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PICTURE BOOKS



GOODWIN THE GOAT

By Don Freeman

By the author of the internationally beloved *Corduroy*, this previously unpublished title recounts the story of Goodwin, a frisky goat that helps himself to an artist's watercolor paints, thus ruining her painting and rendering his own white fur multicolored. Freeman's distinctive humor and lively style shine through. An afterword by Freeman's son Roy fills in the backstory (Freeman's artist wife, Lydia, had a similar encounter with a goat).
Sky Pony * Available now * 40 pages * Rights licensed Hebrew/Sefer Lakol



NO PEACOCKS

By Robin Newman

Harry, Phil, and Jim are fed sunflower seeds by the staff who care for them at the cathedral where they live. One day they break out in search of pizza or Chinese takeout — only to discover that everywhere they go they're told "No Peacocks" by the restaurant owners. So they decide to break into school for some cafeteria mac 'n cheese with a little plotting, some stolen disguises, and some help from the students. This hilarious debut is a perfect read-aloud!
Sky Pony * September 2018 * 32 pages



SOMEONE

Jay & Bodie Ostrowski

Why is it so hard to find a friend to play with? That's what Someone wants to know. All the other kids in his class have playmates, but not Someone. Will he ever find Somebody to play with? Jay and Bodie Ostrowski — a father and son duo — use whimsical illustrations to guide young readers through playtime politics. Jay Ostrowski is a producer on the hit TV show "The Voice."
Arcade * October 2018 * 32 pages



THE SHORT NEWS

By Sean Romero

You've never seen news like this before! Contains 120 original photographs of weird-but-true news stories made entirely of LEGO pieces — humorously captioned and with a brief summary of the news story that inspired it. From the creator of The Short News website, which has 25K Instagram followers, 10K Facebook followers, and 5K Twitter followers.

Sky Pony * November 2018 * 144 pages

MINECRAFT FICTION

THE CREEPER DIARIES

By **Greysen Mann**, illustrated by **Amanda Black**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets *Minecraft* — it doesn't get much better than this! *CREEPER ON THE CASE*, *THE ENCHANTED CREEPER* and *MOB SCHOOL SWAP* are three new books in the exciting, hilarious series narrated by an underdog every Minecrafter can relate to. Gerald Creeper Jr. is a self-proclaimed pacifist, but he finds himself in the war zone when he starts his first year at Mob Middle School. This laugh-out-loud funny, heavily illustrated, diary format middle-grade series for Minecrafters follows the most misunderstood hostile mob in the Overworld.

Sky Pony * 192 pages each * September 2018, November 2018, January 2019

Also available in the Creeper Diaries Series:



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THE UNOFFICIAL MINECRAFTER'S TIME TRAVEL ADVENTURE Series

By **Winter Morgan**

Bestselling author Winter Morgan returns to the world of Minecraft with this new series featuring time travel. The adventures of Farmer Brett and his apprentice Joe as they travel through time to find their way home are written especially for reluctant readers, and are a useful resource for parents and teachers to turn gamers into readers. The long-awaited Minecraft movie will release in May 2019 — sales will skyrocket!

Sky Pony * 112 pages each * September 2018, November 2018, January 2019



REDSTONE JUNIOR HIGH

By **Cara Stevens**

Six graders can get downright dangerous in this new 4-book series of full-color graphic novels for Minecrafters. Each book has more than 750 color illustrations throughout — much more than any other Minecraft graphic novel in the market!

Sky Pony 192 pages each * #1 & #2 available now; #3 September 2018, #4 November 2018

Also available in the Redstone Junior High Series:



MINECRAFT NONFICTION



MATH FUN FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grades 1-2



MATH FUN FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grades 3-4

Well-loved Minecraft characters and concepts help develop these first and second grade math skills: Telling time * Understanding place value * Skip counting * Geometric shapes * Reading charts and graphs * Adding and subtracting numbers up to 100 * and more! And these third and fourth grade math skills: Fractions * Analyzing geometric shapes * Calculating area and perimeter * Multiplication and Division * and more!

Sky Pony * October 2018, both * 64 pages each



MINECRAFTER ARCHITECT: The Builder's Idea Book – Details and Inspiration for Creating Amazing Builds

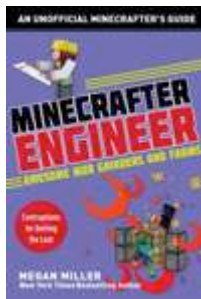
Solve your builder's block with dozens of examples of window treatments, entranceways, roofs, walls, paths, roads, bridges, floor plans, block palettes, and more. Copy them exactly or use them as inspiration to master the art of creating unique and detailed Minecraft builds. Hundreds of step-by-step full-color photos guide the reader and help to encourage creativity and problem-solving skills.

