

The Blue Ghost

by Marion Dane Bauer

Questions

1. Where was Liz's grandmother's home?
Answer: Her home was in the northern forests of Minnesota. (p. 1 PB)
2. Where was Liz when she first heard the ghost?
Answer: She was asleep in her grandmother's house. (p. 1 PB)
3. Why was Liz visiting her grandmother?
Answer: She was there to help her pack up her belongings. (p. 13 PB)
4. How many children did Liz find behind the wall?
Answer: She found five children. (p. 35 PB)
5. Where did Liz find the key to the trunk?
Answer: She found it on a nail in the window frame behind a curtain. (p. 78 PB)
6. Why couldn't the baby breathe easily?
Answer: He had the croup. (p. 58 PB)
7. What was the baby's name?
Answer: The baby's name was Matthew. (p. 60 PB)
8. Who showed Liz where to locate the treatment for croup?
Answer: The Blue Ghost/ the baby's mother showed Liz where to locate the treatment. (p. 62 PB)
9. Where was the remedy?
Answer: The remedy was in the wooden trunk. (p. 63 PB)
10. What did the first Elizabeth do when she grew up?
Answer: She became a doctor, got married, and had four children. (p. 76 PB)

Clementine

by Sara Pennypacker

Questions

1. What name did Margaret's mom call Clementine's brother?
Answer: She called him "The easy one." (p. 17 HB)
2. How did Clementine solve the Great Pigeon War?
Answer: She convinced Mrs. Jacobi to feed the pigeons from a side window. (p. 103 HB)
3. Why did Clementine cut off Margaret's hair?
Answer: Clementine said, "I was helping." (p. 12 HB)
4. What on earth was Clementine thinking when she cut off her own hair?
Answer: She wanted to make Margaret feel better. (p. 47 HB)
5. What does Clementine's name have in common with Principal Rice's name?
Answer: They both are food names. (p. 48 HB)
6. Of what was Clementine afraid?
Answer: She was afraid of pointy things and boomerangs. (p. 11 HB)
7. What did Clementine's Dad put on the head of the lion in order to chase the pigeons away?
Answer: He placed a brown plastic owl. (p. 86 HB)
8. Why did Clementine call her brother vegetable names?
Answer: She got stuck with a fruit name and he didn't. She thought that was not fair. She thought that the only thing worse than a fruit name is a vegetable name. (p. 17 HB)
9. What were Clementine's plans for when she becomes a grown-up?
Answer: She said, "Like that I plan to smoke cigars. And I do not plan to get married." (p. 93 HB)
10. What did Margaret do at Clementine's birthday party?
Answer: She breathed on the *M&M* rocks. She sat on the sparkle-glitter paint set and said it was an accident. And she was trying to look like Clementine, except she gets to have bracelets and Clementine doesn't. (p. 67 HB)

Dexter the Tough

by Margarer Peterson Haddix

Questions

1. What did Dexter write about on his first day at the new school?
Answer: Dexter wrote about beating up a kid in the restroom. (p. 6 HB)
2. How did the janitor make friends with Brian?
Answer: The janitor made friends with Brian by offering to let Brian help with finding a different kind of floor wax. (p. 102 HB)
3. Why did Dexter get mad at the janitor?
Answer: Dexter got mad at the janitor because the floors were slippery and Dexter fell. (p. 90 HB)
4. What did Dexter mistakenly call the bone marrow transplant?
Answer: Brian called the bone marrow transplant a marshmallow transplant. (p. 72 HB)
5. Why was Robin crying in the restroom?
Answer: Robin was crying because he was homesick. (p. 109 HB)
6. What happened to make Dexter mad at the principal?
Answer: The principal made Dexter feel like an orphan by asking him where his parents were. (p. 117 HB)
7. Why had Dexter gotten mad at the secretary?
Answer: Dexter was mad at the secretary because she left him standing in the middle of the hall. (p. 105 HB)
8. What did Brian's father need?
Answer: Brian's father needed a bone marrow transplant. (p. 72 HB)
9. Who did Brian stay with while he was not with his mother and father?
Answer: Brian stayed with his grandma. (p. 4-5 HB)
10. How many times did Dexter hit Robin?
Answer: Dexter hit Robin once. (p. 133 HB)

