

11 Birthdays

by Wendy Mass

Questions

1. What does Leo do that makes Amanda so upset she doesn't want to be his friend anymore?
Answer: He tells Vinnie that his mother makes him have his birthday party with Amanda and that she doesn't have that many friends and he doesn't want her to get upset. (p. 20 PB)
2. How did Leo and Amanda get into the Historical Society?
Answer: They crawl in through a window in the back of the building. (p. 204 PB)
3. Why does Amanda's mother get fired?
Answer: Because she has Kylie's poster for school instead of her presentation for the campaign (pp. 54-55 PB)
4. What keeps appearing in Amanda's room every morning?
Answer: A SpongeBob balloon (p. 94 PB)
5. What costume does Amanda wear to her birthday party?
Answer: Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz* (p. 49 PB)
6. What does Amanda want to try out for instead of the cheerleading squad?
Answer: The marching band (p. 39 PB)
7. Who decorated Amanda's locker?
Answer: Leo (p. 120 PB)
8. What caused the feud between the Ellerbys and the Fitzpatricks?
Answer: One year Ellerby flooded Fitzpatrick's fields and the next year Fitzpatrick dammed up the river because it ran through his property. (p. 180 PB)
9. What assignment does the sixth grader need that Amanda makes for him?
Answer: A copy of the periodic table with elements (p. 36 PB)
10. What kind of entertainment is Leo having at his birthday party?
Answer: A hypnotist, a famous football player, a live band, and a giant lizard (p. 132 PB)

Bird Lake Moon

by Kevin Henkes

Questions

1. What had happened to Mitch's father?
Answer: He went to live with another woman. (p. 5 HB)
2. Where did Mitch spend the summer and with whom?
Answer: Bird Lake with Papa Carl and Cherry (p. 8 HB)
3. What did Mitch do with the sugar he spilled out of the canister?
Answer: He left it on the intruders' front porch. (p. 44 HB)
4. Why did the geometric design make Spencer think of a turtle?
Answer: It reminded him of the back of the turtle that had belonged to Matty. (p. 67 HB)
5. Where had Spencer's sister died?
Answer: Bird Lake (p. 22 HB)
6. What word in the dictionary described how Mitch felt?
Answer: Morass (p. 89 HB)
7. Where was Jasper left when the family went out on the water?
Answer: His leash was hooked on a tree. (p. 92 HB)
8. Why did Spencer's family leave Bird Lake?
Answer: The place reminded Spencer's mother of Matty and what had happened to her there.
(p. 161 HB)
9. What did Spencer admire that Mitch could do.
Answer: Throw the football (p. 117 HB)

Cicada Summer

by Andrea Beaty

Questions

1. What happens at 6:00 on Friday nights?
Answer: Old lady parties (p. 58 HB)
2. How does Lily know the stranger is telling a lie about being a surveyor?
Answer: His shoes are new and have never walked a country road. (p. 84 HB)
3. Why is Nancy Drew's cousin Bess in the Nancy Drew mystery books?
Answer: To make Nancy look good (p. 43 HB)
4. What was the name of Pete's pirate ship?
Answer: Red Dragon (p. 67 HB)
5. Where does Lily hide a Nancy Drew mystery?
Answer: In the gap behind the *Encyclopedia Britannica* volumes (p. 8 HB)
6. How long had the cicadas been hiding in the ground?
Answer: 17 years (p.1 HB)
7. Why was Miss Opal upset about her grocery order?
Answer: The gum she always ordered was missing. (p. 77 HB)
8. What does Lily think would have saved Pete?
Answer: Her words (p.106 HB)
9. Where did Tinny say she was going in the letter that she left?
Answer: Chicago (p.109 HB)
10. Where did Lily find Tinny?
Answer: In the barn (p. 147 HB)

