

## *I Am Fartacus Max*

*One girl sets out on a journey across the treacherous Arizona desert to rescue a young pilot stranded after a plane crash in this gripping story of survival, friendship, and rescue from a bestselling and award-winning author. Twelve-year-old Jolene spends every day she can at the library watching her favorite livestream: The Desert Aviator, where twelve-year-old "Addie Earhart" shares her adventures flying an ultralight plane over the desert. While watching this daring girl fly through the sky, Jolene can dream of what it would be like to fly with her, far away from her own troubled home life where her mother struggles with a narcotic addiction. And Addie, who is grieving the loss of her father, finds solace in her online conversations with Jolene, her biggest—and only—fan. Then, one day, it all goes wrong: Addie's engine abruptly stops, and Jolene watches in helpless horror as the ultralight plummets to the ground and the video goes dark. Jolene knows that Addie won't survive long in the extreme summer desert heat. With no one to turn to for help and armed with only a hand-drawn map and a stolen cell phone, it's up to Jolene to find a way to save the Desert Aviator. Packed with adventure and heart, Across the Desert speaks to the resilience, hope, and strength within each of us. When the janitor allows Kirk and Tommy to place recycling barrels in the school cafeteria, the two thirteen-year-olds just hope to make some pocket change. But when the other schools and town facilities ask for recycling barrels too, their business takes off. They earn much more than pocket change. And the funny thing is, nobody but the janitors know the recycling barrels are owned by the two young entrepreneurs. The money rolls in...but trouble follows. The principal suspects they're up to something. The eighth grade bully tries to capitalize on their new found wealth. And the competition, the town's largest recycling contractor-tries to put them out of business. Their real trouble begins though, when the principal, superintendent of schools, and mayor learn the recycling barrels are owned by two middle school students. They think they've been misled; a suspension hearing ensues. Everything Kirk and Tommy have worked so hard for is in jeopardy. They're on the brink of losing it all-but if they can survive the ordeal, they just might become...Middle School Millionaires.*

*When Chub leads his cadre of middle school misfits in an effort to bring down the evil empire led by his nemesis Arch, he inadvertently becomes the school hero.*

*A study of the landmark television program The Simpsons which focuses on the show's dual roles as subversive political satire and*

*mainstream mass media hit.*

*Ready to laugh your butt off? Get ready to be blown-away by the outrageous adventures of Milo Snotrocket! His name is Milo Snotrocket and he has the same problems any kid has. School is boring, he has a bully, and sometimes he farts. Well, more than sometimes. What nobody else knows about this special kid is that he's more than just your average everyday child, he's also a Fart Ninja—taking on bullies and all evildoers with the amazing power of his horrible farts! Warning: This book has farts. Lots of them. And if you focus on farting as much as the people in this book, you might want to check your pants when you're done!*

*Arts and Thefts*

*The Shaping of One Man's Game from Patient Mouse to Rabid Wolf Wolverine Max -*

*Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle Max Makes a Million*

Provides five thousand facts about everything from water parks and hair to manners and manners. An epic lunch period leads to a fateful showdown as small, skinny seventh-grader Sam and his best friend--now a popular athlete--promises to beat Sam up at recess in exactly thirty minutes.

Astrid is afraid of the dark and doesn't want to go on her family camping trip. But her brother, Apollo, is excited. When they encounter scary things such as crawly bugs and creepy dark, Apollo helps his twin through them. And when they encounter the scariest of all, Astrid might just be the one to save the starry campout.

