

New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2012-2013

Humor of many kinds

Angleberger, Tom - *Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book*

Harvey, upset when his Darth Paper finger puppet brings humiliation, gets Dwight suspended, but Origami Yoda asks Tommy and Kellan, now in seventh grade, to make a new casefile to persuade the School Board to reinstate Dwight.

Angleberger, Tom; Wang, Jen (ILT)- *Fake Mustache : Or, How Jodie O'Rodeo and Her Wonder Horse (and Some Nerdy Kid) Saved the U.S. Presidential Election from a Mad Genius Criminal Mastermind*

Lenny Flem Jr. is the only one standing between his evil-genius best friend, Casper, and world domination as Casper uses a spectacularly convincing fake mustache and the ability to hypnotize to rob banks, amass a vast fortune, and run for president.

Angleberger, Tom - *Horton Halfpott : Or, The Fiendish Mystery of Smugwick Manor; Or, The Loosening of M'lady Luggertuck's Corset*

Horton, an upstanding kitchen boy in a castle in nineteenth-century England, becomes embroiled in a mystery surrounding a series of thefts, which is also connected to the pursuit of a very eligible and wealthy young lady's affections.

Ashby, Amanda - *Fairy Bad Day*

High schooler Emma is devastated to learn that she may not follow in her mother's footsteps as a dragon slayer, but with an unlikely band of allies she discovers that she may, indeed, be more adept at slaying giant killer fairies.

Carvell, Tim; Holgate, Doug (ILT) - *Planet Tad*

An Emmy Award-winning head writer of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart presents a year's worth of blog entries for seventh-grader Tad, who is challenged to outmaneuver a devious little sister, an embarrassing summer job and a science fair disaster during his quest to have the most awesome year ever.

Damico, Gina - *Croak*

In the first installment of a morbidly hilarious new series, teenage delinquent Lex's parents ship her off to her uncle's house for the summer, where she discovers a surprising family business as a grim reaper and gets caught up in a mystery.

Grimes, Nikki - *Planet Middle School*

Having enjoyed an uncomplicated life of friendship and basketball throughout her first 12 years, Joylin Johnson finds everything changing when her friends begin to form crushes and romantic relationships, in a story told through a series of short poems.

Hiaasen, Carl - *Chomp*

Spending his days in a zoo beside his volatile animal wrangler father, Wahoo Cray struggles to control his father's temper when the latter takes a job with an egocentric reality nature show host.

Holm, Jennifer L. - *Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf: A Year Told Through Stuff*

Told entirely through notes, grocery receipts, and a vast array of other items, this story follows Ginny as she accidentally dyes her hair pink, throws live frogs in class, and loses the lead role in ballet to her ex-best friend.

Korman, Gordon - ***Ungifted***

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert - ***Wisdom's Kiss : A Thrilling and Romantic Adventure Incorporating Magic, Villany, and a Cat***

Longing for adventure outside her staid old kingdom, Princess Dizzy struggles through personality clashes in order to fulfill her heart's desire and protect her empire at the side of a soldier who hides a secret identity and an orphaned maid who is in love with the soldier.

Pauley, Kimberly - ***Cat Girl's Day Off***

High schooler Natalie Ng has always kept secret her talent for talking with cats, but when she learns--from a cat--that a celebrity has been replaced by an imposter, she and her friends investigate, becoming movie extras to get the scoop.

Peirce, Lincoln - ***Big Nate on a Roll (Book 3)***

- ***Big Nate Makes the Grade (Book 4)***

- ***Big Nate Goes for Broke (Book 5)***

Russell, Rachel Renee - ***Dork Diaries : Tales From A Not So Fabulous Life/Tales From A Not So Popular Girl/Tales From A Not So Talented Pop Star***

Collects all three "Dork Diaries" books that follow middle school student Nikki Maxwell through life at her new school, Westchester Country Day.

Scieszka, Jon (EDT); Anderson, M. T.; Carman, Patrick; Choldenko, Gennifer; Pena, Matt De La - ***Guys Read: Thriller***

A collection of humorous stories featuring a teenage terrorist, a mysterious wish-granting machine, and the world's worst private detective.