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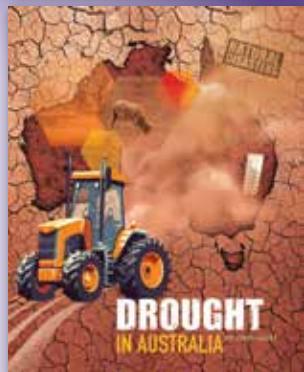
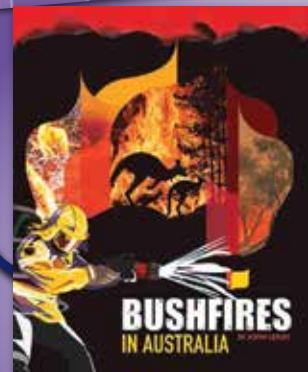
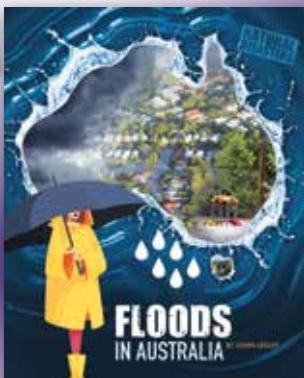
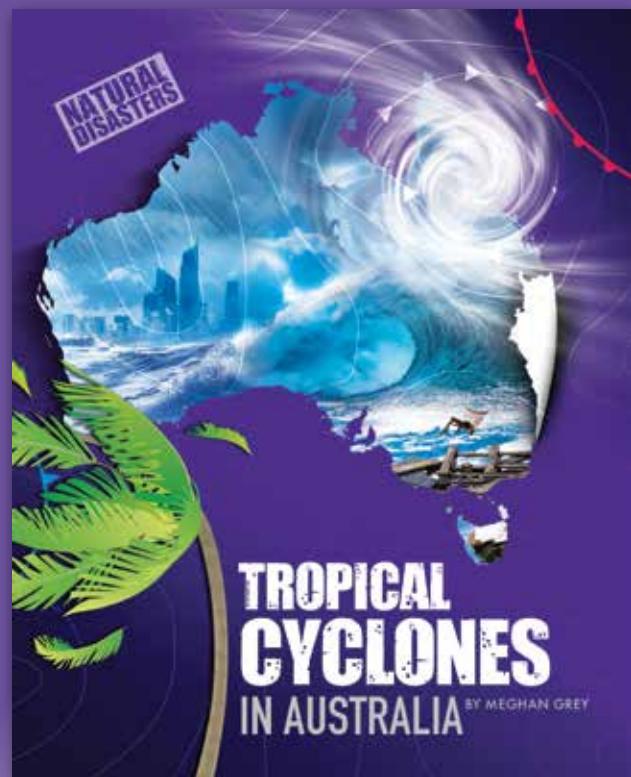
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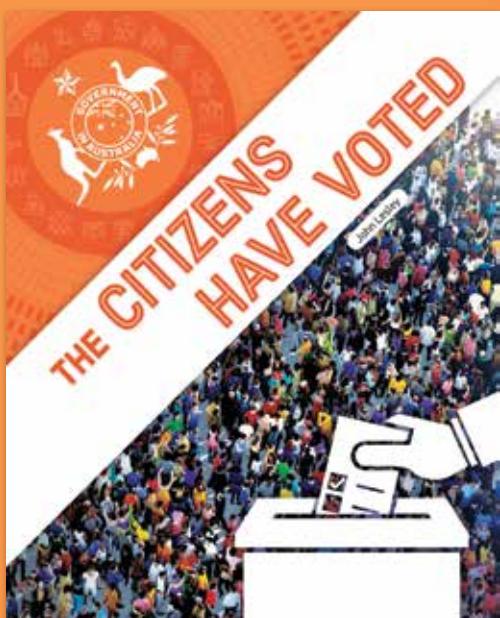
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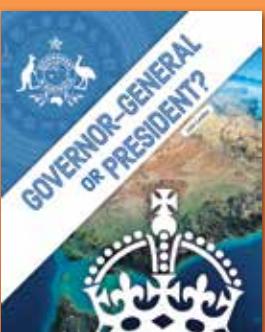
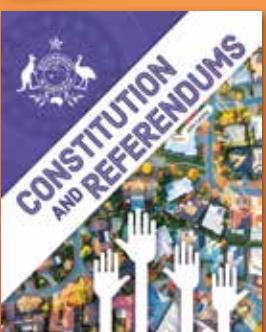
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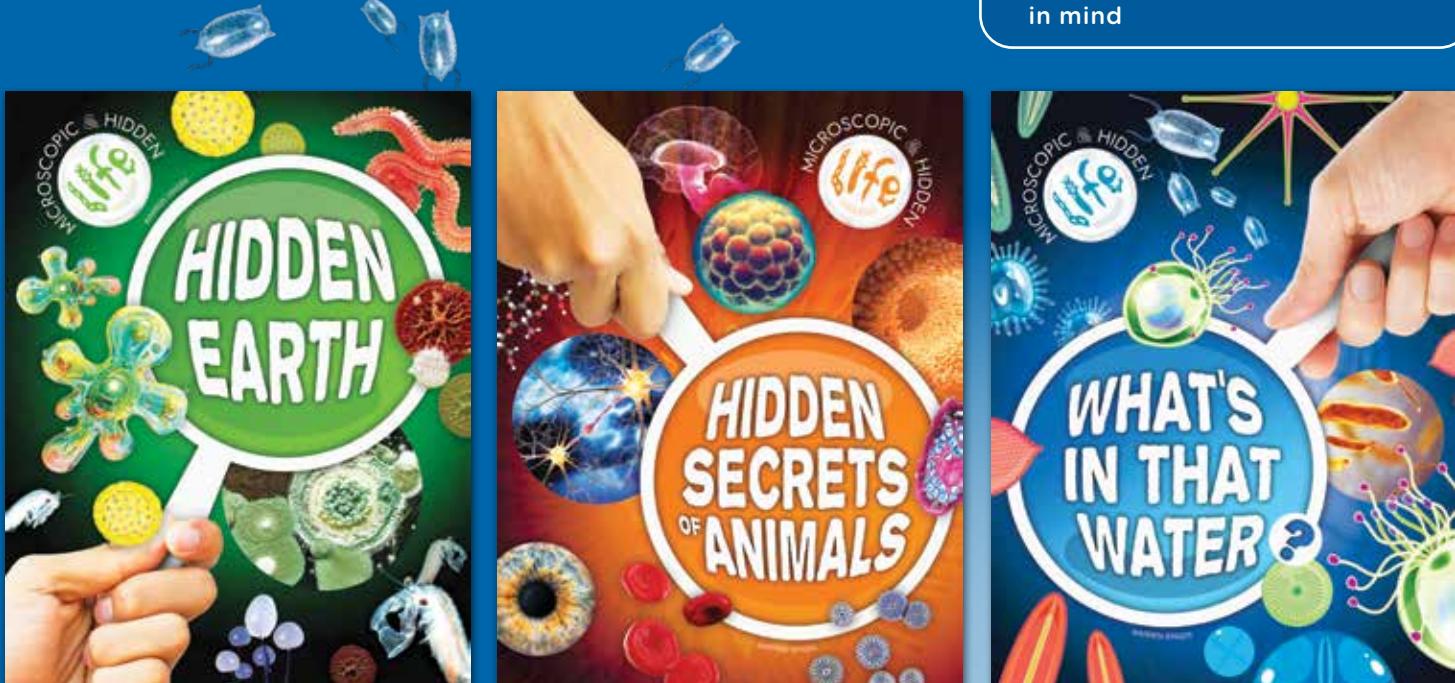
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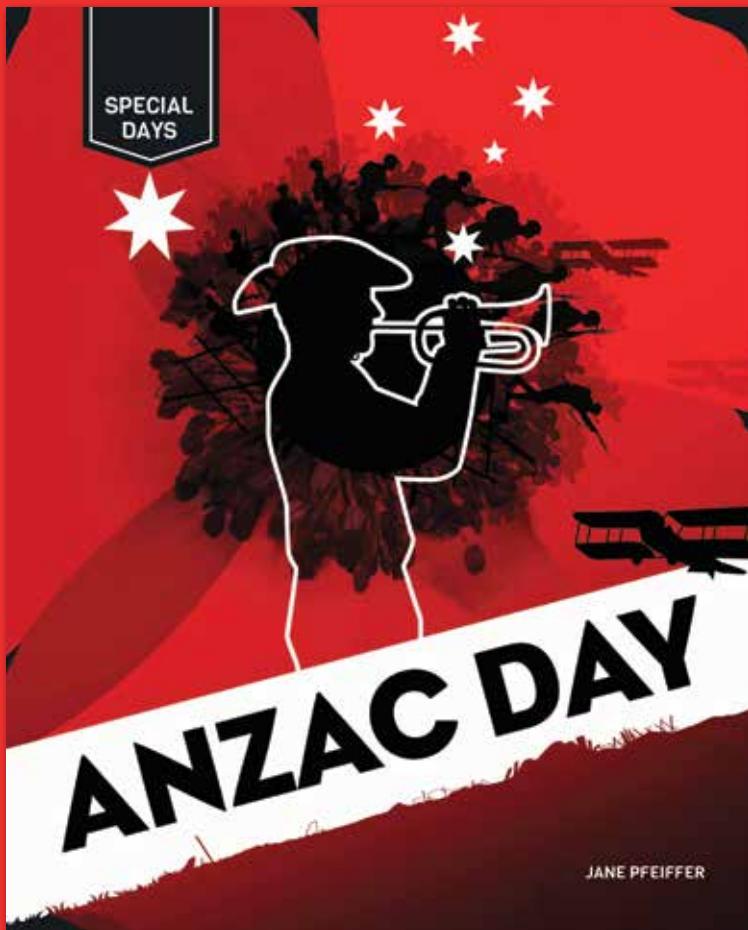
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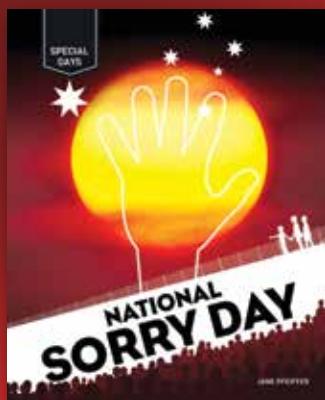
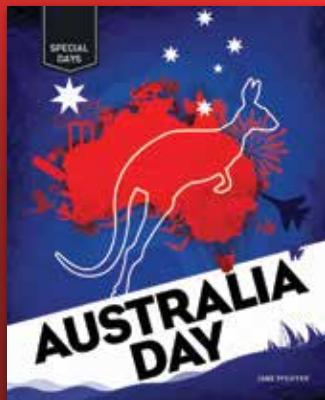
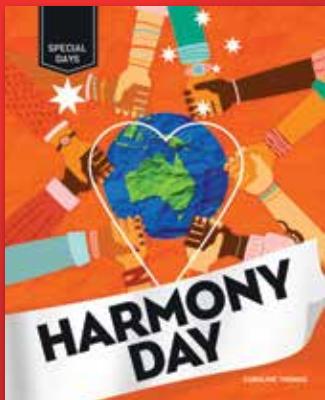




