A Walk in the Forest
Author: Maria Dek
Illustrator: Maria Dek
Publisher: Princeton Architectural Press
Number of Pages: 48
Lexile: 1100
Summary: A Walk in the Forest is a stunning invitation to discover the woods as a place for both imaginative play and contemplation: collect pinecones, feathers, or stones; follow the tracks of a deer; or listen to the chirping of birds and the whisper of trees. Build a shelter and play hide-and-seek. Pretend the woods are a jungle, or stones; follow the tracks of a deer; or listen to the chirping of birds and the whisper of trees. Build a shelter and play hide-and-seek. Pretend the woods are a jungle, or

Artists and Their Pets: True Stories of Famous Artists and Their Animal Friends
Author: Susie Hodge
Illustrator: Violet Lemay
Publisher: Duopress
Number of Pages: 192
Lexile: 1140
Summary: A collection of true stories about the lesser-known relationships between famous artists and their pets includes profiles of Pablo Picasso’s goat and white mouse, Andy Warhol’s dachshunds, Salvador Dalí’s ocelots, Georgia O’Keefe’s Siamese cats and more.

You Are the First Kid on Mars
Author: Patrick O’Brien
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers
Number of Pages: 32
Lexile: 910
Summary: In the spirit of books that once imagined colonies on the moon, Patrick O’Brien has created a unique look at your first trip to Mars. Using the most up-to-date designs and theories of what it will take to establish a base on Mars, you are off on an incredible journey, over 35 million miles to the red planet. Filled with details, and vividly brought to life, this is an adventure that you are never going to forget.

Falcons in the City: The Story of a Peregrine Family
Author: Chris Earley
Illustrator: Luke Massey (photographer)
Publisher: Firefly Books
Number of Pages: 48
Lexile: 840
Summary: This amusing true-life story looks at the issues related to urban wildlife and how urban dwellers co-exist with an ever-increasing wildlife population that finds ingenious— and sometimes devious— ways to move into our homes and cities, often without notice.

The Lost Book of Adventure: from the notebooks of the Unknown Adventurer
Author: Teddy Keen
Illustrator: Frances Lincoln Children’s Books
Number of Pages: 192
Lexile: 112
Summary: Having inspired the adventurous spirit in you, the Unknown Adventurer encourages you to set out on your own adventure with information on wild camping, rafting, exploration, and shelters and dens, plus tips on first aid and tying knots. Expert instructions on wilderness basics, like building a fire, what to do if you get lost, and how to build various types of shelters are accompanied by more specific skills culled from many years of experience, like baking campfire bread, creating a toothbrush from a twig, making a suture from soldier ants, and even how to pan for gold.

Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event
Author: Rebecca Bond
Illustrator: Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Number of Pages: 40
Lexile: 840
Summary: Antonio Willie Giroux lived in a hotel his mother ran on the edge of a lake. He loved to explore the woods and look for animals, but they always remained hidden away. One hot, dry summer, when Antonio was almost five, disaster struck: a fire rushed through the forest. Everyone ran to the lake—the only safe place in town—and stood knee-deep in water as they watched the fire. Then, slowly, animals emerged from their forest home and joined the people in the water. Miraculously, the hotel did not burn down, and the animals rebuilt their homes in the forest—but Antonio never forgot the time when he watched the distance between people and animals disappear.

Author: Dylan Thuras, Rosemary Mosco
Illustrator: Joy Ang
Publisher: Workman Publishing Company
Number of Pages: 112
Lexile: 910
Summary: For curious kids, this is the chance to embark on the journey of a lifetime—and see how faraway countries have more in common than you might expect! Hopscotch from country to country in a chain of connecting attractions: Explore Mexico’s glittering cave of crystals, then visit the world’s largest cave in Vietnam. Peer over a 355-foot waterfall in Zambia, then learn how Antarctica’s Blood Falls got their mysterious color. Or see mysterious mummies in Japan and France, then majestic ice caves in both Argentina and Austria.

The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth: Understanding Our World and Its Ecosystems
Author: Rachel Ignotofsky
Illustrator: n/a
Publisher: Ten Speed Press
Number of Pages: 128
Lexile: 790
Summary: Making earth science accessible and entertaining through art, maps, and infographics, The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth explains how our planet works—and how we can protect it—from its diverse ecosystems and their inhabitants, to the levels of ecology, the importance of biodiversity, the cycles of nature, and more. Science- and nature-loving readers of all ages will delight in this utterly charming guide to our amazing home.

The Hen Who Sailed Around the World - A True Story
Author: Guirec Soudee
Illustrator: n/a
Publisher: Hachette
Number of Pages: unpaged
Lexile: 790
Summary: Guirec and Monique are irresistible as unlikely comrades and friends taking on the world, and Guirec documented their journey with his remarkable, comical photographs. A deeply touching portrait of the real-life bond between animas and the humans who love them as well as a thrilling survival story, The Hen Who Sailed Around the World is an adventure for the ages.
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