The Ghost's Grave

by Peg Kehret

Questions

1. Who did Aunt Ethel believe Florence the peacock really was?
Answer: Aunt Ethel believed that the peacock was her dead sister Florence. (p. 27 PB)
2. Where did Josh meet Willie?
Answer: He meet Willie in the tree house. (p. 60 PB)
3. Why was Josh going to stay with Aunt Ethel for the summer?
Answer: Josh's mom was going to work in India with her fiancé Steve. (p. 19 PB)
4. Where did Willie learn to read?
Answer: Willie learned to read in the library. (p. 61 PB)
5. What did Willie have to do before he could become an angel?
Answer: He had to get over his anger and fill his heart with love. (p. 67 PB)
6. What caused the explosion at the mine when Willie died?
Answer: Another miner, Emil Davies, struck a match to light his pipe. (p. 67 PB)
7. For what cause had the townspeople of Carbon City raised money?
Answer: The money was to be used to build an animal shelter. (p. 42 PB)
8. Who stole the money that had been raised for the animal shelter?
Answer: Mr. Turlep, the bank manager stole the money. (p. 197-198 PB)
9. What did Willie want Josh to do for him?
Answer: Willie wanted Josh to dig up his leg bones and bury them with the rest of his body (p. 73 PB)
10. What did Josh write on the cake for Muriel Morris to see?
Answer: He wrote the word "help." (p. 174 PB)

Homework Machine

by Dan Gutman

Questions

1. What did Brenton, Sam, Judy, and Kelsey do with the homework machine?
Answer: They catapulted it over the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. (p. 132 PB)
2. How did the homework machine work?
Answer: The scanner scans the worksheet and feeds the data into the computer. It answers the questions and “spits out” the worksheet in the student’s handwriting. (pp. 35-36 PB)
3. Why did Miss Rasmussen get suspicious of the four students and their homework?
Answer: She started to notice the similarities in their homework and the fact that they all got the right answers all the time. (p. 105 PB)
4. What did Sam’s father do for a living and what happened to him?
Answer: He was a soldier in the Air Force and he was killed when his armored vehicle was ambushed. (pp. 47, 48, 115, and 116.PB)
5. What game did Brenton and Sam play?
Answer: They played chess. (p. 93 PB)
6. What did Miss Rasmussen ask the students to do for their first homework assignment of the year?
Answer: She asked them to write their feelings about The Ten Commandments of Homework. (p. 17 PB)
7. What objects did the students make when they researched Greek and Roman history?
Answer: They made catapults. (p. 40 PB)
8. What was Kelsey, Sam, Brenton, and Judy’s group in class called?
Answer: They were called the D squad. (p. 13 PB)
9. What is the name of the school in *Homework Machine*?
Answer: The school is called The Grand Canyon School. (p. 7 PB)
10. Who was the man who was e-mailing Kelsey online and what did he want?
Answer: His name is Richard Milner. He is in the marketing business and sells stuff to kids. (pp. 143-144 PB)

Listen!

by Stephanie S. Tolan

Questions

1. What happened to Charlie that caused her to miss school?
Answer: She was in an automobile accident and her leg was shattered. The doctor put a long rod in her leg and she has been in physical therapy and out of school since the accident. (pp. 3-4 HB)
2. Instead of a physical therapist, what does Charlie call Tony?
Answer: She calls Tony her physical terrorist. (p. 3 HB)
3. Where is Amy, Charlie's best friend, spending the summer?
Answer: Amy is going to Lake George in upstate New York where she will have a tennis coach. (p. 5 HB)
4. What was the profession of Charlie's mom?
Answer: Her mom was a professional photographer. (p. 19-20 HB)
5. What name does Charlie give to the stray dog?
Answer: She names him Coyote. (p. 38 HB)
6. Coyote is afraid to take food from humans. What events does Charlie imagine happened to Coyote to make him so afraid?
Answer: Charlie thinks that men bribed Coyote with food and then locked him in a shed. (p. 47 HB)
7. Charlie thinks that Coyote hungers for more than food. What does she think Coyote would really like to have?
Answer: In talking with neighbors like Mrs. Hobbes, Charlie realizes that Coyote yearns for companionship and a family. (p. 49 HB)
8. Charley and her mother shared a bond with a locally famous, seventy-year-old? Where did Charley and her mom travel to find this famous local oddity and what was it?
Answer: Charley's mom had found Tree, a sweet gum tree that had survived being almost covered with water after the dam was built. Charley visited Tree in the lake created by the dam. (p. 86 HB)
9. Coyote had become friends with a neighbor's dog. What was the other dog's name?
Answer: Coyote was friends with Sadie who belonged to the Davis family. (p. 11 HB)
10. How many days did it take before Charley was able to touch Coyote?
Answer: It took 40 days before Charley touched the dog. (p. 129 HB)

The Missing Manatee

by Cynthia DeFelice

Questions

1. What does Skeet's father do for a living?
Answer: He is a fishing guide. (p. 7 HB)
2. What does Dirty Dan call manatees?
Answer: He calls them live speed bumps. (p. 14 HB)
3. What was Blink's favorite game?
Answer: Blink liked to flip quarters. (p. 23 HB)
4. In Skeet's dream, who did the hammerhead shark turn into?
Answer: The shark turned into his English Teacher, Mr. Giordano. (p. 46 HB)
5. Why was Skeet saving his money?
Answer: He wanted to buy a radio antenna. (p. 61 HB)
6. What kind of fish did Dan and Skeet go fishing to catch?
Answer: They wanted to catch tarpon. (p. 38 HB)
7. What is "Murphy's Law?"
Answer: If anything can go wrong, it will. (p. 72 HB)
8. What kind of a new restaurant in town did Memaw take Skeet for dinner?
Answer: They went to a Chinese restaurant. (p. 111 HB)
9. How did Skeet mark his path from the spot where he found the manatee?
Answer: Skeet tied a piece of blue rope onto the branch of a mangrove tree every time he turned a corner in the river. (p. 125 HB)
10. What is the title of Skeet's English paper?
Answer: The title is My Pet Peeve or the Skeet Waters Golden Moon Menu Method of Growing Yourself Up. (p. 177 HB)

No Talking

by Andrew Clements

Questions

1. What inspired Dave to give up talking for an entire day?
Answer: Dave decided to stop talking because of what he had learned about Mahatma Gandhi during his research report on India. Gandhi believed that he could bring order to his mind by not speaking for one day each week. Dave began to wonder if not talking would bring order to his mind and maybe even make him smarter. (p. 5 - 8 HB)
2. How did Dave convince Lindsey to stop talking?
Answer: Dave challenged Lynsey to a contest – boys against girls. Whichever side talked less, won. (p. 21-27 HB)
3. What was the nickname given to this group of students since they were in first grade together at Laketon Elementary School?
Answer: They were called “The Unshushables.” (p. 33 HB)
4. Why was the note that Lynsey passed to Dave in science class so important in helping Mrs. Marlow understand what the fifth grade students were doing?
Answer: Mrs. Marlow viewed the note as “the Rosetta stone,” an important key in helping her determine why the students were not talking and answering the teacher with a maximum of three words. (p. 62 HB)
5. To what “special no-talking match” did Dave challenge Lynsey?
Answer: The winner of the boys verses girls contest would get to write a big *L* on the loser’s forehead on the playground after lunch on Thursday. (p. 78 HB)
6. Why was Mr. Burton especially excited by the No Talking contest between the students?
Answer: Mr. Burton was taking a class at the university for his master’s degree. This contest was like his own special language lab for his Human Development course. He knew that he could write a big research paper on how the students were trying to use language in a new way, and trying to change how they communicated. (p. 82 HB)
7. What did the students do so they could participate in music class?
Answer: The boys and girls all agreed that singing was not talking. (p. 123 HB)
8. What did Mrs. Hiatt do to bully Dave in the cafeteria?
Answer: Mrs. Hiatt got very angry and yelled at Dave with the bullhorn. (p. 127 – 130 HB)
9. How did Mrs. Hiatt change the contest for the school?
Answer: Mrs. Hiatt changed the contest so that the students were competing grade level against grade level instead of boys against girls. (p. 140 HB)
10. Who won the contest?
Answer: It was a tie 74 to 74. (p. 145 HB)

Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts

by Frances O’Roark Dowell

Questions

1. What is the name of the magazine that Mac likes to read?
Answer: He likes to read the *Scientific American*. (p. 14 PB)
2. How did Mac’s mom do a science experiment without meaning to do one?
Answer: She opened a plastic container of beans that had been left in the refrigerator too long. (p. 22 PB)
3. Why did Ben say the library copier sort of exploded?
Answer: He used it to make copies of his drawings for the class and it overheated. (p. 83 PB)
4. What Ingredient did Ben forget to bring for the volcano experiment?
Answer: He forgot to bring the vinegar. (p. 154 PB)
5. What was the "let it go" box?
Answer: The box was a place for toys that were going to be given to Goodwill because you had out grown them. (p. 73 PB)
6. Who was Phineas named after?
Answer: He was named after his great-great uncle. (p. 66 PB)
7. Why did Mrs. Tuttle use purple ink?
Answer: She thought that red ink on paper stresses some people. (p. 86 PB)
8. Why did Aretha want to look at the paper from the closet?
Answer: Aretha wanted to see if there were teeth marks on the paper or if the paper was ripped up. (p. 133 PB)
9. Who won second prize in the fourth grade science fair?
Answer: Aretha and Roland won second prize. (p. 164 PB)
10. Where did Mac’s friend Marcus move?
Answer: He moved to Lawrence, Kansas. (p. 4 PB)

Roxie and the Hooligans

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Questions

1. Depending on the circumstances and the weather, name two of the four things that Uncle Dangerfoot's slender cane could become.
Answer: It could become a harpoon, a gun, an umbrella, or a walking stick. (p. 2 PB)
2. What was the name of Lord Thistlebottom's book?
Answer: The title is *Lord Thistlebottom's Book of Pitfalls and How to Survive Them*. (p. 2 PB)
3. What three words always followed Lord Thistlebottom's bits of advice?
Answer: The three words are "Do Not Panic." (p. 11 PB)
4. What were the Hooligans planning to do to Roxie on the morning when their adventure began?
Answer: They were going to put underpants on her head, letting her ears fit through the leg holes, and then glue the pants to her head with eggs. (pp.18-19 PB)
5. What did Freddy do that surprised Roxie on the first night on the island?
Answer: He began to cry because he was afraid of the dark. (pp. 36-37 PB)
6. According to Lord Thistlebottom there could be two ways of having enough water to drink. One was to make a bowl out of the bark of a tree and collect rainwater. What was the second?
Answer: The second was to tear their shirts into strips and tie them around their ankles. Each morning just after the sun comes up, they should drag them through the sea grass. The rags would soak up the dew. Next, they are to hold them over their mouths and wring them out. (p. 70 PB)
7. Why didn't Roxie take the tins of tuna and sardines, cans of beef stew, spaghetti, and beans she found in the robbers' tent, and instead only took the sausage and cheese?
Answer: She didn't have a can opener. (p. 77 PB)
8. What was important about Helvetia asking "What do you think we should do, Roxie?"
Answer: It was the first time Helvetia called Roxie by her real name and also did not say anything about Roxie's ears. (p. 88 PB)
9. Roxie decided to attract the attention of the airplane, but then realized that there would be a problem. Explain what Roxie did to attract the attention of the airplane, the problem, and Roxie's solution.
Answer: Roxie decided to build a large triangle of rocks on the beach (the international sign of distress); however, the rocks were on one side of the island and the beach on the other. Roxie organized a "rock brigade" in which the kids would pass the rocks to each other from one side of the island to the other. (pp. 90-91 PB)
10. Describe how Roxie taught the hooligans to make the sound of a squalling rabbit in order to sound an alarm if the robbers left their tent.
Answer: She told them to lick the back of their hand, making it good and wet (spitting on it if they must). Then give the hand a long, slow kiss. (pp. 91-92 PB)

Rules

by Cynthia Lord

Questions

1. What kinds of things does Catherine hope to do with her new neighbor?
Answer: She hopes to go swimming, watch television, ride bikes, and send Morse code messages with flashlights. (p. 5 PB)
2. How does Catherine wish her brother would act?
Answer: She wishes he could be a “regular” brother, one who she could joke with and fight with. (p. 8 PB)
3. Why does Catherine keep a list of rules for David?
Answer: So if her wish comes true and he does ever become a “regular” brother, she will not have to explain the way the world works to him. (p. 9 PB)
4. What is David's favorite place?
Answer: David's favorite place is the video store. (p. 2 PB)
5. Why was Jason angry at his mother on the day when Catherine first began to draw him?
Answer: He wanted a guitar, but his mom would not stop at the store. (p. 20 PB)
6. Why does David hold his hands over his ears?
Answer: He hears everything extra loudly. (p. 29 PB)
7. How long does Catherine comfort David on the swing while waiting for her father to come? How late was their father?
Answer: The father was 42 minutes late. (p. 40 PB)
8. Why does Jason want Catherine's name in his communication book?
Answer: So he can talk to her. (p. 43 PB)
9. What reason does Jason's mom give Catherine for not wanting her to make him more cards?
Answer: She doesn't think he needs any more. (p. 47 PB)
10. Why is Catherine afraid when her mother says both parents will watch after David at the barbeque?
Answer: She is afraid because each will think the other is watching and so no one will actually be watching him. (p. 60 PB)

Sloppy Copy Slipup

by DyAnne Disalvo

Questions

1. With what was Brian Higman having so much trouble?
Answer: Brian was having trouble writing a sloppy copy. (Throughout the book HB)
2. How did Brian finally finish his sloppy copy?
Answer: Brian finally finished his sloppy copy by writing from his own experiences. (Throughout the book HB)
3. Why did Brian know about newspapers?
Answer: Brian knew about newspapers because his father was founder and publisher of "The Franklin Newsletter." (p. 9 HB)
4. What was Brian's newspaper called?
Answer: Brian's newspaper was called "Big Hig's Disastrous Newspaper." (First two pages)
5. What was Brian's teacher's name?
Answer: Brian's teacher's name was Miss Fromme. (p. 6 HB)
6. What did Brian want to buy?
Answer: Brian wanted to buy a guitar. (p. 10 HB)
7. What was Miss Fromme known as throughout the school?
Answer: Miss Fromme was known as "The General." (p. 24 HB)
8. In what item did Brian keep his money?
Answer: Brian kept his money in a sock. (p. 40 HB)
9. What happened to Brian's money?
Answer: Brian's money was snatched by Patches, the family dog. (p. 89 HB)
10. What was Brian's new motto?
Answer: Brian's new motto was, "A true writer is always prepared to write." (p. 95 HB)