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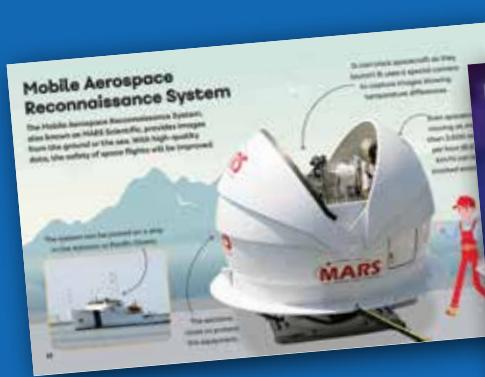
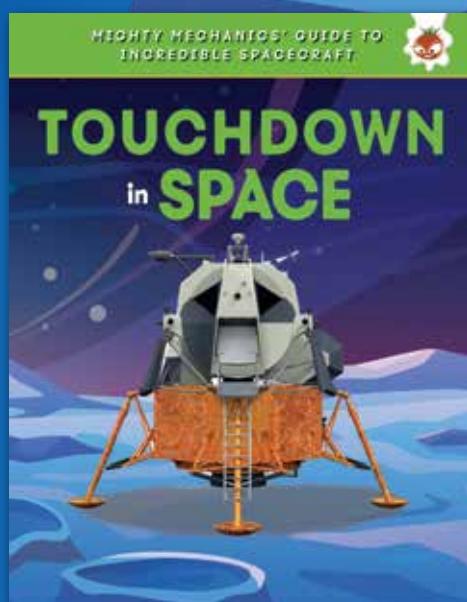
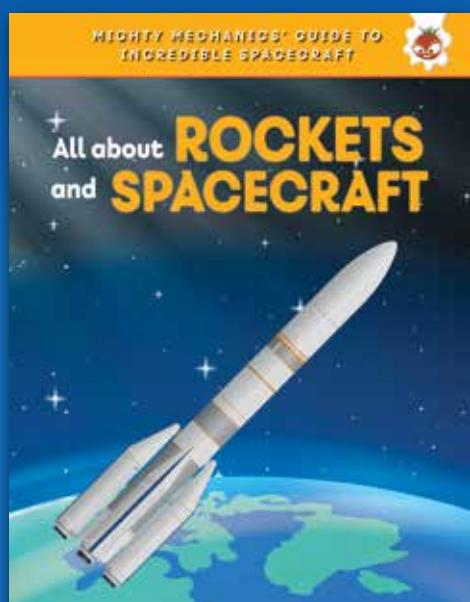
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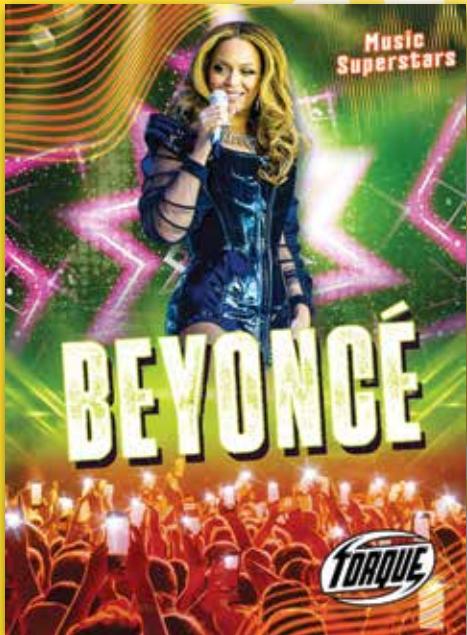
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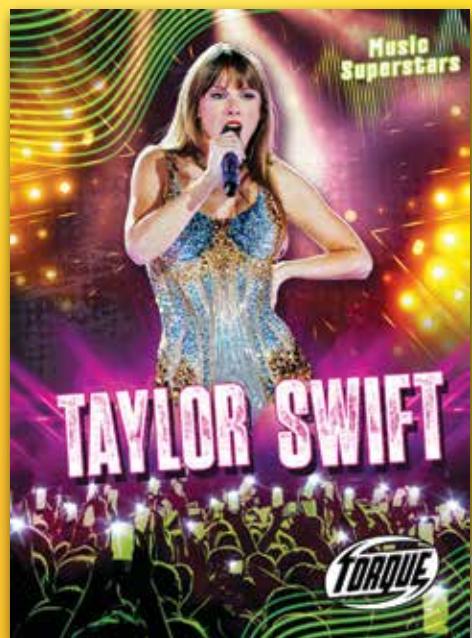
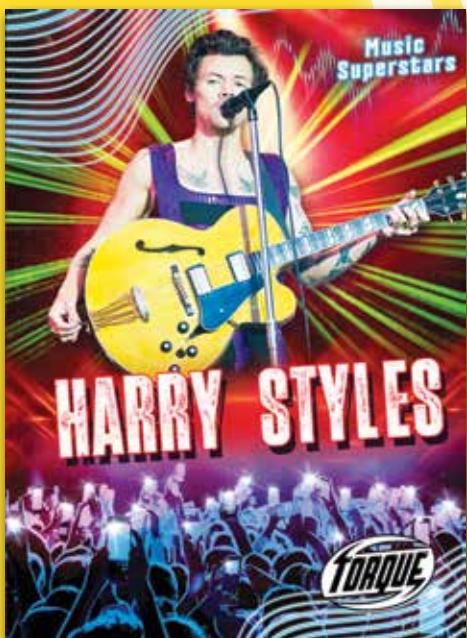
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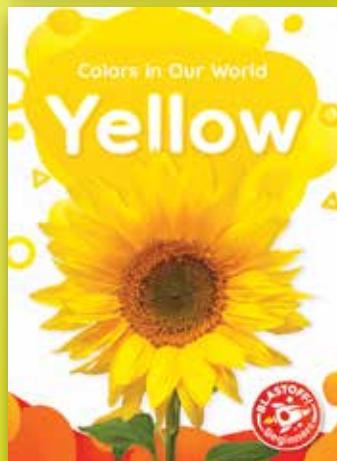
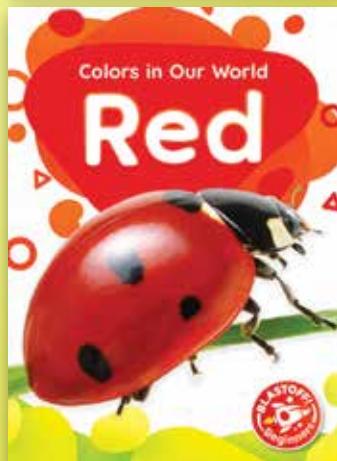
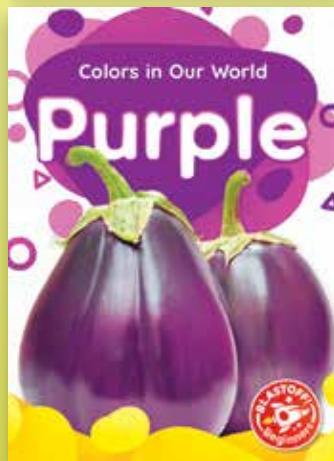
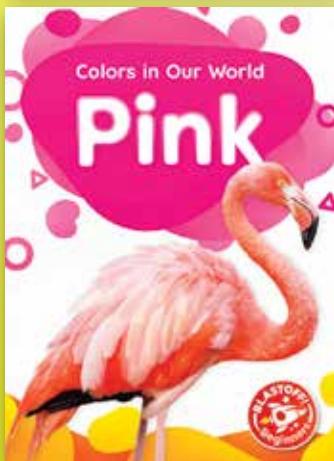
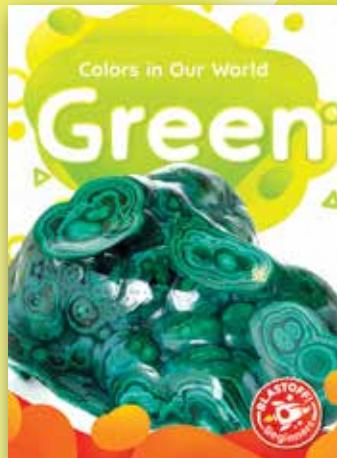
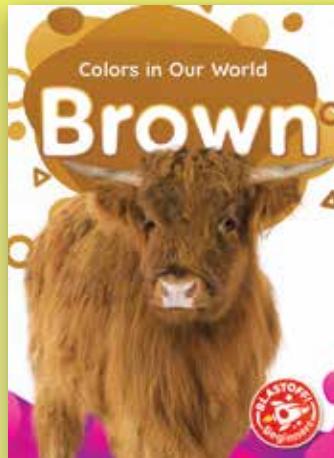
