Literary Genre Bibliography:  Series

Early Readers

**Summary:** This book is a compilation of four separate stories: “Yasmin Explorer”, “Yasmin the Painter”, “Yasmin the Builder”, and “Yasmin the Fashionista.” Each story features Yasmin, a second grader living in a big city with her Pakistani American family, tackling a challenge in ways that show her perseverance, creativity, and vivacious personality. Cultural details are conveyed through the text and illustrations as well as back matter including a dictionary of Udi words, facts about Pakistan, a recipe, and a craft project. Vibrant illustrations combine with accessible text and relatable problems to make this an engaging early chapter book addition!

**Audience:** Grades 1-3

**Additional Titles:**


**Summary:** Told in a series of short stories featuring odd-couple friends, this series opener is full of humor as fun-loving Chick and serious Fox experience the world through quite different perspectives. For example, in the “The Party,” Chick repeatedly interrupts Fox’s reading, finally requesting to use his bathroom. What Fox doesn’t know (and Chick doesn’t bother telling him) is that he would like to use his bathroom to host a party. The humor combined with graphic novel format and expressive dialog are sure to make this a popular new series for beginning readers!

**Audience:** Grades K-2

**Additional Titles:**


**Summary:** Fox is convinced life would be so much better as a tiger, so he decides to become one. This starts off a chain of animal transformations as his friends each decide to become something new. All is great until a rainstorm comes up and ruins their costumes. Then a squirrel arrives excited to meet a fox, giving Fox a new perspective on what makes him special as a fox.

**Audience:** Grades K-1

**Additional Titles:**

Independent Readers

**Summary:** Byx is a dairne, a species once considered one of the six ruling species in the Kingdom of Nedarra and now on the brink of extinction. Dairnes visually resemble dogs yet possess opposable thumbs, the ability to glide through the air, and are capable of human speech. Her pack is preparing for a great journey - to seek other dairnes according to an ancient legend. On the day before their departure, Byx ventures off to explore and rescues a wobbyk named Tobble, only to return home to discover her entire pack has been murdered by human soldiers. Overcome with grief and loneliness, Byx struggles with the prospect that she is the *Endling* - the last of her kind to survive. Accompanied by Tobble and Khara (a human girl disguised as a boy for survival), Byx embarks on a quest to find any remaining dairnes and save the species. Along the way they uncover disturbing truths about those in power that threaten the entire kingdom and beyond.
Audience: Grades 4-6+
Additional Titles:


**Summary:** While set up as a “memoir” detailing his life before becoming an author, Barnett quickly dives fully into the fictional realm creating an outlandish tale of international espionage. One day Mac B is an ordinary California kid enjoying the 1980s, the next he receives a call from the Queen of England requesting his help in recovering stolen crown jewels. His mission takes him to England, then France, and finally to Russia where he faces down a member of the KGB to return the crown jewels (and his Game Boy and the Mona Lisa which were stolen in the process). The outrageous plot line is interspersed with historical facts and 1980s trivia (often signified by a note encouraging the reader to “look that up”). While not a book to illustrate fiction and nonfiction (as Barnett deftly blurs the concepts), the fast paced, humorous adventure is sure to appeal to many readers who will be eager to find out how Mac solves the case and what mission Kid Spy goes on next.

Audience: Grades 3-5
Additional Titles:


**Summary:** Aru Shah is struggling to fit in at her private middle school while living at the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture with her mom who curates the museum. One day, on a dare from classmates, she lights the Lamp of Bharata. This small act has unthinkable ramifications as it awakens the Sleeper (a demon who seeks to bring the end of time). The world around Aru is frozen in time and she discovers she is a Pandava - one of five legendary brothers descended from Hindu gods and endowed with exceptional powers. She meets her Pandava sibling, Mini, and they journey with their guide Subala (who is in the form of a pigeon) to discover their godly fathers and the details of their quest, which includes obtaining keys to and entering the Kingdom of Death, protecting the Celestial Weapons, and discovering the secret of how to defeat the Sleeper. As the youngest ever Pandava incarnations and the first females to assume the role, Aru and Mini must face incredible odds to save those they love and the world they know. The first in the “Rick Riordan Presents” series, these books are sure to appeal to Percy Jackson fans and those interested in exploring Hindu mythology through strong female heroines. A glossary provides descriptions of key phrases and characters for easy reference.

Audience: Grades 3-6
Additional Titles:


**Summary:** Renata Wolfman (Wolfie) doesn’t have any friends and that is just fine with her - she prefers facts, reading, creating inventions, and doing things her way. When next door neighbor Livingston Flott (Fly) arrives at her doorstep and invites himself in to avoid his big brother, she is faced with a predicament - he seems completely unphased by her lack of interest in friendship. When he suggests taking an adventure in her recently constructed cardboard submarine, Renata is reticent (she sees no purpose in pretending when one could be learning facts!) Undeterred, Fly jumps into action: packing necessary supplies and naming her captain of the expedition. The next thing Renata knows they are swept away on an ocean current and are face-to-face with sea creatures. Lots of laughs and quick pacing make this an enjoyable early chapter book.

Audience: Grades 2-4
Additional Titles: