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**Louise, The Adventures of a Chicken** Seal Press

The NEW YORK TIMES best-selling porcine wonder finds herself behind the wheel in this hilarious adventure now available as an e-book. (Ages 6 - 8) Features an audio read-along! Mr. and Mrs. Watson's porcine wonder, Mercy, loves nothing more than a ride in the car. It takes a fair amount of nudging and bribing and a "You are such a good sport, darling" to get the portly pig out of the driver's seat, but once the convertible is on the road, Mercy loves the feel of the wind tickling her ears and the sun on her snout. One day the Watsons' motoring ritual takes an unexpected turn, however, when their elderly neighbor Baby Lincoln pops up in the backseat in hopes of some "folly and adventure" - and in the chaos that ensues, an exuberant Mercy ends up behind the wheel! Soon there's a policeman on her tail, a struggle for the brake, and a blissfully airborne Mercy. Of course, it's nothing that an extra helping of buttered toast can't fix! Includes an audio read along!

*Ninja in the Kitchen (Moby Shinobi: Scholastic Reader, Level 1)* Candlewick

"A "mind-blowing, page-turning, unputdownable" novel (Elif Batuman) about the fifteen-year fallout from a poisonous high school rumor, exploring how stories from the past can come to define who we are. A gifted and reclusive ghostwriter, Alice Lovett makes a living helping other people tell their stories. But she is haunted by the one story she cannot tell: the story of, as she puts it, "the things that happened while I was asleep." Back in 1999, Nick Brothers and his high school lacrosse team return for their senior year in a well-to-do Baltimore suburb as the reigning state champs. The afterglow of their big win is bound to last until graduation; not even the pressure of college applications can get in the way of their fun. But when a private school girl attempts suicide in the wake of one of the team's "legendary" parties, and a rumor begins to circulate that two of Nick's teammates sexually assaulted her, it seems like it might ruin everything--until the team circles the wagons, casts doubt on the story, and the town moves on. But not everyone does. Fifteen years later, four people--Alice, Nick, a documentary filmmaker, and a wealthy entrepreneur--remain haunted by the roles they played, the things they still don't understand, and how the story has shaped their lives. In sections told from different points of view, each more propulsive than the last, the layers of mystery are gradually peeled back as we barrel toward the truth of what really happened that night . . . and what came after. At once a compulsive page-turner and a thought-provoking exploration of issues both timely and timeless, True Story marks the debut of a phenomenal new voice in fiction."--

*Kate on the Case* Candlewick Press

When a mysterious child appears at the monastery of the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing, Brother Edik nurses her back to health. When he uncovers her dangerous secret, she is sent away into the world with a goat and a boy.

*Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig* Penguin

A delicious detective story set on a train from a wonderful new author/illustrator - for readers aged 6+.

*Daddy Cuddle* Candlewick Press

Metaphor alert! An ode to a certain pig kicks off one wild school day in Kate DiCamillo's latest stop on Deckawoo Drive. Stella Endicott loves her teacher, Miss Liliانا, and she is thrilled when the class is assigned to write a poem. Stella crafts a beautiful poem about Mercy Watson, the pig who lives next door — a poem complete with a metaphor and full of curiosity and courage. But Horace Broom, Stella's irritating classmate, insists that Stella's poem is full of lies and that pigs do not live in houses. And when Stella and Horace get into a shouting match in the classroom, Miss Liliانا banishes them to the principal's office. Will the two of them find a way to turn this opposite-of-a-

poem day around? In the newest spirited outing in the Deckawoo Drive series by Kate DiCamillo, anything is possible — even a friendship with a boy deemed to be (metaphorically speaking) an overblown balloon.

**A Very Mercy Christmas** Candlewick Press

An audio collection of the first two Mercy Watson tales includes Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride, where Mercy the pig finds herself behind the wheel of Mr. Watson's Cadillac, and Mercy Watson to the Rescue,

**Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package** Candlewick Press

A constant worrier, Franklin Endicott earns a fresh cause for alarm when he accompanies Eugenia Lincoln to her favorite thrift shop and leaves with a mystery to solve.