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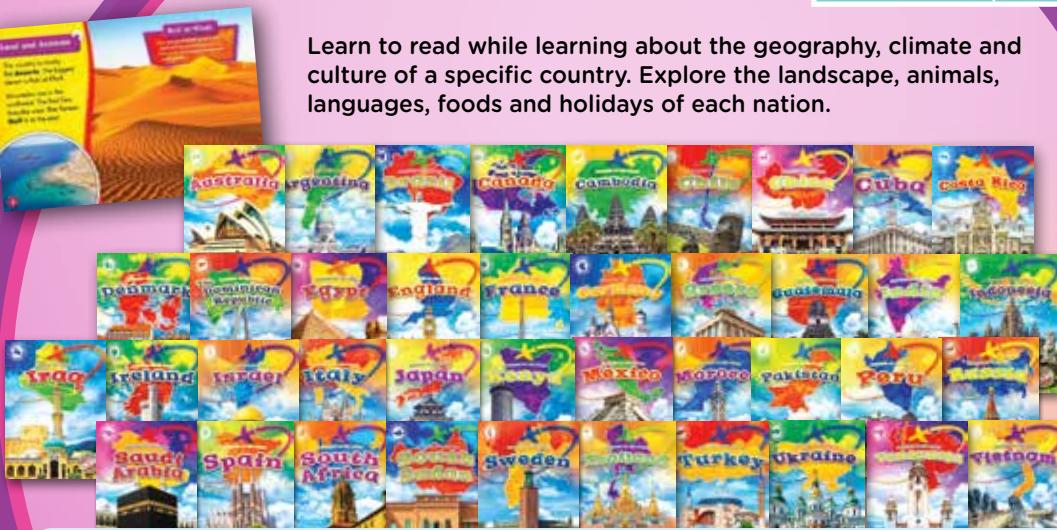
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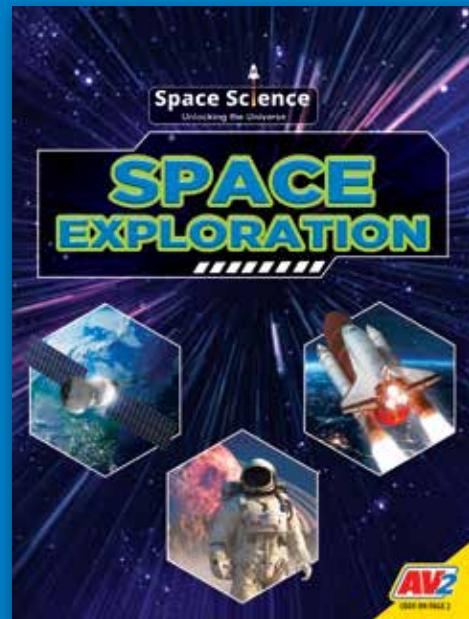
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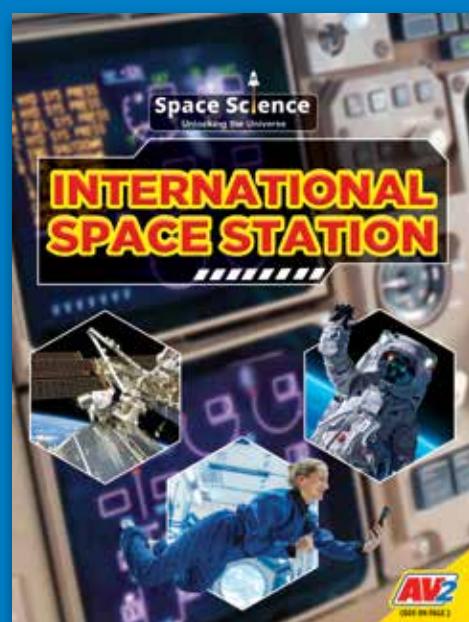
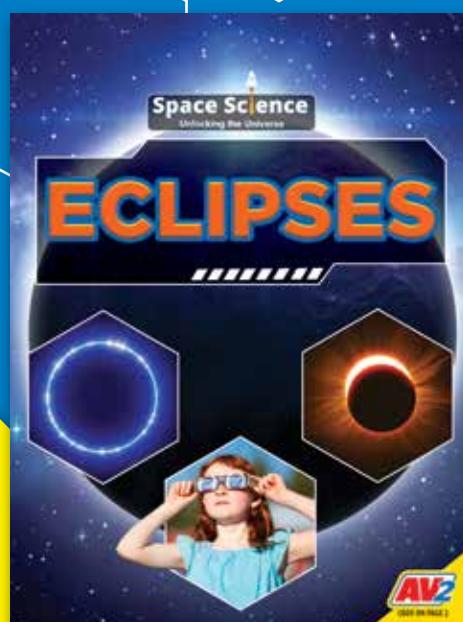
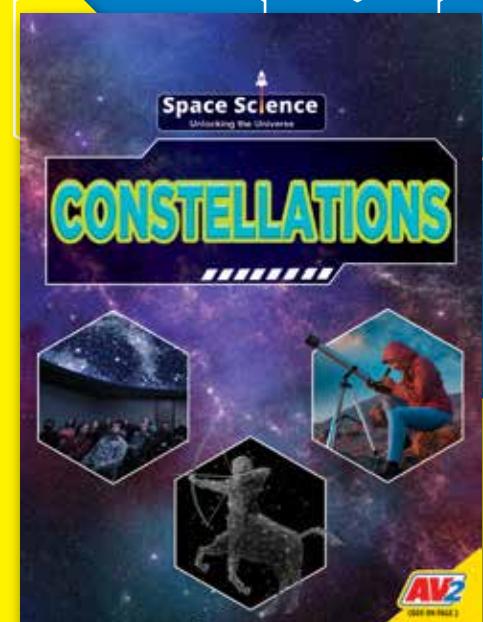
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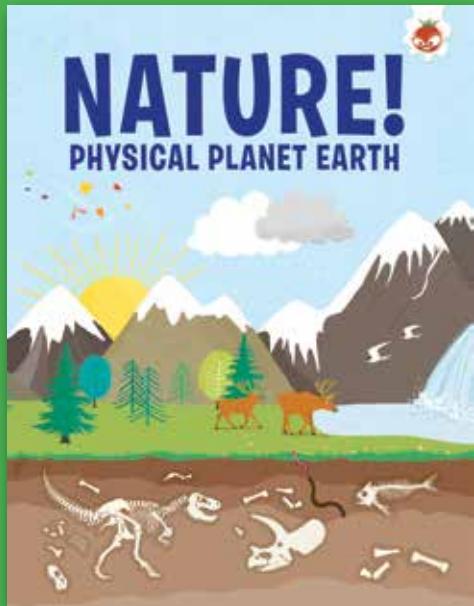
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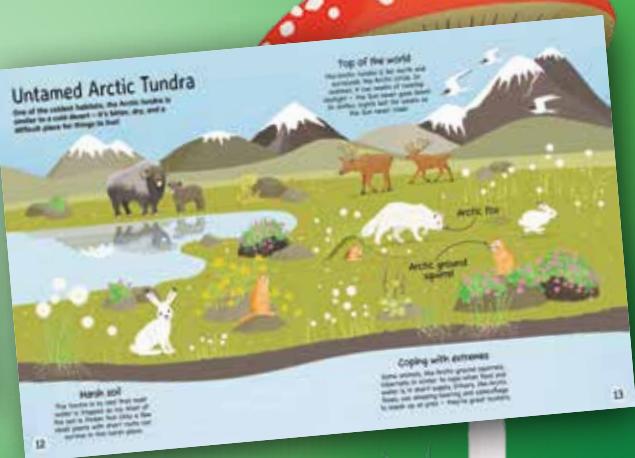
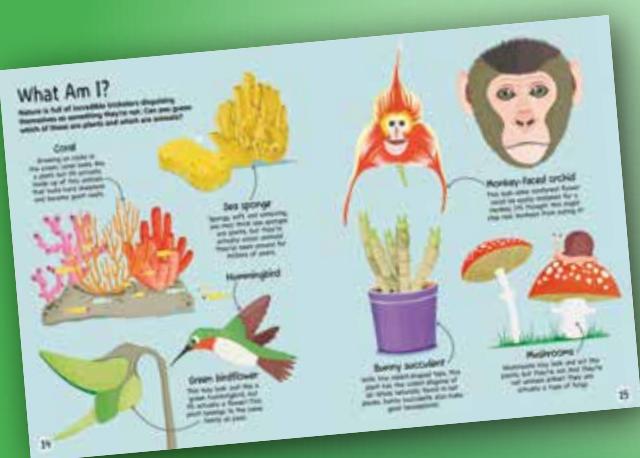
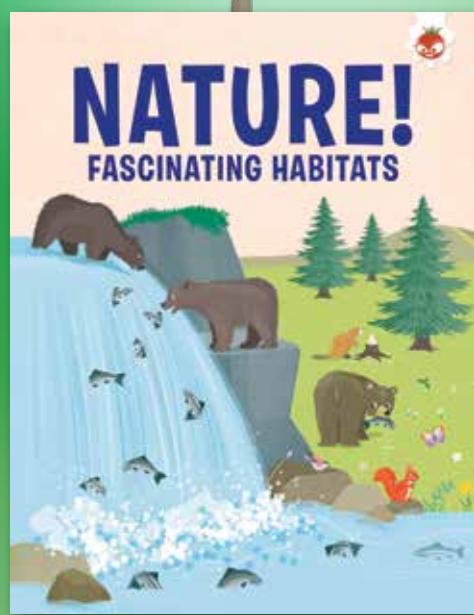
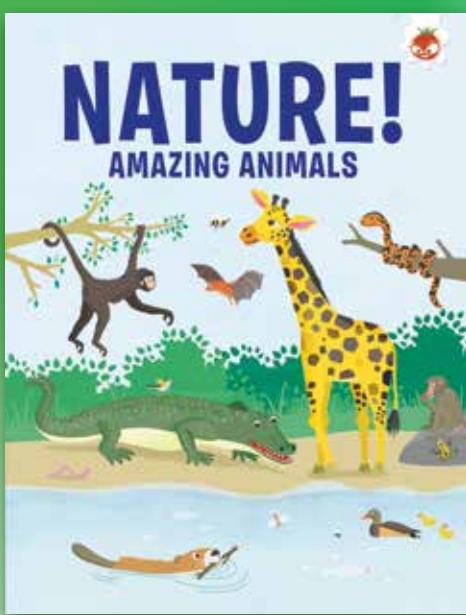
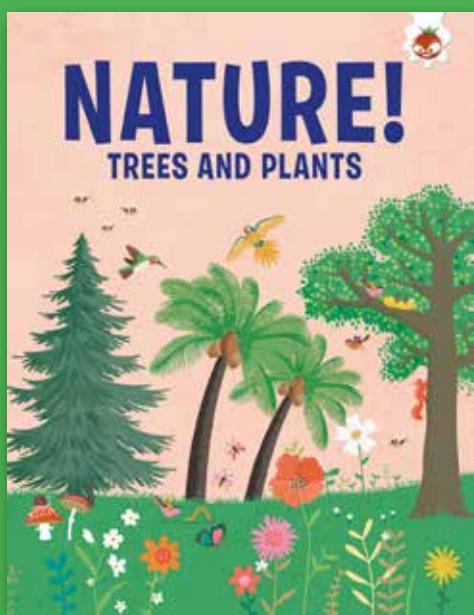