Stumptown Kid

by Carol Gorman and Ron J. Findley

Questions

1. What year was the setting for *Stumptown Kid* ?
Answer: The story takes place in Iowa in 1952. (p. 1 HB)
2. Holden, Iowa had a baseball team for eleven and twelve year olds. What was the name of the team?
Answer: The team was known as the Wildcats. (p. 2 HB)
3. Trouble starts between Charlie and his best friend Will. What caused the trouble between the two boys?
Answer: After the tryouts, Will made the team but Charlie did not. (p. 9 HB)
4. What important event had happened in Luther's life to make him lose the full use of his arm and to begin traveling around the country?
Answer: Luther threw a pitch to Sam Brody and accidentally hit him in the head, killing him. Although it was an accident, the sheriff told him to leave the area for a while. (pp. 72-74 HB)
5. What does?
Answer: Ketchup (p. 38 HB)
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7. What had happened to Charlie's dad?
Answer: His dad was a soldier in the Korean War and was killed during the fighting. (p. 32 HB)
8. What team did Luther Peale play for when he was a professional baseball player?
Answer: He played for the Memphis Mockingbirds. (p. 90 HB)
9. Charlie does not like his mom's boyfriend Vern. How does Vern show Charlie that he is not an honest and responsible person?
Answer: Vern breaks Mrs. Banks' window and he was not going to tell her that he had done it. (p. 101 HB)
10. What does Charlie think caused Brad Lobo to become so nasty and a bully?
Answer: Charlie saw Brad Lobo's brother hit him in the grocery store. The father also seemed to be mean and nasty. (pp. 146-147 HB)

The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco

by Janice Repka

Questions

11. What do Phillip's parents buy him for his eleventh birthday?
Answer: They bought him a swallowing sword. (p. 14 HB)

12. What does Phillip like to eat with his potato chips?
Answer: He likes to eat ketchup with his potato chips. (p. 38 HB)

3. Why was Phillip suspended from school?
Answer: He was circulating a petition without approval. (p. 77 HB)

4. What happened to Phillip in the law library?
Answer: A bookshelf fell over while he was climbing up to get a book. (p. 84 HB)

5. What does Phillip do when B.B. throws the ball at his heart?
Answer: He catches the ball. (p. 103 HB)

6. What does Phillip do to rescue B.B. during the Dodgeball game?
Answer: He juggled the dodgeballs. (p. 122 HB)

7. What was inside the box marked Exhibit A?
Answer: Phillip's dad – Leo Laugh-a-Lot (p. 153 HB)

8. How did Phillip's dad help people avoid the dodgeballs?
Answer: He put them in the telephone booth. (p. 165 HB)

9. What was the last part of the settlement?
Answer: Mr. Race (Stinky) had to write an apology letter to Matilda. (p. 177 HB)

10. Why did Uncle Felix get fired from his job at the airport?
Answer: He forgot to latch the airplane's cargo door which caused all the dodgeballs to fall out of the airplane. (p. 181 HB)

The Thing about Georgie

by Lisa Graff

Questions

1. What is the thing about Georgie?
Answer: Georgie Bishop is a dwarf. (p. 6 HB)
2. How does the author try to get you to experience the challenges that Georgie faces as a dwarf?
Answer: The author asks the reader a favor: touch your left ear with your right hand, wrap your arms around your knees for a second, measure things in your house, try writing like Georgie has to write, etc. (p. 1, 7, 14-15, 100 HB)
3. Why do people stare at Georgie and how does it make him feel?
Answer: Georgie is unusually short and although he knows he looks different, he wishes people would just accept him as he is. (p. 33-35 HB)
4. What is Georgie's biggest concern about becoming an older brother?
Answer: He is worried that the new baby will grow taller than him. (p. 43 HB)
5. What causes a problem between Georgie and his best friend Andy?
Answer: Andy wants to include another friend in the dog-walking business. (p. 68-70 HB)
6. Why can't Georgie be a musician like his parents?
Answer: His short stature makes it difficult to play instruments. (p. 108 HB)
7. What is Georgie's middle name?
Answer: Washington (p. 22 HB)
8. How does Georgie solve the problem when he gets lost with Nonna Rosa and Jeanie the Meanie?
Answer: Although he is too short to dial the public telephone on his own, he creatively communicates with Nonna Rossa (who does not speak English) to dial home and get help. (p.162-164 HB)
9. How did Georgie's actions encourage Nonna Rosa to take English lessons at age 65?
Answer: She was impressed with Georgie's ingenuity and decided to "fight her own battles." (p. 177 HB)
10. When did Georgie realize that Jeanie the Meanie wanted to be his friend?
Answer: She designed the Abraham Lincoln costume for him and kicked the kid in the shin when he teased Georgie behind the scenes at the play. (p. 201 HB)