



# PV Kids News

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## Meet the Dog Day's Kid Stars

By Joshua R., and Neil A.

PV Kids News got a chance to join reporters from other newspapers in the PressFriends program to interview *Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days* actors Zachary Gordon (Greg Heffley) and Peyton List (Holly Hills). Author Jeff Kinney stopped by after the interviews too. It was a great experience, and we would like to thank Twentieth Century Fox for making it possible. We

learned lots of interesting facts about the actors and movie.



Zachary Gordon, Peyton List and Jeff Kinney with reporters Joshua and Neil

**PV Kids News:** What is something you could tell us about one of the actors on *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* that we probably don't know?

**Zachary Gordon:** I have a real brother relationship with Devon Bostick who plays Rodrick. We both have brothers so we can relate to each other. We have that brother relationship and pull pranks on each other.

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## Telling—and writing—a good story

By PV Kids News Reporters

Laura Henry gave PV Kids News reporters a session on how to tell and write a good story. Mrs. Henry is the Young Read-

ers Manager for the Palos Verdes Library District.

Mrs. Henry used lots of expression and different voices when telling her sto-

ries, and she told us she would take parables and tell them in her own way.

Mrs. Henry also said that a good way to write a story is to use your own experiences.

We also learned how to put together a storyboard, so you can outline your story in pictures. Then it is easy to write the story and fill in the outline. Thank you Mrs. Henry for a fun writing session! ❖



Young Readers Manager Laura Henry addressing PV Kids News reporters.

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## The XXX Olympic Games

By Joshua R.

On July 27, 2012 the 30<sup>th</sup> Summer Olympics began.

Some of the sports featured in the Olympics were archery, water polo, rowing, handball, swimming, synchronized swimming, synchronized diving, soccer, track and field, basketball, indoor cycling, volleyball, and beach volleyball, just to name a few.

The USA had the second most people competing in the Olympics (after the host country Great Britain) and also won the most medals. The country in second place for most medals was China, Russia was third, and Great Britain was fourth.

USA won 104 medal and 46 were gold. China won 88 medals and 38 were gold. Russia won 82 medals and 24 were gold. Great Britain won 65 medals and 29 gold.



In swimming, Michael Phelps, has a total of twenty-two medals in his whole career. Eighteen of



them are gold medals, two are bronze, and two are silver. This is the record for the most Olympic medal won by one person.

Ryan Lochte has two gold medals, two silver medals, and one bronze medal.

For the US woman's swimming, as of right now Missy Franklin has a total of seven medals. Three of the seven medals she has are gold.

Allison Schmitt has a total of five medals.

Next, is US volleyball. Misty-May Treanor and Kerri Walsh won their third gold medal for beach volleyball. But the women's team volleyball lost to Brazil.



For the gymnastics, unfortunately only two of the *Fab Five* were allowed to compete in the individual all-around competition.

The very emotional part was when Jordan Wieber, the world champion, did not make it to the all-round challenge.

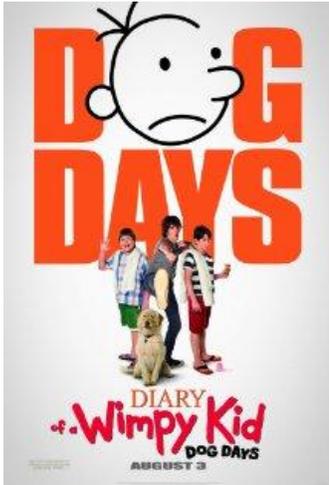
The women's individual was won by Gabby Douglas, a.k.a. The Flying Squirrel, and Russia took second and third place. The Fab Five also won gold in the team completion, followed by Russia in second place and Romania in third.

In men's water polo, the US team came in eighth, and the women's team won the gold. ❖



## Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days—the movie

By Joshua R.



On August 3, 2012 the new movie of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series came out in theaters everywhere. You may be wondering why they skipped the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw*, but the director actually combined the two books to make this movie.

*Dog Days* includes all the same characters from the last movie such as Greg, played by Zachery Gordon, and Holly Hills, who is portrayed by Peyton List. Luckily for us, they all came back to make this amazing film.