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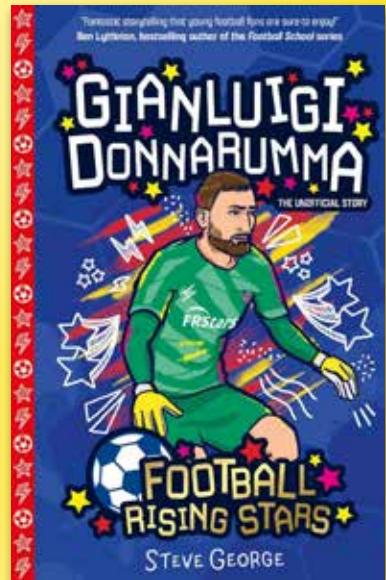
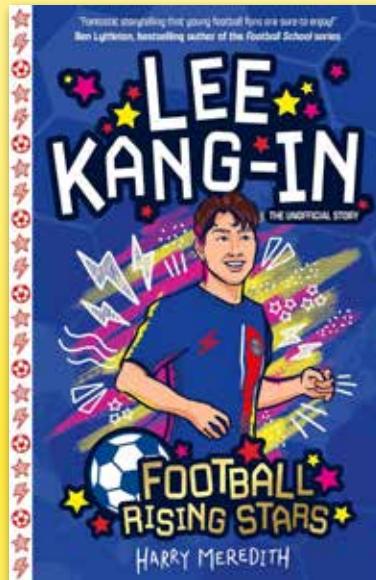
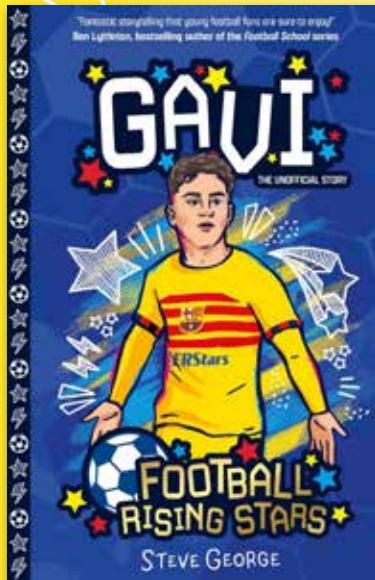
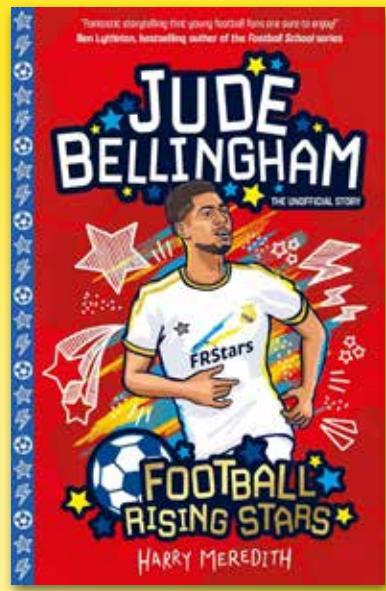
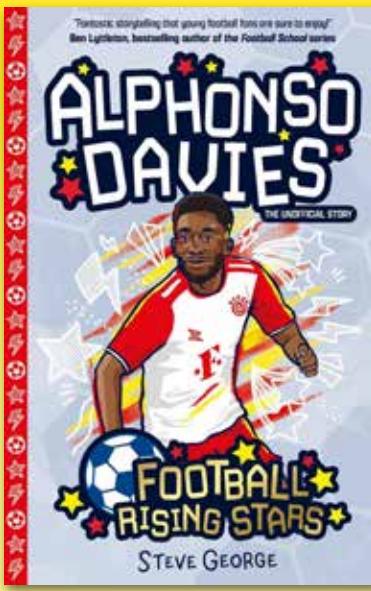
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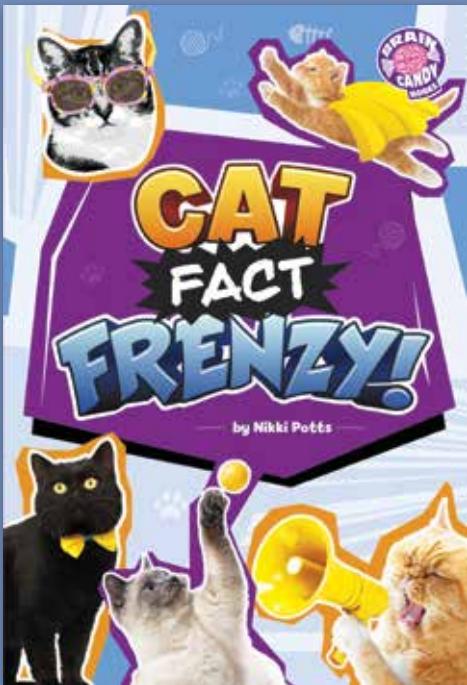
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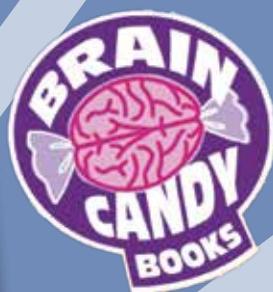
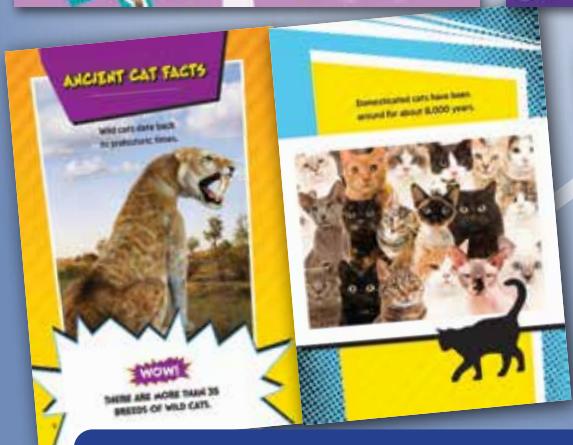
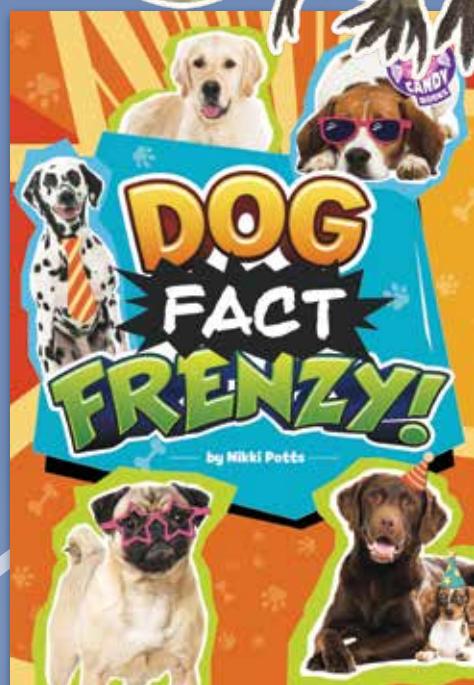
