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"I wish someone would tell me exactly what a journal is. When I asked my mother, she said, 'Well, it's like a diary only different.' That helps... How am I supposed to write a journal if I don't even know what one is?"

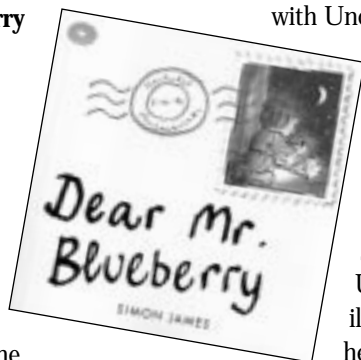
~ Absolutely Normal Chaos

Letters

Dear Juno by Soyung Pak, illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung. Though Juno and his Korean grandmother don't read the same language, they understand each other's letters perfectly. They simply read the drawings, photographs, and small gifts they send each other. When Juno draws a picture of a plane to invite his grandmother to visit, she sends him a special package with a surprise inside. \$5.99. Ages 5-7.

Dear Mr. Blueberry by Simon James.

"Dear Mr. Blueberry, I love whales very much and I think I saw one in my pond today. Please send me some information on whales, as I think he might be hurt. Love, Emily." So begins a remarkable correspondence between



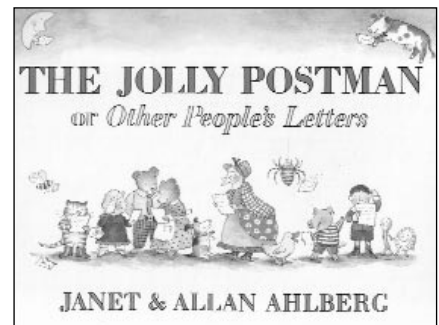
young Emily, who learns about whales, and her teacher, who learns about imagination. Sweetly written and illustrated, *Dear Mr. Blueberry* is a gem. \$5.99. Ages 4-6.

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary. Sixth grader Leigh Botts writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw, about his absentee father, his troubles (and triumphs) at school, and the story he is writing for a school contest. Some letters he mails to the real Mr. Henshaw; some he writes to the Mr. Pretend Henshaw that is his journal. Either way, he gets surprising results. Beloved author Beverly Cleary won the Newbery Medal for this remarkable book. \$5.95. Ages 7-10.

The Gardener by Sarah Stewart, illustrated by David Small. When Lydia Grace's father loses his job, she travels from her home in the country to stay with Uncle Jim in the dreary, grey city.

Uncle Jim never smiles.

Lydia Grace helps her uncle in his bakery, but it is her passion for plants that brings smiles to the faces of the customers. In her letters home, she reveals a plan to make Uncle Jim smile. Winsome illustrations and a most loveable heroine make this a book to be treasured. \$6.95. Ages 5-7.



The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allen Ahlberg. Even older kids will love the many allusions and sophisticated humor contained in letters to and from the characters in their favorite stories. Even better, the book contains real letters kids can take out of their envelopes to read. \$17.95. Ages 5-9.

NEW **The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman** by Darcy Pattison, illustrated by Joe Cepeda. Uncle Ray is too busy with his carpentry business in South Carolina to visit his niece in California, so he sends his wooden friend Oliver instead. Oliver enjoys an eventful cross-country journey, socializing with a Brahman bull in Tennessee, appearing in a parade in Utah, and scaring off bears in the Redwood Forest. Vibrantly illustrated and told entirely through postcards and letters from the people Oliver meets along the way, Oliver's adventure has all the makings of a modern classic. \$16.00. Ages 5-8.

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Letters from Camp by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise. Sent to Camp Happy Harmony to learn to get along with each other, pairs of brothers and sisters discover that it is neither happy nor harmonious. In fact, they may all be in danger. This wacky mystery told through letters sent from Camp Happy Harmony is a wonderfully silly spoof of camp life. \$4.95. Ages 9–12.