Using a bogus name, the League of Picklemakers, sixth-grader Ben and three recruits start a prank-pulling club that could possibly receive funding from their middle school's PTA. Chub and his group of misfit friends—including some new recruits—try to track down the school's missing mascot in the hilarious and heartwarming sequel to I Am Fartacus. It's a new year, and a chance for Chub to make a fresh start at Alanmoore Middle School. After a year, now has a "cadre" of misfits behind him, and his feud with Archer "The Arch" Norris seems to have cooled off over the summer. Could seventh grade be the year that Chub keeps his head above water? One thing Chub didn't count on? The new principal "Mizzz Lockhart"—a steely disciplinary maniac with a zero-tolerance policy for mischief who is just waiting to make an example out of Chub. When Lockhart's precious sculpture—a hideous modern-art rendition of the school mascot that Chub dubbed "The Boogerloo"—disappears, both Chub and Archer are blamed for the theft. Worse still, they're faced with expulsion (which for Chub means being shipped off to Poland) unless they can produce the Boogerloo in forty-eight hours. It's up to Chub, Archer, Shelby, Moby, and Megumi (the new student whom both Chub and Archer are crushing on) to find the Boogerloo before Chub gets kicked out of school—and maybe the country—for good.

Max the Brave

Project Me 2.0

Momentous Events in the Life of a Cactus

5,000 Awesome Facts (about Everything!) 2

Moving to a new area and a new school, Louis is horrified to discover his parents changing into ultra-competitive parents, wanting him and his younger brother to get straight As at school and join all sorts of after-school clubs and activities like the other kids in the area. Suddenly Louis's life is no longer his own - until he meets Maddy, who claims to have trained her parents to ignore her- But does Louis really want to be ignored? A truly contemporary tale with characters kids will recognize instantly!

Eleven-year-old Jeremy Wilderson teams up with his rival crime fighter to stop the stealing spree that's wreaking havoc on Scottsville Middle School in this action-packed MAX novel. Jeremy Wilderson is not a thief. In fact, he is his middle school's one and only retrieval specialist. Confiscated cell phones, stolen lunch money-he'll discretely retrieve it before the last bell rings. Business is good, and if it weren't for the meddling of preteen private investigator Becca Mills, he'd be happier than a gym teacher on dodgeball day. But a new job shatters his comfortable lifestyle. Now, thanks to Jeremy, the master key to the schools' lockers is in the hands of an aspiring crime kingpin who doesn't exactly have Jeremy's strong moral character. Soon not even combination locks can protect the students' textbooks and jackets. Retrieving the key is too big a job for one crime fighter, and only one person wants the key returned as much as Jeremy does: Becca Mills. Lockers are being robbed, the teachers are looking for the culprit, and the only person Jeremy can turn to is the girl who most wants to see him in the principal's office. Will Jeremy be able to trust Becca enough to get the key back in the right hands? Or could he end up in detention until the end of high school instead? Ken and his EngiNerds crew return in another nutty and nerdy adventure as they face down an alien to save the planet! Alien invasion? At the end of *Revenge of the EngiNerds* an alien appeared, and it turns out he's the real deal. He explains he was sent to Earth as an envoy to scope things out for a planned massive, futuristic billboard-which will mean demolishing the planet! Here? On Earth? In their town? Not if the EngiNerds have anything to say about it. Time to save the day and the planet!

Max is a fearless kitten. Max is a brave kitten. Max is a kitten who chases mice. There's only one problem-Max doesn't know what a mouse looks like! With a little bit of bad advice, Max finds himself facing a much bigger challenge. Maybe Max doesn't have to be Max the Brave all the time... Join this adventurous black cat as he very politely asks a variety of animals for help in finding a mouse. Young readers will delight in Max's mistakes, while adults will love the subtle, tongue-in-cheek humor of this new children's classic. Praise for Max the Brave: "A cat-and-mouse game to be laughed at and reread." -Kirkus "Full of playful humor...enhanced by the humorous text, character expressions, and a not-scary monster to boot. VERDICT Highly recommended." - School Library Journal "Both the punchy text and illustrations command attention, and plenty of readers will get a kick out of feeling superior to Max" -Publishers Weekly