In this movie, Greg



has an enormous crush on Holly Hills, but every time he wants to talk to her, something always gets in his way. One of the problems is Patty Farrell. She always finds ways to make sure Greg is having a miserable summer vacation.

Also Rowley, invites Greg to his dad's country

club, and let's just say one lie become a bigger lie and he gets himself in a tangled mess.

If you want to see a hilarious movie and all the trouble Greg gets into, you have to watch this movie. *Dog Days* movie is rated PG, and I recommend it for kids ages 8 and up. ❖

## Dog Days Trivia

By Neil A.



PV Kids News and other PressFriends reporters were invited to meet the two stars of the movie, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days*.

At that time, Zachary Gordon (who plays Greg Heffley) had broken his leg—even though the doctor told him it was one of the hardest bones in his body to break.

“It happened so fast. I didn't really know what happened,” said Gordon.



Gordon also talked about the roller coaster ride in the movie called the Cranium Shaker. In real life, the ride is called the Revolution.

Gordon told us that he was very scared initially, but after he got used to the roller coast, he felt he could ride any roller coaster in the whole wide world! ❖

## Slice of Life in San Fran

By Frances D.

Smelly, gross, disgusting, everybody's backside is in my face. Inside seats only available when I finally get into the cable car.

I wish I had a bad cold so I couldn't smell the stench. There is no breeze in here, only the wave of bad smells.

I paid \$20 to ride this one-way for fun. It should be fun. Crowded it is, pleasant it is not.

I am in San Francisco, riding the cable car on a busy Saturday morning. Postcards make it seem enchanting and beautiful. Not so happy I am on this car, because it is so

smelly. Smelly, I did not think it would be. It is crowded and I am squished from all sides.

I thought this ride would be nice and grand, with a bathroom and a nice clean bell on the top of the cable car.

Instead, it is a scraped, bird pooped, tarnished bell. Backsides are terrible, but what about these shoes and smelly feet and bad breath. Fresh air, please.

No one seems to stop talking.

The car is stopped for seconds, minutes then a half hour. Believe it or not, I am stuck waiting

in this smelly cable car because the car is broke, needing someone to come and fix it.

Please can I go off of this cable car? it is not meant for me.

So, please, please, please help me. I get off where I want to and do whatever I have to.

Absolutely I will not return on the cable car. I would rather walk, than ride in the stinky, smelly, and gross cable car.

So...next time I am in this city, I will choose to take a taxi cab or walk when I am in San Francisco. ❖



## The Diary of a Pencil: The First Battle

By Holden O.

**7/24:** Word has come to my house that an evil pencil is wreaking havoc. So, I decide to confront this bad strip of wood in battle.

First, I send a telegram to his home to notify him of my intentions.

He replies, "Very well, pencil. Let's meet in two days at the local park."

**7/25:** At noon, I set off to my workshop to prepare for the battle. I produce

tripwires designed to shoot razor-sharp pencils. Also, I procure glue grenades. Finally, I design and build my own avatar. Now, all I have to do is wait... and wait...

**7/26:** I have arrived early at the park to set my traps. But, as soon as I set my last tripwire, **BOOM!!!** My enemy arrives. He sends out his own army, equipped with wooden armor. Luckily, my trip-

wires destroy most of them, and the rest retreat.

Now, I advance with my avatar into hand-to-hand combat. My enemy is waiting. Once I arrive, he tosses a gigantic number of inkwells at me. I dodge most, but the rest hit me, exploding my avatar. Then, he flings a pencil grenade at me. "Bye bye!" he taunts. Then, everything goes black.

*To be continued...* ❖



## The Fantastic Factory

By Maya M.



Once upon a time, there was a candy factory in the middle of town. But it was not a factory that made regular sweets. The factory made bubble gum that changed shape every hour and candy that changed flavor every day.

The owner of the factory was Mr. Sweetland. He loved sweets!! Mr. Sweetland ate 100 sweets and was so fat that he looked like a gigantic balloon that would pop any minute.

