

## Aaron Reynolds Book Summaries

**Sea Monkey & Bob (recommended for PK to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades-Hardcover \$16)** Bob the puffer fish and his best buddy Sea Monkey may be little but they've got one ocean-sized problem. Sea Monkey's terrified he'll sink straight to the bottom of the ocean. After all, he's heavy, and all heavy things sink, right? Bob on the other hand is worried that his puffed up frame will float up above the surface. He's light, and all light things float! How will they stay together when the forces of gravity are literally trying to pull them apart? By holding hands, of course! Sea Monkey and Bob learn that sometimes the only way to overcome your fears is to just keep holding on... **NEW RELEASE!**

**Carnivores (recommended for K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades-Hardcover \$16)** The lion is king of the jungle! The great white shark is sovereign of the seas! The timber wolf is emperor of the forests! But . . . it's lonely at the top of the food chain. It's difficult to fit in when plant eaters can be so cruel—just because you ate a relative of theirs that one time! What's a carnivore to do? Aaron Reynolds's roaringly funny text is perfectly paired with Dan Santat's mouthwatering illustrations, creating a toothsome book that's sure to stand out from the herd.

**Nerdy Birdy (recommended for PK to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades-Hardcover \$16)** Nerdy Birdy likes reading, video games, and reading about video games, which immediately disqualifies him for membership in the cool crowd. One thing is clear: being a nerdy birdy is a lonely lifestyle. When he's at his lowest point, Nerdy Birdy meets a flock just like him. He has friends and discovers that there are far more nerdy birdies than cool birdies in the sky.

**Pirates vs. Cowboys (recommended for K to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades-Hardcover \$16)** It is a sad and sorry day when Burnt Beard the Pirate and his scurvy crew swagger into Old Cheyenne looking to bury their treasure. Black Bob McKraw—terror of the Wild West—and his posse don't take too kindly to pirates invading their town. And to add insult to injury, the pirates and cowboys can't understand a lick of what the others are saying. None of them cowboys speak Pirate, and none of them pirates speak Cowboy. Who will save the day before these sorry—and stinky!—bilge rats and yellow-bellied varmints draw their cutlasses and six-shooters?

**President Squid (recommended for K to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades-Hardcover \$16)** Join Aaron Reynolds and Sara Varon as they explore the ideal qualities of leaders, diplomats...and giant squid. Squid knows all about being president. It means living in a big house, doing all the talking—oh, and having a tie is crucial. He's all set! In the next election, make a more informed choice. Vote for President Squid!

**Superhero School (recommended for K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades-Hardcover \$16)** Leonard is no ordinary kid—he's enrolled in Superhero School, where leaping tall buildings in a single bound is child's play. If only long division, fractions, and multiplication came as naturally! But when Mr. Tornado and the rest of the teachers get kidnapped by some ice zombies, Leonard and pals will need to use their math skills if they stand any chance of dividing (and conquering) the enemy.

**Joey Fly Private Eye in Creepy Crawly Crime (recommended for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Grades-Paperback \$14)** Have you ever had one of those moments? You know—you're trying to find a stolen diamond pencil box for your beautiful butterfly customer, your mosquito witness won't give you any information, and your clumsy scorpion assistant has just tampered with your only bit of evidence? Joey Fly has those moments a lot. In fact, he's probably having one right now. But that won't stop him from solving the mystery in *Creepy Crawly Crime*, his fantastic first graphic novel! **GRAPHIC NOVEL!**

**Joey Fly Private Eye in Big Hairy Drama (recommended for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Grades-Paperback \$14)** A cold snap has blown into town like an unwanted house pest. But there's only one guy in the bug city with the power to put crime permanently on ice: Joey Fly, Private Eye. He's always on the lookout for trouble, and he runs into it when he meets Harry Spyderson, proprietor of the Scarab Beetle Theatre and director of the much-anticipated *Bugliacci*. Greta Divawing, the four-winged, long-legged leading lady, has gone missing. Harry hires Joey Fly and his assistant, Sammy Stingtail to crack the case. Can they find Greta in time to save the show? **GRAPHIC NOVEL!**

**Caveboy Dave (recommended for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Grades-Paperback \$12)** Dave Unga-Bunga has always been more scrawny than brawny. This is a major problem when your village expects you to become a meat-bringer. At age twelve, all young cave-people must stalk through the eerie mushroom forests for a prehistoric beast the village can feast on. But Dave would much rather invent stuff for a better life—like underwear to make loincloths less itchy and cutlery to make eating less filthy. Can Dave save his group by inventing the perfect defense against a bloodthirsty pokeyhorn? Or will he MEET HIS DOOM? **GRAPHIC NOVEL!**

**Chicks and Salsa (recommended for K to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades-Paperback \$7)** What happens at Nuthatcher Farm when the chickens get tired of the same old chicken feed? The rooster hatches a plan! With a pinch of genius, a dash of resourcefulness, and a little pilfering from the farmer's garden, the chickens whip up a scrumptious snack of chips and salsa. When the rest of the barnyard gets a whiff of the spicy smells and want to join in, it can mean only one thing . . . FIESTA! But when the big day arrives, all their spicy southwestern supplies are gone! Could Mr. and Mrs. Nuthatcher have caught on to the flavor craze?