Letters from Rifka by Karen Hesse. In letters to her cousin Tovah, Rifka describes her family's harrowing flight from Russia in 1919, the inspections by soldiers and doctors along the way, and the typhoid fever that nearly kills them all. Worst, when they are finally ready to board the ship for America, a doctor discovers that Rifka has ringworm and refuses to let her go. Her family must leave without her. Only twelve, Rifka must recover and make it to America on her own. \$5.99. Ages 10 and up.

Love from Your Friend, Hannah by Mindy Warshaw Skolsky. Hannah's best friend moved away and hasn't answered any of her letters. The pen pal she chose from the box on her teacher's desk is a boy, and his first letter is a big disappointment. So, in desperation, Hannah writes to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, beginning a unique and satisfying correspondence. \$5.95. Ages 10–14.

Love Letters by Arnold Adoff, illustrated by Lisa Desimini. Twenty poems in letter form celebrate love—shy, exciting, confusing, demanding, humorous love. Unique, mixed-media collages illustrate love for friends, crushes, strangers, family, and teachers. \$15.95. Ages 6–9.

Postcards from... by Denise Allard. Each book in this series features postcards describing a country's geography, landmarks, and other characteristics. The combination of photographs and simple, factual text make these excellent introductions to other countries. Series includes: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India,

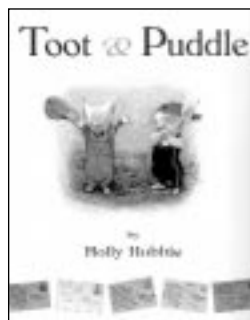
Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, and Vietnam. \$6.95 each. Ages 4–8.

Postcards from Pluto by Loreen Leedy. A group of children take a tour of the solar system led by a knowledgeable robot named Dr. Quasar. As they tour planets, the sun, and the moon, they send postcards home detailing the things they've learned. The fun format and illustrations make this an excellent early space book. \$6.95. Ages 4–8.

P.S. Longer Letter Later by Paula Danziger and Ann M. Martin. Shy, cautious Elizabeth and outgoing, daring Tara*Starr are complete opposites who are the best of friends. Tara*Starr has moved away, so the friends try to maintain their friendship through letters. Two of the most popular novelists for pre-teens perfectly capture the cadences of friendship and of growing up. In *Snail Mail No More*, the girls continue their long distance friendship through e-mail. \$4.99 each. Ages 10–14.

Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea by Vera B. Williams. Stringbean and his brother Fred drove from Kansas all the way to California in a pickup truck with a little house built on the back. Their grandfather put together this album full of the photos they took and the postcards they sent back home. Full of loveable characters, interesting adventures, fascinating facts, and remarkable artwork in a unique format, this book shouldn't be missed. \$5.95. Ages 5–9.

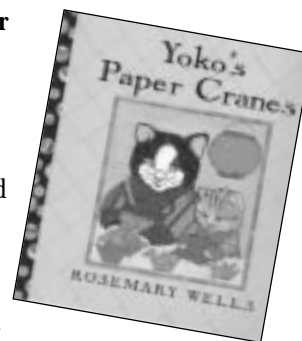
Toot & Puddle by Holly Hobbie. Toot and Puddle are very best friends with very different interests. When Toot sets off to travel the world, Puddle decides to stay cozy at home. While Puddle sends Toot postcards describing all the adventures he is



having in far-away places, Toot has his own adventures at home. Delightful illustrations capture the joy of being a friend and of being your self. \$15.95. Ages 4–6.

With love, Little Red Hen by Alma Flor Ada, illustrated by Leslie Tryon. The third in a series of books that includes *Dear Peter Rabbit* and *Yours truly, Goldilocks* contains letters written between the Little Red Hen and her cousin; Goldilocks and Little Red Riding Hood; and, suspiciously, two wolves. Kids will adore reading their favorite storybook characters' private mail. \$16.00. Ages 5–7.