The factory was passed from generation to generation in Mr. Sweetland's family. Fairies were his helpers and

they could make whatever Mr. Sweetland ordered. For the fairies to make bubble gum that never disappeared, they made it in five minutes.

There were thousands of rooms so it will be very hard to move by feet. So Mr. Sweetland and the fairies made an escalator out of cotton candy that never tears however hard you step on it. Also, there are buttons that you could press that would move you up, down, and sideways.

The factory also has a mini car made out of colorful candy canes and even if you put it near the sun for hours, it

would never melt. This car would take you to rooms faster than the escalator and if you are about to bump into something, the car has a camera and will stop. You just have to press the button that leads to the room and the car would take you there. This car is very useful.

This factory is a very wonderful and fabulous factory and Mr. Sweetland allows visitors to have a tour of his factory for exactly one dollar. People have a great time there and are always very excited to try out one of Mr. Sweetland's best sweets!!! ❖

## A Trip...Because of a Top?

By Sarah L.



It was a beautiful day at the park and there was laughter from kids playing.

My brother brought a toy he was totally obsessed with—a toy top that spins around fast when you launch it. He was playing with the top while I was on top of a big hill. He threw the top up the hill with his launcher wanting me to catch it. He liked seeing the top roll and spin down the

hill. Instead, he threw it into a bush.

Do you know who had to find it? Me! I was asked to find it. My three other family members just stood and watched.

I was poking around in the bush and I still couldn't find it. I thought he would be so upset that his favorite top was lost. But for some odd reason, he was calm.

After awhile, I de-

ecided to run down the hill because I was bored. I ran down and there was a rock. I was afraid I would fall and sure enough, I fell. I fell on my knees and then on my hands.

Ouch!!! I got scraped, but getting hurt because of a search for a toy?!? That was funny and scary. Bummer! I never found the toy and I got hurt. I have a scar to prove my fall. ❖

## The Evil Genie

By Bryce Y.

Jack and his friend John walked along their quiet street in Sacramento, California on their way to baseball practice. Jack was a small 14 year old boy who went to private school. He was nice and popular, but was also a bigmouth.

His friend John was almost the opposite. He went to a small public school. He was shy, but he was a great athlete.

The two turned down a small alley when they saw a fancy teapot sitting on the floor. Bam! A poof of dust made a genie appear. He was all pink with a robe that covered his entire body.

"I'll grant you 3 wishes!", he said. John and Jack stopped and thought for a while, then Jack shouted, "I wish for

10 video games!" Immediately, 10 video games appeared in a neat stack in front of them.

Then, for the second wish, John said, "I wish to get 15 books!" Then 15 books appeared in a stack in front of him. "

Our third wish should be to get more wishes.", John whispered to Jack.

"Yeah.", Jack said. "I wish to get 5 more wishes!", John said.

"That's not allowed!", bellowed the genie. "I was told to capture anybody who cheats a genie!", he shouted.

The genie floated in the air and shot lasers from his arms. Jack and John ran. The lasers blasted holes in the street. Poof! One laser hit Jack, and a net appeared over him. He flew

under a car, but he was trapped.

John also ducked under the car. There, they found a string and a knife.

"I have a plan.", said John. He whispered his plan to Jack. He used the knife to cut part of the net. He tied the string to the two tires. The genie ran at them and lunged. But, when he dove in the air, his feet got tangled and the net was thrown over him. They found a mallet on the sidewalk and hit the genie on the head. They had won.

Life returned back to normal for them and they still had their books and video games.

The genie lay in his teapot, and began plotting his revenge. ❖



A cool place to go to write a story is Dot's Story Factory  
<http://pbskids.org/storyfactory/story.html>

## Toni the Toucan

By Kelsie B.



Once upon a time there was a very old toucan, Toni the Toucan. Toni lived in the rainforest in a dark, damp hole in a tree. She lived in the tree with a mole named Star. The mole was very old too.

Toni asked Star, "What do you want for dinner?"

Even though the mole replied, she asked again at least 100 times.

Toni was a very forgetful toucan. She finally got the message when Star yelled, "Worms!"

