any chance of InterWest, a multi-national natural gas company, building an oil pipeline that would bring the company billions of dollars across Wyoming, through the mountains and forests of Twelve Sleep. The closer Joe comes to the truth behind the outfitter murders, the endangered species and InterWest, the closer he comes to losing everything he holds dear.

The Cat Who Went to Heaven Elizabeth Coatsworth 1967-07 In ancient Japan a struggling artist is angered when his housekeeper brings home a tiny white cat he can barely afford to feed.

Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats Thomas Stearns Eliot 2009 T. S. Eliot's playful cat poems were originally composed for his godchildren, with Eliot posing as Old Possum himself, and later inspired the legendary musical "Cats." Now with vibrant illustrations by the award-winning Axel Scheffler.

Sounder William H. Armstrong 2011-07-12 This powerful Newbery-winning classic tells the story of the great coon dog Sounder and his family. An African American boy and his family rarely have enough to eat. Each night, the boy's father takes their dog, Sounder, out to look for food. The man grows more desperate by the day. When food suddenly appears on the table one morning, it seems like a blessing. But the sheriff and his deputies are not far behind. The ever-loyal Sounder remains determined to help the family he loves as hard times bear down. This classic novel shows the courage, love, and faith that bind a family together despite the racism and inhumanity they face in the nineteenth-century deep South. Readers who enjoy timeless dog stories such as *Old Yeller* and *Where the Red Fern Grows* will find much to love in *Sounder*, even as they read through tears at times.

It's Like This, Cat Emily Cheney Neville 1963-05-28 A large print edition of the story of a fourteen-year-old New York boy and his relationships with a stray tomcat, an eccentric old woman, a troubled older boy, the first girl with whom he has been friends, and his father.

The China Year Emily Cheney Neville 1991 Henrietta Rich, a New York City teenager, spends a year in China when her father accepts a teaching position in Beijing.

The Hope Chest Karen Schwabach 2010-12-28 Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment with this stirring historical novel about women's suffrage! She's searching for her sister. Along the way, she finds a friend . . . and a cause. It's been three years since Violet's sister, Chloe, left home, and Violet is determined to find her! She runs away and follows her sister's trail all the way to New York and then Tennessee. There, she discovers not only Chloe but the fierce fight for women's right to vote. And what a fight it is! Violet and her new friend Myrtle join Chloe in the Suffragists' cause, eager to sway legislators to their side. Violet knows that her parents would surely disapprove of her decisions, but if fighting for justice makes her the wrong kind of girl . . . then why does it feel so right? A perfect Common Core tie-in, *The Hope Chest* includes back matter with period photographs, historical notes about the suffrage movement, a "Voting in America" timeline, and other activities. It's also a New York State curriculum title for fourth grade. Don't miss *Starting from Seneca Falls*, another historical novel about women's suffrage from the author of *The Hope Chest*!

Splat the Cat: The Rain Is a Pain Rob Scotton 2012-10-02 Splat can't wait to try out his brand-new roller skates! But when it starts to rain, Splat's sure that his day will be ruined. Is there anything fun to do inside? Beginning readers will love this easy-to-read addition to the Splat library!

Onion John Joseph Krumgold 1984-04-04 The story of a friendship between a 12-year-old boy and an immigrant handyman, almost wrecked by the good intentions of the townspeople.

Shadow of a Bull Maia Wojciechowska 2012-06-19 Maia Wojciechowska's 1965 Newbery Medal winner about a young boy struggling with his father's legacy. Manolo was only three when his father, the great bullfighter Juan Olivar, died. But Juan is never far from Manolo's consciousness--how could he be, with the entire town of Arcangel waiting for the day Manolo will fulfill his father's legacy? But Manolo has a secret he dares to share with no one--he is a coward, without *afición*, the love of the sport that enables a bullfighter to rise above his fear and face a raging bull. As the day when he must enter the ring approaches, Manolo finds himself questioning which requires more courage: to follow in his father's legendary footsteps or to pursue his own destiny?

It's Like This, Cat Emily Cheney Neville 2021-07-05 First published in 1963 and winner of the Newbery Award for excellence in children's literature the following year, "It's like this, cat" is the charming and engrossing debut novel by American author Emily Cheney Neville. The story centers on the life of Dave Mitchell, a 14-year old boy growing up in New York City in the early 1960s. Dave befriends an eccentric older neighbor, Kate, who takes care of many of the city's stray cats and he soon adopts an orange-striped tomcat from her. Affectionately called "cat" by Dave, his new companion accompanies him around town in this touching and sensitive coming of age story. Dave fights with his friend, meets a girl, tries to right some of society's wrongs, and navigates life in a new school with the help of his brave and perceptive pet. Widely heralded as one of the best novels written about adolescence in a big city, "It's like this, cat" skillfully captures the feelings, thoughts, and challenges of growing up and discovering one's identity in a busy and often indifferent world. Readers of all ages have continued to identify with Dave's journey with his loyal cat by his side. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper.

