

Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It

by Sundee Frazier

Questions

1. How did Brendan lose his bike?
Answer: He hid it in the bushes at the bus stop. Someone stole it. (p. 97 HB)
2. What did Gladys like to collect on her bookcase?
Answer: She liked to collect shot glasses. (p. 104 HB)
3. What did Brendan typically do with his Grandpa Clem during the summer?
Answer: They went fishing. (p. 11 HB)
4. What was Gladys' favorite activity at the mall?
Answer: She liked to get massages. (p.11 HB)
5. Why did Brendan want to meet Ed at the beginning of the story?
Answer: He was the grandfather he had never met. (p. 17 HB)
6. What did Ed let Brendan borrow during his first visit to his house?
Answer: He let him borrow a pick, chisel, and a pair of goggles. (p. 58 HB)
7. What type of warrior was Brendan?
Answer: He was a Tae Kwon Do warrior. (p. 32 HB)
8. Why did the boy say Brendan did not match his mother?
Answer: His mother is white and he is black. (p. 36 HB)
9. Why didn't Brendan run away when he was being bullied in the park?
Answer: He did not run away because of the Tae Kwon Do tenet Baekjul boolgool (indomitable spirit). A warrior never allows themselves to be dominated by another person. (p. 70 HB)
10. What two things did Ed give Brendan for his birthday?
Answer: He gave him a rare Ellensburg Blue and a Welcome Baby Boy card. (p.184 & p.186 HB)

A Crooked Kind of Perfect

by Linda Urban

Questions

1. What did Zoe's mother give to her class on Career Day?
Answer: She gave them coins. (p. 7 HB)
2. How does Zoe's dad earn diplomas?
Answer: He earns diplomas by taking classes from Living Room University. (p. 10 HB)
3. Why does Zoe use a paper keyboard?
Answer: She uses the paper keyboard to practice where her fingers go on the keyboard. (p. 29 HB)
4. What does Zoe give Emma for her birthday?
Answer: She gives Emma socks. (p. 43 HB)
5. What does Wheeler Diggs always eat for lunch?
Answer: He has a milk shake and tater tots for lunch. (p. 58 HB)
6. Why were the Fireside Scouts angry with Zoe?
Answer: She brought the cookies her dad made to school and the Scouts couldn't sell their cookies. (p. 70 HB)
7. Who wrote the song, "Forever in Blue Jeans?"
Answer: Neil Diamond wrote the song. (p. 76 HB)
8. What is the name of the dessert Wheeler and Zoe's dad make?
Answer: They make a maple tart. (p. 96 HB)
9. What is on the front of Zoe's birthday card from Colton?
Answer: A hippopotamus is on the card. (p. 132 HB)
10. How does Zoe's mom keep track of the judges' scoring?
Answer: Zoe's mom uses a makeup mirror. (p. 180 HB)

Defiance

by Valerie Hobbs

Questions

1. What did Toby discover soon after their arrival at the cabin, and why did he not tell his mother about it?
Answer: He discovered a marble-sized lump on his side. If his mother saw it, she would take him back to the hospital for more treatment right away. (p. 12 HB)
2. What was written on the paper tacked to the door of the farmhouse?
Answer: 'Whoever steals my freedom takes my life' was on the door. (p. 17 HB)
3. What name did Popeye call Children's Hospital and why?
Answer: He called it the Planet of the Dwarves, because everyone who checked in was short. (p. 35 HB)
4. Why had Pearl been confused when Toby said she didn't have to pay him for his work?
Answer: She had thought he was the hired hand that Mitchell, the grocer, was going to send over to help her. (p. 45 HB)
5. Who were "the evil twins" and what were their real names?
Answer: Pearl's twin daughters, Cassandra and Miranda, were the twins. (p. 56 HB)
6. What did the vet mean when he said Blossom was a 'gummer'?
Answer: He meant that she had worn her teeth down to the gum and couldn't chew her cud anymore. (p. 66 HB)
7. What did Pearl tell Toby about Blossom's former life?
Answer: She told him that Blossom had lived in India in a royal household and been treated as well as any of the raja's children. Also that she'd been taken to festivals decked in silk and pearls and have been given her favorite foods on her birthdays. (p. 78 HB)
8. What reason did Pearl give Toby for having stopped writing?
Answer: Her husband, William, had been robbed and killed. (p. 96 HB)
9. How had Pearl acquired Blossom?
Answer: She said she stole her from a man who beat her. She had tried to buy her, but the man had refused. He had tried to get Blossom back, but Pearl had scared him off with a shotgun and every month she shoots it off, just to remind him. (pp. 100-101 HB)
10. What words were written on the marker on Blossom's grave?
Answer: 'Here lies Blossom, Cow Extraordinaire.' (p. 116 HB)