Yoko's Paper Cranes by Rosemary Wells. After Yoko moves to the United States from Japan, she and her grandparents



exchange letters every week. When Yoko doesn't have any money to buy her grandmother a birthday present, she remembers the origami her grandfather taught her in Japan and sends a package containing three lovely paper cranes. Beautiful, gold-leafed illustrations complement the exceptionally well-written text. \$15.99. Ages 3–6.

Diaries and Journals

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech. "Dear Mr. Birkway, Here it is: my summer journal. As you can see, I got a little carried away. The problem is this, though. I don't want you to read it." Despite being less than enthusiastic about her summer journal assignment, Mary Lou soon finds herself writing pages and pages about the most eventful summer of her life. Beloved, Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech does it again with an equally hilarious and poignant novel that is sure to appeal to preteens. \$5.99. Ages 10–13.

Amelia's Notebook by Marissa Moss. The enormously popular *Amelia's Notebook* series begins when Amelia's mom gives her a marble notebook in which to write down her thoughts. Amelia soon fills the notebook with drawings, letters from her best friend Nadia, and her opinions on moving, her sister, her new school, and more. \$5.95. Ages 6–9.

Dilly's Summer Camp Diary by Cynthia C. Lewis. "I am sorry to say that today was even worse than yesterday." Though Dilly couldn't wait to go to summer camp, she soon determines that she hates the miserable place. She fills her notebook with stories and drawings detailing her reasons for hating camp. Like many campers, though, her despair only lasts for a few days before she makes friends and participates in some really cool activities. \$6.95. Ages 6–9.

Galen: My Life in Imperial Rome by Marissa Moss. Twelve-year-old painter Galen describes his life as a slave to the Emperor Augustus. Kids will delight in the marginal notes and drawings that capture the look of a real journal. The skillfully written, historically accurate text ensures that they'll be learning tons of facts before they even realize it. \$15.00. Ages 7–11.

Melanie Martin Goes Dutch by Carol Weston. Melanie is thrilled to hear that her best friend Cecily will be accompanying her on her family's vacation to Amsterdam. But when their luggage gets lost and her family starts paying more attention to Cecily than her, Melanie quickly loses her enthusiasm for traveling. Just in time, Melanie remembers what it means to be a friend and salvages the rest of her trip. \$15.95. Ages 9–13.

My Diary from Here to There / Mi diario de aqui hasta alla by Amada Irma Perez, illustrations by Maya Christina Gonzalez. Surprised by her family's decision to move from Mexico to the United States, Amada

confides her fears, questions, hopes, and triumphs in her diary. The bilingual story includes historical information and skillfully portrays the Mexican immigrant experience in the 1960s (and today). Richly colored paintings complement the text. \$16.95. Ages 5–9.

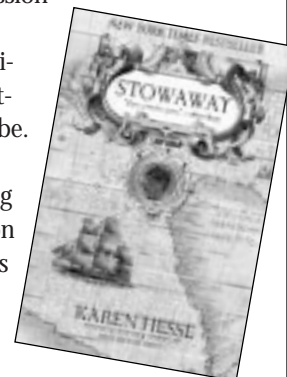
NEW Princess in Waiting by Meg Cabot. In the latest installment in the popular *Princess Diaries* series, Mia makes a royal gaffe by advocating the installation of public parking meters in Genovia. But at least her subjects like the way she dresses. With her usual smarts and style, Meg Cabot ensures that this will be as big a hit as the rest. \$15.99. Ages 10–14.

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4 by Sue Townsend. Adrian's hilarious entries about his embarrassing family, crazy friends, dubious love life, spotty complexion, and many mishaps earn this the distinction of being one of the few novels that is truly laugh-out-loud funny. Pre-teens and young teens will totally relate while also laughing their heads off. \$5.99. Ages 12 and up.

NEW Sahara Special by Esmé Raji Codell. "A teacher from Somewhere Else sounded good to me. Sometimes, I wish I were from Somewhere Else myself." Taken out of special ed. at her mother's insistence, Sahara is nervously facing fifth grade in a regular classroom. Except, with a diploma from "MRS. FRUMPER'S FABULOUS SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS," deep purple lipstick, and lessons in Puzzling and Time Travel, her fifth grade teacher is anything but regular. The author of *Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year*, triumphs with a first novel that is realistic, hilarious, and truly inspiring. \$15.99. Ages 10 and up.



