

# BOOK FRENZY 2023: Elementary

by Cindy Mitchell

## And Kiss the Book

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*Anthony and the Gargoyle* by Jo Ellen Bogart and Maja Kastelic.  
PICTURE BOOK Groundwood Books (House of Anansi Press), 2021.  
\$20. 9781773063447  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL  
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi, adapted by Joe Caramagna, illustrated by Anu Chouhan, 126 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Disney Hyperion. 2022. \$22.  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL  
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree* by Daniel Bernstrom, illustrated by Brandon James Scott. PICTURE BOOK. Hippo Park (Astra), 2022. \$19.  
9781662640087  
BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3), MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

*Birdie's Bargain* by Katherine Paterson, 225 pages. Candlewick Press, 2021. \$18

CONTENT: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*The Blur* by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat. PICTURE BOOK. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers (Random), 2022. \$19. 9780593377468

BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3), MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*The Book of Rules* by Brian Gehrlein, illustrated by Tom Knight. PICTURE BOOK. Farrar Straus Giroux (Macmillan), 2021. \$19. 9780374314545

BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*The Boy Who Failed Dodgeball* by Jordan Sonnenblick, 250 pages. Scholastic, 2022, \$18.

Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*City of the Plague God* by Sarwat Chadda, 390 pages. Disney Hyperion. 2022. \$17.

Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS: ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*The Clackity* by Lora Senf, 274 pages. Atheneum (Simon, 2022. \$18

Content: PG (vivid danger, supernatural)

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*Creepy Crayon!* by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Peter Brown. Simon and Schuster, 2022. \$19. 9781534465886

BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*The Daredevils* by Rob Buyea. 229 pages. Delacorte (Random House). 2022. \$18

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

*Ezra Exposed* by Amy E Feldman, 150 pages. Blackstone Publishing, 2022.

\$19.

Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (Butt references);

Violence: G.

EL - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH



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***Fibbed*** by Elizabeth Agyemang, 250 pages, GRAPHIC NOVEL. Razorbill (Penguin). 2022. \$15.  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Growing Pangs*** by Kathryn Ormsbee and Molly Brooks, 340 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Random House Graphic, 2022. \$21. 9780593301289  
Language: G (1 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content ; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL – ESSENTIAL; MS - ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Hoggy Went-A-Courtin'*** by Ethan Long EARLY READER Holiday House. 2022. \$15. 9780823451487  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Honestly Elliott*** by Gillian McDunn, 255 pages. Bloomsbury, 2022. \$17  
Content: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***How Birds Sleep*** by David Obuchowski, illustrated by Sarah Pedry. NON-FICTION, PICTURE BOOK Astra/Boyd's Mill. 2023. \$18. 9781662650970  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***How To Hug a Pufferfish*** by Elie Peterson. PICTURE BOOK. Roaring Brook (Macmillan), 2022. \$19. 9781250796998  
BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***How to Party Like a Snail*** by Naseem Hrab, illustrated by Kelly Collier. PICTURE BOOK, OwlKid Books, Inc., 2022. \$19. 9781771474177  
BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3), EL – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***I Don't Care*** by Julie Fogliano, illustrations by Molly Idle and Juana Martinez-Neal. PICTURE BOOK Neal Porter (Holiday House). 2022. \$19. 9780823443451  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***If the World Were 100 Animals*** by Miranda Smith, illustrated by Aaron Cushley. PICTURE BOOK. Crown (Random House), 2022. \$18. 9780593372357  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL, MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Inside In: X-Rays of Nature's Hidden World*** by Jan Paul Schutten, photography by Arie van 't Riet, 125 pages. Greystone Kids, 2017. \$20. 9781771646796  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Itty-Bitty Kittycorn*** by Shannon Hale, illustrated by Leuyen Pham. PICTURE BOOK. Abrams, 2021. \$19. 9781419750915  
BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Kindergarten: where kindness matters every day*** by Vera Ahijya and Joey Chou. PICTURE BOOK. Random House, 2022. \$18. 9780593484623  
BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Life in Hot Water: wildlife at the bottom of the ocean*** by Mary Batten, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez. PICTURE BOOK/NON FICTION. Peachtree, 2022. \$19. 9781682631522  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Linty: a pocketful of adventure*** by Mike Shiell. PICTURE BOOK. Kids Can, 2022. \$13. 9781525304941  
BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Little Red and the Big Bad Editor*** by Rebecca Kraft Rector and Shanda McCloskey PICTURE BOOK Aladdin. 2022. \$19. 9781534469297  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Maizy Chen's Last Chance*** by Lisa Yee, 288 pages. Random House. 2022. \$17  
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (racist language).  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Mars! Earthlings Welcome*** by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Stevie Lewis. NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Henry Holt, 2021. \$19. 9781250256881

BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Our Planet! There's No Place Like Earth*** by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by David Litchfield. NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Henry Holt (Macmillan), 2022. \$19. 9781250782496

BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Miss Quinces*** by Kat Fajardo, 256 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Scholastic, 2022. \$13.

Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***My Pet Feet*** by Josh Funk and Billy Yong. PICTURE BOOK. Simon, 2022. \$19. 9781534486003

BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Mystery of Monarchs*** by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Erika Meza. PICTURE BOOK/NON FICTION. Knopf (Random House), 2022. \$19. 9781984829566

BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***New From Here*** by Kelly Yang, 361 pages. Simon and Schuster, 2022. \$18

Language: G; (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (bullying, racist language).

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Oona in the Arctic*** by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Raissa Figueroa. PICTURE BOOK. Katharine Tegen (Harper), JAN 2023. 9780063222328

BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***A Perfect Mistake*** by Melanie Conklin. 265 pages. Little, Brown and Company/Poppy. 2022 \$17

Language: G (2 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G. Violence: PG (Bullying, minor forced to drink alcohol)

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Poo-Dunit? A forest floor mystery*** by Katelyn Aronson, illustrated by Stephanie Laberis. PICTURE BOOK. Candlewick, 2022. \$18. 9781536216370

BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Real Dada Mother Goose: a treasury of complete nonsense*** by Jon Scieszka and Julia Rothman. PICTURE BOOK. Candlewick, 2022. 9780763694340

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Sky Song*** by Abi Elphinstone, 325 pages. Aladdin (Simon and Schuster), 2020. \$18

Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (peril, battles - not graphic - melting)

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Squished*** by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter. 150 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL Graphix (Scholastic). 2023. \$13

Content: G.

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Strangeville School is Totally Normal (Strangerville School #1)*** by Darcy Miller, illustrated by Brett Helquist 256 pages. Random House. 2021. \$18.

Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Peril, loose biting animals, a giant rat);

BUYING ADVISORY: EL - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

ALSO: ***Strangeville School is Definitely Not Cursed***

***Super Gross What's that Smell?*** by Ximena Hastings, illustrations by Alison Hawkins, 32 pages EARLY READER Simon and Schuster. 2022. \$18. 9781665920766

BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Swim Team: Small Waves, Big Changes*** by Johnnie Christmas, 248 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL HarperCollins. 2022. \$22.  
Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***To the Front! Clara Barton Braves the Battle of Antietam*** by Claudia Friddell, illustrated by Christopher Cyr. NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mill/Astra), 2022. \$19. 9781635923223  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Tower of Life: how Yaffa Eliach rebuilt her town in stories and photographs*** by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Susan Gal. PICTURE BOOK. Scholastic, 2022. \$19. 9781338225891  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Troublemaker*** by John Cho, 224 pages. Little, Brown and Company/Poppy. 2022 \$17  
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Fight, child with a firearm).  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***We Don't Lose our Class Goldfish*** by Ryan T. Higgins. PICTURE BOOK. Disney, 2023. \$19. 9781368076982  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***What's Inside a Flower?*** by Rachel Ignotofsky. PICTURE BOOK. Random House, 2021. \$18. 9780593176474  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL; HS – ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***When The Sky Falls*** by Phil Earle, 308 pages. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022. \$17  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: ; Violence: PG (war, blitzkrieg)  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Wild River*** by Rodman Philbrick, 189 pages. Scholastic Press, 2022. \$12  
Content: G (mild danger)  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Wildoak*** by C.C. Harrington. 288 pages. Scholastic Press (Scholastic). 2022. \$19  
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (animal caught in trap, tormented).  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH



**You're Invited to a Creepover: *Truth or Dare..*** by P.J. Night. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Simon Spotlight (Simon & Schuster). 2022. \$21.  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content PG; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL/MS ESSENTIAL  
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

**You're Invited to a Creepover: *You Can't Come in Here!*** By P.J. Night. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Simon Spotlight (Simon & Schuster). 2022. \$21.  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content PG; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL  
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH