

INTROSPECTIVE



The Newsletter of the Cooperative Services for Children's Literature

Dominic Catalano Featured at the 19th Annual Book & Reader Conference on October 30 in Bluffton

The 19th Annual Book and Reader Conference will be changing locations this year, when it moves south to Bluffton, Ohio. Ohio author/illustrator Dominic Catalano will be the featured keynote speaker at the conference held at Bluffton Middle School on Monday, October 30, 2006. The theme this year is "Focus on Picture Books: Art in Action."

Catalano is the author and illustrator of several books, including *Mr. Basset Plays*, the tale of a wealthy businessdog who learns the joy of play. He has also illustrated dozens of books for various authors and has recently teamed up with Miriam Aroner to present *Clink, Clank, Clunk*, the story of Rabbit and his dilapidated jalopy.

Registration information will be available in September, so mark your calendars now for this informative evening.



Children's Book Center

The Children's Book Center is a joint venture between The Cooperative Services for Children's Literature (CSCL) and the University Libraries of BGSU which endeavors to make high quality recent children's books available to Northwest Ohio librarians and educators through a variety of forums including an onsite examination center at the Curriculum Resource Center.

The books received in the Center are recently published children's and young adult's books donated by participating publishers. Members of the CSCL use books in making presentations to Northwest Ohio educators and librarians. A limited circulation period is in effect because of this arrangement with CSCL. The books may be checked out by BGSU students, faculty and staff for a three week loan period.

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Mazza Museum Presents Fall Events

The Mazza Museum, located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion of the University of Findlay, has several fall programs featuring artists from the world of children's picture books.

Gijsbert van Frankenhuzen will be speaking on September 24, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. He has three new books released in 2006: *Challenger: America's Favorite Eagle*, *Kelly of Hazel Ridge*, and *The Legend of Michigan*.

On November 10 and 11 the Mazza will once again offer its Fall Weekend Institute. This year's event features the talents of Tedd Arnold, Betsy Lewin,

Amy Schwartz, David Slonim, Brain Wildsmith, and Mazza Medaillion winner, Paul Zelinski.

Finally, the venerable Brian Wildsmith will be appearing at the Mazza Museum on November 12, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Illustrator/author of dozens of books, Wildsmith has deservedly won a reputation as one of the greatest living children's artists

Events at the Mazza require registration or tickets. Information is available at <http://www.findlay.edu/offices/resources/mazza/default.htm>

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"CSCL will bring books to your school for presentations."

Book Review Sessions

Book review sessions conducted by CSCL Board members and volunteers can be scheduled at your school or library. Board members will bring books to your school or library for presentations before school, after school or in the evening. A wide variety of curriculum-related topics are represented in the Children's Book Center collection.

Book review sessions or Caldecott Read-Ins have been scheduled at Bowling Green City Schools, Bluffton University, Fremont City Schools, Lima City Schools, Perrysburg Exempted Village Schools, and Hardin County Schools.

For more information, or to schedule a book review session at your school or library contact:

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Outstanding Book Reviews Written by Local Students

Northwest Ohio school-age students and BGSU education majors contributed to the reviews presented here as part of the Children's Book Center's (CBC) Cooperative Services for Children's Literature (CSCL) book review initiative. Partial funding was provided by a grant: "Bringing Books to Life: Engaging School-age Students in Book Reviewing" through the Partnerships for Community Action and The Center for Innovative and Transformative Education Offices at BGSU.

The best reviews submitted by the students are presented here. Winning students or classrooms received a free copy of the book they reviewed for themselves and their school libraries.

Participating classrooms were Roberta Perry's 2nd Grade and John Duckworth's 5th Grade classes from Glendale-Feilbach, Toledo; Amy Laukhuf-Fitch's 8th Graders from Otsego Middle School, Tontogany; Judith Virost's, Danielle Williams' and Barbara Coleman's 5th Graders, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee; and Nancy Seeburger's 1st Graders from South Main Elementary School, Bowling Green.

Congratulations to the winning students and everyone who participated.

Glendale-Feilbach Elementary

Gordan, Sharon. *Guess Who Changes*. Benchmark Books, 2003. ISBN 0761415580. \$21.36. Ages 4-8.

