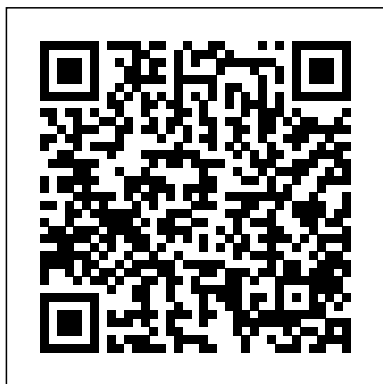

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between the past and

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Brandon is visiting his dad

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Out of nowhere, an airplane

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creating a fiery nightmare of

terror and confusion. And

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it all. Can he survive -- and

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erupts in her village,

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wounded American soldier

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her family in mortal danger?

Two kids. One devastating

day. Nothing will ever be the

same.

Bud, Not Buddy Harper

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Alvin Townley, a

critically acclaimed

author of adult

nonfiction, delivers a

searing YA debut about

American POWs during

the Vietnam War. Naval

aviator Jeremiah Denton

was shot down and

captured in North

Vietnam in 1965. As a

POW, Jerry Denton led a

group of fellow American

prisoners in withstanding
gruesome conditions
behind enemy lines. They
developed a system of
secret codes and covert
communications to keep
up their spirits. Later, he
would endure torture and
long periods of solitary
confinement. Always,
Jerry told his fellow
POWs that they would
one day return home
together. Although Jerry
spent seven and a half
years as a POW, he did
finally return home in
1973 after the longest
and harshest deployment
in US history. Denton's
story is an extraordinary
narrative of human
resilience and endurance.
Townley grapples with
themes of perseverance,
leadership, and duty
while also deftly
portraying the deeply
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The Year We Fell
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Follow Fergus as he
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day--well, except for
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From chasing cats and
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David Shannon's
newest sweet and silly
character will inspire
young readers to laugh
out loud at his
mischievous antics.
Fans of Shannon's
previous books will
love reading all about
this naughty but
lovable dog!
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Being Scholastic Inc.
The deeply affecting

next book from acclaimed author Amy Sarig King.

Literature Guide

Scholastic Inc.

Told in short, gripping chapters, this is an unforgettable true story of survival. The author was featured in Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. At just 15, her mother, and brother were taken from their Romanian town to the Auschwitz-II/Birkenau concentration camp. When they arrived at Auschwitz, a soldier waved Elly to the right; her mother and brother to the left. She never saw her family alive again. Thanks to a series of miracles, Elly survived the Holocaust.

Today she is dedicated to keeping alive the stories of those who did not. Elly appeared on CBS's 60 Minutes for her involvement in bringing an important lawsuit against Volkswagen, whose German factory used her and other Jews as slave laborers.

Marty McGuire
Turtleback

"Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic."--Publisher.

Literature Guide Scholastic

Fiction

"Should appeal to all rugged individualists who dream of escape to the forest."—The New York Times Book Review Sam Gibley is terribly unhappy living in New York City with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods—all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own. Sam learns about courage, danger, and independence during his year in the wilderness, a year that changes his life forever. "An extraordinary book . . . It will be read year after year." —The Horn Book

Three Keys Scholastic Inc.

Newbery Honoree Pam Muñoz Ryan weaves an entrancing tale of courage and self-

discovery.

My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World (Digital Read Along) HarperCollins

A surreal and searing dive into the tangled secrets of a wealthy white family in suburban Pennsylvania and the terrible cost the family's children pay to maintain the family name.

"A.S. King's novels...are in another solar system entirely."--Bookpage, starred review The Shoveler, the Freak, CanIHelpYou?, Loretta the Flea-Circus Ring Mistress, and First-Class Malcolm.

These are the five teenagers lost in the Hemmings family's maze of tangled secrets. Only a generation removed from being Pennsylvania potato farmers, Gottfried and Marla Hemmings managed to trade digging spuds for developing subdivisions and now sit atop a seven-figure bank

account--wealth they've declined to pass on to their adult children or their teenage grandchildren. "Because we want them to thrive," Marla always says. What does thriving look like? Like carrying a snow shovel everywhere. Like selling pot at the Arby's drive-thru window. Like a first-class ticket to Jamaica between cancer treatments. Like a flea-circus in a double-wide. Like the GPS coordinates to a mound of dirt in a New Jersey forest. As the rot just beneath the surface of the Hemmings' precious suburban respectability begins to spread, the far-flung grandchildren gradually find their ways back to one another, just in time to uncover the terrible cost of maintaining the family name. With her inimitable prose and keen insight into teenage experience, A.S. King explores how a corrosive culture of polite, affluent white supremacy

tears a family apart and how one determined generation can save themselves. The Wish Scholastic Inc. A fun, accessible chapter-book debut from an exciting new talent--simultaneous hardcover-paperback launch! Marty McGuire would rather spend recess catching frogs in the pond than playing dress-up with the other girls in third grade. So when her teacher casts Marty as the princess in the class play, Marty's absolutely, positively sure that there's been a huge mistake. But after a special lesson in the art of improvisation, Marty comes up with her OWN plan to IMPROVE the play: Why use stuffed-animal frog onstage when a live one would be so much better? In the end, Marty's one-of-a-kind performance makes for an unforgettable show. Maybe Marty CAN live happily ever after, after all!