The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906

by Laurence Yep

Questions

1. What did Chin have to do before he could come to America?
Answer: He had to study for many months and learn everything about his village. (p. 6 HB)
2. Why does Ah Sing insist that he and Chin live in Chinatown, and not with the Travises?
Answer: Ah Sing doesn't want Chin to forget that he is Chinese. (p. 11 HB)
3. How did his father save Chin from the stampeding bull and what happened to Ah Sing?
Answer: The bull was heading for Chin, but his father darted in front and told Chin to run. A policeman shot the bull and Ah Sing hurt his ankle. (pp. 44-45 HB)
4. What is Mr. Travis wearing when he comes out of the house that makes Henry and his mother laugh?
Answer: He is wearing hats, one on top of the other, and the one on top has a big feather. (p. 53 HB)
5. How did the Ham and Egg fire in Hayes Valley get started?
Answer: A woman decided to cook ham and eggs for her hungry children but she didn't know that the chimney had cracks. Embers came out from the chimney, landed on the roof, and set it on fire. Winds coming in from the ocean fanned the roof fire and it spread over other houses and buildings. (p. 60 HB)
6. What animals make up the "furry gray carpet" running away from the fire toward the waterfront?
Answer: Rats (p. 68 HB)
7. How does Chin save Ah Quon and his father when they fall to the ground in front of the crowd running toward the ferries?
Answer: He stands over them and shoves, elbows, punches and even bites, giving the men time to stand up. (p. 70 HB)
8. What goes wrong when the firemen use black gunpowder to create a firebreak?
Answer: The firemen don't know how much gunpowder to use. They use too much in a burning building and it makes a big explosion that makes the fires worse. (p. 78 HB)
9. What does the army gunner almost blinded by the fire do that is so brave?
Answer: He refuses to leave when the doctor tries to make him. He says he is the only one with experience on that gun. He opens his eyes painfully, aims the gun, and the force of the explosion knocks him down. The other people move the gun, lift the man up and take him back to the gun so he can fire it again. (p. 97 HB)
10. Why can't Chin and Ah Sing stay with the Travises in the tents that have been set up in Golden Gate Park?
Answer: The people of San Francisco do not want the Chinese to go back to their old neighborhood. They want them to move to Oakland and other cities or build a new Chinatown in Hunter's Point. (p. 103 HB)

Eleven

by Patricia Reilly Giff

Questions

1. What is sticking out of the metal box Sam finds?
Answer: A newspaper clipping from an article about him being missing (p. 6 PB)
2. What did Onji pack with Sam's sandwich on his birthday?
Answer: Eleven *Gummy Bears* (p. 16 PB)
3. How does Sam get Caroline to come over?
Answer: By telling her they could build a wooden castle for their medieval project (p.19 PB)
4. What does Mack give Sam for his Birthday?
Answer: Mack gives his father's plane to Sam. (p. 26 PB)
5. Why does Caroline's family move around a lot?
Answer: Caroline said it was because her parents are artists: her father paints and her mother sculpts. (p. 42 PB)
6. Why didn't Sam just ask Mack about the newspaper clipping he found?
Answer: Sam didn't want Mack to find out that he lied about going into the attic and because he didn't want everything to change. (p. 49 PB)
7. What did Mack teach Sam to do when he is angry?
Answer: Mack showed Sam how to pound nails into wood with a hammer.
8. What does Sam dream about after he finds the scrap of paper with Children's Home, 11th Street?
Answer: Sam dreams about a castle with many towers located on an island. (p. 76 PB)
9. What does Caroline's mother make for the castle?
Answer: Caroline's mother makes knights with Sam's face out of clay for the castle, as well as a lady who looks like Caroline. (p. 96 PB)
10. How did Mack almost lose Sam a second time?
Answer: Mack almost lost Sam when their boat capsized in a storm after he rescued Sam from the Children's Home. (p. 152 PB)

The Girl Who Could Fly

By Victoria Forester

Questions

1. Piper's mother noticed she was not like other children when she fell off the kitchen table while having her diaper changed. What happened when she slipped off the table?
Answer: She floated in the air. (p. 4 PB)
2. Where was Piper when the folks of Lowland County learned she could fly?
Answer: They were at the baseball game. (p. 46 PB)
3. Why does Piper leave her family and farm in Lowland County?
Answer: Dr. Hellion invites her to go to the institute. (p. 66 PB)
4. What does Piper's father give her?
Answer: He gives her a hand-carved bird. (p. 72 PB)
5. How did Princess Madrigal, Bella's flower science project, perish?
Answer: Conrad threw a paper airplane that sliced its flower off. (p. 102 PB)
6. What talent do the twins Nalen and Ahmed Mustafa have?
Answer: They create weather. (p. 96 PB)
7. For what insect is the *voculus romalea microptera* often mistaken?
Answer: The common field cricket. (p. 169 PB)
8. Who betrayed the children by telling their plan to escape I.N.S.A.N.E?
Answer: Conrad betrayed the children. (p. 248 PB)
9. What skill do Piper and Dr. Hellion have in common?
Answer: They both fly. (p. 300 PB)
10. When Conrad confesses to Piper that he foiled the escape, she hugs him. Why is she happy through it all?
Answer: She is happy because she can trust her heart after all. (p. 281 HB)

