

# HKDPL NOTABLE NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS



For Middle School Readers

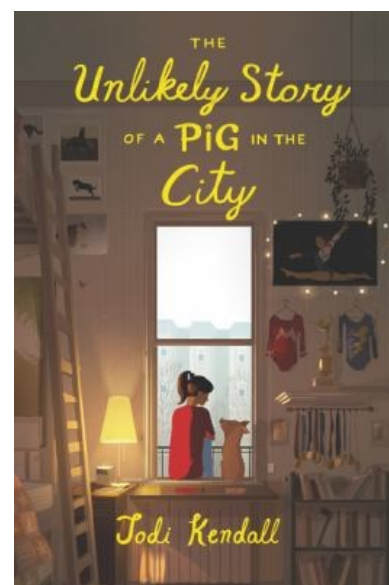
December 4, 2017 List

## ***The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City***

by Jodi Kendall

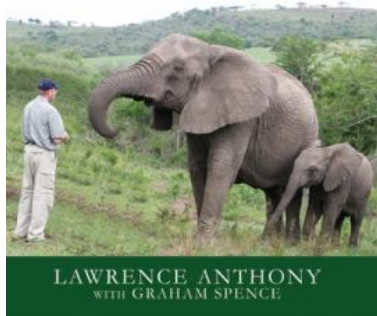
Juv Fiction J Kendall

A little pig in a big city leads to lots of trouble! Josie Shilling's family is too big, their cramped city house is too small, and she feels like no one is ever on her side. Then, on Thanksgiving Day, her older brother, Tom, brings home a pink, squirmy bundle wrapped in an old football jersey--a piglet he rescued from a nearby farm. Her name is Hamlet.



## THE **ELEPHANT WHISPERER**

*My Life with the Herd in the African Wild*



## ***The Elephant Whisperer***

by Lawrence Anthony

Juv Non-fiction 599.67 Ant

When South African conservationist Lawrence Anthony was asked to accept a herd of "rogue" wild elephants on his Thula Thula game reserve in Zululand, his common sense told him to refuse. But he was the herd's last chance of survival: they would be killed if he wouldn't take them. In the years that followed he became a part of their family. And as he battled to create a bond with the elephants, he came to realize that they had a great deal to teach him about life, loyalty, and freedom.

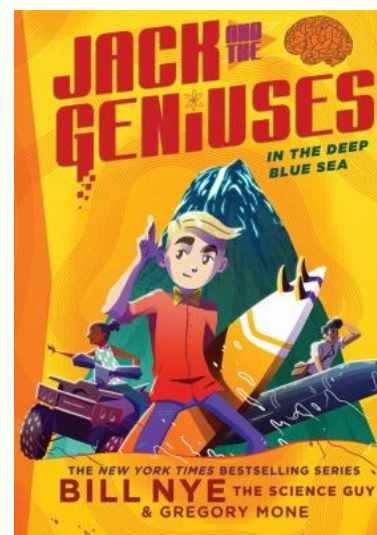
## ***In the Deep Blue Sea***

Series: Jack and the geniuses ; Book 2

by Bill Nye

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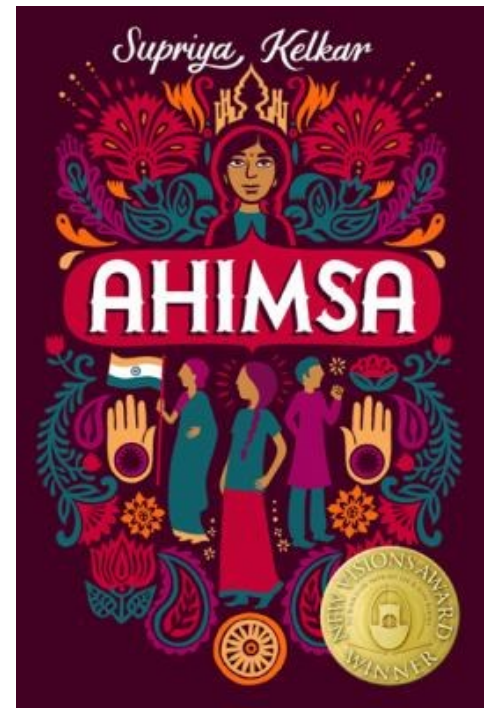
Jack, his genius siblings, and inventor Hank Witherspoon go to Hawaii and help technology billionaire Ashley Hawking find out who is sabotaging her revolutionary electric plant that harvests energy from the deep ocean. Includes facts about the deep ocean, the scientific process, and green power, as well as instructions for an experiment.



## **Ahimsa**

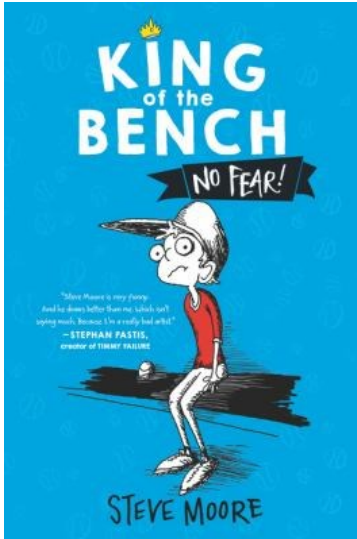
by Supriya Kelkar  
Juv Fiction J Kelkar

Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when ten-year-old Anjali's mother is jailed for doing so, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work.



## **King of the Bench. No Fear!**

by Steve Moore  
Juv Fiction J Moore



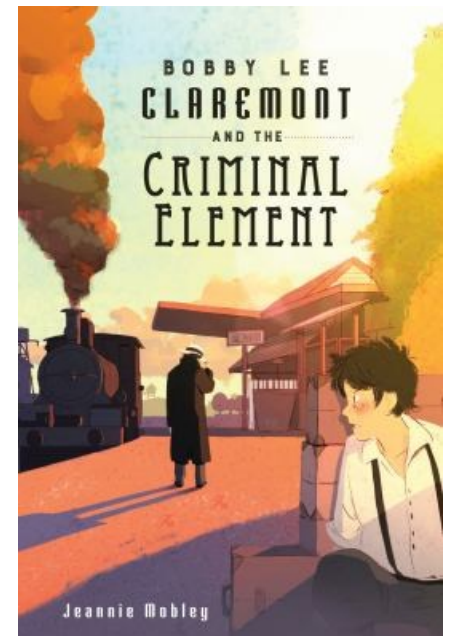
Perfect for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Timmy Failure, King of the Bench is an ode to teammates, underdogs, and bench-warmers everywhere. Steve is King of the Bench. No brag. It's just a fact. But this year, Steve and his friends are excited to try out for the Spiro T. Agnew Middle School baseball team.

## **Bobby Lee Claremont and the Criminal Element**

by Jeannie Mobley  
Juv Fiction J Mobley

In 1923, when New Orleans native and orphan Bobby Lee Claremont boards a train to Chicago, where he hopes to join the criminal element and make a new life for himself, far away from the heavy-handed salvation of the Sisters

of Charitable Mercy, he acquaints himself with a group of intriguing and possibly dangerous passengers who cause Bobby Lee to reconsider his plans.



## **Whichwood**

Companion to *Furthermore*  
by Tahereh Mafi  
Juv Fiction J Mafi

Laylee, thirteen, is nearly worn out from washing and packaging corpses for the Otherwhere and being shunned by villagers when two strangers, Alice and Oliver, arrive determined to help.