Stowaway by Karen Hesse. In 1768, Captain James Cook began a three-year-long voyage around the world on a secret mission to discover an unknown continent at the bottom of the globe. A boy named Nicholas Young stowed away on his ship. Nick's journal, brilliantly fictionalized by Newbery winner Karen Hesse, is full of discovery, adventure, and little known historical detail. \$6.99. Ages 11 and up.



You've Read Them...Now Write Them

Camp Journal published by Mudpuppy. This very handy camp journal includes "What to Pack" and "Things To Do Before Leaving" checklists as well as places to write the names and addresses of family and friends at home. Kids will love filling out their "Daily Camp Log" that includes "Weather Today," "What I Did Today," and "Favorite Things Today." \$9.95.

Camp-Out Stationery Pack published by eeBoo. Each page of camp-themed stationery folds up and closes with a sticker. No envelopes necessary. Kids will love the cleverly designed stationery and neat stickers. \$10.95.

A Kid's Travel Journal published by Walter Foster. Boxes to check, questions to answer, and spaces to fill in, make this travel planner and memory book perfect for the child who needs a little prompting to keep a journal. \$14.95.

Kids' Travel Journal published by Mudpuppy. With sections entitled, "What I Did, What I Saw, and Where and What I Ate," kids will find writing down their experiences almost as much fun as having them. \$9.95.

Events

Sunday, May 4th 11am

Join us for an interactive children's concert with **Bob McGrath** (Bob of **Sesame Street**). The award-winning recording artist and original *Sesame Street* cast member will perform songs from his well-loved recordings. Adults \$10.00 / Children \$6.00. Ages 2 and up.

Saturday, May 17th 11am

Come to a storytime and art workshop with author/illustrator **Steve Light**. His newest creation *The Shoemaker Extraordinaire* is a retelling of the classic illustrated with brightly colored cloth and paper collages. Ages 4-8.

Monday, May 19th 6:30 pm

Join us for the launch of the Readers Circle tour, featuring top children's book authors **Louis Sachar** (*Holes*), **Lois Lowry** (*The Giver*), **Kimberly Willis Holt** (*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*), **Ruth Pennebaker** (*Both Sides Now*), **Jennifer Armstrong**

(*Becoming Mary Mehan*), **Janet Tashjian** (*The Gospel According to Larry*), and **Adam Bagdasarian** (*Forgotten Fire*). This special appearance will include a panel discussion of YA literature and a book signing. Call for reservations. Ages 10-adult.

Saturday, June 7th, 3pm

Meet best-selling author **Ann Brashares** as she reads from **The Second Summer of the Sisterhood**, sequel to the hit, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Bring your favorite quote to add to our very own traveling pants! Ages 12 and up.

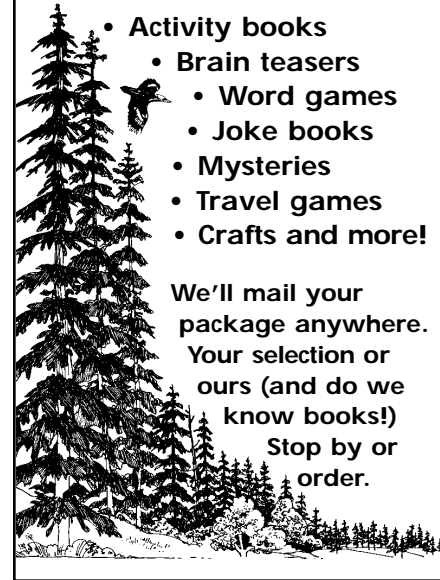
Magic at Midnight



Can't wait one single second longer? Then join us at midnight, June 21, to celebrate the release of **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**.

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