The Gollywhopper Games

by Jody Feldman

Questions

1. What did Gil's dad promise him if he won the Gollywhopper Games?
Answer: They would move to another city. (p. 12 PB)
2. What did the red and green teams have to do?
Answer: Each team had to solve 5 puzzles and do 5 stunts. The team that solved them first would win. (p. 109 PB)
3. How did Gil prove that Thorn was cheating?
Answer: When Thorn took his hearing aide out of his ear, Gil dropped a penny. Thorn looked at it and this proved he heard it. (p. 116 PB)
4. How did the team solve the first puzzle?
Answer: They used only the capitalized letters in the clue to spell out: Salem Witch. (p. 127 PB)
5. What happened when they knocked down the pins during the bowling stunt?
Answer: Lit up letters appeared. It spelled out where to find the next puzzle. (pp. 144-148 PB)
6. How did Rocky help Thorn?
Answer: Thorn was afraid to climb the palm tree. Rocky climbed behind him, holding on to him and encouraged him. (p. 156 PB)
7. What foods could Tad order for Uncle Eb?
Answer: Foods that began with vowels: a, e, l, o, u. (p. 233 PB)
8. Where did Gil find Xenia's Café menu?
Answer: Inside his chest (p. 237 PB)
9. Why did Gil freeze before going into the Rainbow Maze?
Answer: Rocky told him people knew his Dad wasn't guilty. (p. 245 PB)
10. What is the name of the video game Gil's dad created?
Answer: KidZillionaire (p. 301 PB)

Kenny & the Dragon

by Tony DiTerlizzi

Questions

1. What was Kenny's father doing when he saw the dragon?
Answer: He was shepherding his sheep home. (p. 3 HB)
2. What is the dragon's name?
Answer: Grahame, "Just like the cracker except with an "e" at the end." (p. 27 HB)
3. What was George's job before he retired?
Answer: George was the king's number one dragon-slayer. (p. 67 HB)
4. Why are Kenny's parents excited about going to town?
Answer: Kenny's parents are excited about going to a parade. (p. 77 HB)
5. What did Kenny remind George that he said about Kenny's new friend?
Answer: George had said, "A friend of yours is a friend of mine." (p. 93 HB)
6. What do George and Grahame have in common?
Answer: George and Grahame don't like Beowulf, love to read, have had many adventures, are connoisseurs, and are Kenny's friends. (p. 107 HB)
7. Who gets the townfolk to go home for the night before the battle?
Answer: Kenny and his father tell them that dragons often attack at night and are drawn to lanterns. (p. 113 HB)
8. Who comes with a large processional to watch the battle?
Answer: The king (p. 119 HB)
9. Who dresses up as a wizard to enchant George's weapons?
Answer: Kenny's father who brings George a magical pitchfork (p. 124 HB)
10. Who still wants to kill the dragon in the end?
Answer: Porky's father (p. 139 HB)

Masterpiece

by Elise Broach

Questions

1. What did Marvin rescue from the sink drain?
Answer: Marvin rescued Mrs. Pompaday's contact lens. (p. 3 PB)
2. What did Marvin draw for James on his birthday?
Answer: Marvin copied the scene outside James' window. (p. 33 PB)
3. Why does Christina Balcony take James to her office?
Answer: To show him the Dürer drawing of Justice and ask him to copy it (p. 72 PB)
4. Why does Christina want James to forge Fortitude?
Answer: Christina will use his forgery skills to stage an art heist to try to recover stolen Dürer drawings. (p. 104 PB)
5. How do the beetles get to the solarium on Tuesdays?
Answer: They ride on the maids' vacuum cleaners. (p. 122 PB)
6. How did Elaine fall into the aquarium?
Answer: Elaine toppled over the edge when the turtle she teased rammed the glass. (p. 132 PB)
7. What does Marvin use to make the forgery?
Answer: Christina gives him paper from the 1500s and old brown ink. (p. 148 PB)
8. Why does Marvin get angry at James?
Answer: James said it was okay for his mother to sell the drawing Marvin made for him. (p. 165 PB)
9. What does Marvin see in Denny's room?
Answer: Marvin sees all four Dürer virtue drawings that Denny has stolen. (p. 206 PB)
10. How did Marvin get James' attention at the museum to tell him about Denny?
Answer: Marvin pokes James in the ankle with the tack he had found and hidden. (p. 221 PB)

