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### **Stampede of the Supermarket Slugs**

In the days of knights and castles, one man knew all the secrets of magic. His name was Merlin. Merlin saw the future. He cast powerful spells. He brought King Arthur to the throne and helped him rule England. Together Merlin and Arthur made history—and became legend. Kids who love magic won't want to miss this story of Merlin, the greatest magician ever, and his friendship with the once and future king, Arthur, with its beautiful full-color illustrations of Camelot, magic objects, and knights in shining armor. Stephanie Spinner is the author of the popular early chapter book trilogy *Aliens for Breakfast*, *Aliens for Lunch*, and *Aliens for Dinner*, as well the well-reviewed novel for children, *Quiver*. The author lives in New York, NY. Russian-born Valerie Sokolova is finding a new home in the American publishing industry with her elaborate illustrations, such as the ones in the *Golden Treasury of Christmas Joy*. She lives in Brooklyn, NY.

### **Smasher**

At home? Wondering what to do? Join thousands of children around the world and #DrawWithRob - staying at home has never been so much fun!

### **There's an Alien in My Cereal**

Paddywack is a petite nine hands high, and every pony inch is packed full of spunk. It hasn't been easy, but he now has his rider, Jane, well trained. He'll trot. He'll canter. He'll jump the jumps. He's a perfect pony . . . when she gives him treats. But on the day of the big horse show, Jane is so nervous she forgets his treats. Will Paddywack dig in his hooves? Or can he rise to the occasion? This sweet story is sure to capture young horse-lovers' hearts. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **The Book Thief**

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Dean Koontz's *The City*. Hailed as "America's most popular suspense novelist" (*Rolling Stone*) Dean Koontz has entered a rich new phase of his writing career that is yielding his most imaginative, meaningful, and popular work yet. At the height of his powers as a literary craftsman, he has won the acclaim of critics as well as the allegiance of millions of fans the world over, transforming the greatest fears and hopes of our time into masterworks of dazzling originality and emotional resonance. Now, with the stunning depth and virtuosity of his storytelling, he brings to readers one of his most gripping and richly imagined novels to date—an intoxicating story of adventure and suspense, mystery and revelation, told with humor, heart, and high art. One Door Away From Heaven In a dusty trailer park on the far edge of the California dream, Michelina Bellsong contemplates the choices she has made. At twenty-eight, she wants to change the direction of her troubled life but can't find her way—until a new family settles into the rental trailer next door and she meets the young girl who will lead her on a remarkable quest that will change Micky herself and everything she knows—or thinks she knows—forever. Despite the brace she must wear on her deformed left leg, and her withered left hand, nine-year-old Leilani Klunk radiates a buoyant and indomitable spirit that inspires Micky. Beneath Leilani's effervescence, however, Micky comes to sense a quiet desperation that the girl dares not express. Leilani's mother is little more than a child herself. And the girl's stepfather, Preston Maddoc, is educated but threatening. He has moved the family from place to place as he fanatically investigates UFO sightings, striving to make contact, claiming to have had a vision that by Leilani's tenth birthday aliens will either heal her or take her away to a better life on their world. Slowly, ever more troubling details emerge in Leilani's conversations with Micky. Most chilling is Micky's discovery that Leilani had an older brother, also disabled, who vanished after Maddoc took him into the woods one night and is now "gone to the stars." Leilani's tenth birthday is approaching. Micky is convinced the girl will be dead by that day. While the child-protection bureaucracy gives Micky the runaround, the Maddoc family slips away into the night. Micky sets out across America to track and find them, alone and afraid but for the first time living for something bigger than herself. She finds herself pitted against an adversary, Preston Maddoc, as fearsome as he is cunning. The passion and disregard for danger with which Micky pursues her quest bring to her side a burned-out detective who joins her on a journey of incredible peril and startling discoveries, a journey through terrible darkness to unexpected light. *One Door Away From Heaven* is an incandescent mix of suspense and humor, fear and wonder, a story of redemption and timeless wisdom that will have readers cheering. Filled with tragedy and joy, with terror and hope, it solidifies Dean Koontz's reputation as one of the foremost storytellers of our time. This is Dean Koontz at his very best—and it doesn't get any better than that.