This book is good because it tells about a caterpillar's changes. And it's educational! We like the part when the butterfly spreads its wings. What we didn't like was there was not enough information! She forgot to put in talking marks. We discovered a caterpillar's life cycle. We recommend this book to people that like animals! This book is nonfiction. We learned caterpillars change into butterflies! We were disappointed because they didn't tell what the butterfly's NAME WAS!! We knew it was a monarch butterfly because of its look. And because our teacher told us!

Jerrika Armstrong and Lexi Gibbs, Glendale-Feilbach Elementary, Toledo Public Schools, Toledo, Ohio

Fleming, Candace. *Gator Gumbo*. Illustrated by Sally Anne Lambert. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. ISBN 0374380503. \$16.00. Ages 4-8.

We like this book because Gator is a trickster like Little Red Hen, Hansel and Gretel. Also, like in *Stone Soup* and the *Gingerbread Man*. Monsieur Gator is funny in the middle because he started to jump around. We like that the critters kept repeating words. We did not like that the critters teased Gator. We did not like when the critters threw stuff at Gator. We would change that Gator had a friend. We would change that the critters would not be eaten by Gator. We would recommend this book to 2nd grade and up because there are lots of words. We learned that we should not tease people. We learned not to be mean to others.

Steven Wood and Justin Mission, Glendale-Feilbach Elementary, Toledo Public Schools, Toledo, Ohio

Lewis, J. Patrick. *Please Bury Me in the Library*. Pictures by Kyle M. Stone. Gulliver Books, 2005. ISBN 0152163875. \$16.00. Ages 4-8.

Please Bury Me in the Library is full of rhyming and free verse. This book is full of poems. I like the pictures in the book because they tell a lot about the poem such as "Three Haiku." It looks so real because there's a shadow that looks spooky! I didn't like the free verse in the book because it didn't sound right. I will recommend this book for a 2nd grader because it has some cool made-up words like absolutastical. It tells a way to make a poem out of words and made-up words.

Josiah Sanccrant, Glendale-Feilbach Elementary, Toledo Public Schools, Toledo, Ohio

Brown, Don. *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein*. Houghton Mifflin, 2004. ISBN 0618492984. \$16.00. Ages 4-8.

I think *Odd Boy Out* was a good book. If someone wanted to learn about Einstein they would get a lot of information. I think it was sort of funny that he did not talk until he was three, but he was very smart.

I like the drawings. But he only used a couple colors. He makes good drawings of people. If he had used color it would have been better. It would have been more lively. If it talked about Albert more that would have been more informational. If it was longer it would of made more interest. Also, if the book had a different title, like *Albert's Life*

or Einstein. Overall, I think it was a good book. He added a lot more details. People have a lot of old clothes. It was like the old days and what they used to look like back then.

Jeremy LaFleur, Glendale-Feilbach Elementary, Toledo, Ohio.

Otsego Middle School

Hodges, Margaret. *Merlin and the Making of a King*. Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Holiday House, 2004. ISBN 082341647X. \$16.95. Ages 9-12.

Merlin and the Making of a King retold by Margaret Hodges and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman was a great book. This book was published by Holiday House books in New York. This book was based on one of my favorite subjects, King Arthur. The storyline was the traditional tale of King Arthur and his knights. The pictures went exactly with the words and really added feeling. The painted illustrations are beautifully drawn; their color draws your eyes. I loved this book and recommend it to younger kids fascinated with medieval literature and King Arthur. I also liked how detailed the facts were about King Arthur. The wording is easily understood. It was a tad bit wordy, but yet very interesting. The font used in the chapter titles is a bit challenging to read because some letters look alike. If I was to go shopping and see this, I would buy this for my little sister. She is very good at reading, and I know she would love it.

Kayla Fackler, Otsego Middle School, Tontogany, Ohio.

Rocker, Megan. *How It Happens at the Fireworks Factory*. Illustrated by Diane and Robert L. Wolfe. Oliver Press, 2004. \$19.95. ISBN 1881508978. Ages 4-8.

The book *How It Happens at the Fireworks Factory* was written in 2004 and was published by the Oliver Press, Inc. The photo credits were taken by Bob and Diane Wolfe. It is how fireworks are made and set up to be fired. The features of this book are captions, like "Stars and Inserts" and "Assembly." The photos are great, and there is also a glossary in the back of the book so you can understand the words more. If I were to read this I think there should be more writing because some of the pages have five to six words on the page, and the rest is pictures. The text is very big and there are gigantic, descriptive pictures that take up most of the page. So that might mean this book is for younger audiences. I think this book is bad for little kids to read because it teaches them how to make fireworks. I thought it was a wonderful book for people who are interested in making fireworks. Overall, I thought this was a very good and descriptive book, and I would buy it because fireworks interest me.