Toni went out to fetch some worms. She flew through the air looking but couldn't see any worms. Her eyesight wasn't very good but she was lucky. She somehow found the worm jackpot.

When she got to the worms she noticed too late a giant cage above her. It dropped on her and a human peered in at her from the corner of it. He had caught Toni.

A thought came through Toni's head. The thought was, "What was I

here for anyway?" She got confused. Then totally forgetting she was in the cage she tried to fly out and bonked her head hard.

There was no way she was getting out of the cage. The humans loaded Toni on a plane.



On the plane Toni felt like she could soar like she could through the sky, not wobble through the sky. To her it felt like she was a young bird again. She felt like she was gently floating high in the sky. But as soon as she landed she forgot all about it.

While the humans drove her in a car she realized things were different. She wasn't in the rainforest anymore. She missed her good friend,

Star the mole. She knew she would never see him again, this was true.

She tried to forget him. Even though she was very good at forgetting, she could never forget her friend, Star the mole.

The car stopped. Toni looked out the window and realized she was at a pet store. The human carried her in. She was instantly bought and taken to her new home.

Toni had a happy, easy life there. She was fed fresh, delicious, juicy worms every morning and night. Plus the family gave her all the attention she could ask for.

But she still could never forget her friend Star back home in the rainforest. ❖



## Once There was a Bunny

By Kaitlyn H.

**H**ello!! My name is Tori! I am a bunny. I live in the rainforest.

“Granny, “I need some help,” said my granddaughter Terrie.

I lived in a small burrow. It was dirty and needed sweeping.

“Ah! Granny! Old Rontu, the tiger, is chasing me!”

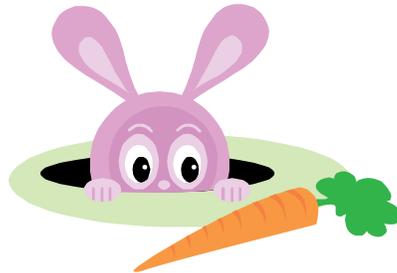
I marched outside. It was freezing cold and damp.

“Rontu!” I screeched, “Get out of there!”

Rontu the tiger stopped wriggling and jumped out of the hole that she had been trying to get into. Her fur was stained with brown spots of mud instead of fur with bright orange and pitch black stripes.

“I’m so sorry, Granny Tori,” said Rontu.

She walked away slowly. I scurried back inside and sighed with contentment. It was so nice and warm. The horse hair rug made it feel even better. I went to go fetch the broom. My precious



granddaughter would have to wait.

Ahhhhhhhh!!! It felt so much better with no more hair balls flying all over the place. Now I could go see what my grand daughter wanted.

“What do you need help with my precious Terrie?”

“I can’t fall asleep Granny,” Terri complained.

“Just close your eyes darling.”

Soon she was sleeping like a log. Then I went to my room and fell asleep.

I woke up to darling Terrie shaking me. “Grandmother, I heard a ghost”

“It’s okay Terrie!” I then fell back asleep. Day turned into night and I still didn’t wake up.

When I finally woke up I could smell bacon frying and pancakes cooking. In the kitchen, my daughter Taylor was cooking breakfast. It smelled very good. When we ate it, it tasted even better. The bacon tasted crunchy and delicious.

The pancakes were melting in my mouth.

“Now remind me darling, what was I doing yesterday?”

“I don’t know mother.”

So I went back to tying the floor. Our horse hair rug needed grooming and the rooms needed cleaning. Ahh!!! So many things to do.

Suddenly I heard a small shriek and saw my daughter swatting a fly.

“I despise flies”, she said.

I did too. Then again I fell asleep. When I woke up, everything was as still as a statue. The room was pitch black.

I tried to get back to sleep. When I woke up, I didn’t want to get up. I was getting old.

“Granny!!! I’m scared”.

“It’s okay darling”. Then I fell back to sleep. How sleepy I was. The sandman must have put too much sand on me.

“Mother Tori saw a ghost.”

“Mmph.”