A Corner of the Universe

Scholastic Inc.

Grade Level 5.5, Book #
85, Points 4.

Lord of the Rings Usborne
Publishing Ltd

Max is used to being called
Stupid. And he is used to
everyone being scared of
him. On account of his size
and looking like his dad.

Kevin is used to being
called Dwarf. On account of
his size and being some
cripple kid. But greatness
comes in all sizes, and
together Max and Kevin
become Freak The Mighty
and walk high above the
world. An inspiring,
heartbreaking, multi-award
winning international
bestseller.

All Because You
Matter (Digital Read
Along) Scholastic Inc.

"Allow me to introduce
you to a remarkable
book, full of love,
wonder, hope, and the
importance of getting

to be who you were
meant to be. You must
read this." - David
Levithan, author of
Every Day and editor of
George. When people
look at George, they
think they see a boy.
But she knows she's
not a boy. She knows
she's a girl. George
thinks she'll have to
keep this a secret
forever. Then her
teacher announces that
their class play is going
to be Charlotte's Web.
George really, really,
REALLY wants to play
Charlotte. But the
teacher says she can't
even try out for the
part . . . because she's
a boy.

Freak the Mighty
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The first middle-grade
novel from Printz Honor-

winning author Amy Sarig The animal--Marvin
(A. S.) King! Washington Gardens--becomes Obe's
Post Best Book of the best friend and biggest
Year A New York Public secret. But to keep him
Library Best Book for safe from the developers
Kids A Texas Bluebonnet and Tommy and his
Master List selection Obe friends, Obe must make a
Devlin has problems. His decision that might
family's farmland has change everything.
been taken over by Muted Scholastic Inc.
developers. His best When her owner dies at
friend Tommy has the start of the
abandoned him. And he Revolution, a greedy
keeps getting nephew keeps Isabel and
nosebleeds, because of her younger sister
that thing he doesn't like enslaved and sells them
to talk about. So Obe to Loyalists in New
hangs out at the nearby York, where Isabel is
creek, in the last wild offered the chance to
patch left, picking up spy for the Patriots.
trash and looking for Front Desk (Scholastic
animal tracks. One day, Gold) Puffin Books
he sees a creature that Critically acclaimed
looks kind of like a large when it was first
dog. And as he watches published, Tuck
it, he realizes it eats Everlasting has
plastic. Only plastic. become a much-loved,
Water bottles, shopping well-studied modern-
bags... No one has seen a day classic. This
creature like this before.

anniversary edition features an in-depth interview conducted by Betsy Hearne in which Natalie Babbitt takes a look at Tuck Everlasting twenty-five years later. What if you could live forever? Is eternal life a blessing or a curse? That is what young Winnie Foster must decide when she discovers a spring on her family's property whose waters grant immortality. Members of the Tuck family, having drunk from the spring, tell Winnie of their experiences watching life go by and never growing older. But then Winnie must decide whether or not to keep the Tucks' secret—and whether or not to join

them on their never-ending journey. Praise for Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt: “A fearsome and beautifully written book that can't be put down or forgotten.” —The New York Times “Exciting and excellently written.” —The New York Times Book Review “With its serious intentions and light touch the story is, like the Tucks, timeless.” —Chicago Sun-Times “Probably the best work of our best children's novelist.” —Harper's “Natalie Babbitt's great skill is spinning fantasy with the lilt and sense of timeless wisdom of the old fairy tales. . . . It lingers on, haunting your waking hours,

making you ponder. ”
—The Boston Globe
“ This book is as
shapely, crisp, sweet,
and tangy as a summer-
ripe pear. ”
—Entertainment Weekly
This title has Common
Core connections.
Chains Scholastic Inc.
Ann Martin's
phenomenal Newbery
Honor book, now in
paperback The summer
Hattie turns 12, her
predictable smalltown
life is turned on end
when her uncle Adam
returns home for the
first time in over ten
years. Hattie has never
met him, never known
about him. He's been
institutionalized; his
condition involves
schizophrenia and
autism. Hattie, a shy
girl who prefers the

company of adults,
takes immediately to
her excitable uncle,
even when the rest of
the family -- her
parents and
grandparents -- have
trouble dealing with his
intense way of seeing
the world. And Adam,
too, sees that Hattie is
special, that her quiet,
shy ways are not a
disability,