

## ACTIVITY FIVE

## READ FOR PLEASURE

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT NEW BOOKS FULL OF AMAZING CHARACTERS, EXOTIC SETTINGS, EXCITING PLOTS, AND FASCINATING THEMES.

WHICH BOOK WOULD YOU WANT TO READ NEXT? WHY?



***The School for Good and Evil***  
by Soman Chainani

This year, best friends Sophie and Agatha are about to discover where all the lost children go: the fabled School for Good and Evil, where ordinary boys and girls are trained to be fairy-tale heroes and villains. As the most beautiful girl in Gavaldon, Sophie has dreamed of being kidnapped into an enchanted world her whole life. With her pink dresses, glass

slippers, and devotion to good deeds, she knows she'll earn top marks at the School for Good and graduate a storybook princess. Meanwhile, Agatha, with her shapeless black frocks, wicked pet cat, and dislike of nearly everyone, seems a natural fit for the School for Evil. But when the two girls are swept into the Endless Woods, they find their fortunes reversed—and they'll quickly find that the only way out of a fairy tale . . . is to live through it.

how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line.

Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

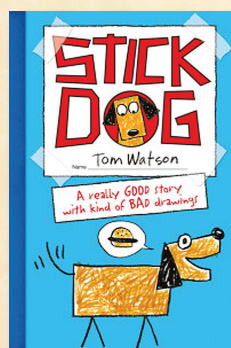


***The Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates***  
(#1 Magic Marks the Spot)  
by Caroline Carlson

Hilary Westfield has always dreamed of being a pirate. She can tread water for thirty-seven minutes. She can tie a knot faster than a fleet of sailors, and she already owns a rather pointy sword.

There's only one problem: The Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates refuses to let any girl join their ranks of scourges and scallywags.

But Hilary is not the kind of girl to take no for an answer. To escape a life of petticoats and politeness at her stuffy finishing school, Hilary sets out in search of her own seaworthy adventure, where she gets swept up in a madcap quest involving a map without an X, a magical treasure that likely doesn't exist, a talking gargoyle, a crew of misfit seadogs, and the most treacherous and unexpected villain on the High Seas.



***Stick Dog***  
by Tom Watson

Introducing everyone's new best friend: Stick Dog!

He'll make you laugh...he'll make you cry...but above all, he'll make you hungry. Follow Stick Dog as he goes on an epic quest for the perfect burger. With hilarious stick-figure drawings, this book has a unique perspective, as the

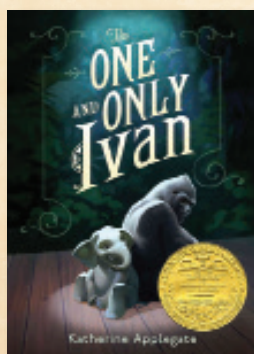
author speaks directly to the reader throughout the story in an engaging and lively way.



***Seven Wonders Book 3: The Tomb of Shadows***  
by Peter Lerangis

*The Tomb of Shadows* is the third in a seven-book series by master storyteller Peter Lerangis. This sequel to the bestselling *Lost in Babylon* and *The Colossus Rises* chronicles the adventures of Jack McKinley and his friends in a life-or-death race to the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus. In the

rudder of this Wonder of the Ancient World, they have to face down their own demons and engage in an epic battle with foes long gone. But when promises are broken, blood is spilled—and the Select are left with no choice but to destroy the one thing that might have saved them all.



***The One and Only Ivan***  
by Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all.

Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and

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