'I can get a new brother? On the internet?' Jonny muttered. 'Oh sweet

mangoes of heaven!' Everyone has dreamed of being able to get rid of their brother or sister at one time or another - but for Jonny, the dream is about to become a reality with SiblingSwap.com! What could be better than someone awesome to replace Ted, Jonny's obnoxious older brother. But finding the perfect brother isn't easy, as Jonny discovers when Sibling Swap sends him a line of increasingly bizarre replacements: first a merboy, then a brother raised by meerkats, and then the ghost of Henry the Eighth! What's coming next?! Suddenly old Ted isn't looking so bad. But can Jonny ever get him back? A hilarious tale of wish fulfilment gone wrong that every child will relate to - perfect for fans of Pamela Butchart, My Brother is a Superhero and David Baddiel's The Parent Agency.

Shark Attack, Lightning, Embarrassing Parents, Pop Quizzes, and Other Perilous Situations

EngiNerds

Sven Carter & the Android Army

The Simpsons and the Possibility of Oppositional Culture

The Boy Who Made the World Disappear

*"High School. Two words that struck fear into the heart of every armless middle schooler I knew. Which was me. And like two people online." This sequel to the critically acclaimed Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus, now in paperback, follows Aven Green as she confronts yet another challenge: high school. "Those preparing to 'slay the sucktastic beast known as high school' will particularly appreciate this spirited read." --Kirkus (Starred review) Just as Aven starts to feel comfortable in Stagecoach Pass, with her friends and schoolmates accustomed to her lack of "armage," everything changes once again. She's about to begin high school . . . with 3,000 new kids to stare at her. And no matter how much Aven tries to play it cool, nothing prepares her for the reality. In a year filled with confusion, humiliation, and just maybe love, can Aven manage to stay true to herself?*

*Erotic memoir*

*I Am Fartacus* Simon and Schuster

*An eleven-year-old boy on a quest to impress his suddenly cute, longtime friend accidentally manifests a tiny internet guru into existence in this hilarious MAX novel! All class clown Farley Andrew Turner (yes, that spells FAT) wanted the summer before seventh grade was to give his image a little boost...and maybe, just maybe, impress his oldest pal, whom he has a secret crush on. But when Farley accidentally manifests a tiny internet guru into existence (think genie, but far more annoying and without any ability whatsoever to grant wishes), his entire plan goes sideways. Now, in order to rid himself of the four-inch tall pest spouting ridiculous self-help advice and doing yoga on his mouse pad, Farley must complete all "Seven Steps to a Whole New You!"—no matter how embarrassing they may be. Which is how Farley finds himself outfitted in too-small spandex and suffering through daily jogs with his super-athletic dad, attempting to read War and Peace, and agreeing to play toy guitar in his best friend Burt's newly formed off-pitch boy band. Unfortunately, it only goes downhill from there... But hey, no one ever claimed the path to enlightenment would be easy, did they?*

*A "lively" memoir by the Hollywood legend about the making of Spartacus, with a foreword*

*by George Clooney (Los Angeles Times). One of the world's most iconic movie stars, Kirk Douglas has distinguished himself as a producer, philanthropist, and author of ten works of fiction and memoir. Now, more than fifty years after the release of his enduring epic Spartacus, Douglas reveals the riveting drama behind the making of the legendary gladiator film. Douglas began producing the movie in the midst of the politically charged era when Hollywood's moguls refused to hire anyone accused of Communist sympathies. In a risky move, Douglas chose Dalton Trumbo, a blacklisted screenwriter, to write Spartacus. Trumbo was one of the "Unfriendly Ten," men who had gone to prison rather than testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee about their political affiliations. Douglas's source material was already a hot property, as the novel Spartacus was written by Howard Fast while he was in jail for defying HUAC. With the financial future of his young family at stake, Douglas plunged into a tumultuous production both on- and off-screen. As both producer and star of the film, he faced explosive moments with young director Stanley Kubrick, struggles with a leading lady, and negotiations with giant personalities, including Sir Laurence Olivier, Charles Laughton, Peter Ustinov, and Lew Wasserman. Writing from his heart and from his own meticulously researched archives, Kirk Douglas, at ninety-five, looks back at his audacious decisions. He made the most expensive film of its era—but more importantly, his moral courage in giving public credit to Trumbo effectively ended the notorious Hollywood blacklist. A master storyteller, Douglas paints a vivid and often humorous portrait in I Am Spartacus! The book is enhanced by newly discovered period photography of the stars and filmmakers both on and off the set.*