Mogo, the Third Warthog

by Donna Jo Napoli

Questions

1. What are rhizomes?
Answer: The fleshy parts of some plants right below the ground but above the roots (p. 9 HB)
2. What do hippos and water buffaloes have that warthogs do not?
Answer: sweat glands (p. 20 HB)
3. Why did Mogo and his brothers run under the rhino?
Answer: It was raining and they couldn't tell if predators were coming. If they hid under the rhino and looked like baby rhinos, predators would not attack them. (p. 47 HB)
4. What did Mogo say was the creepiest thing about a cheetah?
Answer: Their claws never retracted all the way (p. 51 HB)
5. Why were fleeing ostriches a sign of trouble?
Answer: They were very tall and could spot danger from very far away. (p. 59 HB)
6. Mother mentioned several animals that use abandoned aardvark burrows. Name two.
Answer: Civets, hyenas, jackals, tree monitors, porcupines, yellow-winged bats, hares and mongooses (p. 90 HB)
7. What took place between the ratel and the bees?
Answer: The ratel scared off the bees with his cloud of scent, but his hind leg had been wounded by the wild dog. The bees came back and stung him on the leg, and then all over, until they killed him. (p. 103-104 HB)
8. What does Mogo say is "the balancing job of nature?"
Answer: The predators have to win now and then. If all the animals survived, there would not be enough food to go around and they would starve. (p. 148 HB)
9. Why were the giraffes so nervous about drinking water?
Answer: There could be crocodiles in the water. Also, when they drank, the probability of a lion attack was the highest because they had to splay their legs in an awkward position that would not allow them to straighten up quickly and run away. (pp. 160-161 HB)
10. How did Monster meet his end?
Answer: Mogo ran under an acacia tree with Monster chasing him. Baboony dropped down from a branch, seized Monster around the neck and bit him in the throat. Then a giant baboon bit Monster's head off. (p. 190 HB)

Obi, Gerbil on the Loose

by M.C. Delaney

Questions

1. What pets did the Armstrong family have?
Answer: 3 cats, 2 goldfish, and Obi, the gerbil
2. What were the names of Betsy and Susie's fish?
Answer: Betsy and Susie
3. What game did Obi play with Sugar Smacks?
Answer: Smack my paw and I'll answer a question.
4. Who was supposed to feed the pets while the Armstrongs were on vacation?
Answer: Tad
5. What did Tad hide before the family left on their trip?
Answer: Rachel's CD's
6. Who is Malcolm Durkins?
Answer: The old mouse who helps Obi (p. 118 HB)
7. What does Malcolm give Obi when he learns his lessons correctly?
Answer: A cookie (p. 135 HB)
8. What animal thought that Obi was in jail because she was in a cage?
Answer: A squirrel (p. 78 HB)
9. How does Obi get out of her cage the first time?
Answer: She accidentally falls against the door and it opens. (p. 84 HB)
10. What lesson does Malcolm Durkins want Obi to learn?
Answer: To hate the Armstrongs (p. 135 HB)

Piper Reed, Navy Brat

by Kimberly Willis Holt

Questions

1. Where was the Reed family moving from and to?
Answer: San Diego, California to Pensacola, Florida (p. 2 PB)
2. What was Piper's favorite saying?
Answer: "Get off the bus" (p. 12 PB)
3. Who was "Chief in the family?"
Answer: Piper's dad, Mr. Reed (p.1 PB)
4. Who were the Blue Angels?
Answer: A team of Navy pilots. (p. 62 PB)
5. Who was Piper's reading teacher?
Answer: Ms. Mitchell (p. 99 PB)
6. What three words played over and over in Piper's head as she walked to Ms. Mitchell's classroom?
Answer: "I'm a Pleasure" (p. 99 PB)
7. What secret would Piper keep from her sister Tori?
Answer: Piper thought Tori was the best sister in the whole world. (p. 118 PB)
8. Where did Piper's class go on a field trip?
Answer: To see the Blue Angels (p. 119 PB)
9. What did Piper say she would be when she grew up?
Answer: Piper Reed, Blue (p. 125 PB)
10. What did Piper choose for her special place that Chief could take her?
Answer: Naval Aviation Museum (p. 129 PB)