Nick Howe, Otsego Middle School, Tontogany, Ohio.

Dipucchio, Kelly. *Bed Hogs*. Illustrated by Howard Fine. Hyperion Books, 2004. ISBN 0786818840. \$15.99. Ages birth-4.

The book *Bed Hogs* by Kelly Dipucchio, was written in 2004 and was illustrated by Howard Fine. This book is about a little runt who tries over and over again to get comfortable in his straw bed, but his family members take up all the room, and keep doing things that annoy him in their sleep. The little runt handles that by giving them a little nudge and they scoot away from him. Finally he ends up alone where he is cold and lonely, and realizes it is better to have his family by his side at night. The text is big and bold enough for all ages to read. It is also in rhyming style. The illustrations, by Howard Fine, explain what is going on in the story. It helps young children understand the book much better. If I were to walk by and see this book on a shelf, I would definitely take a double look at it just because the cover is so adorable! *Bed Hogs* is an all thumbs up from my prospective.

Cheyane Donald, Otsego Middle School, Tontogany, Ohio.

Kalman, Bobbie and John Crossingham. *Extreme Motocross*. Crabtree Publishing, 2004. ISBN 077871716X. \$6.95. Ages 9-12.

Extreme Motocross by Bobbie Kolman and John Crossingham was published in 2004 by Crabtree Publishing Company. This book tells the history of motocross racing. The first page has the table of contents for reference and a glossary and index at the rear of the book. This book also includes full colored pictures as well as black and white from the past. *Extreme Motocross* is an informational book about the history and present events of MC (motocross). Most of the pictures include a small text about that particular picture. The book has a combination of photographs, drawings, and captions to show different events. In my opinion this is a great book. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to know the history of motocross. This book is awesome and is a great way to learn something new.

Kyle Luttrell, Otsego Middle School, Tontogany, Ohio.

Schaefer, A. R. and James Henke. *Making a First Recording*. Capstone Press, 2003. ISBN 0736821473. \$22.60. Ages 9-12.

Making a First Recording was written by A. R. Schaefer and published by Capstone Press in 2004. It is a non-fiction book about making a first promotion, and expectations. It has straightforward and easy to read text. The pictures also relate well with the text. The book is filled with photographs and there is almost no negative space on each page. The book is decent, and I would recommend it for a band that wants to make a record. It has accurate information and there is a lot of it. The order of information is a bit confusing though. It ends up saying things repetitively. It also sounds sometimes like a seventh grader wrote it.

Calyn Babcock, Otsego Middle School, Tontogany, Ohio.

Weil, Ann. *Aggressive In-Line Skating*. Capstone Press, 2004. ISBN 0736827080. \$22.60. Ages 9-12.

The book *Aggressive In-Line Skating* was written by Ann Weil and was published by Capstone Press in 2005. This book has chapters, a glossary, internet sites, and an index. It is informational to beginners, and it has really great photos in it. The photos were my favorite part; I liked seeing pictures of awesome tricks. Overall, it is a good book, but I really didn't learn anything new. I think this book is best for beginners of in-line skating. Maybe the title should be changed a little to indicate that it is not for experts. One thing I liked a lot was how every picture is described so the reader knows what certain things look like. I enjoyed this book, and if I was getting into in-line skating I would definitely buy it.

Tony Thomas, Otsego Middle School, Tontogany, Ohio.

Levert, Suzanne. *The Facts about Ecstasy (Drugs)*. Benchmark Books, 2004. ISBN 0761418075. \$37.07. Ages 9-12.

The book *The Facts about Ecstasy (Drugs)* is by Suzanne Levert. This book talks about ecstasy. It lists out the facts about how dangerous it is. It also names the slang of ecstasy and the "street names" for ecstasy. The style is straightforward, no nonsense, non fiction. It gives you the facts and the facts only. The negative space is great. It has just the right amount for you to be able to get enough information and still have not a ton of words per page. It has great pictures of important people in the war against the worldwide spread of ecstasy. I thought the book was great. The first-hand account made me want to stay away from ecstasy forever. It is a very educational book it has a great chapter on rehabilitation if you have taken and have gotten addicted to ecstasy. I would recommend this book to anyone who is addicted to ecstasy or even if you just want to get some information.

Brandon West, Otsego Middle School, Tontogany, Ohio.

Fairfield Elementary

McNaughton, Colin. *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*. Illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. \$16.00. Ages 4-8.

This book called, *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*, by Colin McNaughton and Satoshi Kitamura was awesome! It was awesome because at first the ordinary boy did his ordinary thing he did in the morning. The ordinary boy got to school after the ordinary bell rang. He went inside and thinking something ordinary was going to happen. Mr. Gee came in and had the class listen to music and write their own opinion of what the music was like to them. The ordinary boy was soon out of the ordinary because the music changed him.

I think that you should read this book because it is great entertainment and has good detail. Don't leave this book on the shelf, pick it up and read!

Emily Burkett, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Geisert, Arthur. *Pigaroons*. Houghton Mifflin, 2004. ISBN 0618410589. \$16.00. Ages 4-8.

This book is called *Pigaroons*, by Arthur Geisert was entertaining, but needed more pizzazz. It was entertaining because the pigs stole stuff with their cleverness, who ever heard of piggy pirates anyway? Although it was an entertaining book it could have included more details and adventure. Why should good always triumph over evil? Pigaroon pirates rock! If you like pigs, pirates, and undetailed books, this one is great for you!

Macie, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Bertrand, Lynne. *Granite Baby*. Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. ISBN 0374327610. \$16.00. Ages 4-8.

The book *Granite Baby* by Lynne Bertrand was a great book, it was mysterious and challenging. This book was mysterious because there were giants with special talents and challenging because there were some difficult words. I say that if you like mysterious and meeting a challenge, this books for you!

Noah Intagliata, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

King, Daniel. *Chess, From First Moves to Checkmate*. Kingfisher, 2004. ISBN 0753458209. \$8.95. Ages 9-12.

Chess, From First Moves to Checkmate by Daniel King is very good. I think he couldn't have done better. The cover really gets people into the book and the first pages of facts keep people reading. It also looks modern, interesting, and cool. They also use easy explanations and diagrams. They do a good job of showing you how to play chess. I think that you should read this book because it makes learning how to play chess fun.

Mary, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Stille, Darlene R. *I Am a Sea Turtle*. Illustrated by Todd Owen. Picture Window Books, 2004. ISBN 1404805974. \$22.60. Ages 4-8.

Can you imagine being left alone on a beach with no mother to guide you? How do sea turtles know what to do? This book by Darlene R. Stille called *I Am a Sea Turtle*, taught you how they lived and what they did. It was exciting when they had to race to the ocean in-order not to get eaten. You just want to yell "go, go!"

This book is about how turtles live, what they do, and how they do it. You learn about their body parts and how they work. I would recommend this book to my brother because he loves sea turtles and used to own a turtle. I would also recommend it to turtle lovers everywhere.

Luke Osgood, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Bradley, Michael. *Tiger Woods*. Benchmark Books, 2003. ISBN 0761416315. \$27.07. Ages 4-8.

Do you know who won 4 Master's Tournaments? If you don't, you should read *Tiger Woods* by Michael Bradley. It was an awesome book because it tells lots of Tiger Woods' stats. It was also a good book because it talked about my other favorite golfer, Phil Mickelson.

This book is about how Tiger Woods got to be a pro. He first hit a golf ball when he was only 11 months old. It's also about Tiger Woods' career in golf. This book is for someone who likes golf and Tiger Woods. It is a good book for someone who likes Tiger Woods because it tells many facts about Tiger Woods' life.

Adam Toth, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Laguna, Sofie. *Too Loud Lily*. Illustrated by Kerry Argent. Scholastic Press, 2004. ISBN 0439579139. \$14.95. Ages 4-8.

Have you ever felt you just wanted to be loud? *Too Loud Lily* by Kerry Argent is for you. This book is great! Like when she is at school she always screams out the answers, but when she goes too far she ends up in the principal's office. Lily just can't be quiet. Lily finds out a great solution for being loud.

This book is about a hippo named Lily and she is always getting told to quiet down. But when she gets a new music teacher, things turn around. Like when her music teacher teaches her a dance then she can be loud. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves to be loud.

Emma Burmeister, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Sadler, Judy Ann. *Hemp Jewelry*. Illustrated by June Bradford. Kids Can Press, 2005. ISBN 1553377745. \$12.95. Ages 4-8.

