

# The Book Bag

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the **Kaleidoscope Kids' Books** newsletter for schools. Each newsletter will feature lists of the most current and exciting new releases, covering different seasons, events and curriculum areas, to help you supplement the great collections you've all been building. Please let us know if there's a specific topic you would like us to cover.

We'll also let you know about any special events we're having in the store that you might like to bring your classroom in to see. Check out our

great line-up of author visits below!

As we're just building our mailing list, we would really appreciate it if you could send this on to anyone who you think would be interested in receiving it. If you've received this second-hand, and would like to be on our mailing list, please send us an email at

[kaleidoscopekidsbooks@bellnet.ca](mailto:kaleidoscopekidsbooks@bellnet.ca) and ask us to put you on our school newsletter list.

Happy Fall!

## Author Visits

We've planned a busy fall full of author visits. We hope you'll be able to bring your class down to meet some of these fabulous Canadian authors. We'll be holding the events in the building's courtyard. While the courtyard is fairly large, we ask that you call or email us to reserve your spot. We will have books on sale for your students to purchase and have signed.

### Kit Pearson

Award-winning author **Kit Pearson** will be reading from her latest book, **A Perfect Gentle Knight**, for grades 6 to 8 on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am:

*Kit Pearson's long-awaited new novel tells the story of the five Bell children, each of them coping in various ways in the aftermath of their mother's*



## Author Visits Cont'd - Kit Pearson

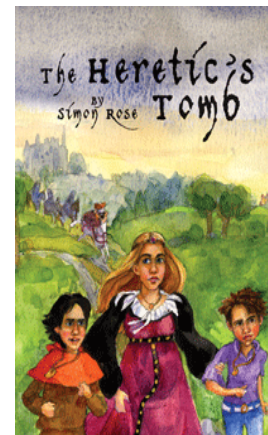
*death. Set in the 1950s and seen through the perspective of the middle child, 11-year-old Corrie, Pearson's story illustrates how a rich fantasy life both helps and hinders children trying to cope with loss, loneliness, and growing up. While elder sister Roz is growing up and out of the desire for fantasy games, eldest brother Sebastian, who fancies himself Sir Lancelot in their Round Table game, continues to need them as much as ever, creating tension in the family. Corrie becomes concerned and worries that Sebastian may have lost his grip on reality.*



## Simon Rose

Science fiction and fantasy author **Simon Rose** will be reading from his new novel, **The Heretic's Tomb**, for grades 4 to 6 on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm:

*While exploring a medieval archaeological site containing the ruins of an ancient English abbey, Annie discovers the long-forgotten tomb of Lady Isabella Devereaux, who had been condemned to death as a heretic in 1349. When Annie curiously examines a mysterious amulet she finds in the tomb, she is suddenly sent hurtling back to the Middle Ages, encountering sorcery, treachery, treason and ghastly horrors of the Black Death.*



Don't forget -  
teachers and  
librarians receive a  
15% discount on  
their purchases.



## Jacob Berkowitz

Science writer **Jacob Berkowitz** will be sharing his newest book, **Jurassic Poop**, for Grades 4 to 6 at 10:30am on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:

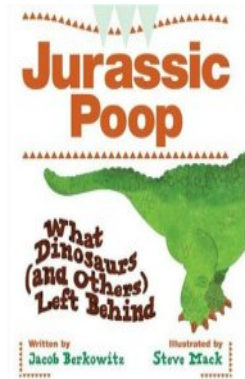
*Learn how to spot ancient poop impostors. Meet dung detectives getting to the bottom of history's hind-end mysteries. Find out how poop gets preserved and discover what it can tell us about dinosaurs, humans and other animals from long ago.*

Get the inside scoop on ancient poop. We hear Jacob brings samples!