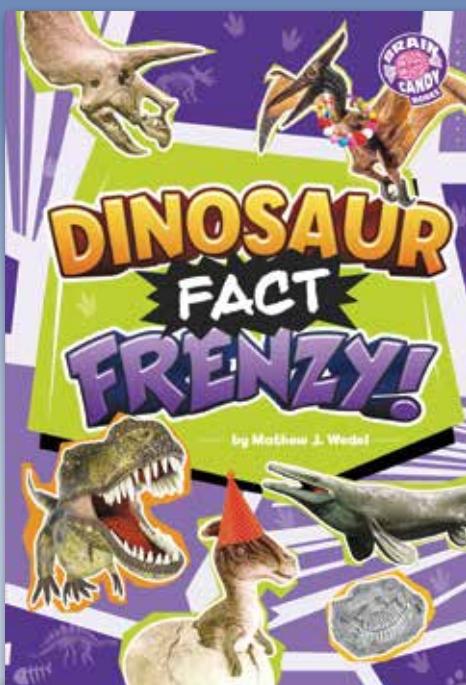
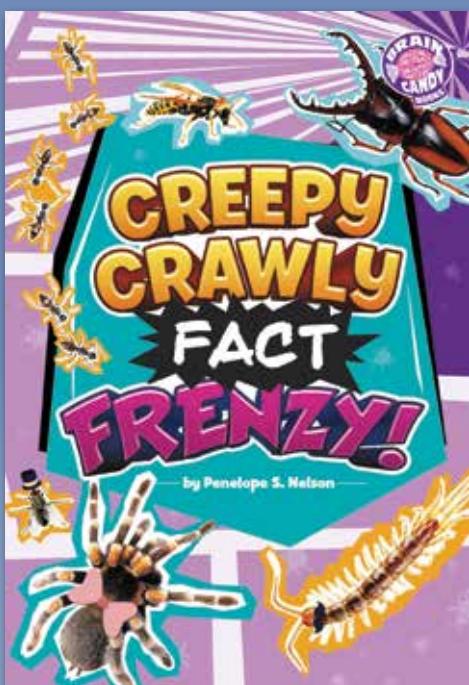
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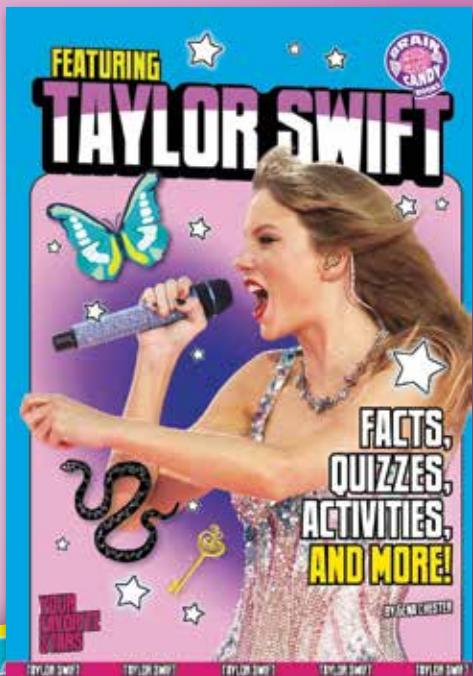
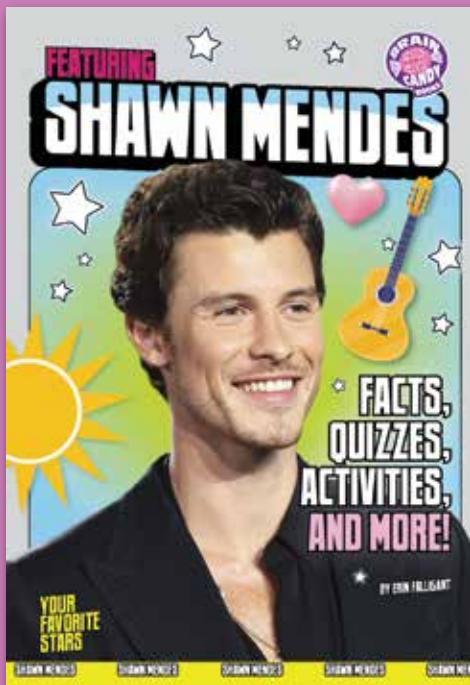
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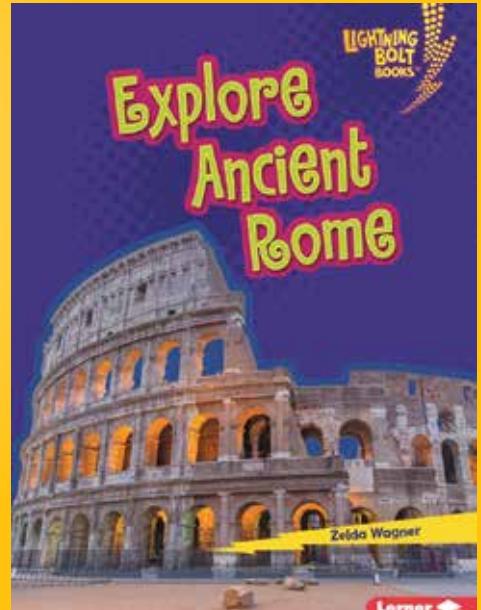
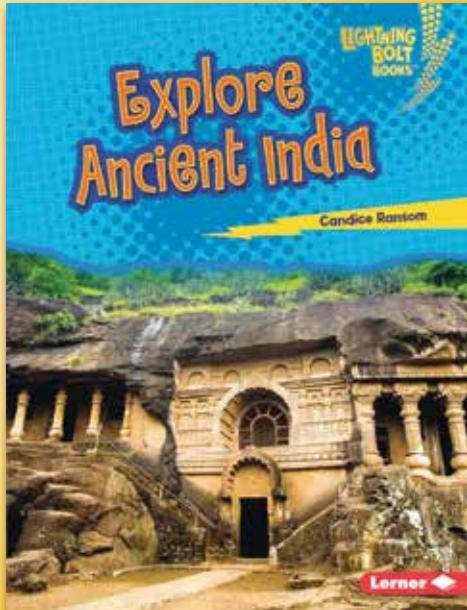
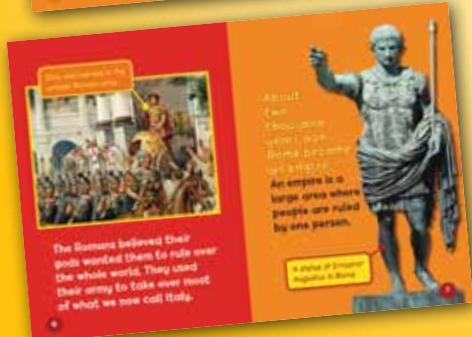
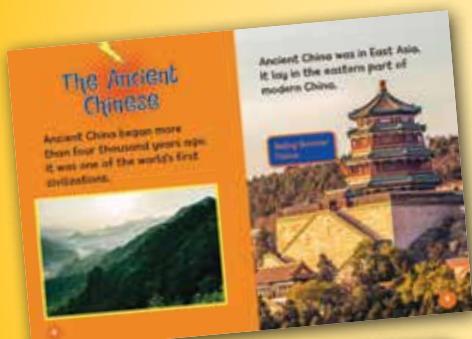
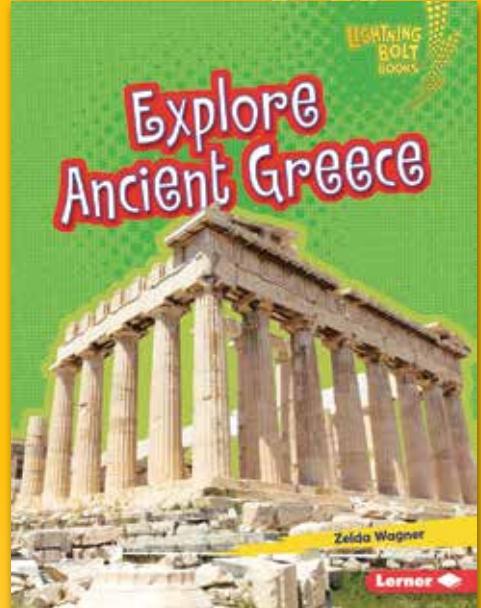
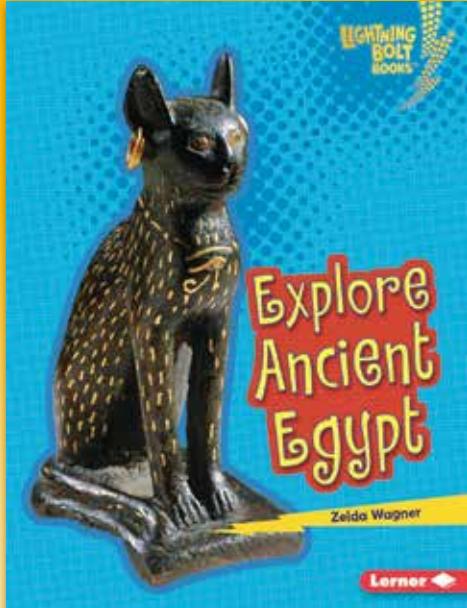
