



## Revisit & Rediscover

Take a fresh look at these old favorites.

### AUTUMN '16 Kids' Next

#### 17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore

By Jenny Offill, Nancy Carpenter (Illus.)

"Readers may fall in love with this irrepressible heroine, despite—or perhaps because of—her refusal to bow to the usual way things are done. Whether she is washing her hands in the dog dish or experimenting on her long-suffering younger brother, there is sure to be mayhem left in her wake. Carpenter's illustrations ensure that readers realize she is more of an outside-the-box thinker than a troublemaker, although young readers may be tempted to launch their cauliflower across the table via tablespoon catapult after discovering this rapscallion."

—Robert McDonald, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, Winnetka, IL



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#### King Bidgood's in the Bathtub

By Audrey Wood and Don Wood

"*King Bidgood's in the Bathtub* is one of those perfect picture books that is both a treat for the eye and fun to read aloud. King Bidgood enjoys his bath so much that he won't get out! Join him in the tub as the sun rises, for lunch midday, and for fishing and dancing as the sun goes down. Both the singsong text and the 'I Spy' type illustrations will delight as you read, read, read with King Bidgood in his bath."

—Liesl Freudenstein, Boulder Book Store, Boulder, CO



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#### Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing

By Judi Barrett, Ron Barrett (Illus.)

"Why should animals NOT wear pants, dresses, and ties? Because it could be disastrous, embarrassing, and absolutely ridiculous. Why should you DEFINITELY share this book with young readers? Because it is a fun read-aloud, a great book for new readers, and full of silly illustrations that will keep everyone laughing."

—Holly Weinkauf, Red Balloon Bookshop, St. Paul, MN



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#### Becoming Naomi Leon

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

"Naomi and her younger brother live contentedly with their great grandmother in a trailer park in California. Seven peaceful years are disrupted when their mother appears and Naomi begins to deal with uncomfortable issues. Though Naomi finds solace in her soapcarving, for which she has a special talent, it is the trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, to search for her father that brings real answers. This beautifully written novel about family, identity, and loyalty is infused with a special warmth and authenticity based on Ryan's own heritage."

—Carol Moyer, Quail Ridge Books & Music, Raleigh, NC



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#### The Conch Bearer

By Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

"Anand's middle-class life is just a memory. He now lives in a dilapidated shack in a dangerous Indian neighborhood, working for a cruel tea seller to help support his family. Anand's dreams of adventure seem impossible until a mysterious gentleman asks him to return a magical conch to its rightful home in a distant, secret valley. In this beautifully crafted coming-of-age tale, Anand is challenged to accept the best and the worst in himself, to recognize the consequences of his choices, and to make a decision that could change everything."

—Kris Vreeland, Once Upon a Time, Montrose, CA



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#### The Witch Family

By Eleanor Estes, Edward Ardizzone (Illus.)

"Two best friends, Amy and Clarissa, love to draw. They create a world where a moderately wicked witch has been banished to the top of a glass hill. The girls and witch communicate via a giant bumblebee, Malachi, who spells out messages between them. A request for companionship leads to a little witch girl and witch baby becoming part of the lively hilltop family. This magical tale, with its gentle suspense, sassy humor, and charming art by Ardizzone, has enchanted generations of young readers."

—Elizabeth Bluemle, The Flying Pig Bookstore, Shelburne, VT



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#### The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks

By E. Lockhart

"This is one of my all-time favorite books! Funny, subversive, and smart, it is about a girl who infiltrates the boys-only private school club she is excluded from, which neither her boyfriend nor her father will tell her about because she's a girl. Frankie is gutsy, stays true to herself, and uses her wits to become an amazing kick-butt heroine for any girl asking, 'What do you mean I can't do that?'"

—René Kirkpatrick, University Book Store, Seattle, WA



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#### Howl's Moving Castle

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"Being the first-born of three daughters and therefore unlucky, Sophie has resigned herself to the solitary life of a hat-maker in her family's shop. But when the evil Witch of the Waste curses her, Sophie must venture off by herself to break the spell – an especially dangerous prospect with the Wizard Howl, who is said to eat the hearts of young women as he wanders around the countryside in his walking castle. Fun and magical, *Howl's Moving Castle* will have readers cheering for everyone from scarecrows to fire demons."

—Emily Somberg, Pegasus Books, Berkeley, CA



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#### The Ear, the Eye and the Arm

By Nancy Farmer

"The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm are detectives in the year 2194, who have been exposed to nuclear waste, giving them unique and special powers. They have been called in to find three children who escaped from a powerful Zimbabwe family and then disappeared. Farmer mixes ancient African mythology with dystopian elements to create a science fiction/fantasy adventure full of weight. A Newbery Honor book, this is an excellent choice for a young adult reader!"

—Kirsten Hess, Let's Play Books, Emmaus, PA



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