## Jan Andrews

**Jan Andrews** will be reading stories from her newest collection, **Stories at the Door** for grades 3 and 4 on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am:

*Jan Andrews draws on folk stories from around the world to build her newest collection of tales, rife with humour and tingling with action. Cleverly threaded together by verses describing the arrival of unbidden stories that enter boldly through the door and stay just long enough to have their say, these tales have been rendered anew by a master storyteller. Stories at the Door points out our human foibles in the nicest of ways and reminds us all not to take ourselves too seriously. Highly amusing drawings peppered throughout heighten the experience.*



## Book Lists

The store is full of so many great new releases. Here are just a few of them.

### Nature and The Environment

#### **An Inconvenient Truth : The Crisis of Global Warming** by Al Gore.

Adapted for ages 11 and up from the *New York Times* bestseller, this call to action is packed with photographs and urges kids to examine the effects of global warming and to do what they can to make a difference.

**Our Tree Named Steve** by Alan Zweibel and David Catrow. When a storm fells a favourite tree, Dad

writes a letter to his children, who are visiting their grandparents, to tell them the bad news. He reminds them of the day the family surveyed the piece of land where their new home would be built. Trees had to be cleared, but this giant, dubbed "Steve" by the youngest who couldn't pronounce "tree," was spared. Through the years, Steve became the family swing, third base, laundry line and campground. Picture book now in paperback for ages 4 to 8.

**Flush** by Carl Hiassen. The latest novel from Carl Hiaasen features spies, action and environmental intrigue for ages 10 and up.



## Book Lists Cont'd - Nature and The Environment

**This Is My Planet : The Kids' Guide to Global Warming** by Jan Thornhill. By exploring how Earth's polar regions, oceans and land are all undergoing change, Canadian Jan Thornhill offers a clear and fascinating view of our world's amazing interconnections.

**Jack Pine** by Christopher Patton. In a poem as knotty and beautiful as the tree itself, Patton tells the story of one Jack Pine, and conveys the splendour of the pine forests that once covered much of eastern North America.

**Bugs Up Close** by Diane Swanson. Packed with amazing photos and facts, you'll learn all kinds of fascinating things about our creepy crawly friends.

## Math

**The Great Number Rumble: A Story of Math in Surprising Places** by Cora Lee and Gillian O'Reilly. When the schools in Sam's town ban math, there are loud cheers from the kids. But Sam, a self-proclaimed mathnik, sets out to prove that math is not only important, but fun by revealing math's presence in everyday places, including sports (types of triangles determine how a bike functions), art (artist M.C. Escher combined math patterns with imagination), even in nature (ants instinctively calculate dead reckoning—a navigation tool also used by astronauts). For ages 9 to 11.

**A Million Dots** by Andrew Clements. This picture book by the well known

Don't forget about these other titles:

**Who's in Maxine's Tree** by Diane Leger and Darlene Gait

**Salmon Forest** paperback picture book by David Suzuki

**Eco-Fun : Great Projects, Experiments, and Games for a Greener Earth** by David Suzuki

**Weather Experiments** by Muriel Mandell

**What Do Roots Do?** by Kathleen V. Kudlinski

**How the Earth Works : 60 Fun Activities for Exploring Volcanoes, Fossils, Earthquakes, and More** by Michelle O'Brien-Palmer

**One Well : The Story of Water on Earth** by Rochelle Strauss. This title can also be ordered on DVD

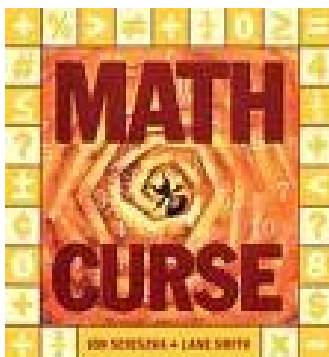
author actually has a million dots in it to give kids the idea of how large a number a million really is.

**Math Curse** by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. This great picture book about how math shows up all the time in daily life is coming out in paperback in September of 2007 along with the equally fun **Science Verse** by the same duo.

**How Many : Spectacular Paper Sculptures** by Ron Van Der Meer. Each pop-up spread features a different shape that has been cleverly paper-engineered to form spectacular sculptures. Readers are invited to find and count as many items as they can – shapes within shapes, shapes of different colours, and so on.