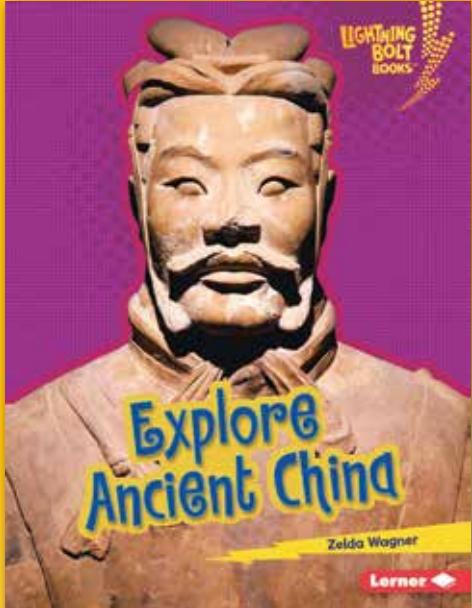
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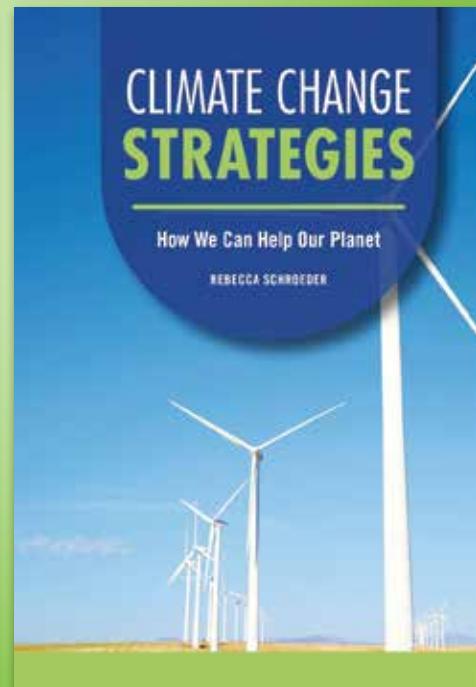
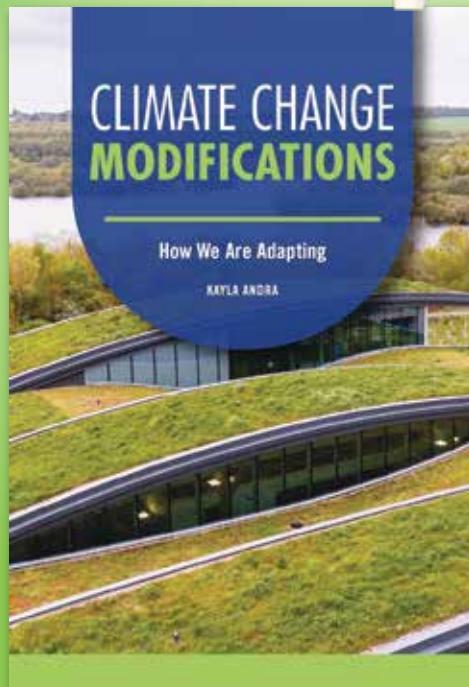
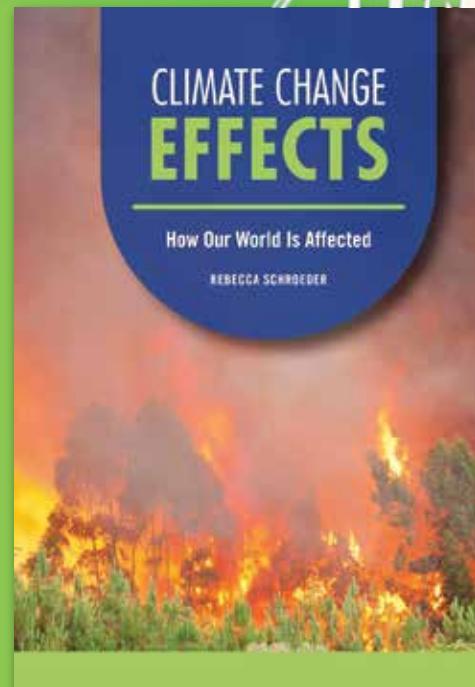
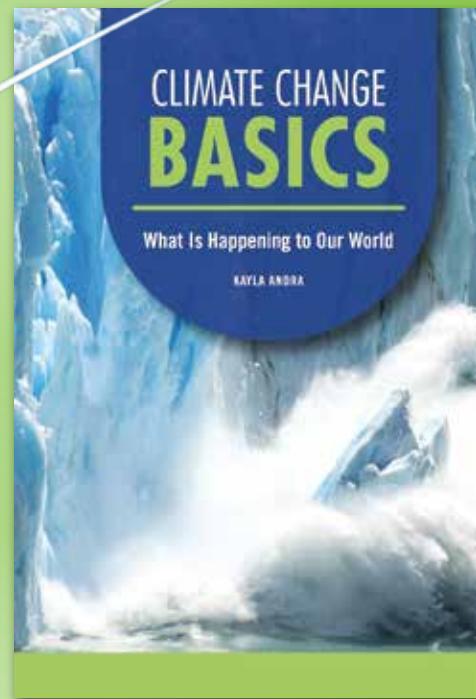
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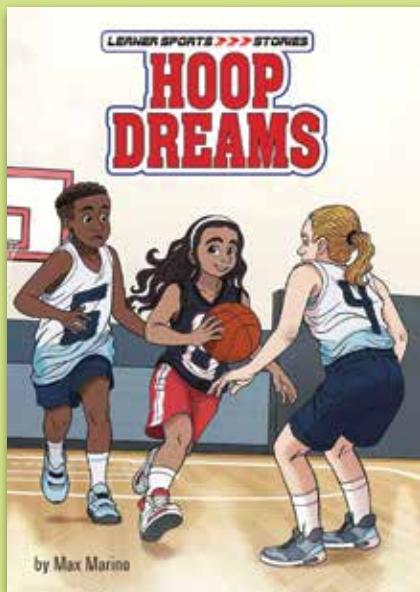
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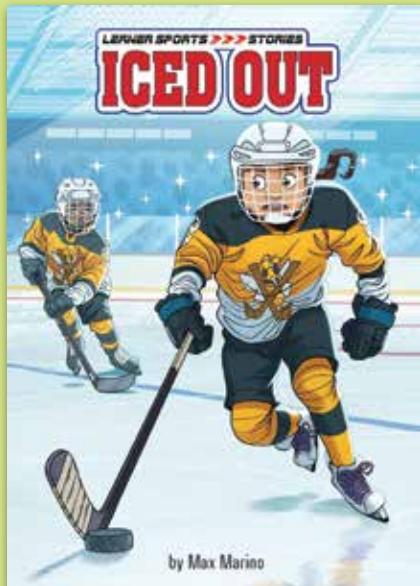
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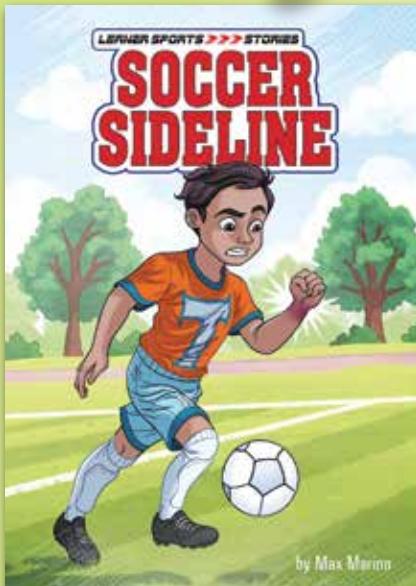