*Exit Strategy*

*How to Survive Anything*

*The (Formerly) Anonymous Prank Club of Fountain Point Middle School*

*Electric Boogerloo*

*The EngiNerds Strike Back*

In the aftermath of a plane crash that wiped his memory, Wolverine investigates his own past and contemplates his romance with Mariko Yahsida and his relationship with Victor Creed.

Max the dog-poet is back, this time in Paris and falling in love, in Maira Kalman's delightful picture book. It's happened. Before you can say "Pepe le Pew," Max the millionaire poet dog has landed in Paris, the city of lights. The city of dreams. Everyone is in a froufrou of delight over Max. There's Fritz from the Ritz, Madame Camembert, Charlotte Russe, and Pierre Potpurri, who wants Max to perform in his Crazy Wolf Nightclub. Amidst the enchantment and beauty that is Paris in the spring, something is missing for Max. Max has made his millions; when will he find romance?

The battle between boys and bots is on in this funny, fast-paced novel. Ken is an EngiNerd: one of a super-smart group of friends—all nerds—who have been close since kindergarten. They may be brainiacs, but they 're just like everyone else: they fight with one another, watch too much TV, eat Chinese food, and hate walking their dogs. Well, maybe not just like everyone because Ken 's best friend Dan has been building robots. He then secretly sent one to each of the EngiNerds, never letting them know he 's the mastermind. At first Ken is awed and delighted: what kid hasn 't dreamed of having a robot all their own? Someone who can be their friend, clean their room, walk

the dog, answer homework questions...how amazing is that? But be careful what you wish for: Dan ' s robot, Greeeg, may look innocent, but his ravenous consumption of food—comestibles—turns him into a butt-blasting bot. And once the other robots ' come alive ' it ' s up to the motley crew of EngiNerds to not only save the day, but save the planet!

Middle school retrieval specialist Jeremy Wilderson must team up with preteen private detective Becca Mills once again to solve his most mind-boggling case yet in this action-packed MAX novel. Ahh, summer vacation! Jeremy Wilderson, Scottsville Middle School ' s first (and only) retrieval specialist, is enjoying a slower-than-usual season of retrieving (NOT stealing) lost objects in order to help the under thirteen population of Scottsville. But crime doesn ' t take a vacation! And when sabotage strikes Scottsville ' s event of the year—the Summer Art Show—threatening to ruin the burgeoning painting career of Jeremy ' s best friend, Case, it ' s up to Jeremy to figure out what ' s going on. Of course, his archrival Becca Mills, who just happens to think Jeremy, Case, and their friend Hack are involved in the crime, is also looking into it. Jeremy has only a few precious hours to stop the sabotage before more contest entries—and kids ' dreams—are slashed and burned. But Jeremy ' s specialty is retrieval...not detective work! The only solution is to team up with Becca to solve the case, something Jeremy ' s not exactly thrilled to do. Not to mention, he has to keep his alliance with Becca a secret from Case and Hack, who will disown him if they see him working with the enemy. Somewhere between being stuck inside an air vent and slathered in red paint, Jeremy has to wonder: is he in over his head?