We are happy to provide invoices for submission to your council, school or board.





## Book Lists Cont'd - Math

Don't forget about:

**One Grain of Rice** by Demi. Exotic, beautiful, and instructive, this "mathematical folktale" emerged from the author's love of India. Rani outsmarts a very selfish raja and saves her village. When offered a reward for a good deed, she asks only for one grain of rice, doubled each day for 30 days.

**Arithme-Tickle: An Even Number of Odd Riddle-Rhymes** by J Patrick Lewis and Frank Remkiewicz

**The Greedy Triangle** by Marilyn Burns

**Loonies and Toonies: A Canadian Number Book** by Mike Ulmer and Melanie Rose

**Alexander Who Was Rich Last Sunday** by Judith Viorst

**A Second is a Hiccup: A Child's Book of Time** by Hazel Hutchins and Kady MacDonald Denton

**G is for Googol: A Math Alphabet** by David Schwartz and Marissa Moss

## Language Arts

**Eight Ate : A Feast of Homonym Riddles** by Marvin Terban. A healthy helping of homonym riddles sure to make you giggle.

**The Girl's Like Spaghetti : Why, You Can't Manage Without Apostrophes!** by Lynn Truss. The same team who made us laugh at comma placement in **Eats, Shoots and Leaves** are back to show us what can happen with (or without) apostrophes.

**Miss Alaineus : A Vocabulary Disaster** by Debra Frasier. This inventive paperback picture book is a spelling book, a vocabulary book, a game book and a costume book all rolled into one.

**Dear Deer : A Book of Homophones** by Gene Barretta

**Dogku** by Andrew Clements. The author of over 50 children's books tells us the story, all in haikus, of one dog's adventures in his new home.

And also:  
**Yo? Yes!** by Chris Raschka.

**Hairy, Scary, Ordinary : What is an Adjective?** And other titles in this fun grammar series.



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## Medieval Times

**Magic in the Margins : A Medieval Tale of Bookmaking** Picture book by W. Nikola-Lisa.

**Perceval : King Arthur's Knight of the Holy Grail** retold by John Perkins. This retelling of the story of Perceval is done in a picture book format with beautiful illustrations.

**The Medieval World** by Philip Steele. Updated in 2006, this covers many aspects of life in the Middle Ages and includes a glossary and brief biographies.

**The Usborne Official Knight's Handbook** by Sam Taplin. Be a knight overnight!

Plus:

**The Castle in the Attic & The Battle for the Castle** novels by Elizabeth Winthrop.

**The Arthur trilogy** by Kevin Crossley-Holland.

**Arthur : High King of Britain** by Michael Morpurgo.

**Mimus** a novel by Lilli Thal.

**Good Times Travel Agency : Adventures in the Middle Ages** by Linda Bailey. Also available in French.

**You Wouldn't Want To Be In A Medieval Dungeon & You Wouldn't Want To Be A Medieval Knight** by Fiona Macdonald.

**Archers, Alchemists, and 98 Other Medieval Jobs You Might Have Loved or Loathed** by Priscilla Galloway.

**The Usborne Time Traveller : Knights and Castles** by Judy Hindley.

**DK Eyewitness Books : Knight, Castle & Medieval Life.**

**The Measly Middle Ages** by Terry Deary. Part of the Horrible Histories series – history with the nasty bits left in!

**Eleanor : Crown Jewel of Aquitaine** a novel by Kristiana Gregory.

**Time Warp Trio : Knights of the Kitchen Table** early chapter book by Jon Scieszka.

**The Magic Tree House : The Knight at Dawn** by Mary Pope Osborne.

**Catherine, Called Birdy** a novel by Karen Cushman.

**Song of the Lioness series, The Immortals series and Protector of the Small series** by Tamora Pierce. This series is set in a medieval-like time with knights, castles, magic and lots of adventure.

We hope you've enjoyed our inaugural edition of The Book Bag. Please let us know if there are any topics you would like us to cover - we really value your input. We hope to see you and your students at our Fall author visits.

Karin, Kim and Kelly