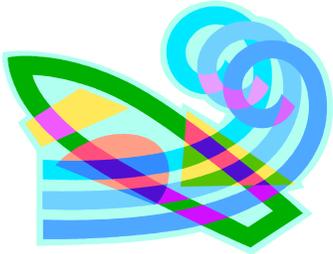
Life is so interesting....

It’s so funny. I love it. I think this house really needed some more interesting stuff. I love this house though. ❖



## The Best Wave

By Maleha I.



One warm sunny day, I woke up. I smelled the sweet smell of cinnamon rolls. I got up and out of bed. I sat down in my morning chair. My mom gave me a roll. I put it in my mouth. It was sweet and delicious and delectable.

When I was done, I got dressed and got ready for surf camp. At the beach, I could smell the salty and fishy air. Right away I got in the ocean. Paul, my

surf instructor, came with me. We swam out to find a wave.

"I see a wave!" I said "Then let's get it!" , said Paul.

There it was, the biggest wave I had ever seen in my life. I went in front of it. I caught the it.

Paul shouted, "Stand up!" I stood up! I did it! I made the wave.

I kept on surfing into



the night. It was an amazing day. ❖

## The Turtle's Broken Arm

By Sydney C.



One dreamy clear day, a turtle was walking on the sidewalk thinking about how it felt to break an arm. The turtle was walking and tripped on a little twig. He landed right on his arm. OW!!!

Then an elephant came right up to the turtle and picked him up and brought him to a white building. It said, THE VET.

The turtle said where am I? He thought again. Sore animals. Doctors. Counter. Cages. Cold

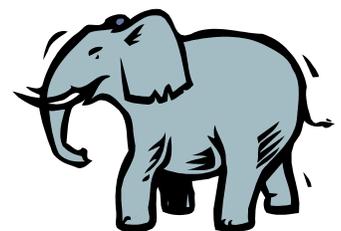


temperature. The turtle now knew that he was in a vet's office. His arm was in pain. He fell asleep and slept for about four hours. When he woke up he was on a back. A gray back. An

elephant's back. He had a blue wrap on his arm. It was a cast. The turtle felt so much better.

"WOW," he thought, "an elephant saved me."

The turtle thanked the elephant and gave him a freshly grown apple. He went to his house and drifted off to sleep... again. ❖



## Dork Diaries 4

By Arabela Y.

**D**ork Diaries 4: *Tales from a NOT-SO-Graceful Ice Princess* by Rachel Renee Russell is the fourth book in the Dork Diaries series. It is a hilarious book and a real page turner!

Set in Westchester Middle School, Nikki Maxwell and her best



friends Zoë and Chloe have to skate in a program called Holiday on Ice, where groups skate for a charity. Nikki and her friends decide to skate for Fuzzy Friends, an animal shelter owned by their school friend Brandon's grandparents and in jeopardy of closing down. If Fuzzy Friends closes down, then Brandon will have to move.

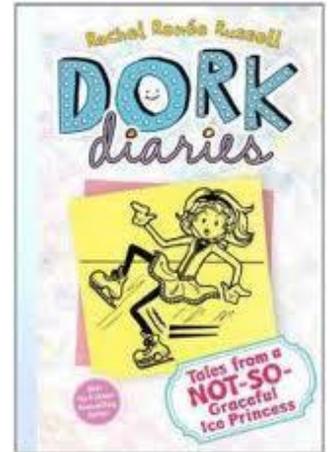
Nikki also has to deal with MacKenzie Hollister, the most popular and meanest girl in the school, who teases her for being a terrible ice skater and becomes part of a love triangle with Brandon.

Even the competition judge Olympic figure skating Gold Medalist

Victoria Steel could cause a big problem for the friends. Will Nikki, Chloe, and Zoë be in the ice show after all?

To find out what happens, read *Tales from a NOT-SO Graceful Ice Princess!*

If you like *Tales from a NOT-SO Graceful Ice Princess*, check out the other books in the series: *Dork Diaries 1: Tales from a NOT-SO Fabulous Life*; *Dork Diaries 2: Tales from a NOT-SO Popular Party Girl*; *Dork Diaries 3: Tales from a NOT-SO Talented Pop Star*; *Dork Diaries 3 ½: How to Dork YOUR Diary and Dork Diaries 5: Tales from a NOT-SO Smart Miss Know-it-All!* ❖



## Mrs. Roopy is Loopy

By Rania H.

