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New York Times bestselling author and Newbery Honor recipient Steve Sheinkin gives young readers an American history lesson they'll never forget in the fun and funny *King George: What Was His Problem?: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About the American Revolution*, featuring illustrations by Tim Robinson. A Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year A New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing What do the most famous traitor in history, hundreds of naked soldiers, and a salmon lunch have in common? They're all part of the amazing story of the American Revolution. Entire books have been written about the causes of the American Revolution. This isn't one of them. What it is, instead, is utterly interesting, anecdotes (John Hancock fixates on salmon), from the inside out (at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, hundreds of soldiers plunged into battle "naked as they were born") close-up narratives filled with little-known details, lots of quotes that capture the spirit and voices of the principals ("If need be, I will raise one thousand men, subsist them at my own expense, and march myself at their head for the relief of Boston" --George Washington), and action. It's the story of the birth of our nation, complete with soldiers, spies, salmon sandwiches, and real facts you can't help but want to tell to everyone you know. "For middle-graders who find Joy Hakim's 11-volume *A History of US* just too daunting, historian Sheinkin offers a more digestible version of our country's story...The author expertly combines individual stories with sweeping looks at the larger picture—tucking in extracts from letters, memorable anecdotes, pithy characterizations and famous lines with a liberal hand." —Kirkus Reviews Also by Steve Sheinkin: *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery* *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* *Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War* *Which Way to the Wild West?: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About Westward Expansion* *Two Miserable Presidents: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn't Tell You About the Civil War* *Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America*

[The Men Who Stare at Goats](#) Scholastic Inc.

China fragments, a new Cold War with Russia, Mexico challenges U.S., the new great powers Turkey, Poland and Japan. *The Next 100 Years* is a fascinating, eye-opening and often shocking look at what lies ahead for the U.S. and the world from one of our most incisive futurists. In his provocative book, George Friedman turns his eye on the future—offering a lucid, highly readable forecast of the changes we can expect around the world during the twenty-first century. He explains where and why future wars will erupt (and how they will be fought), which nations will gain and lose economic and political power, and how new technologies and cultural trends will alter the way we live in the new century. *The Next 100 Years* draws on a fascinating exploration of history and geopolitical patterns dating back hundreds of years.

Friedman shows that we are now, for the first time in half a millennium, at the dawn of a new era—with changes in store, including:

- The U.S.-Jihadist war will conclude—replaced by a second full-blown cold war with Russia.
- China will undergo a major extended internal crisis, and Mexico will emerge as an important world power.
- A new global war will unfold toward the middle of the century between the United States and an unexpected coalition from Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and the Far East; but armies will be much smaller and wars will be less deadly.
- Technology will focus on space—both for major military uses and for a dramatic new energy resource that will have radical environmental implications.
- The United States will experience a Golden Age in the second half of the century. Written with the keen insight and thoughtful analysis that has made George Friedman a renowned expert in geopolitics and forecasting, *The Next 100 Years* presents a fascinating picture of what lies ahead.

[The Port Chicago 50](#) Perfection Learning

The Great Fire of 1871 was one of most colossal disasters in American history. Overnight, the flourishing city of Chicago was transformed into a smoldering wasteland. The damage was so profound that few people believed the city could ever rise again. By weaving personal accounts of actual survivors together with the carefully researched history of Chicago and the disaster, Jim Murphy constructs a riveting narrative that recreates the event with drama and immediacy. And finally, he reveals how, even in a time of deepest despair, the human spirit triumphed, as the people of Chicago found the courage and strength to build their city once again.

[Koko's Kitten](#) Simon and Schuster

Animal Planet introduces information-packed nonfiction chapter books that are just right for pleasure reading and schoolwork. Dive inside the world of sharks with this guide to the most incredible creatures in the sea. Photographically illustrated chapters highlight kid-favorite species such as Great Whites and Hammerheads, with a focus on behavior, senses, breeding, and feeding. *Sharks!* is the perfect overview for developing readers ready to explore this popular animal subject on their own. Special features include full-color photography throughout, "Meet the Scientist" sidebars, and "In Your Newsfeed" articles about amazing new discoveries. Don't miss the other books in the series, including *Animal Planet Chapter Books: Dinosaurs!*

[Polar Bears](#) CreateSpace

A sweeping portrait of the world's oceans lyrically explains the precarious balance that sustains life cycles and food chains under the sea. By the Caldecott Honor-winning author of *When Sophie Gets Angry--Really, Really Angry*.

[Buzz Boy and Fly Guy \(Fly Guy #9\)](#) Childs World Incorporated Some extraordinary rats come to the aid of a mouse family in this Newbery Medal Award-winning classic by notable children's author Robert C. O'Brien. Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with

four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

What If You Had Animal Teeth? Simon and Schuster

What if a whale and giant squid met and had a fight? Who do you think would win? This nonfiction reader compares and contrasts the two species. Students will learn about the animals' anatomies, behaviors, and more. Includes beautiful photos, charts, illustrations, and fascinating facts.

Crocodile Encounters! Firsthand Books

Describes the habitat, physical characteristics, and behavior of the polar bear.