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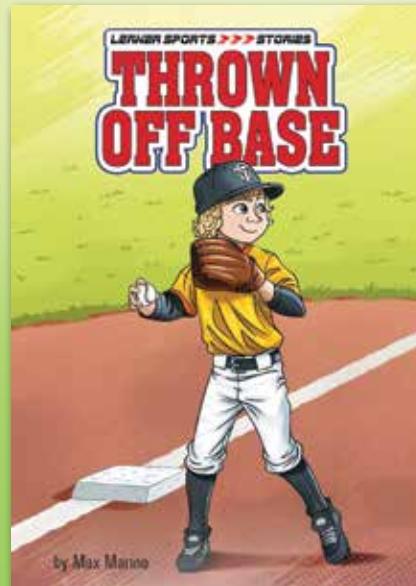
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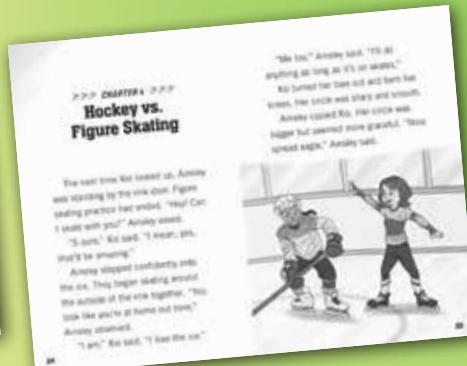
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In passing, one team's getting to move the ball around the court quickly. "Okay, team, now let's switch to offensive drills," Coach Franchise announced. Beatrix was good at passing, although she had the ball thrown to her speed, but she couldn't stop other players from taking away some of Beatrix's time to shoot. When a team's time to shoot, she took the ball and stopped her way close to the basket. She turned to shoot and impact a tall girl named Marissa. Beatrix's ball, and she went out of bounds. "Dang Beatrix thought, she was humiliated but determined to figure out a way to get the ball as the noise. After an hour of practice, Coach Franchise blew the whistle. The girls