Up a Road Slowly Irene Hunt 2005-01-04 The beloved author of *Across Five Aprils* and *No Promises in the Wind* presents one of her most cherished novels, the Newbery Award-winning story of a young girl's coming of age... Julie would remember her happy days at Aunt Cordelia's forever. Running through the spacious rooms, singing on rainy nights in front of the fireplace. There were the rides in the woods on Peter the Great, and the races with Danny Trevort. There were the precious moments alone in her room at night, gazing at the sea of stars. But there were sad times too--the painful jealousy Julie felt after her sister married, the tragic death of a schoolmate and the bitter disappointment of her first love. Julie was having a hard time believing life was fair. But Julie would have to be fair to herself before she could even think about new beginnings... "Hunt demonstrates that she is a writer of the first rank...Those who follow Julie's growth--from a tantrum-throwing seven-year-old to a gracious young woman of seventeen--will find this book

has added a new dimension to their lives.”—The New York Times Book Review
Li Lun, Lad of Courage Carolyn Treffinger 1995-10-01 Because of his fear of the sea, a young Chinese boy is sent to a distant mountain where he proves his bravery.

Berries Goodman Emily Cheney Neville 1970 A nine-year-old boy faces antisemitism for the first time when he moves from New York City to the suburbs.

Traveler from a Small Kingdom Emily Cheney Neville 1968 Describes life in the small world, the Cheney family place, in Connecticut, where Emily and her sister grew up, and recounts their adventures with their cousins, at the summer home in Keene Valley, and as Emily began to discover the world beyond the place.

Ginger Pye Eleanor Estes 2004 A heartwarming, yet quirky, story about a boy called Jerry whose much-loved puppy, Ginger Pye, goes missing. Jerry and his sister begin a desperate hunt for Ginger, who they're convinced has been stolen away by the stranger in the yellow hat. After months of fruitless searching the children are about to give up hope when a chance gust of wind reveals the villain to the children and Ginger Pye is saved. * A book which has stood the test of time and deals with the special relationship between a boy and his dog in a fun and lively way

The Science of Breakable Things Tae Keller 2019-05-21 Natalie's uplifting story of using the scientific process to "save" her mother from depression is what Booklist calls "a winning story full of heart and action." Eggs are breakable. Hope is not. When Natalie's science teacher suggests that she enter an egg drop competition, Natalie thinks that this might be the perfect solution to all of her problems. There's prize money, and if she and her friends wins, then she can fly her botanist mother to see the miraculous Cobalt Blue Orchids--flowers that survive against impossible odds. Natalie's mother has been suffering from depression, and Natalie is sure that the flowers' magic will inspire her mom to love life again. Which means it's time for Natalie's friends to step up and show her that talking about a problem is like taking a plant out of a dark cupboard and giving it light. With their help, Natalie begins an uplifting journey to discover the science of hope, love, and miracles. A vibrant, loving debut about the coming-of-age moment when kids realize that parents are people, too. Think THE FOURTEENTH GOLDFISH meets THE THING ABOUT JELLYFISH. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR * KIRKUS REVIEWS * THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY * "Natalie's Korean heritage is sensitively explored, as is the central issue of depression." --Publishers Weekly "A compassionate glimpse of mental illness accessible to a broad audience." --Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW "Holy moly!!! This book made me feel." --Colby Sharp, editor of The Creativity Project, teacher, and cofounder of Nerdy Book Club
It's Like This, Cat Emily Neville 2017-03-17 Although he acquired Cat only to defy his father, Dave Mitchell matures through the experiences that are instigated by his pet.

It's Like This, Cat by Emily Cheney Neville Jean Jamieson 1999 Dave Mitchell is fourteen and growing up in the midst of the variety and excitement of New York City. In this quiet, reflective, and humorous story of a boy's journey toward adulthood, Emily Neville captures the flavor of one kind of New York boyhood—the sights and sounds of Gramercy Park, Coney Island, the Fulton Fish Market, the Bronx Zoo, the stickball games played in city streets, the fascinating mixture of nationalities and eccentrics that give the huge metropolis so much of its flavor and excitement. But most of all the author tells a realistic tale of Dave's affection for a stray tomcat, his comradeship with a troubled nineteen-year-old boy, his first shy friendship with a girl, and his growing understanding of his father as a human being and not just a parent. Emil Weiss's lively drawings capture the mood and setting of the story to perfection. Book jacket.

A Game of Fox & Squirrels Jenn Reese 2020-04-14 Andre Norton Award finalist Jenn Reese explores the often thin line between magic and reality, light and darkness in her enchanting middle grade standalone. "Brings to life, viscerally, what it is like to live in fear of abuse—even after the abuse itself is over. But there is magic here too, and the promise of a better future that comes with learning to let people who care about you into your world." —Alan Gratz, New York Times–bestselling author of *Refugee* "A captivating and touching story... both whimsical and emotionally—sometimes frighteningly—compelling." —Ingrid Law, Newbery Honor-winning author of *Savvy* "Magically creative and deeply honest, *A Game of Fox & Squirrels* merges games and grimness in a fantasy tale that tells the truth." —Elana K. Arnold, Printz Honor-winning author of *Damsel* and *A Boy Called Bat* After an incident shatters their family, eleven-year old Samantha and her older sister Caitlin are sent to live in rural Oregon with an aunt they've never met. Sam wants nothing more than to go back to the way things were... before she spoke up about their father's anger. When Aunt Vicky gives Sam a mysterious card game called "A Game of Fox & Squirrels," Sam falls in love with the animal characters, especially the charming trickster fox, Ashander. Then one day Ashander shows up in Sam's room and offers her an adventure and a promise: find the Golden Acorn, and Sam can have anything she desires. But the fox is hiding rules that Sam isn't prepared for, and her new home feels more tempting than she'd ever expected. As Sam is swept up in the dangerous quest, the line between magic and reality grows thin. If she makes the wrong move, she'll lose far more than just a game. Perfect for fans of Barbara O'Connor, Lauren Wolk, and Ali Benjamin, *A Game of Fox & Squirrels* is a stunning, heartbreaking novel about a girl who finds the light in the darkness... and ultimately discovers the true meaning of home.

The Loner Ester Wier 1999-10-01 Wandering westward, picking fruit for wages, a lonely boy cannot remember his name or his family and takes care of himself until he meets a woman sheep farmer who provides him with a loving home.

Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun Rhoda Blumberg 2009-10-06 In 1853, few Japanese people knew that a country called America even existed. For centuries, Japan had isolated itself from the outside world by refusing to trade with other countries and even refusing to help shipwrecked sailors, foreign or Japanese. The country's people still lived under a feudal system like that of Europe in the Middle Ages. But everything began to change when American Commodore Perry and his troops sailed to the Land of the Rising Sun, bringing with them new science and technology, and a new way of life.

Trapped In Ice Eric Walters 2017-01-31 The Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913 is not meant for children, so it doesn't look like bookish Helen or her squirmy little brother, Michael, will be having any fun. To fight off the boredom, Helen plans to keep her nose in her favourite books. But on their way to the Arctic, the ocean freezes over early, catching the captain and crew by surprise. The boat becomes trapped in ice and everyone is forced to abandon ship before it sinks. It's a long and treacherous road to solid land and many dangers lie ahead. Helen

could not have predicted that instead of reading about adventures, she would soon be living an extraordinary one of her own.

The Reading Promise Alice Ozma 2011-05-03 The heartwarming, true story of a young woman whose single father--an elementary school librarian--read aloud to her every night, starting from when she was in 4th grade until the day she left for college. When Alice Ozma was in 4th grade, she and her father decided to see if he could read aloud to her for 100 consecutive nights. On the hundredth night, they shared pancakes to celebrate, but it soon became evident that neither wanted to let go of their storytelling ritual. So they decided to continue what they called "The Streak." Alice's father read aloud to her every night without fail until the day she left for college. meta content="Word.Document" name="ProgId" meta content="Microsoft Word 12" name="Generator" meta content="Microsoft Word 12" name="Originator" link href="file:///C:\DOCUME~1\englanda\LOCALS~1\Temp\sohtmlclipl\01\clip_filelist.xml" rel="File-List" link href="file:///C:\DOCUME~1\englanda\LOCALS~1\Temp\sohtmlclipl\01\clip_themadata.thmx" rel="themeData" link href="file:///C:\DOCUME~1\englanda\LOCALS~1\Temp\sohtmlclipl\01\clip_colorschememapping.xml" rel="colorSchemeMapping" Alice approaches her book as a series of vignettes about her relationship with her father and the life lessons learned from the books he read to her. Books included in the Streak were: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, the Oz books by L. Frank Baum, *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll, and Shakespeare's plays.

The Last Protector (James Marwood & Cat Lovett, Book 4) Andrew Taylor 2020-04-02 From the No.1 Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Ashes of London* comes the next book in the phenomenally successful series following James Marwood and Cat Lovett.

