**Fiction/Nonfiction/Poetry**

***Wing & Claw: Forest of Wonder*** by Linda Sue Park Raffa is horrified to discover that someone in the capital city is using the rare plant he and his cousin found to forcefully control animals. When Raffa discovers who is behind it, he, his friend, and the animals he saves must escape from the city and the horrible truth.

***Zita the Spacegirl*** by Ben Hatke- The Zita books rock — they’re full of adventure, humor, and fantastic characters!! Zita is an awesome, courageous problem-solving heroine who accidentally gets stuck in space while trying to save her friend from kidnappers and save the universe***.***

**Knights vs. Dinosaurs**by Matt Phelan- A quirky and hilarious adventurous early chapter book. Merlin decides to teach the falsely boasting Knights of the Round Table a little humility. He sends them back to the age of dinosaurs to test their mettle –for real. The knights learn a thing or two about each other and working together.

***Charlotte’s Web*** by E.B. White,-This story is a beautiful tribute to friendship that incorporates love and death as well. It’s a classic for a reason and one of the best-written children’s books in existence.

***National Parks of the USA*** by Kate Siber- Get an advance look at your vacation destination or take an armchair tour through twenty-one of America’s spectacular natural treasures.

**Favorite Authors & Series**

**Fiction Series and Graphic Novels**

* Ramona series by Beverly Cleary
* Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown
* The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
* Amelia Bedelia by Peggy/Herman Parish
* Weird School by Dan Gutman
* Critter Club by Gina Mayer
* Judy Moody /Stink series by Megan McDonald
* Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler (picture books and chapter books)
* The Buddy Files by Dori Hillestad Butler
* Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
* Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel (picture books and chapter books)
* A- Z/Calendar Mysteries by Ron Roy
* Ranger in Time by Kate Messner
* I Survived… by Lauren Tarshis
* Key Hunters Mysteries by Eric Luper
* Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton
* Dog Man by Dav Pilkey
* The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
* Phoebe & her Unicorn by Dana Simpson

**Nonfiction Series**

* DK Find Out books (nonfiction)
* National Geographic Kids “Everything” and “Weird But True” series
* “Who Was/Is” and “What Was/Is” series by Scholastic (various authors)
* You Wouldn’t Want… series (various authors