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat

by Candace Fleming

Questions

1. Were rats bought and sold in the rat shop that Miss Barmy visited?
Answer: No, the rats were rented out and not bought or sold. (p. 39 HB)
2. What classes would Emmy like to quit because they kept her so busy?
Answer: She would like to quit Ballet and French classes. (p. 54 HB)
3. When did the rat learn to read?
Answer: The rat learned to read while he was in the classroom. He claimed that he took advantage of his 'educational opportunities.' (p. 67 HB)
4. Why did Miss Barmy want to use the Extract of Gerbil and who were her intended victims?
Answer: Miss Barmy wanted to use the Extract of Gerbil on Emmy's parents so that they would become quickly very old. (p. 302 HB)
5. What happened when the rat bit Joe a second time?
Answer: Joe began to shrink after being bitten. (p. 99 HB)
6. In what item did Emmy transport the rat and Joe?
Answer: Emmy carried the rat and Joe in her backpack. (p. 102 HB)
7. What was the name of Emmy's cat?
Answer: The cat's name was Muffy. (p. 122 HB)
8. How does Emmy manage to ruin the potato rolls that Miss Barmy had made for her parents?
Answer: Emmy was holding Muffy and let her go at the right moment to upset the tray on which the coffee and rolls were being served. (p. 122 HB)
9. Under the microscope, what did Miss Barmy's blood look like it had in it?
Answer: Miss Barmy's blood looked like it had nightcrawlers or worms in it. (p. 288 HB)
10. Where did Miss Barmy want to send Emmy because Miss Barmy claimed she was a danger to herself and others?
Answer: Miss Barmy wanted Emmy sent to the home for Troubled Girls. (p. 298 HB)

The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School

by Candace Fleming

Questions

1. What book did Mr. Jupiter want to check out of the school library?
Answer: He wanted to check out *Aesop's Fables*. (p. 20 HB)
2. Who was the only student that practiced for the fall musical?
Answer: Stanford was the only student who practiced. (p. 36 HB)
3. What was Rachel's favorite class?
Answer: Music was her favorite class. (p. 78 HB)
4. Why was winning the poetry contest so important to Jackie?
Answer: She couldn't stand to lose anything. (p. 88 HB)
5. Who won the Dewey Decimal game?
Answer: Lenny and Bruce won. (p. 119 HB)
6. What did Mr. Jupiter give his students on Valentine's Day?
Answer: Pooka stone was the gift. (p. 139 HB)
7. Why did Emberly kiss Varicella?
Answer: He wanted to get chicken pox and miss school. (p. 146 HB)
8. What hobby did Ernest like to do?
Answer: He liked to crochet. (p. 153 HB)
9. What word did Amisha misspell?
Answer: She misspelled cat. (p. 171 HB)
10. Who was Mr. Jupiter afraid of?
Answer: He was afraid of Mr. Kinderschmacker, his 5th grade teacher. (p. 181 HB)

Found

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Questions

1. What did Jonah receive in the mail?
Answer: He received a letter saying, "You are one of the missing. (p. 20 HB)
2. How did Chip find out he was adopted?
Answer: He was telling his father about Jonah's letter after he had received one, and then he asked his father if he was adopted. (p. 30 HB)
3. Why did Katherine go with Jonah and Chip to the adoption meeting?
Answer: Because she said they would be paying attention to the sessions, and they would need her to talk to the other kids. (p. 217 HB)
4. What words did Angela see at first on the side of the airplane?
Answer: She saw the words Tachyon Travel. (p. 9 HB)
5. What did Jonah and Chip find in Chip's father's safe?
Answer: A yellow Post-it note that said 'James Reardon (513) 555-0192.' (p. 41 HB)
6. What was the code for Chip's father's safe?
Answer: Chip's birth date was the code. (p. 37 HB)
7. How did Mr. Hodge and Gary get the "survivors" to the meeting?
Answer: They sent a flyer in the mail to the parents of all the adopted children that announced a conference scheduled for adoptees in their teens. (p. 213 HB)
8. Why did Katherine pretend to be someone else at the adoption meeting?
Answer: She wanted to be able to go with the group of teens that were "survivors." (p. 237 HB)
9. Where did Mr. Hodge and Gary take the "survivors?"
Answer: They took them to a cave in the forest in Clarksville. (p. 46 HB)
10. How did Katherine get the witness list?
Answer: She took a picture of the list with her cell phone. (p. 98 HB)

Highway Cats

by Janet Taylor Lisle

Questions

1. Why was Murray nicknamed the 'claw'?

Answer: He only had claws on one paw. The other three were victims of a hunter's trap. (p. 9. HB)

2. What was AnCon?

Answer: This was shortened from Animal Control. (p. 19 HB)

3. Who ran the rat farm?

Answer: Khalia Koo ran the cat farm. (p. 21 HB)

4. Where had Shredder come from?

Answer: He came from New Orleans. (p. 32 HB)

5. What does the mayor want to do?

Answer: He wanted to build an exit ramp from the Interstate. (p. 47 HB)

6. Why did Khalia take the potato sack from her head?

Answer: She was trying to save the kittens. (p. 78 HB)

7. Why did the cats go to the shopping center?

Answer: They wanted to eat from the dumpsters. (p. 17 HB)

8. What was Murray asked to do?

Answer: He was asked to bring the cats containers to use as disguises. (p. 89 HB)

9. How did the kittens leave?

Answer: They left in a pickup truck the same way they came. (p. 115 HB)

10. What kind of a cat was Khalia Koo?

Answer: A Siamese cat. (p. 20 HB)

Igraine the Brave

by Cornelia Funke

Questions

1. Of what was Igraine afraid?
Answer: She was afraid of spiders. (p. 1 HB)
2. What were the only two foods that Albert could make?
Answer: He could make blue eggs and biscuits. (p. 10 HB)
3. How were Igraine's parents turned into pigs?
Answer: Melisande accidentally said swine instead of shine while making Igraine's present.
(p. 37 HB)
4. What did Igraine have to get so her parents could change themselves back?
Answer: She had to get some red hair from a giant. (p. 30 HB)
5. Why did Osmund attack Pimpernel?
Answer: He wanted the Singing Books of Magic. (p. 46 HB)
6. Why did the Sorrowful Knight fight the One-Eyed Duke?
Answer: He was protecting the three headed dragon. (p. 98 HB)
7. What did Igraine and Bertram use to make themselves invisible?
Answer: They used dragon skin. (p. 148 HB)
8. How did Igraine know which lance was enchanted?
Answer: The lance was glowing green. (p. 153 HB)
9. What happened to the Baroness and the Three Ladies from the Mount of Tears?
Answer: They had been changed into falcons and were in Rowan Heartless's tent. (p. 206 HB)
10. What was the Sorrowful Knight's real name?
Answer: Sir Urban of Wintergreen was his name. (p. 210 HB)

The Lemonade War

by Jacqueline Davies

Questions

1. What was Evan so upset about and why?
Answer: Evan was upset because his sister Jessie was skipping third grade and they would be in the same fourth grade class. (p. 4 PB)
2. How did Jessie make herself feel better when she was upset?
Answer: She would read *Charlotte's Web*, a book she had read many times. (p. 15 PB)
3. Why were Evan and Scott Spencer's friendship "definitely off?"
Answer: The friendship was off because Scott had purposely put Evan's bike helmet under the wheel of a minivan to be crushed. (p. 19 PB)
4. What were the reasons Scott gives Jessie when he tells her skipping third grade is "freaky" and "messed up"?
Answer: He tells her she will miss a whole year of cool stuff like the Antarctica unit, the field trip to the aquarium, and sending letters all over the country. (p. 24 PB)
5. What was the reason Evan and Scott's business decreased?
Answer: Jessie and Megan had set up their lemonade stand further up the street and were getting the business first. (p. 39 PB)
6. What is the bet between Jessie and Evan?
Answer: The bet is that the person to earn \$100 by Sunday night gets all the money; winner takes all. (pp. 65-66 PB)
7. What about girls drives Jessie "crazy?"
Answer: Girls only said things halfway and expected the listener to figure out the rest. Also they give looks with complicated messages. (p. 71 PB)
8. What booklet did Mrs. Treski write and for what purposer?
Answer: *Ten Bright Ideas to Light Up Your Business* is the title, which is a handbook for operating a small business effectively. Her children use it to improve their lemonade businesses. (pp. 31 and 77 PB)
9. What did Officer Ken inform Evan of when he encountered him at the town center?
Answer: Officer Ken told Evan he needed to buy a permit to sell food and drink in public. (p. 96 PB)
10. What happened to the \$208 Evan took from Jessie's cash box?
Answer: Apparently Scott Spencer took it while the boys were swimming at Jack's house. (p. 159 PB)

Me and the Pumpkin Queen

by Marlane Kennedy

Questions

1. Mildred and Jacob enjoy playing what board game?
Answer: They enjoyed playing chess. (p. 37 HB)
2. What does Mildred's father do for a living?
Answer: He is a veterinarian. (p. 3 HB)
3. What was Howard Dill's claim to fame?
Answer: He developed giant pumpkins. (p. 52 HB)
4. What relative constantly badgers Mildred and her father?
Answer: Her Aunt Arlene is the relative that badgers Mildred and her father. (p. 2 HB)
5. Who is Mildred's best friend?
Answer: Jacob is Mildred's best friend. (p. 29 HB)
6. What "awful, terrible accident" happens to Mildred's six germinated pumpkin seeds?
Answer: Wilbur the dog crashed into Jacob and he falls on the seedlings. (p. 59 HB)
7. Why didn't Mildred's grandparents initially care for Mildred's mother?
Answer: She had been raised in foster care. (p. 83 HB)
8. Which of Mildred's competitors told her which pumpkin seeds to use?
Answer: Grover advised her about the seeds. (p. 50 HB)
9. What gift does Mildred give to Grover?
Answer: She gives him seeds from her prize winning pumpkin. (p.176 HB)
10. Why does Mildred leave her beloved pumpkins?
Answer: Aunt Arlene forces her to go on a trip with her grandparents. (p. 97 HB)

The Middle of Somewhere

by J.B. Cheaney

Questions

1. What animal ended up in the toilet?
Answer: A squirrel landed in the toilet (p.1 HB)
2. In what contest did John Q. Hazeltine win the shiny new RV?
Answer: He won it in the 'hard-body' contest at Motor Mike's. (p. 21 HB)
3. In what profession did John Q. Hazeltine say that he was currently involved?
Answer: He said that he was a wind prospector. (p. 14 HB)
4. What was Gee's medical problem?
Answer: Gee had ADHD. (p. 27 HB)
5. Who drove Ronnie to the fairgrounds in order to find Gee?
Answer: Ronnie called Howard and he drove her to the fairgrounds. (p. 176 HB)
6. Where did Howard and Ronnie find Pop on the way to the fairgrounds?
Answer: They found him in a ditch with his motorcycle. (p. 181 HB)
7. Why did Gee disappear and where was he going?
Answer: Gee saw a billboard advertising Cannonball Paul at the Ellis County Fair. Gee decided that he wanted to go to the fair to see Cannonball Paul's act. (p. 163 HB)
8. Did Ronnie really win the poker hand so Gee could keep the dog?
Answer: No, Pop had the winning hand, but he pretended that he had lost. (p. 143 HB)
9. What was the special invitation that Cannonball Paul offered to Gee, but who does Pop decide should go for this treat?
Answer: Paul offered to take Gee up in a two-seater Cessna airplane, but Pop decides that Ronnie should get the special treat. (pp. 211-213 HB)
10. How does mom break her leg?
Answer: Mom is chasing the squirrel and slips on the wet tile bathroom floor. (p. 6 HB)

Night of the Howling Dogs

by Graham Salisbury

Questions

1. How did Dylan meet Louie?
Answer: He saw him getting bullied at the baseball field. (p. 13 HB)
2. Why weren't the boys supposed to swim past the island?
Answer: Because the strong current made it unsafe. (p. 34 HB)
3. Why did the wasps swarm after Tad?
Answer: He had a can of peaches. (p. 52 HB)
4. What rubbed on Dylan's leg when he swam back from the island?
Answer: An old submerged palm frond rubbed on his leg. (p. 82 HB)
5. Who did the four boys meet the second time they swam in the creek?
Answer: They met Masa and his paniolos (Hawaiian cowboys). (p. 86 HB)
6. What is the shark's name?
Answer: Fred or the "ghost shark of Halape" was the shark's name. (p. 89 HB)
7. Who does Masa say the small white dog is?
Answer: He says the dog is Pele, a Hawaiian myth. (p. 92 HB)
8. How does Masa keep his horses from running away?
Answer: They are hobbled; their front legs are tied together. (p. 103 HB)
9. Why did Dylan let go of his glasses?
Answer: He felt like he was dead when the wave took him. (p. 116 HB)
10. Why could Dylan and Louie only see Lenny's head?
Answer: His legs were broken and stuck in rocks. (p.128 HB)

Punished

by David Lubar

Questions

1. What object does Professor Wordsworth use to punish Logan?
Answer: He blows the dust off a book into Logan's face. (p. 15 HB)
2. How does Logan record the oxymorons he collects?
Answer: He must take a picture with the camera Professor Wordsworth gives him. (p. 35 HB)
3. Where did Logan go to look for oxymorons?
Answer: He went to the supermarket. (p. 40 HB)
4. What is Logan's final oxymoron?
Answer: It is his student teacher, Ms. Glott. (p. 60 HB)
5. What is the second thing Logan must collect?
Answer: He must find seven anagrams. (p. 62 HB)
6. What drawing did Kaylee give Logan?
Answer: She gave him her rat art. (p. 67 HB)
7. What kind of tangerine did Logan's mom buy?
Answer: She bought an Argentine tangerine. (p. 72 HB)
8. Who correctly defines oxymoron in class?
Answer: Benedict correctly defines it. (p. 75 HB)
9. What is a redundancy?
Answer: It is unnecessary words in a phrase, like free gift or unexpected surprise (p. 76 HB)
10. Why does the Professor give Logan rubber bands?
Answer: He gives Logan rubber bands to put around each palindrome he collects. (p. 78 HB)

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen

by Eric Berlin

Questions

1. What did Winston's sister find in the keepsake box that he gave her for her birthday?
Answer: She finds four wooden strips with letters on them. (p. 5 HB)
2. What did Winston think was "always fun?"
Answer: He thought solving puzzles was fun. (p. 12 HB)
3. What were the words on the four wooden sticks that were in Winston's sister's keepsake box?
Answer: The words were line, ball (with an added R), places, and way. (p. 6 HB)
4. What was Winston's favorite store and the one in which he had purchased the keepsake box?
Answer: Winston's favorite store was Penrose's Curio Shop and the one in which he found the box. (p. 24 HB)
5. Who was the town librarian?
Answer: She is Mrs. Lewis, one of four children of Walter Fredericks. (p. 55 HB)
6. How many sets of wooden strips with words on them were included in the puzzle?
Answer: There were four sets of four wooden strips. (p. 47 HB)
7. What does everyone think is the 'buried treasure' that will be found when the puzzle is solved?
Answer: They all believe that a famous and very valuable ring will be located. (p. 57 HB)
8. Who were the four people that had the four sets of wooden strips?
Answer: The four people were Katie, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Glowacka, and Mr. North. (p. 93 HB)
9. What is an anaquote?
Answer: It is a type of puzzle in which you have strips of letters that put in the correct order will spell out a secret message or a person's name. (p. 120 HB)
10. Where does Winston find the ring and what is it worth?
Answer: Winston finds the ring in the library and it is worth 60 thousand dollars. (pp. 204-205 HB)

The Year of the Dog

by Grace Lin

Questions

1. Why does Pacy's dad say it's OK for the New Year tray to have M&M's as well as Chinese candy?
Answer: Because they are Chinese-American, and the tray should have both American and Chinese candy just like their own family. (p. 4 HB)
2. According to Pacy's mom, why are children supposed to stay up as late as they can on Chinese New Year?
Answer: Because the longer they stay awake the longer their parents' lives will be. (p. 11 HB)
3. What lie did Pacy tell Becky about unicorns?
Answer: Pacy told Becky that although there wasn't a Year of the Unicorn, there was a Day of the Unicorn on leap years, when people drew pictures of unicorns and hung them up, and sometimes there was even a parade. (p. 20 HB)
4. How did the family celebrate the birth of the new cousin Albert?
Answer: They had a Red Egg Party. Traditionally, giving a newborn red eggs symbolized wishing good luck for the new baby. (p. 34 HB)
5. How did Grandma cure Pacy's stiff neck?
Answer: She painted the symbols for tiger and pig on her neck. When the tiger chased the pig, the running would massage Pacy's neck and make it feel better. (p. 45-46 HB)
6. What four liquids did Pacy and Melody use on their plants for their science fair project?
Answer: They used water, milk, orange juice and plain water. (p. 61 HB)
7. In the story Mom's First Day of School, what had the grandmother, Amah, done that had embarrassed Pacy's mom, and why had it not been so embarrassing after all?
Answer: Amah had sat outside school waiting for Pacy's mom all day because she had difficulty walking. She had grown up at a time when girls had their feet bound. But everyone else's grandmother was doing the same thing as Amah, waiting for their grandchildren outside of school the whole day. (p. 80 HB)
8. What had happened to Melody the last time she had visited her Aunt Alice?
Answer: She had sat on a chair that had been reserved for the ghost of one of Alice's parents. Then later she and her family had eaten the food that had first been served to the ghost. (p. 97 HB)
9. Why did one girl at TAC tell Pacy that she was a Twinkie?
Answer: Because Pacy didn't speak either Chinese or Taiwanese, so the girl said she was Americanized. She said her family called Chinese people who were Americanized Twinkies, yellow on the outside but white on the inside. (p. 101 HB)
10. What year came after The Year of the Dog?
Answer: The Year of the Pig comes after. (p. 134 HB)