

The following *Author in the Classroom* opportunities are available through River Bend Bookshop this Spring! *Authors in the Classroom* is a free service aimed at connecting authors with the students that read and love their books. If you or your school has an interest in hosting an AITC event, please contact Lauren Coleman at lauren@riverbendbookshop.com for more information. This is a first come, first served opportunity so please reach out today.

The first ever graphic novel in the *New York Times* bestselling *The Last Kids on Earth* series—now with over 5 million copies in print!

Includes SIX brand new Last Kids short stories by Max Brallier, featuring full-color art. The kids and their monster buddies are hanging out in the tree house, when Jack launches into an epic, totally-heroic, super rad story of one of his many post-apocalyptic adventures. Of course, after he's finished, everyone's eager to one-up his tale with a story of their own. Soon, Quint, Dirk, June and Skaelka, and even Globlet regale the group with sometimes outrageous, often hilarious details of their action-packed escapades during the monster-zombie apocalypse. Their stories are capped off by a special double-length feature which will finally reveal the mysterious whereabouts of two villainous villains to prep readers for the 7th book in the series coming Fall 2021!

Max Brallier (maxbrallier.com) is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than thirty books and games, including the Last Kids on Earth series. He writes both children's books and adult books, including the Galactic Hot Dogs series and the pick-your-own-path adventure series *Can YOU Survive the Zombie Apocalypse?* He has written books for properties including *Adventure Time*, *Regular Show*, *Steven Universe*, *Uncle Grandpa*, and *Pop-tropica*.



A story about being your truest self—and trusting your truest friends—from bestselling author Terri Libenson. Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Shannon Hale.

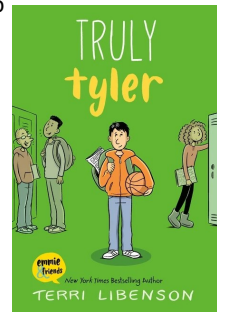
Cliques. Crushes. Comics. Middle school.

Ever since Tyler started getting into art and hanging out with Emmie, his friends and teammates have been giving him a hard time. He wonders why can't he nerd out on drawing *and* play ball?

Emmie is psyched that she gets to work on a comics project with her crush, Tyler. But she gets the feeling that his friends don't think she's cool enough. Maybe it's time for a total reinvention. . . .

Don't miss the rest of the Emmie & Friends series: *Invisible Emmie*, *Positively Izzy*, *Just Jaime*, *Becoming Brianna*, and *You-Niquely You: An Emmie & Friends Interactive Journal!*

Terri Libenson grew up in Kingston, Pennsylvania, where she made up puzzles and games and forced her friends to solve them (her mazes were the talk of town!). Sadly, she set aside these mad skills in order to build a cartooning career. Terri is the award-winning cartoonist of the syndicated comic strip *The Pajama Diaries* and the bestselling author of the Emmie & Friends series. Terri lives with her husband and two daughters in Cleveland, Ohio. You can find her online at www.terrilibenson.com.

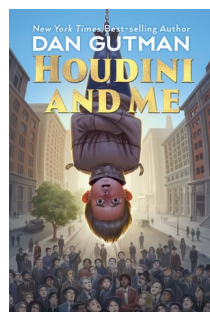


Harry has always admired the famous escape artist Houdini. And when Houdini asks for help in coming back to life, it seems like an amazing chance...or could it be Houdini's greatest trick of all?

Eleven-year-old Harry Mancini is NOT Harry Houdini—the famous escape artist who died in 1926. But Harry DOES live in Houdini's old New York City home, and he definitely knows everything there is to know about Houdini's life. What is he supposed to do, then, when someone starts texting him claiming that they're Houdini, communicating from beyond the grave? Respond, of course.

It's hard for Harry to believe that Houdini is really contacting him, but this Houdini texts the secrets to all of the escape tricks the dead Houdini used to do. What's more, Houdini's offering Harry a chance to go back in time and experience it for himself. Should Harry ignore what must be a hoax? Or should he give it a try and take Houdini up on this death-defying offer?

Dan Gutman is the award-winning author of series including *My Weird School*, *The Genius Files*, and the baseball card series, including *Honus & Me*. He uses his writing powers for good once again in this exciting new middle grade novel.



In the seventh novel in *New York Times* bestselling Stuart Gibbs's FunJungle series, Teddy Fitzroy returns as FunJungle's resident sleuth to solve the disappearances of endangered bison and an irreplaceable necklace.

Teddy Fitzroy, his family, and some other FunJungle employees have been invited to visit a bison ranch just outside Yellowstone National Park that FunJungle's owner, J.J. McCracken, is considering purchasing. But as usual, trouble isn't far behind.

The ranch's endangered bison have been mysteriously disappearing. Then a massive local grizzly bear named Sasquatch breaks into the house, causing chaos. In the aftermath, Kandace McCracken discovers that her exceptionally expensive sapphire necklace has vanished.

Was it stolen? Or did Sasquatch eat it? (And if so, can it be recovered?) And what's been happening to the bison? With over a dozen suspects, it's up to Teddy to detangle this hairy situation, before his family or friends—or any more expensive objects—become dinner.

Stuart Gibbs is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Charlie Thorne* and the *Last Equation* and the FunJungle, Spy School, and Moon Base Alpha series. He has written the screenplays for movies like *See Spot Run* and *Repli-Kate*, worked on a whole bunch of animated films, and developed TV shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, ABC, and Fox.