### **Aliens for Breakfast**

David is looking forward to spending another adventure-filled summer at his grandmother's Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast—a vacation hotspot for aliens. But as soon as he meets Grandma's new repairman, an alien named Scratchull, he becomes suspicious. The only problem is that it is difficult to be sneaky when you have a ravenous alien pet attached to you. Even though no one else—including Grandma—thinks that Scratchull is an underhanded handyman, David decides to spy on him. But no one believes David when he discovers that Scratchull really is an evil mastermind with a plot to destroy the planet. Without the help of Grandma and his friends, will David be able to save Earth before it's too late? This eBook now includes a preview for Clete Barrett Smith's new book, *Magic Delivery!*

### **Beautiful Disaster Signed Limited Edition**

Liz is staying with her grandmother in her old house in the woods of northern Minnesota when one night a noise awakens her. It is someone calling her name, calling for Elizabeth. Liz opens her eyes. There is a blue ghost in her room! What does the ghost want from her? This exciting mystery by Newbery Honor writer Marion Dane Bauer is perfect for first chapter-book readers. From the Hardcover edition.

### **Still Life with Woodpecker**

The first ten lies they tell you in high school. "Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself. *Speak* was a 1999 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

### **Alien on a Rampage**

Scrub isn't happy about having to spend the summer with his hippie

grandmother in "Middle of Nowhere," Washington. When he arrives at her Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast, he's not surprised by its 1960s-meets-Star Wars decor; but he is surprised by the weird looking guests. It turns out that each room in the inn is a portal and his grandma is the gatekeeper, allowing aliens to vacation on Earth. This eBook now includes a preview for Clete Barrett Smith's new book, Magic Delivery!

### **The Hummingbird's Daughter**

Nine-year-old Polly and her younger brother, Sam, find a corked bottle at the beach. Inside is an ancient parchment promising three wishes. Before their adventure is over, older brother Joe will disappear and Polly and Sam will have to journey under the sea to get him back! This first book in the new Magic Elements quartet combines magic and adventure in an easy-to-read format perfect for the in-between reader.

### **The Road**

The tranquility of Mars is disrupted by humans who want to conquer space, colonize the planet, and escape a doomed Earth.

### **Star Maker**

When his fortune cookie cracks open and a tiny pink alien steps out, Richard Bickerstaff knows that he's in for more than a Chinese dinner. And he's right! Aric, that bossy extraterrestrial, needs Richard's help. He's got to keep pollution-loving aliens from turning Earth into a Toxic Waste Theme Park. The trouble is, they've already started, and they're moving fast! Can Richard and Aric stop the total trashing of the planet? Kids will love this very funny Stepping Stones HUMOR title!

### **Small Steps**

Discover an epic historical novel of a young saint escaping death from Pulitzer Prize finalist Luis Alberto Urrea, author of The House of Broken Angels. This historical novel is based on Urrea's real great-aunt Teresita, who had healing powers and was acclaimed as a saint. Urrea has researched historical accounts and family records for years to get an accurate story.

### **Aliens on Vacation**

Travis Maddox, Eastern University's playboy, makes a bet with good girl Abby that if he loses, he will remain abstinent for a month, but if he wins, Abby must live in his apartment for the same amount of time.

### **Fever 1793**

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Finding an intergalactic special agent in his cereal box, Richard joins the extraterrestrial in a fight to save Earth from the Dranes, one of whom is masquerading as a student in Richard's class.

### **The Pirate Pig**

Ann Martin's phenomenal Newbery Honor book, now in paperback The summer Hattie turns 12, her predictable smalltown life is turned on end when her uncle Adam returns home for the first time in over ten years. Hattie has never met him, never known about him. He's been institutionalized; his condition involves schizophrenia and autism. Hattie, a shy girl who prefers the company of adults, takes immediately to her excitable uncle, even when the rest of the family -- her parents and grandparents -- have trouble dealing with his intense way of seeing the world. And Adam, too, sees that Hattie is special, that her quiet, shy ways are not a disability,

### **The Boy Who Ate Dog Biscuits**

Ten-year-old Akiko has an unexpected adventure when she is whisked away to a distant planet and put in charge of the rescue mission that must search for the kidnapped Prince Froptopit.