Sky Pony * January 2019 * 128 pages * fully illustrated

Also available in the Minecraft Architect series:



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MINECRAFTER ENGINEER: Awesome Mob Grinders and Farms — Contraptions for Getting the Loot

Designed to encourage creativity and problem-solving skills in kids who love building in Minecraft. Guided by hundreds of in-game step-by-step photos and simple instructions, kids learn how to build incredible mob farms to increase their wealth and loot — from the witch farm to the iron golem trap.

Sky Pony January 2019 128 pages * fully illustrated

Also available in the Minecraft Engineer series:



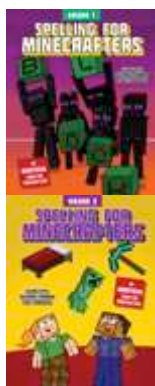
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THE MINECRAFTERS BIG BOOK OF DRAWING: How to Draw More Than 100 Characters

Full-color illustrations and easy step-by-step instructions enable kids to create their favorite characters and items from the Overworld including Steve, Alex, creepers, mooshrooms, endermen, swords, tulips, minecarts, compasses, pieces of cake, pickaxes, furnaces, and compasses.

Sky Pony * October 2018 * 232 pages * full color illustrations throughout



SPELLING FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grade 1

SPELLING FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grade 2

Colorfully illustrated pages and familiar gaming characters and objects will win over even the most reluctant students as they practice key skills including: Getting to know common spelling patterns * Targeted grade-level sight-word practice * Vowel sounds and consonant blends for spelling and reading success * Counting syllables * identifying prefixes, suffixes, and plural endings * and more!

Sky Pony* January 2019/February 2019 * 64 pages each

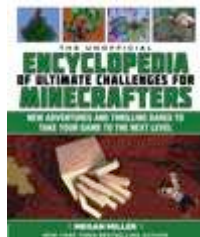


STEM CHALLENGES FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grades 1-2

STEM CHALLENGES FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grades 3-4

These problem-solving workbooks challenge young Minecrafters to apply their natural creativity and reasoning skills to real-world situations. Science, technology, engineering, and math come to life in the pages of each colorfully illustrated lesson. For first and second graders: breaking codes * deciphering maps * designing buildings, * and more. For third and fourth graders: designing a new mob * evaluating natural resources * using the binary alphabet to crack a code * and more!

Sky Pony * September 2018, both * 32 pages each



THE UNOFFICIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ULTIMATE CHALLENGES FOR MINECRAFTERS: New Adventures and Thrilling Dares to Take Your Game to the Next Level

Tired of the same old moves and hungry for new gameplay? This will keep you busy with advanced maneuvers, thrilling new adventures, and extreme dares: Collect every mob in your own zoo * Play the game "King of the Ladder" * Complete every in-game advancement * Defeat the Ender Dragon in hardcover mode * Survive Survival Island * Ace the Ultra Hardcore PVE/PVP competitions * and more!

Sky Pony February 2019 196 pages * fully illustrated



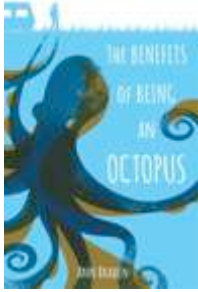
WRITING FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grade 1

WRITING FOR MINECRAFTERS: Grade 2

Colorful art and engaging prompts invite kids to expand their vocabulary, practice proper grammar and capitalization, and write full sentences and paragraphs with lessons in: Vocabulary development * Adding detail with adjectives and adverbs * Past, present, and future tense structure * Grammar and sentence structure * Pre-writing strategies and idea building * Informational, opinion, and narrative writing * and more!

Sky Pony * January 2019/February 2019 * 64 pages each

MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION



BENEFITS OF BEING AN OCTOPUS

By Ann Braden

This striking debut is a close personal look at life in poverty and how hard it is to break out of that cycle. Told through the eye of one girl living on the edges of society and just trying to find her way forward, this is perfect for fans of Joan Bauer and Cynthia Voigt.

Sky Pony * September 2018 * 256 pages



APPLE PIE PROMISES by Hilary Homzie

COTTON CANDY WISHES by Kristin Springer

Swirl is Sky Pony's like of collectible tween-girl-centered stand-alone novels. In *Cotton Candy Wishes*, Taylor learns that being with the popular crowd involves a lot of gossip and backstabbing. And in *Apple Pie Promises*, what starts out as tension between new stepsisters becomes full-on war, both at home and at school.

Sky Pony * October 2018/January 2018 * 240 pages each

Swirl Series titles available now:



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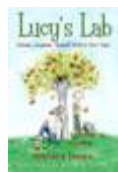
LUCY'S LAB: The Colossal Fossil Fiasco

By Michelle Houts

A new middle-grade chapter book series that draws on STEM themes designed specifically to bring a love of science to young girls, inspiring them to start their own labs and explore their world. IRA Children's Book Award-winner Houts is the author of several middle-grade novels, picture books, and biographies for young readers.

