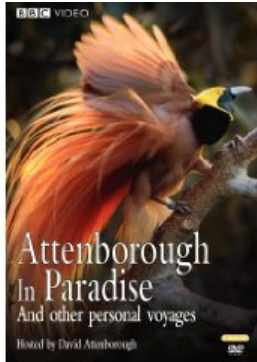


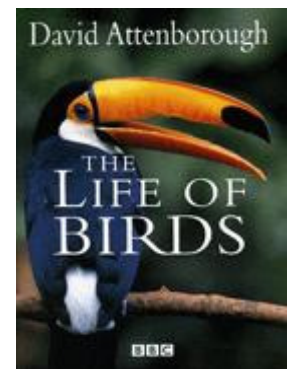
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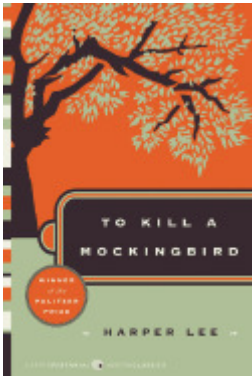
***Attenborough in paradise and other personal voyages* by David Attenborough/NEW DVD 508 A**

This collection includes six nature and natural history programs, as well as a tribute to Sir David Attenborough's distinguished career. Here, Attenborough's topics vary from exploring remote Papua New Guinea, to revealing the mysteries held in a piece of amber and a Polynesian trinket. My favorite was the title episode, *Attenborough in Paradise*, where Attenborough goes to Malaysia, venturing in the footsteps of 19th-century naturalist Alfred Russell Wallace in search of the elusive bird of paradise and its relatives, giving us a look at some unbelievable birds and their fascinating habits.-Christine

*If you like this, see also: **The life of birds** by David Attenborough /598.15 ATT*

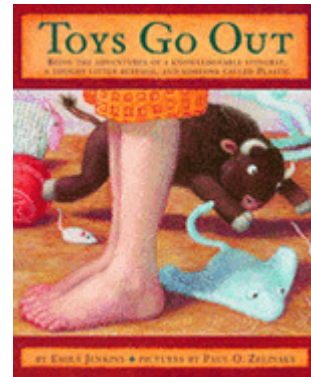


***Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte/FIC BRONTE and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee/FIC LEE**



Two of my all-time favorites!
I can read them over and over
again and of course, I cry
every time I watch the movies.
-Nancy

***Toys go out: being the adventures of a knowledgeable Stingray, a toughy little Buffalo, and someone called Plastic* by Emily Jenkins/ JFICTION JENKINS**



This is a delightful story of a group of toys that come to life when the Little Girl is not looking. These quiet adventures tell of friendship, loyalty, and belonging. The black and white illustrations by Paul O Zelinsky compliment the story perfectly with unassuming softness. Wonderful to read aloud or get the audiobook for a car trip. Check out the sequel, Toy dance party.-Karen



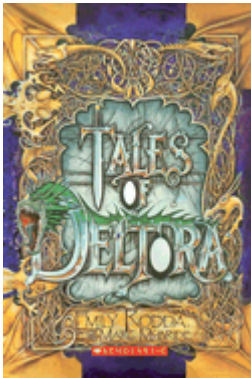
***The phantom tollbooth* by Norton Juster/JFICTION JUSTER**

A classic fantasy adventure story for anyone who appreciates the importance of language, letters and sounds.-Carol

***Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr/JPB ORR**

This is the perfect summer beach read. It's a light-hearted story full of sun, sand and ocean. Nim is a girl who lives on a very remote tropical island with her scientist father and her animal friends. They keep in touch with the world through computers and satellite phones. Email is how she meets her favorite author, Alex Rover. Nim is concerned over her father who hasn't come back from three day plankton and seaweed study, and a storm starts rolling in.

Meanwhile, Alex feels compelled to visit the island after she realizes that it is nearly identical to a fictional island that she's written about in her books! The suspense mounts as all three characters battle the tropical storm, but they all meet up at the end. The sequel is Nim at Sea.-
Kendra

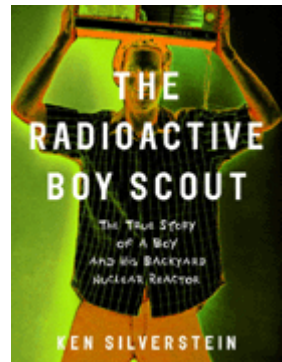


***Tales of Deltora* by Emily Rodda/JFICTION RODDA**

...tells the adventurous history of how a great land came to be what it is today. -
LaDonna

***The Radioactive Boy Scout: the true story of a boy and his backyard nuclear reactor* by Ken Silverstein/BIO HAHN**

...a true story of a remarkable incident that happened right here in the suburbs of Detroit.-Lisa





***I, Fatty* by Jerry Stahl/FIC STA**

Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle was one of the most popular film stars of the 1910s but by 1921 he was embroiled in the O. J. Simpson scandal of his day: he was accused of the rape and murder of actress Virginia Rappe. Stahl's faux memoir, told in Arbuckle's voice, shows him a compassion that 1920s Hollywood did not. Awash in booze and drugs, Hollywood quickly made Arbuckle their scapegoat, virtually destroying his career. Before the tragedy, it's fun to read about Arbuckle's film career working with silver screen legends Mack Sennett and his Keystone Cops, Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. Compelling and highly readable, Stahl is a master at showing us the dark side of Hollywood [check out his memoir Permanent Midnight].-Brooke

***Once again to Zelda: the stories behind literature's most intriguing dedications* by Marlene Wagman-Geller/NEW 809.04 WAG**

A compilation of some fascinating stories about people who have had a famous book dedicated to them, and why.-Carol