### **The Blue Ghost**

14-year old Karina finds herself stuck in a kingdom she doesn't understand, with no clue on who to trust. Before saving anyone, she'd better save herself-if she figures out how. For 16-year-old Cayla, destroying the shoes is her chance to prove her worth to her father, the king, and to see Darian after more than one year apart.

### **Aliens for Breakfast**

The 10th-anniversary edition of the No. 1 international bestseller and modern classic beloved by millions of readers **HERE IS A SMALL FACT - YOU ARE GOING TO DIE** 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall. **SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION - THIS NOVEL IS NARRATED BY DEATH** The 10th-anniversary edition features pages of bonus content, including marked-up manuscript pages, original sketches, and pages from the author's writing notebook.

### **Attack of the Shark-Headed Zombie**

In answer to an advertisement David and Chuck build a small spaceship and are off on a mysterious adventure

### **One Door Away from Heaven**

It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.

### **Draw with Rob**

The ballpark experience has changed dramatically from baseball's early days on grassy lots with wooden grandstands and free admission. The Union Grounds in Brooklyn, New York, is considered by many historians to be the first ballpark ever built, when William Cammeyer decided to use the Union Skating Pond as grounds for baseball games in 1862. When the first professional leagues were formed in 1871, enterprising owners began to invest in the creation of luxurious wooden palaces such as the Grand Pavilion in Boston and Sportsman's Park in St. Louis. The first steel-and-concrete ballpark was Shibe Park in Philadelphia, built in 1909, which housed a record number of 20,000 paying customers and set the standard in ballpark design for the next fifty years. The cookie-cutter ballparks of the 1960s and 1970s have largely been replaced by newer retro designs that give each park its own unique feel and have re-established ballparks as a vital part of urban America. *Ballparks Then and Now* is a fascinating exploration of ballparks across America. Packed with archival and modern photography, this book documents the development of America's national pastime by looking at the fields of dreams on which it is played.

### **The Odyssey of Homer**

Winners don't different things, they do things differently A practical, common-sense guide that will lead you from ancient wisdom to modern-day thinking, *You Can Win* will help you to establish new goals, develop a renewed sense of purpose, and generate fresh and exciting ideas about yourself and your future. Shiv Khera guarantees, as the title suggests, a lifetime of success. The book enables you to translate positive thinking into attitude, ambition and action, all of which combine to give you the winning edge. This book will help you to:

- Build confidence by mastering the seven steps to positive thinking;
- Be successful by turning weaknesses into strengths;
- Gain credibility by doing the right things for the right reasons;
- Take charge by controlling things instead of letting them control you;
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Build trust by developing mutual respect with the people around you;  
and · Accomplish more by removing the barriers to effectiveness.

### **The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet**

Every night of Hanukkah Grandma tells a story at bedtime, in a book that includes the Hanukkah legend.

### **Akiko on the Planet Smoo**

It's been ten years since Richard Bickerstaff sat down to breakfast and an alien climbed out of his cereal bowl! Join Richard and Aric, a tiny, wisecracking creature from the planet Ganoob, as they battle to save the world from evil aliens in *Aliens for Breakfast*, *Aliens for Lunch*, and *Aliens for Dinner*. We're reissuing the trilogy with brand-new covers sporting a space age 10th Anniversary logo. Now a new generation of readers can experience the fun and adventure that won these books rave reviews and loyal fans! From the Hardcover edition.

### **Aliens in Disguise**

When David's grandma wins a hotelier award and goes to accept it on another planet, security officer Tate assumes full control of the Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast. His decision to put the alien tourists on total lockdown doesn't go over well, however, and most of the guests vacate. Tate decides to retrieve Grandma, leaving David and his friend Amy home alone. Running the B&B when there are only a few guests should be a breeze, especially for two kids who saved the universe just a few weeks ago. But David and Amy (and alien pooch, Snarffle) have a big problem on their hands: A pair of UFO-watchers disguised as aliens is desperate to get inside the inn and broadcast their findings to their friends. Will David and Amy be able to keep the imposters at bay when there are no adults around to help them? This eBook now includes a preview for Clete Barrett Smith's new book, *Magic Delivery!*

### **The Case of the Elevator Duck**

"Originally published as *Das Piratenschwein* by Cecilie Dressler Verlag GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany, in 1999"--Copyright page.