Sky Pony * Available now * 118 pages each * b&w * illustrations throughout

Lucy's Lab Series titles available now:



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PROJECT DROID

By Nancy Krulik and Amanda Burwasser

"This entertaining new series will appeal to fans of funny stories and robots." – School Library Journal

"Funny enough to keep fledgling readers turning pages." - Kirkus

A STEM-based middle grade series that combines the literalness of Amelia Bedelia with a wacky modern edge, about a good-hearted human boy, his inventor mother, the robot cousin she builds for him — and the hilarious mechanical problems that ensue!

Sky Pony * Available Now * 104 pages each * b&w illustrations throughout

Project Droid Series titles available now:



MIDDLE-GRADE NONFICTION



CREATIVE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: More than 25 Fun Holiday Activities

By Karin Andersson

The very best and most fun Christmas crafts can be made in the comfort of your home — perfect activities for kids and families to do during the holiday season. Projects include: marshmallow snowmen * milk carton birdhouses * candy jars * straw ornaments and more!

Sky Pony * October 2018 * 64 pages * full color photos throughout



THE UNOFFICIAL HARRY POTTER JOKE BOOK: Stupefying Shenanigans for Slytherin

By Brian Boone, illustrated by Amanda Brack

Featuring pages and pages of jokes and more than fifty fantastic illustrations for Hogwarts lovers, this joke book provides endless fun and hours of laughter! Boone wrote the music trivia (with jokes) book *I Love Rock 'n' Roll*; Brack is the illustrator of Sky Pony's *Creeper Diaries* series and the *Jokes for Minecrafters* series.

Sky Pony * October 2018 * 176 pages



MASON JAR SCIENTIST: 30 STEM-Based Projects to Make and Create in a Jar

By Brenda Priddy

Dozens of practical, STEM-oriented, hands-on experiments that all fit in a mason jar! Fascinating scientific lessons include: Clouds * Why the sky is blue? * Tornadoes * Volcanoes * The Greenhouse Effect * Rainbows * Gardens * The Solar System * Sound Vibrations – and more!

Racehorse Books for Young Readers * September 2018 * 128 pages



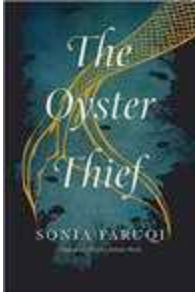
ROCK PAINTING FOR KIDS: Painting Projects for Rocks of Any Kind You Can Find

By Lin Wellford

Easy-to-follow instructions from rock painting expert Lin Wellford will teach kids how to create awesome rock projects perfect for decorating any space: rockasaurus, stone buildings, rock burgers and other fun foods, flowers, teddy bears, and more — all as realistic or as wacky as you like!

Racehorse Books for Young Readers * October 2018 * 96 pages * full color photos throughout

YOUNG ADULT



THE OYSTER THIEF

By Sonia Faruqi

Faruqi plunges readers into an underwater world where shy mermaid Coralline embarks on a quest to find a legendary elixir to cure her gravely ill little brother. She meets Izar, who has left his life on land to seek out the same elixir for his gravely ill father. They travel through coral reefs and seabed cities, trailed by murderous enemies and warring ships, with secrets that threaten to tear them apart even as a growing attraction adds to the danger.

Faruqi is the author of *Project Animal Farm*.

Pegasus * August 2018 * 304 pages



A SPARK OF WHITE FIRE

By Sangu Mandanna

This is *Red Rising* meets *An Ember in the Ashes*. A multicultural YA space opera inspired by the Mahabharata, the novel follows a cursed and forgotten child of an empire's queen who wants to return to her real family, and finds herself on the wrong side of a war that could destroy kingdoms across the galaxy.

Mandanna is the author of *The Lost Girl*.

Sky Pony * September 2018 * 400 pages



FIRESTARTER

By Tara Sim

"This LGBTQ steampunk romance sports a *killer* premise and extraordinary world-building." - Kirkus

In this epic conclusion to the stunning Timekeeper trilogy set in an alternate Victorian world where time is controlled by clocks, the crew of the Prometheus races across the world (Prague, Austria, India), forced to walk the line between villainy and heroism. This series has been lauded for its diverse cast and killer plot

Sky Pony * November 2018 * 488 pages

Also available by Tara Sim from Sky Pony:



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WHEN THE TRUTH UNRAVELS

By Ruth Ann Snow

Like *Thirteen Reasons Why*, Snow's debut is heart-wrenching and utterly impossible to put down: Jenna, Rosie, and Kat will do anything to keep Elin's failed suicide attempt secret — and make sure it never happens again. They're determined to make prom the perfect night for Elin until she goes missing, and the three of them must find her even as they confront their own demons during one life-changing night: prom.

Sky Pony * January 2019 * 304 pages