Hopeless Simon and Schuster

Bizarre military history: In 1979, a crack commando unit was established by the most gifted minds within the U.S. Army. Defying all known laws of physics and accepted military practice, they believed that a soldier could adopt the cloak of invisibility, pass cleanly through walls, and—perhaps most chillingly—kill goats just by staring at them. They were the First Earth Battalion, entrusted with defending America from all known adversaries. And they really weren't joking. What's more, they're back—and they're fighting the War on Terror. An uproarious exploration of American military paranoia: With investigations ranging from the mysterious "Goat Lab," to Uri Geller's covert psychic work with the CIA, to the increasingly bizarre role played by a succession of U.S. presidents, this might just be the funniest, most unsettling book you will ever read—if only because it is all true and is still happening today.

Whale Vs. Giant Squid Scholastic Inc.

Discusses the real-life adventures of a zoologist who studies crocodiles by dressing up in a special crocodile suit, and discusses the behaviors and habitats of the large aquatic reptiles.

We'll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente Penguin

Siblings Maddie and Atticus love living by the sea. Their dad traps lobsters off the coast of Maine. They love helping with the family business and volunteering at the local aquarium. The summer is shaping up to be a super one, for sure. Then one day they spy a pod of dolphins in the cove looking distressed. How will the kids use their knowledge of animals and their awesome problem-solving skills to help the dolphin family get safely back to sea? Perfect for reluctant, challenged, and newly fluent readers, the Animal Planet Adventures chapter book series combines fun animal mysteries with cool nonfiction sidebars that relate directly to the stories, bringing the best of the animal world to young readers. With full-color illustrations and photographs throughout. Collect all of the Animal Planet Adventures, including Luke and Sarah's story Farm Friends Escape!

Sharks! (Animal Planet Chapter Books #1) Scholastic Inc.

The Newbery Award-winning and National Book Award finalist author of *Bomb* presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

What If You Had Animal Eyes? Turtleback

If you could have any animal's hair, whose would you choose? If you had a polar bear's double coat, you would never have to wear a hat when playing in the snow. If you had reindeer hair, it could help you stay afloat in water. And if you had a porcupine's hair, no bully would ever bother you again! **WHAT IF YOU HAD ANIMAL HAIR?** is a follow-up to the adorable **WHAT IF YOU HAD ANIMAL TEETH?** Each spread will feature a photographic image of the animal and its hair on the left and an illustration of a child with that animal's hair on the right. As in **ANIMAL TEETH**, the illustrations will be humorous and will accompany informative text.

Apple Simon and Schuster

Hundreds of American soldiers were already dead. Battlefields in

Massachusetts and New York were soaked in the blood of American patriots. And 11-year-old Nathaniel Knox was in the midst of it all, trapped in a swamp and fighting for his life. The air was thick with smoke and gunpowder. Bleeding soldiers screamed in agony. Through the trees, Nate saw the line of British redcoat soldiers - at least 100 men. Their blood-colored uniforms seemed to glow in the smoky haze. Gunfire blasted all around him. Nate knelt behind a rock, gripping his gun with shaking hands. The American Revolution had started as a glorious struggle for freedom. America was determined to tear itself away from England, out of the grips of King George III. The thirteen American colonies would become a brand new country: The United States of America! But King George was like a snake with America gripped in his fangs - and he didn't want to let go. So now it was war - brutal, bloody war.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Macmillan

Simple, humorous text and comic illustrations explain the basics of the circulatory system--the systemic, pulmonary, and coronary circuits. Readers follow a red blood cell on its journey through the body, and in the process learn how the body combats disease, performs gas exchanges, and fights plaque.

Forecasting: principles and practice Rowman & Littlefield

Chronicles the life and accomplishments of baseball star Roberto Clemente, from his youth in Puerto Rico, through his record-breaking career in Pittsburgh, to his tragic death during a mission of mercy.

Moonshot Scholastic Inc.

If you could have any animal's front teeth, whose would you choose? **WHAT IF YOU HAD ANIMAL TEETH?** takes children on a fun, informative, and imaginative journey as they explore what it would be like if their own front teeth were replaced by those of a different animal. Featuring a dozen animals (beaver, great white shark, narwhal, elephant, rattlesnake, naked mole rat, hippopotamus, crocodile, and more), this book explores how different teeth are especially adapted for an animal's survival. At the end of the book, children will discover why their own teeth are just right for them. And they'll also get a friendly reminder to take good care of their teeth, because they're the only teeth they'll ever have. Each spread features a photograph of the animal using its specialized teeth on the left and a humorous illustrated image of a child using that animal's teeth on the right.

Who Would Win?: Ultimate Showdown Scholastic Inc.

Introduces the life, accomplishments, and mysterious disappearance of female aviation pioneer, Amelia Earhardt.

Simon and Schuster

A superhero adventure in Tedd Arnold's bestselling **FLY GUY** series! The excitement is jam packed in Fly Guy's newest episode which features a comic book within the story. Buzz and Fly Guy are superheroes! The dynamic duo must battle a fiery dragon and a band of pirates. Will Fly Guy and Buzz Boy defeat their enemies and save their home? Find out in this ama-zzzing early chapter book.

The Judgmental Flower Abrams

From a very young age, Sue Hendrickson was meant to find things: lost coins, perfume bottles, even hidden treasure. Her endless curiosity eventually led to her career in diving and paleontology, where she would continue to find things big and small. In 1990, at a dig in South Dakota, Sue made her biggest discovery to date: Sue the T. rex, the largest and most complete T. rex skeleton ever unearthed. Named in Sue's honor, Sue the T. rex would be placed on permanent exhibition at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. When Sue Found Sue inspires readers to take a closer look at the world around them and to never lose their brave, adventurous spirits.