Hemp Jewelry by Judy Ann Sadler was great because girls or even boys can have fun making hemp jewelry. This book has pictures of the jewelry when it is finished, so you know what it will look like when it is all done.

This book teaches you how to be very crafty with hemp, and it is fun and easy. It showed you how to make tight knots, bracelets, necklaces, and rings with many different designs.

This book would entertain crafty people who would like to have stylish jewelry because that's what this book is all about!

Megan Freeman, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Price, Pam. *Cool Scrapbooks*. Abdo Publishing Company, 2004. ISBN 1591977444. \$22.78. Ages 4-8.

Do you like scrap booking? If so, *Cool Scrapbooks*, by Pam Price, is the book for you. It is a good book. I liked it because it gave you tips on how to make a good scrapbook.

One example is not to use too many stickers or other decorations. If you do, the picture won't stand out because your attention would be drawn to all the decorations, not the picture.

I would recommend this book to people who are scrap booking, artistic, or just making cards. I would recommend this book to artistic people because it has good craft materials. People who are making cards would like it because of decorating ideas.

Grace Haas, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio.

Firestone, Mary. *Extreme Waterskiing Moves*. Capstone High Interest Books, 2003. ISBN 0736821554. \$22.60. Ages 4-8.

If you like waterskiing then you will like *Extreme Waterskiing Moves* by Mary Firestone. It is a book about how they do all their cool tricks. I think it would have been better if there was a little more text and diagrams of the ski. The pictures were very good. It is like you know all of their secrets now.

Bobby Duling, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio

Elliot, George. *The Boy Who Loved Bananas*. Illustrated by Andrej Krystforski. Kids Can Press, 2005. ISBN 1553377443. \$15.95. Ages 4-8.

If you like books with weird events going on, then you'll love, *The Boy Who Loved Bananas*. It is about a boy who went to a zoo. After he left the zoo, the only thing he ever wanted to eat were bananas! But, the next time he went to the zoo, weird things started happening. The author of this book leaves you wondering what would be happening if there was a second part.

Shawn Farringer, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio

Johnston, Tony. *The Whole Green World*. Illustrated by Elisa Kleven. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. ISBN 0374384002. \$15.00. Ages 4-8.

If you are just learning how to read and like books that rhyme you would like *The Whole Green World* by Tony Johnston. Elisa Kleven did a great mix of cartoon and realistic pictures. They are also very colorful, you can't see a lot of white in them. This book would have been a lot better if they did not say practically the same thing on each page. This book might not have been the best book ever to a 5th grader, but it would be good to a younger child.

Taylor Justen, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio

Russell, Barbara. *The Remembering Stone*. Illustrated by Claire B. Cotts. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. ISBN 03743624221. \$16.00. Ages 4-8.

If you like books about dreams then you'll like *The Remembering Stone* by Barbara Russell. It's about a girl who tries to find out what her dream is, and when she does she wants to make it happen. The author makes you want to keep reading to find out what her dream is. I think the author could have made it better if she said what some of the words in Spanish meant. The illustrations by Claire B. Cotts were vivid and went right with the story. Throughout the whole book it sends you a message, not to let go of your dreams.

Katie Maluchnik, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio

Elliot David. *Hazel Nutt Alien Hunter*. Illustrated by True Kelley. Holiday House, 2004. ISBN 082341843X. \$16.95. Ages 4-8.

If you enjoy a book about space, dumb but funny aliens and flying meatballs then you would enjoy *Hazel Nutt Alien Hunter* by David Elliot. The story tells of a girl whose name is Hazel Nutt. She goes into space with a dog and her two-headed first mate Igor. The illustrator, True Kelley, makes weird aliens and wacky drawings giving it an extra boost of humor and excitement. I would suggest this book to a person who enjoys a giggle, funny surprises, or even just as a read-aloud to a child. This book I think would be good for all ages. This was different from many books I've ever read and a joy to read, I think any and everyone who reads this book will want to read it again.

Mitchell Huddleston, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio

Rappaport, Doreen. *John's Secret Dreams: The Life of John Lennon*. Illustrated by Brian Collier. Hyperion, 2004. ISBN 0786808179. \$16.99. Ages 9-12.

John's Secret Dreams: The Life of John Lennon by Doreen Rappaport is a terrific story of John Lennon's sorrowful life from childhood to death. It starts when he is five and left with his aunt and uncle. John had a "secret dream" to play guitar and perform music. People who like classical rock and / or the Beatles will enjoy this book filled with John's thoughts and how he changed the world. Every page is filled with Brian Collier's clever illustration. Don't miss out on this amazing book.