*Mercy Watson Three-Treat Collection* Kate on the Case

DO NOT SURRENDER CONTROL. 'Mindwalker is a cinematic gut punch of action and espionage. Sharp-edged, tense and thrilling, you'll be holding your breath until the last page' Tasha Suri Eighteen-year-old Sil Sarrah is determined to die a legend. But with only twelve months left before the supercomputer grafted to her brain kills her, Sil's time is quickly running out. In the ten years she's been rescuing field agents for the Syntex corporation - by commandeering their minds from afar and leading them to safety - Sil hasn't lost a single life. And she's not about to start now. But when a critical mission goes south, Sil is forced to flee the very company she once called home. Desperate to prove she's no traitor, Sil infiltrates the Analog Army, an activist faction working to bring Syntex down. Her plan: to win back her employer's trust by destroying the group from within. Instead, she and the Army's reckless leader, Ryder, uncover a horrifying truth that threatens to undo all the good she's ever done. With her tech rapidly degrading and her new ally keeping dangerous secrets of his own, Sil must find a way to stop Syntex in order to save her friends, her reputation - and maybe even herself. 'The thrill ride of a lifetime' Kat Dunn 'Pure adrenaline shot straight into your veins' Jesse Q. Sutanto 'Utterly enthralling' Saara El-Arifi 'This book will leave you breathless' Vaishnavi Patel 'Ridiculously thrilling' Claire Winn 'A vibrant thrill ride from start to finish!' Meg Long

**The Princess and the Pony** Harper Collins

The first three tales of Kate DiCamillo's hilarious and heartfelt Deckawoo Drive series are collected in a convenient, affordable bind-up. Dive into a spin-off series starring favorite characters from Kate DiCamillo's New York Times best-selling Mercy Watson books. Whether it's bumbling cowboy Leroy Ninker getting his first horse, Animal Control Officer Francine Poulet wrangling raccoons, or sweet Baby Lincoln striking out on her own, the characters of Deckawoo Drive are sure to enchant early readers. Included are: Leroy Ninker Saddles Up Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln?

*Beverly, Right Here* National Geographic Books

The instant New York Times bestseller! Every porcine wonder was once a piglet! Celebrate the joy of a new arrival with this endearing picture-book prequel to the New York Times best-selling Mercy Watson series. Mr. Watson and Mrs. Watson live ordinary lives. Sometimes their lives feel a bit too ordinary. Sometimes they wish something different would happen. And one day it does, when someone unpredictable finds her way to their front door. In a delightful origin story for the star of the Mercy Watson series, a tiny piglet brings love (and chaos) to Deckawoo Drive — and the Watsons' lives will never be the same.

*The Dead Moms Club* Candlewick

"Halloween was made for carefree Mercy Watson." - School Library Journal Features an audio read-along! When the Watsons decide to zip their porcine wonder into a formfitting princess dress for Halloween - complete with tiara - they are certain that Mercy will be beautiful beyond compare. Mercy is equally certain she likes the sound of trick-or-treating and can picture piles of buttered toast already. As for the Lincoln Sisters next door, how could they know that their cat would lead

them all on a Halloween "parade" of hysterical proportions? Kate DiCamillo's beguiling pig is back in a tale full of treats, tricky turns, hijinks, and high humor.

**Drop** Candlewick Press

What will it take for a cynical older sister to realize she's a born accordion player — with music in her heart? Eugenia Lincoln is a practical person with no time for gee-gaws, whoop-de-whoops, or frivolity. When an unexpected package containing an accordion arrives at her house, she is determined to have nothing to do with it. But her plans to sell the accordion, destroy the accordion, or give the accordion away all end in frustration. How can Eugenia stop being tormented by this troublesome package — and could she discover that a bit of unforeseen frivolity might actually be surprisingly . . . joyous?

*Rolling Thunder* Candlewick Press

She longed for adventure. So she left her home and ventured out into the wide world. The pleasures and perils she met proved plentiful: marauding pirates on the majestic seas, a ferocious lion under the bright lights of the big top, a mysterious stranger in an exotic and bustling bazaar. Yet in the face of such daunting danger, our heroine . . . She was brave. She was fearless. She was feathered. She was a chicken. A not-so-chicken chicken. Her name?

*Pretty Fun - Target Edition* Candlewick Press

Introducing Kate Beaton, a major new picture book talent, and author/illustrator of #1 New York Times bestseller *Hark! A Vagrant!* Princess Pinecone knows exactly what she wants for her birthday this year. A BIG horse. A STRONG horse. A horse fit for a WARRIOR PRINCESS! But when the day arrives, she doesn't quite get the horse of her dreams...From the artist behind the comic phenomenon *Hark! A Vagrant*, *The Princess and the Pony* is a laugh-out-loud story of brave warriors, big surprises, and falling in love with one unforgettable little pony.