### **Alex the Parrot**

This 1937 successor to *Last and First Men* offers another entrancing speculative history of the future. Cited as a key influence by science-fiction masters such as Doris Lessing, its bold exploration of the cosmos ventures into intelligent star clusters and mingles among alien races for a memorable vision of infinity.

## **Speak**

### **Aliens for Lunch**

A young boy is collecting the action figures that come in his favorite cereal. But one day he finds more than he could have ever dreamed.

### **It's a Miracle!**

NATIONAL BESTSELLER WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE The searing, post-apocalyptic novel about a father and son's fight to survive. A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation. A New York Times Notable Book One of the Best Books of the Year The Boston Globe, The Christian Science Monitor, The Denver Post, The Kansas City Star, Los Angeles Times, New York, People, Rocky Mountain News, Time, The Village Voice, The Washington Post

### **Water Wishes**

Still Life with Woodpecker is a sort of a love story that takes place inside a pack of Camel cigarettes. It reveals the purpose of the moon, explains the difference between criminals and outlaws, examines the conflict between social activism and romantic individualism, and paints a portrait of contemporary society that includes powerful Arabs, exiled royalty, and pregnant cheerleaders. It also deals with the problem of redheads.

### **You Can Win**

Fast on the fins of Attack of the Shark-Headed Zombie is Bill Doyle's second tale of magic and mayhem. Mr. Cigam has a new job for Keats and Henry. All they have to do is capture one little slug in the Purple Rabbit Supermarket. Sounds easy, right? Wrong! First, the slug isn't so little. Second, there's way more than just one. And to top it off, the supermarket has gone all kooky—Mr. Cigam's mixed-up magic has

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swirled down every aisle! There are pests in the produce and an angry snowman in frozen foods. Can Keats and Henry clean up this supermarket mess? From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **Paddywack**

Eleven-year-old Gilbert, self-styled private eye, takes on his toughest case when he finds a duck in the elevator of his housing project. In this easy-to-read mystery, "the solution is credible, the plot is fresh, the style casual and natural."--Bulletin, Center for Children's Books. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **The Magic of Merlin**

When Mrs Buzzard tries to get rid of Smasher, the huge, clumsy puppy that is always getting into trouble and breaking things, it is up to Farmer Buzzard to save him.

### **Mark Z. Danielewski's House of Leaves**

A family relocates to a small house on Ash Tree Lane and discovers that the inside of their new home seems to be without boundaries

### **A Corner of the Universe**

Recounts the true story of an African grey parrot who was the subject of a devoted graduate student's scientific experiment on animal intelligence and who astonished everyone with its ability to add, understand concepts and speak hundreds of words. By the author of Aliens for Breakfast.

### **Step Into Magic**

Richard Bickerstaff and his friend Henry are prisoners on Grax, a hostile planet. Aric, their tiny alien friend, has been taken from them--perhaps forever. And now they're eating lunch in a Graxian jail, face to face with a Turinga Death Machine! Can life get any more dangerous? Kids will love this very funny Stepping Stones HUMOR title!

### **Ballparks Then and Now®**

Billy Getten really wants a dog. He's so dog crazy that he eats dog biscuits! But Billy's parents won't give in. They say he's too irresponsible. Then Billy meets the dog of his dreams. Can Billy convince his parents that he's ready for a pet before the most wonderful dog in the world gets adopted by someone else? "This short chapter book offers good role models; strong, three-generational family relationships; and a smooth message about friendship. The soft, expressive black-line drawings will help draw readers."--Booklist

## **Aliens for Dinner**

Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes, he is going to school and he is enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble when there is so much building up against him? In this exciting novel, Armpit is joined by many vibrant new characters, and is learning what it takes to stay on course, and that doing the right thing is never the wrong choice.

## **The Martian Chronicles**

New to the Random House list is author Bill Doyle with a tale of monsters, magic, and mayhem. After Keats and Henry lose their bikes, they need money—fast. So the help-wanted ad at the supermarket seems ideal for them. All they have to do is weed Hallway House's garden, find some lightbulbs in the attic, sweep the garage . . . and battle a shark-headed zombie. But no one told them about the giant bookworms in the library, the toe-biting carpet in the halls, and the kitchen sinkhole! From the Trade Paperback edition.

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