Matt Ducey, Fairfield Elementary, Maumee, Ohio

South Main Elementary

Kalman, Bobbie, and Kelly Macaulay. *Guinea Pigs*. Photographs by Marc Crabtree. Crabtree 2004. ISBN 0778717550. \$16.27. Ages 9-12.

Hi! My name is Rebecca. Do you want to know how to take care of a guinea pig? If you do, go to the library and check out "Guinea Pigs" by Bobbie Kalman and Kelly Macaulay. This will teach you what you need to take care of a guinea pig. This book has real pictures and facts, so it's a nonfiction book. It even has a table of contents. Captions and labeling show you every part of a guinea pig. I liked this book because it taught me about guinea pigs. So, go to the public library and get this good book.

Rebecca, South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Labatt, Mary. *Sam Goes to School*. Illustrated by Marisol Sarrazin. Kids Can 2004. ISBN 1553375645. \$3.95. Ages 4-8.

Hello! My name is Rosa. This book is about a dog going to school. This book will make you laugh a lot. You will enjoy this story. I picked this book because I have a puppy! Go to the public library and get this book. The title is "Sam Goes to School", written by Mary Labatt, illustrated by Marisol Sarrazin.

Rosa, South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Gordon, Sharon. *Guess Who Runs*. Benchmark 2005. ISBN 076141763X. \$21.36. Ages 9-12.

Hi! My name is Zach. If you want to read a good book and like horses, be sure to read "Guess Who Runs?" by Sharon Gordon. It has real pictures and is a nonfiction book. It does not have a table of contents. At the end of the book, it tells you what each picture is. I liked this book because it is a guessing game.

Zach, South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Frost, Helen. *Snow*. Capstone 2004. ISBN 0736820957. \$10.83. Ages 9-12.

Hello! My name is Meghan C. If you like snow this is a good book for you. It's all about snow. The title is "Snow" and the author is Helen Frost. It is a nonfiction story about snow. There is a table of contents showing 8 chapters. I liked this book because I love snow. If you like snow, you better run to the library and get it.

Meghan C., South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Gordon, Sharon. *Guess Who Bites*. Benchmark 2005. ISBN 0761417664. \$21.36. Ages 9-12.

Hi! My name is Skyler. Do you like sharks? I do! The book "Guess Who Bites" by Sharon Gordon has real pictures. I love this book because I learned some interesting facts about sharks like, they have scales and can see very well underwater. You better run and get this book at your local library.

Skyler, South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio

Tang, Greg. *Math Fables*. Scholastic 2004. ISBN 0439453992. \$11.53. Ages 4-8.

Hello! My name is Katy. You will love this book by Greg Tang. It is a nonfiction book about math. It is called, "Math Fables". You will love this book because it has really beautiful pictures of bugs, trees, flowers and hills. You can tell other people about this book so they can enjoy it, too. I think they will love this book so so so much! If you would like to read this book, you may check it out at the library.

Katy, South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio

MacAulay, Kelly. *Rabbits*. Illustrated by Margaret Amy Reiach. Cabtree 2005. ISBN 0778717887. \$16.27. Ages 9-12.

Hi! My name is Meghan V. If you like rabbits, you will enjoy this nonfiction book called, "Rabbits". I loved this book because I learned some rabbits have floppy ears. It has real pictures. You better hurry up and get this book at your library!

Meghan V., South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Wohlrabe, Sarah C. *Whose Spots Are These*. Picture Window 2004. ISBN 1404806113. \$15.37. Ages 9-12.

Hi! My name is Chase. This book is called "Whose Spots Are These?" If you want to learn about Spots, come over to the Library and get this book. Spots are found on fruit, leopards, butterflies and even some people have spots! (freckles!) This book is nonfiction.

Chase, South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio

Kirk, Daniel. *Snow Dude*. Hyperion 2004. ISBN 0786819421. \$11.55. Ages 4-8.

Hi! My name is Lovie. This book is about snowmen titled, "Snow Dude". In this story, Snow Dude and moose slid down a hill very fast. (That was my favorite part!) Then the snowman began chasing people. He was mad and sad. You'll find out why after you read this book. The author of this book is Daniel Kirk.

Lovie, South Main Elementary, Bowling Green, Ohio