**M**rs. Roopy is Loopy was written by Dan Gutman. This book is about the new school librarian who dresses up like nursery rhyme characters, such as Mary Bo Peep, to get AJ to read a book.

Andrea is one of the

best characters in the book because she is the probably the smartest.

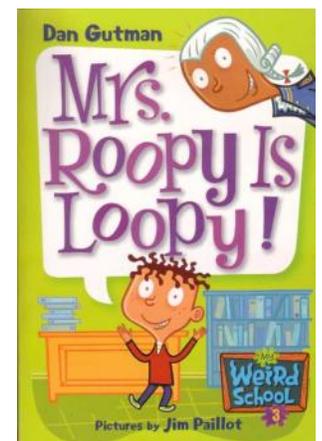
The best parts of the story is when the librarian is dressed up as Abraham Lincoln, as well as when AJ wrote about a monster on a trick bike.

One of the greatest

parts though must have been when the librarian went crazy.

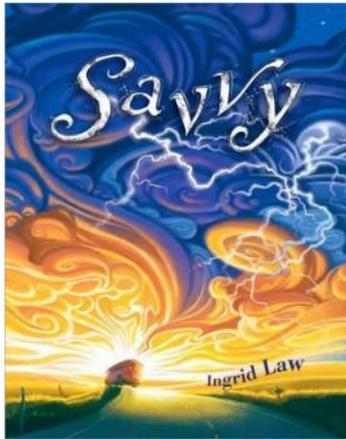
This book is go great because it is so funny!

Both boys and girls, ages six and up will like this book. If you like to read funny stories, you will love this book! ❖



## Normal Life, Normal Family? No Way!

By Judith K.



Have you met the Beaumonts? Well, you should because they are a “perfect” magical family in *Savvy* by Ingrid Law. Mississippi Beaumont, the daughter (also known as Mibbs) is the main character of this story. This story is about Mibbs and how her family is somehow full of magic.

The story takes place in between Nebraska and Kansas. All the kids in the Beaumont family get savvies when they turn thirteen and Mibbs can’t wait for her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday until her dad gets in-

involved in a car accident. Her mom says she wants to go and be with her dad so Mibbs begs to go with her but the mom declines.

Mibbs’ excitement shatters and she wants to see her dad so badly that she, her brother, Fish, Will Junior, who has a crush on Mibbs, bubble gum chewer Bobbi (who’s a girl), and Mibb’s other brother Sam hop onto a bus and meet many interesting people along the way to Salina where her dad is.

The Mibbs family is very large and she has a

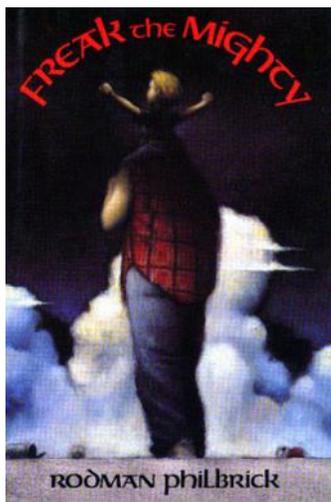
lot of brothers and but only one sister. Her family consists of Rocket, Fish, Sam, Gypsy, and herself, but almost everyone has savvy except for Sam and Gypsy.

Mibbs is one of the best character because she is daring and very adventurous.

If you are interested in stories about adventures and family problems, you’ll like this book! This is a really good book because it is full of mystery and excitement. This book is best for girls from ages eight to thirteen. ❖

## Some Freaky Adventures

By Syris T.



*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick is about two unlikely friends who name themselves Freak the Mighty to describe what they look like. These two new best friends always seem to end up in some type of trouble on their adventures to save themselves from the neighborhood thugs and bullies. They are today’s King Arthur and Sir Lancelot.

This story takes place in the summer in Portsmouth, New Hampshire

in modern day.