Why We Drive Matthew B. Crawford 2020-06-09 A brilliant and defiant celebration of driving as a unique pathway of human freedom, by "one of the most influential thinkers of our time" (Sunday Times) "Why We Drive weaves philosophers, thinkers, and scientific research with shade-tree mechanics and racers to defend our right to independence, making the case that freedom of motion is essential to who we are as a species. ... We hope you'll read it." —Road & Track Once we were drivers, the open road alive with autonomy, adventure, danger, trust, and speed. Today we are as likely to be in the back seat of an Uber as behind the wheel ourselves. Tech giants are hurling us toward a shiny, happy "self-driving" future, selling utopia but equally keen to advertise to a captive audience strapped into another expensive device. Are we destined, then, to become passengers, not drivers? Why We Drive reveals that much more may be at stake than we might think. Ten years ago, in the New York Times–bestselling *Shop Class as Soulcraft*, philosopher-mechanic Matthew B. Crawford—a University of Chicago PhD who owned his own motorcycle shop—made a revolutionary case for manual labor, one that ran headlong against the pretensions of white-collar office work. Now, using driving as a window through which to view the broader changes wrought by technology on all aspects of contemporary life, Crawford investigates the driver's seat as one of the few remaining domains of skill, exploration, play—and freedom. Blending philosophy and hands-on storytelling, Crawford grounds the narrative in his own experience in the garage and behind the wheel, recounting his decade-long restoration of a vintage Volkswagen as well as his journeys to thriving automotive subcultures across the country. Crawford leads us on an irreverent but deeply considered inquiry into the power of faceless bureaucracies, the importance of questioning mindless rules, and the battle for democratic self-determination against the surveillance capitalists. A meditation on the competence of ordinary people, *Why We Drive* explores the genius of our everyday practices on the road, the rewards of "folk engineering," and the existential value of occasionally being scared shitless. Witty and ingenious throughout, *Why We Drive* is a rebellious and daring celebration of the irrepressible human spirit.

The Mighty Miss Malone Christopher Paul Curtis 2013-03-12 "We are a family on a journey to a place called wonderful" is the motto of Deza Malone's family. Deza is the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, singled out by teachers for a special path in life. But it's 1936 and the Great Depression has hit Gary hard, and there are no jobs for black men. When her beloved father leaves to find work, Deza, Mother, and her older brother, Jimmie, go in search of him, and end up in a Hooverville outside Flint, Michigan. Jimmie's beautiful voice inspires him to leave the camp to be a performer, while Deza and Mother find a new home, and cling to the hope that they will find Father. The twists and turns of their story reveal the devastation of the Depression and prove that Deza truly is the Mighty Miss Malone.

It's Like This, Cat Emily Neville 2017-02-22 "Superb. The best junior novel I've ever read about big-city life." — The New York Times. After another fight with Pop, 14-year-old Dave storms out of their apartment and nearly gets hit by a car. Kate, the local cat lady, comes to the rescue, and Dave returns home with an ally: Cat, the stray tom that becomes Dave's confidante and his key to new friendships and experiences. Cat inadvertently leads Dave to Tom, a troubled 19-year-old who needs help, and Mary, a shy girl who opens Dave's eyes and ears to music and theater. Even the Cat-related confrontations with Pop take on a new spirit, with less shouting and more understanding. *It's Like This, Cat* offers a vivid tour of New York City in the 1960s. From the genteel environs of Gramercy Park to a bohemian corner of Coney Island, the atmospheric journey is punctuated by stickball games, pastrami sandwiches, and a ride on the Staten Island Ferry. Recounted with humor, a remarkably realistic teenage voice, and Emil Weiss's pitch-perfect illustrations, this 1964 Newbery Award-winning tale recaptures the excitement and challenges of growing up in the big city.

It's Like This, Cat Emily Cheney Neville 2019-09-03 The Newbery-winning classic novel about a young New Yorker who figures out the world on his own terms with the help of one prickly tomcat, for readers who enjoy such books as *Al Capone Does My Shirts and Hoot*. Dave Mitchell and his father disagree on almost everything—and every time their fighting sets off his mother's asthma, Dave ends up storming out of the house. But when Dave meets a big, handsome tomcat, he decides to bring him home, no matter what his father has to say about it. With adventure-loving Cat around, Dave meets lots of new people—like Tom, a young dropout on his own in the city, and Mary, the first girl he can talk to like a real person. And as his eyes open to those around him, Dave starts to understand his father a little better. They still don't see eye-to-eye on a lot of things, but there is one thing they can both agree on: Having a cat can be very educational—especially when it's one like Cat.