Safe at Home

by Mike Lupica

Questions

1. What baseball position does Nick play?
Answer: Catcher (p. 1 HB)
2. What did Nick love almost as much as baseball?
Answer: Comic books (p. 21 HB)
3. What two teams were playing the first game Nick attended?
Answer: Mets & Braves (p. 26 HB)
4. Which comic book hero is Nick's favorite one?
Answer: Captain Marvel (p. 58 HB)
5. What did Nick's foster father collect?
Answer: Comic books (p. 60 HB)
6. What game did the 7th grade boys play at free period?
Answer: Wiffleball (p. 69 HB)
7. What object did the coach throw at Nick in order to practice?
Answer: Car keys (p. 86 HB)
8. What was Nick's "opening day" present?
Answer: A catcher's mask (p. 88 HB)
9. For whom did Nick's dad buy a baseball glove?
Answer: Himself (p.152 HB)
10. What was written in red on the t-shirt Gracie wore to Nick's game?
Answer: Shazam (p.172 HB)

Seer of Shadows

by Avi

Questions

1. How did Mrs. Von Macht say that her daughter Eleanora died?
Answer: She had Scarlet fever and died. (p. 15 PB)
2. What did Mrs. Von Macht say she was going to do with her photograph?
Answer: She wanted to put it on Eleanora's tomb. (p. 18 PB)
3. Why didn't Mrs. and Mr. Von Macht get Eleanora a doctor when she was sick?
Answer: Eleanora refused to sign papers that would leave her wealth to the Von Machts. (p. 109 PB)
4. Why is the three pronged candlestick holder important?
Answer: It was the first thing Mrs. Von Macht bought with Eleanora's money. (p. 112 PB)
5. Where did Horace first see the gray angel?
Answer: At the Green-Wood Cemetery (p. 120 PB)
6. What happened when Horace took pictures of Eleanora?
Answer: With each photo, Eleanora became more clear – sharper (p. 123 PB)
7. Why was Horace in the hall when Eleanora tried to burn the house down?
Answer: He was trying to find the key to the front door so he could get out. (p. 144 PB)
8. How did Horace test what Pegg called his "powers as seer?"
Answer: He took pictures of Mr. Middleditch. (p. 150 PB)
9. How did Pegg and Horace get back into the Von Macht's house?
Answer: They went in by the coal chute. (p. 184 PB)
10. Who killed Mr. Von Macht?
Answer: Mrs. Von Macht (p. 194 PB)

Someone Named Eva

by Joan M. Wolf

Questions

1. What present did Milada get for her eleventh birthday?
Answer: Telescope (p. 6 PB)
2. What did Babichka say to Milada before they were forced to leave their home?
Answer: Remember who you are, Milada. Remember where you are from. Always (p. 18 PB)
3. Why was Milada taken by the soldiers?
Answer: Because she had blond hair and light colored eyes (p. 28 PB)
4. What did the uniform Milada had to wear look like?
Answer: The uniform was a short sleeved white shirt, a short dark blue skirt, and a black scarf with a clasp engraved with an eagle. (p. 44 PB)
5. Who else was taken away on the bus?
Answer: Ruzha (p. 35 PB)
6. What was the rule about the girls speaking in their native language?
Answer: They were not allowed to speak any language but the Aryan language of German.
(p. 51 PB)
7. What two things did the doctor measure on the girls that were taken to Poland?
Answer: He measured their noses and the width of their foreheads. (p. 31 PB)
8. What did Fraulein Kruger say happened to the parents of the girls?
Answer: The girls' parents were either killed in an Allied air raid or they had become too expensive for their families. (p. 72 PB)
9. What was Herr Werner's job?
Answer: He was the commandant of Ravensbruck, which was a women's prison camp.
(p. 150 PB)
10. What did Eva have pinned underneath her clothes?
Answer: Babichka's garnet pin (p. 42 PB)