Freak, also known as Kevin, is the best character in this book. He is brilliantly smart and comes up with great adventures to go on with Mighty. He is courageous, fearless, and never lets his small size stop him.

*Freak the Mighty* is an amazing, must read. The story and the setting keep you interested from beginning to end. You will never guess the ending.

*Freak the Mighty* was one of the best books ever

written. You are made to feel like you are part of the adventures with Freak and Mighty. This book is sure to make you laugh and cry. One of the best reasons for liking this book is that it was made into a movie “*The Mighty*”. You are able to see you favorite characters come to life.

This book should be recommended for both boys and girls grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up. If you have ever felt different, this is the book for you! ❖

## Origami Yoda is a Good Book

By Tyler T.

**T**he *Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger is probably one of the greatest books ever.

The book is about Origami Yoda, a green puppet giving information, helping people, and finding out if he is real.

The story mostly takes place at a school and the characters are 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Many would be interested in reading

it because the second main character, Dwight, is weird and funny in the way he sees things. Dwight is a sixth grader who helps everybody who needs it with his origami friend, Yoda. Dwight acts silly and dumb in class, but he has a little finger puppet origami that is Jedi force level smart and can predict the future.

Read the book to find out if Origami Yoda is real, fake, or if he can really use the force. Some people think he's a fake but those people don't have a good reputation. We may never know.

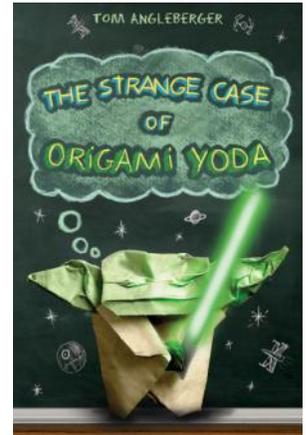
This is a very good story because it is

exciting and has a lot of detective work and funny business.

Also the characters are crazy, and that makes it even more funny. For example, it was funny when Dwight got stuck in the shed when it wasn't even locked and yelled, "Squirrels! Help me!"

The best character is Yoda because he is funny, because he's the main character, and because he gives good advice. He helps people get girlfriends which is kind of hilarious.

This is a good book for all boys of all ages. It is one of the best books ever because of the detective work, monkey business, and romance. ❖



## Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

By Sarah L.

**G**ranny Torrelli *Makes Soup* is a book written by Sharon Creech. The story is about a broken friendship between Bailey and Rosie, two Italian kids who have been

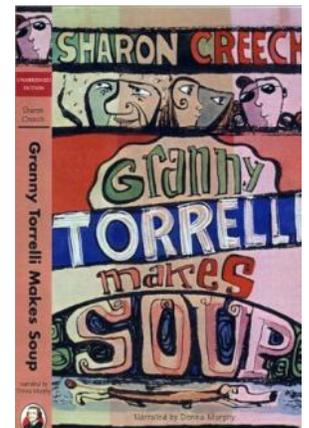
friends for their whole life.

Rosie turns to her Granny Torrelli for help and listens to her many life stories while making soup and learning her grandmother's history.



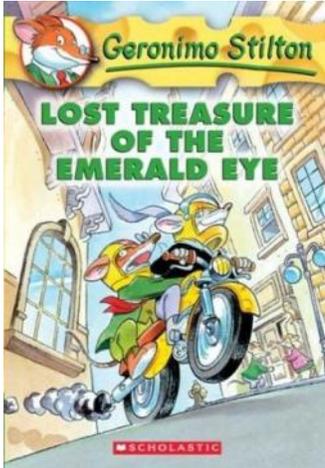
This book is really good because of all the other small stories in between that Granny tells. It relates to Rosie's problems and help me understand the book.

Everyone can relate to this great book. ❖



## Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye Review

By Lauren Q.



**T**he *Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye* written by and starring Geronimo Stilton, an adventurous mouse ready for a new adventure.

When his sister, Thea, finds an old map, Thea, Geronimo, Trap and Benjamin sail off to an island to find treasure, but the sail of their boat sinks.

Luckily, the mice go on a trunk from the ship and sail to the island using pajamas as a sail.

When they get to the island, will they find the treasure?