Ken and his EngiNerds crew return in a nutty and nerdy adventure that ' s the perfect follow-up to EngiNerds. When last we met, the EngiNerds were battling a horde of ravenous robots; however in this latest caper, they ' re on the hunt for just one rogue robot. But who knows what kind of mayhem one mechanical creature can cause? And why is Ken the only EngiNerd who ' s worried about the runaway robot? The rest of the crew seems to be missing in action and Ken fears it ' s because of Mikaela Harrington. She ' s the new girl in town who ' s UFO and alien-obsessed and wants to join the EngiNerds. But as far as Ken is concerned, the EngiNerds are Y-chromosome only, no X ' s allowed! Will Ken allow a rogue robot and a know-it-all, genius girl to wreak havoc on the entire universe? He just might not have a choice!

Revenge of the EngiNerds

Trapped in a Video Game

The Wild Bunch

Middle School Millionaires

Sven Carter & the Trashmouth Effect

*Max's dream is to live in Paris and be a poet. But do you think it is easy for a dog to pack a small brown suitcase, put on a beret, and hop on a plane? Ha! No one will buy Max's poems, so without money he must stay put. But living in New York City isn't so bad. Where else could he have friends like Bruno, with his invisible paintings, or Marcello, who builds upside down houses? And where else could he drop in at Baby Henry's Candy Shop? It's all possible in New York, a jumping jazzy city. And for Max, it's a dog's life that only Maira Kalman could invent.*

\*\*\*PRE-ORDER BEN MILLER'S LATEST BOOK, THE DAY I FELL INTO A

*FAIRYTALE, OUT 1 OCTOBER 2020!\*\*\* Following the breakout success of his instant festive classic, The Night I Met Father Christmas, get ready for the brilliant new novel from comedian, actor and bestselling author, Ben Miller! 'Stories are often about a good person who does a Bad Thing, and this is no exception...' Harrison tries his best to be good. He doesn't steal, he always shares with his sister and he never cheats at board games, but Harrison also has a BIG flaw ... He can't control his temper! So when he's given a black hole instead of a balloon at a party, Harrison jumps at the chance to get rid of everything that makes him cross. But when it's not just things he hates that are disappearing into the black hole but things he loves, too, Harrison starts to realise that sometimes you should be careful what you wish for... An out-of-this-world adventure about twists of fate, time travel and troublesome black holes, Ben Miller's stunning storytelling is brought to life with beautiful illustrations from emerging talent Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini. Praise for The Night I Met Father Christmas: 'A gorgeous tale brimming with the magic of Christmas. A sheer delight for all kids both big AND small.' Ruth Jones, award-winning writer and comedian 'Enchanting, funny and intriguing in equal measure' Philip Ardagh, bestselling author 'Bubbles with warmth and mischievous humour ... irresistible' Alexander Armstrong, presenter, comedian and writer 'A fire-side gem of a story' Abi Elphinstone, bestselling author*

*Loretta LaRoche has been called "the Erma Bombeck of stress reduction"—and in the helpful and hilarious pages of this entertaining book, her enormous talent for finding the funny detail to defuse even the most difficult situation has never been sharper. Relax—You May Only Have a Few Minutes Left is filled with practical exercises, hilarious anecdotes, and specific advice for coming to terms with today's ever-increasing stress levels—it's a remedy for anxiety and a prescription for laughter. In sections such as "If You Don't Have to Suffer—Don't Practice," "My Mother the CEO," and "I'm Not Afraid of Heights, Just Widths," Loretta dismantles our American predilection for taking ourselves too seriously and shows us how to live longer, happier lives using the healing power of the absurd.*

*Four best friends, one raging creek--what could possibly go wrong? When four friends set out on a canoe trip down Milligan Creek during spring runoff season, little do they realize their voyage through small town Saskatchewan is about to turn into one of the wildest experiences of their lives--if they survive! Facing raging rapids, frigid "icebergs," spinning whirlpools, roaring culverts, and their own recklessness, soon the boys find themselves in uncharted waters with no clue how they're going to get home. With night falling fast and no one to rely on but each other, the boys must figure out how to work together or risk falling victim to the merciless powers of nature--and their parents' wrath! The first book in the Milligan Creek Series, Up the Creek has sold over 30,000 copies and has spent 17 weeks at the top of Amazon.com's Canadian literature best-seller list.*