## Hockey vs. Figure Skating

The next time Max faced off, Anny was skating by the rink door. Figure skating practice had ended. "Hey! Can I skate with you?" Anny asked.

"Sure," Max said. "I mean, why not? It'll be amazing."

Anny stopped confidently onto the ice. She began skating around the outside of the rink together. "You look like you're at home out there," Anny observed.

"I am," Max said. "I love the ice."

"Me too," Anny said. "It's so much fun skating on the ice." She turned her feet out and bent her knees. Her smile was wide and smooth. Anny could tell Max's smile was bigger but seemed more grateful. "You're a great skater," Anny said.

Max turned up with Douglas. The coach had used cones to mark goals for each pair.

"You think you're not take me?" Douglas asked, pushing the ball on his knees before letting it roll into play.

"Gold with me," Max said, grinning. The tiny ball and Douglas skated around each other, the ball charging powerfully with every stroke. Max broke free and dashed toward his goal cones. He slowed down and took a half-step, ready to take his shot.

"Gold!" he shouted. Douglas hadn't expected Max to charge his speed and had plowed right into him. Both boys went tumbling to the ground. Max threw his arms to catch himself and came down hard on his hands. A hiss of pain escaped his lips, and his right hand immediately went to his left wrist.



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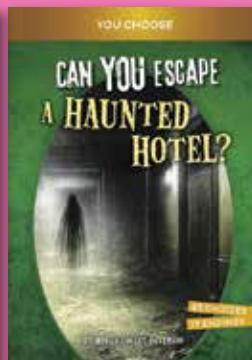
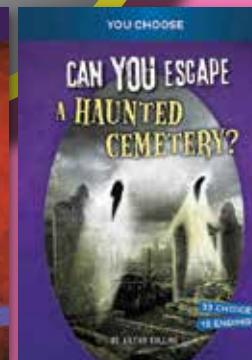
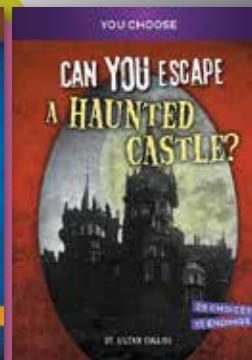
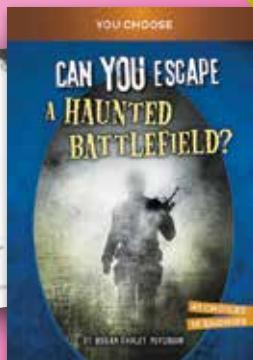
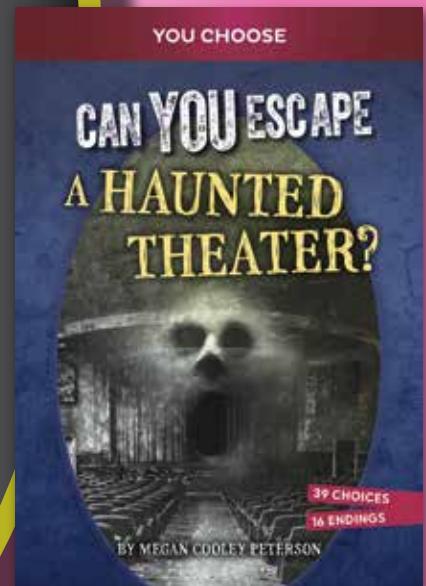
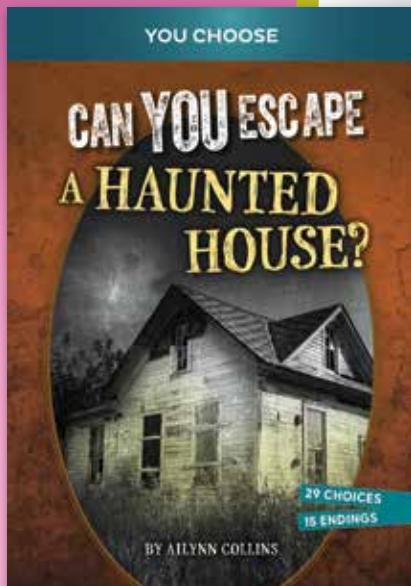
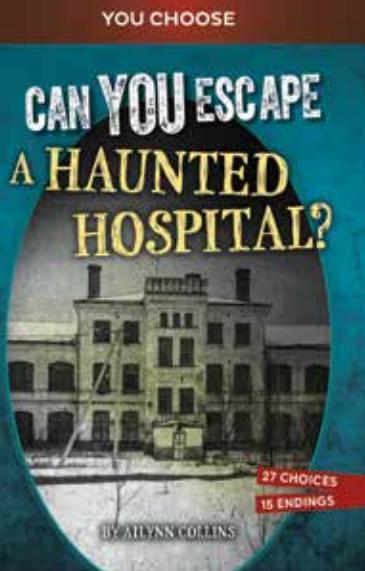
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off her friends. Me—Polly—and my best best friend, that is. Zoey, Dev, Matt and Roger.

We've all lived in the town of Neptune forever, and we've been friends forever. We know one another better than anyone else does. We went to the same elementary school and then the same middle school.

It was only June. The trees had leaves again. Tulips and daffodils bloomed in the school gardens. And we were finally in our last few weeks of the eighth grade.

"Ahh, no offense," Roger said, "but I'm hung out with you best off all the time. I like your guys, but I can't wait to meet some new people."

Roger should be a grade ahead of the rest of us, but he started school a year late. He has smooth, shiny black human hair and pale skin. He has light-green eyes, glasses and wears due stick out a bit. His smile is so wide that it looks like he's smiling to them in the hallway.

That's that I mean.

"No offense taken, Roger," said Dev with a shrug. He took another huge bite of his sandwich. "I feel the same."

Dev has reddish hair, usually pulled back in a messy ponytail. He's Korean ethnicity and obsessed with coffee—wants to buy one as soon as he's sixteen. He's considering a future as a lawyer or a chef.

Oh, and here's pop. He's never actually come out to us. We all just know of some people.

"Zoey?" said Zoey, shoving an orange stick. "I want to meet some new people too."

Zoey's my best girlfriend. My only one, actually. She has curly black hair, which she ties back in a ponytail, dark-human skin, deep-brown eyes and tan of excess. She's honest and reliable. She's someone, and everyone in high school will love her.

I glanced at Matt, but had found out, back to reading his notebook—that's a comic book. Matt.

Years ago, his parents had tried him with machines to get him to learn a Korean language.

school on Saturday, and he's been obsessed with the comic-book store.

He's also fourteen, tall and a super artist. He has ADD, which is autism spectrum disorder. The high school has an amazing art program, so he's probably looking forward to that. But since day one in kindergarten, kids have tried to pin on him. Especially when they were first for the first time. The four of us have always had his back, though, and he's better at looking out for himself now.

He's? I've never made friends with either. I'm kind of shy. He is, I don't try very hard with other kids. But they've never tried to bad either.

Anyway, I don't want any new friends. I have these four, and they're the best. But I am looking forward to moving on from Neptune.

"I'm happy about going to a new school and meeting new kids, for sure," Dev said, smiling wide and shiny. "But that's months away, and we have a

problem now. Money. Unless we have some cash for the summer."

"We'll do of course," said Dev.

"Signed," said Roger. He tilted his head to flip his hair out of his face. A new move he's been making lately.

Even Matt tilted his head from his card. "I'd like some money for the summer," he said.

"We too," I said. "Me too."

"Hold on. This, this is me, Polly Corbett. I live with my mom, who is pretty great, and no siblings. I'm white, with curly brown hair, brown eyes and a sit-jump move. Not short or tall. Not sassy or fat. More sassy I'm pretty, but she's blessed."

Plus—and this is super important—I have it planned.

"Okay and I copied out best friend's name and one summer when we were six. After school was over the first few hours, I wondered if we would get more

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