One of the most exciting parts is when their ship sinks.

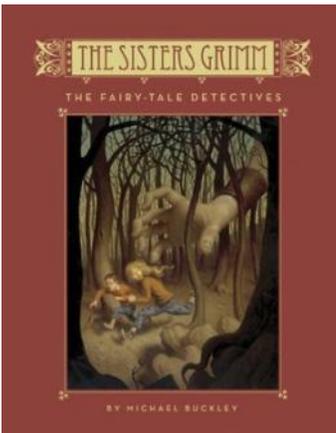
This book is an exciting chapter book for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. If you

want a really good book with adventure, *The Lost Treasure of Emerald Eye* is a good one! ❖



## The Sisters Grimm

By Drew S.



**T**he *Fairy-Tale Detectives* by Michael Buckley is about Sabrina and Daphne Grimm, whose parents are kidnapped by a mysterious unknown group.

Now known as orphans, Sabrina and Daphne Grimm (descendants of the Brothers Grimm) are forcibly sent to one horrible foster home after another by their mean caretaker Ms. Minerva Smirt.

When Ms. Smirt finally finds someone called Relda Grimm who claims to be their long lost grandmother and eager to take the sisters

in, Sabrina knows something is up because her kidnapped father had told her that her grandmother was dead.

The sisters then move in with their grandmother who lives in Ferryport Landing, New York. This mysterious town may seem like an area of trees and hills and a few buildings by the cold Hudson river, but it actually is a town with disguised "Everafters" plotting to kill the Grimms and break out of Ferryport landing to terrorize people.

Grandmother Grimm and her best friend Mr.

Canis are whisked away by a huge giant.

Now Sabrina and Daphne must do something fast to save the rest of their family before it's too late.

This is a great story because some of the best fairy tales are in it, and it is like being in a huge mystery. There was a lot of suspense and the pace of the story was exciting.

Girls will like it because it's about girl detectives. It might be scary for kids under age eight.

If you like fairy tales and mysteries, you should definitely read this book! ❖

## Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days

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Once Devon said he was going to have a box of Oreos sent to the set, and I said I would like one later. Later in the day, he had the backstage cameraman with him and said, “Zach, you have to dance for the cookie.” Instead, I took the cookie and ran off the stage, and as the backstage camera was running behind me, Devon said “No don’t” and I took a huge bite of the cookie. It was filled with toothpaste.

**Peyton List** Laine MacNeil, who plays Patty Farrell, and I are actually really good friends. We had lots of sleepovers in the hotel and hung out. We’re like best friends at summer camp and even though she’s mean in the movie, she’s super sweet and the opposite of her character.

**PV Kids News:** What was your favorite part of filming the movie?

**Peyton List:** One of my favorite parts was when we pulled a prank on all the producers on the set when we were filming at the pool. There was a rumor going around that someone had pooped in the kiddie pool and so we got a bag of tootsie rolls and molded them together to look like poop. I ran over and dropped it in during a break and then ran over to one of the producers and said “Brad, there’s poop in the pool. You’re not going to believe it, there’s poop in the pool.” He went over to look and said, “Oh no, there really is poop in the pool. And they were all freaking out but the moms knew and were trying to keep a straight face.

After a few minutes I ran to the pool, jumped in, and grabbed the “poop” and pretended to eat it and everyone screamed and were freaking out before they realized it was fake so we got them good.

**Zachary Gordon:** I was nervous because they don’t clean out the pool that much and the day before someone had done number two in the pool. So when it all happened, Brad said, “Don’t tell Zach, because he’ll freak out,” but I already knew about it ahead of time.

**Peyton List:** Another fun fact is that Jeff Kinney played my and Heather Hills dad in the movie – he’s at the party scene and all that.

**PV Kids News:** How many movies have you been in besides Dairy of the Wimpy Kid?

**Peyton List:** I’ve been in quite a few. I’ve done some smaller and indie films and when I was eight years old, I was in *27 Dresses* and played the young Kathryn Heigel.

**Zachary Gordon:** I’ve been in 9 movies, including the Diary of a Wimpy Kid movies. ❖





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