*Twelve-year-old Ross tries to discover the formula for being funny and getting his new classmates to like him in this laugh-out-loud MAX*

*novel! Ross Stevens has changed schools twelve times in the last three years but when his beloved Pops becomes ill, Ross and his mom must plant roots—which means no more school moves. And no more moves mean no more school exits, and Ross has perfected the science of leaving a school with an epic prank. Worse, it means he will actually have to learn how to make friends and do a science project, two things he's never had to do before. Then Ross hits on a hypothesis: if pranks are cool because they are funny then maybe he could discover the formula for funny! If his nerdy "peer review" partner doesn't cramp his style and if the embarrassing notebook full of his "research" doesn't get out, then maybe Ross can actually be happy staying in one place. But can he really figure out the formula for ultimate middle school happiness?*

*Up the Creek!*

*Level 13 (A Slacker Novel)*

*Ninja Farts*

*How To Train Your Parents*

*Crying Laughing*

Over 100,000 copies sold! A true story of a marine and the miraculously loyal dog he befriends in Iraq. Nubs, an Iraqi dog of war, never had a home or a person of his own. He was the leader of a pack of wild dogs living off the land and barely surviving. But Nubs's life changed when he met Marine Major Brian Dennis. The two formed a fast friendship, made stronger by Dennis's willingness to share his meals, offer a warm place to sleep, and give Nubs the kind of care and attention he had never received before. Nubs became part of Dennis's human "pack" until duty required the Marines to relocate a full 70 miles away--without him. Nubs had no way of knowing that Marines were not allowed to have pets. So began an incredible journey that would take Nubs through a freezing desert, filled with danger to find his friend and would lead Dennis on a mission that would touch the hearts of people all over the world. Nubs and Dennis will remind readers that friendship has the power to cross deserts, continents, and even species.

Jesse Rigsby hates video games—and for good reason. You see, a video game character is trying to kill him. After getting sucked in the new game Full Blast with his friend Eric, Jesse starts to see the appeal of vaporizing man-size praying mantis while cruising around by jet pack. But pretty soon, a mysterious figure begins following Eric and Jesse, and they discover they can't leave the game. If they don't figure out what's going on fast, they'll be trapped for good!

Sven Carter—part boy, part robot—is back and now it's up to him to stop the rest of the Ticks from destroying the human race in this fun and funny MAX novel! All Sven wants is a normal life, or whatever normal means for a Tick—a cyborg who is programmed to destroy the world. His hopes are dashed when he learns that he is just one of the seven Ticks loose in North America. Even worse, he learns about their master plan to destroy the human race. In an effort to stop them, Sven speeds across the country in a decrepit RV, collecting the rest of the Ticks—ranging from a pop star whose songs can brainwash people into

submission, to a dog whose mission is to raise an army of creatures to attack every human in sight. Everything seems to be going well as Sven convinces the cyborgs to join him in saving the world. But the very last Tick, One Omicron, is nothing like the rest of them. Until One Omicron can be stopped, the world is in more danger than ever.

From the bestselling author of *Swindle*, *Restart*, and *Slacker* is another hilarious story about an underachiever who learns to go above and beyond. Cameron Boxer, king of the slackers, has found something worth his time. By playing video games online in front of an audience he can find both fame AND fortune -- especially with Elvis (a beaver who seems to love video games as much as Cam) at his side. The only problem? Things keep getting in Cam's way. Like school. And the club he accidentally started. And the misguided people in his life who don't think beavers should be playing video games. It's going to take some trickery, some close calls, and a fierce devotion to slacking in order for Cam to get to his goal -- conquering the game's infamous Level 13. But if any slacker can do it, Cam can.

After an accident that causes his arm to fall off and reattach itself, Sven "Trashmouth" Carter learns he is a high-tech humanoid created as part of an elaborate plan to destroy the human race.