**Mercy Watson Fights Crime** Scholastic Inc.

An award-winning author and an acclaimed artist honor the sacrifices of American veterans and their families in this poetic tribute. Lines of bikes are miles long, shining, half a million strong. Rumbling, grumbling, engines roar. Peace signs. High fives. Spirits soar. Every Memorial Day in Washington, D.C., more than a million veterans and their supporters gather for the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom, a demonstration that pays tribute to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces. This lyrical story honors the bravery and sacrifice of those American heroes—the ones who have returned home, and the ones who haven't. Praise for *Rolling Thunder* "A tribute to the phenomenon that is the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom . . . Ruth's background in comics illustration is evident in his skillful use of palette to reflect mood . . . A lyrical ode to our nation's fallen heroes and those who keep their memories alive, suitable for one-on-one and small group sharing. A good choice for most collections." —School Library Journal "Sincere, affecting pages . . . pay tribute to the sacrifices of veterans and their families . . . An emotional wringer." —The Wall Street Journal "Respectful, eloquent, and moving." —Booklist

*Mercy Watson: Princess in Disguise* HarperCollins Australia

Yippie-i-oh! Saddle up for the first in a spin-off series starring favorite characters from Kate DiCamillo's New York Times best-selling *Mercy Watson* books. Leroy Ninker has a hat, a lasso, and boots. What he doesn't have is a horse — until he meets Maybelline, that is, and then it's love at first sight. Maybelline loves spaghetti and sweet nothings, and she loves Leroy, too. But when Leroy forgets the third and final rule of caring for Maybelline, disaster ensues. Can Leroy wrestle fate to

the ground, rescue the horse of his heart, and lasso loneliness for good? Join Leroy, Maybelline, and a cast of familiar characters — Stella, Frank, Mrs. Watson, and everyone's favorite porcine wonder, Mercy — for some hilarious and heartfelt horsing around on Deckawoo Drive.

*The Mercy Watson Collection Volume I* Candlewick Press

Kate Spencer lost her mom to cancer when she was 27. In *The Dead Moms Club*, she walks readers through her experience of stumbling through grief and loss, and helps them to get through it, too. This isn't a weepy, sentimental story, but rather a frank, up-front look at what it means to go through gruesome grief and come out on the other side. An empathetic read, *The Dead Moms Club* covers how losing her mother changed nearly everything in her life: both men and women readers who have lost parents or experienced grief of this magnitude will be comforted and consoled. Spencer even concludes each chapter with a cheeky but useful tip for readers (like the "It's None of Your Business Card" to copy and hand out to nosy strangers asking about your passed loved one). *Mercy Watson Boxed Set* Candlewick Press (MA)

A water ride like you've never experienced before, featuring the cutest drop of water in all of precipitation. Meet Drop. She's water! And she's seen a thing or two. Yep, even dinosaurs; she's four and a half billion years old, after all. Everywhere Drop flows—and she flows everywhere—she keeps things moving, making life on earth possible, and having a great time doing it. (Have you ever plummeted from a rain cloud? Or took a thousand-year nap in a glacier? Drop knows how to live right.) With delightful panache and a steady stream of funny one-liners, Drop takes readers on an adventure through the water cycle and beyond. Filled with irresistible artwork, funny asides, and a steady sprinkle of kid-enticing facts, Drop is the story about water you never knew you were thirsting for. "Splashy and original." —Kirkus "A stand out from others of its type." —SLC "An endearing, conversational introduction to the water cycle." —PW

**Franklin Endicott and the Third Key** Candlewick Press

\* "Another rollicking addition starring the porcine wonder. . . Will keep newly independent readers turning the pages.--SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (starred review) (ages 6-8) Features an audio read-along! Leroy Ninker is a small man with a big dream: he wants to be a cowboy, but for now he's just a thief. In fact, Leroy is robbing the Watsons' kitchen right this minute! As he drags the toaster across the counter — screeeeech — and drops it into his bag — clannngggg — little does he know that a certain large pig who loves toast with a great deal of butter is stirring from sleep. Even less could he guess that comedy of errors (not to mention the buttery sweets in his pocket) will soon lead this little man on the wild and raucous rodeo ride he's always dreamed of! Nosy neighbors, astonished firemen, a puzzled policeman, and the ever-doting Watsons return for a new tongue-in-snout adventure about Kate DiCamillo's delightfully single-minded pig.

**Invisible Girl** Scholastic Inc.

*Mercy Watson* brought home a real treat a 2007 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor! And now readers can collect a trio of her adventures in one beguiling boxed set. Pig hero. Porcine wonder. Fan of toast with a great deal of butter on it. *Mercy Watson's* disarming personality and hilarious hijinks are captivating early chapter-book readers everywhere. Now it's easy to jumpstart a *Mercy Watson* collection with this enticing boxed set combining the first three adventures of the series: *MERCY WATSON TO THE RESCUE* (an American Library Association Notable Children's Book), *MERCY WATSON GOES FOR A RIDE* (winner of a 2007 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor), and *MERCY WATSON FIGHTS CRIME*.

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