**RELAX - You May Only Have a Few Minutes Left**

**Pickle**

**30 Bangs**

**Aven Green Sleuthing Machine**

**I Swapped My Brother On The Internet**

Third-grader Aven Green has been solving mysteries for a whole month--cracking such cases as *The Mystery of the Cranky Mom*. But can this perceptive detective solve two cases at the same time? First her teacher's lunch bag disappears. Then Aven's great-grandma's dog goes missing. Fortunately, since Aven was born without arms, all the "arm" cells went to her super-powered brain instead. (That's her theory.) This hilarious chapter book showcases a new side to Dusti Bowling's unforgettable protagonist. It's jocks vs. nerds as a tween and his cadre of misfits go to hilarious lengths to bring down their enemies in this laugh-out-loud MAX novel. Chub is a short, accidentally bald, middle school outcast with no chance of ever becoming one of the popular kids. With help from his personal band of like-minded misfits (not to mention tactics gleaned from the Colonel, a US military vet with toenail issues), Chub's determined to bring down his nemesis, class hero and now potential class president, Archer, or the Arch—the very guy who betrayed Chub with the lice-killing potion that left him bald as a billiard ball. If the Arch gets to be president, Chub knows his life is officially over. Chub's got a lot of dirt on the Arch: embarrassing photos and underwear about to fly from the school flagpole, for starters. But then he discovers that there are some very dangerous skeletons in Archer's closet, and more at stake than just a few middle school reputations. With a

lot of help from his friends, Chub sets off to bring down an evil empire—and inadvertently become the least likely hero that Alanmoore Middle School's ever seen.

Offers teenagers advice on surviving natural disasters, embarrassing moments, and social situations.

A tragicomic story of bad dates, bad news, bad performances, and one girl's determination to find the funny in high school from the author of Denton Little's *Deathdate*. Winnie Friedman has been waiting for the world to catch on to what she already knows: she's hilarious. It might be a long wait, though. After bombing a stand-up set at her own bat mitzvah, Winnie has kept her jokes to herself. Well, to herself and her dad, a former comedian and her inspiration. Then, on the second day of tenth grade, the funniest guy in school actually laughs at a comment she makes in the lunch line and asks her to join the improv troupe. Maybe he's even . . . flirting? Just when Winnie's ready to say yes to comedy again, her father reveals that he's been diagnosed with ALS. That is . . . not funny. Her dad's still making jokes, though, which feels like a good thing. And Winnie's prepared to be his straight man if that's what he wants. But is it what he needs? Caught up in a spiral of epically bad dates, bad news, and bad performances, Winnie's struggling to see the humor in it all. But finding a way to laugh is exactly what will see her through. **\*\*A Junior Library Guild Selection\*\***

Three unlikely friends—brainiac Hector, bullish Jack, and sarcastic Paul—find themselves braving the wilderness in search of the mythical Beast of Bear Falls in this hilarious MAX novel. As far as Paul Adams is concerned, the idea of a weekend camping in the nearby state park with his dad's two college friends and their sons, Hector and Jack, sounds like a nightmare. But even he finds the myth of the Beast of Bear Falls—a legendary Bigfoot creature—intriguing. The trip gets off to a rough start, and calamity and disaster follow catastrophe. Against all odds, arguing most of the way, the crew face all sorts of obstacles natural and man-made. Can the three boys make it to Bear Falls and uncover the truth about the Sasquatch living there?

The Last Boy at St. Edith's

I Am Spartacus!

33 Minutes

I Am Fartacus

Across the Desert

Seventh-grader Jeremy Miner, the only boy in a school of 475 girls, unleashes a series of pranks in hopes of getting expelled.

Astrid and Apollo and the Starry Campout

Making a Film, Breaking the Blacklist

Under Locker and Key

Ooh-la-la (Max in Love)

The Disgusting Adventures of Milo Snotrocket