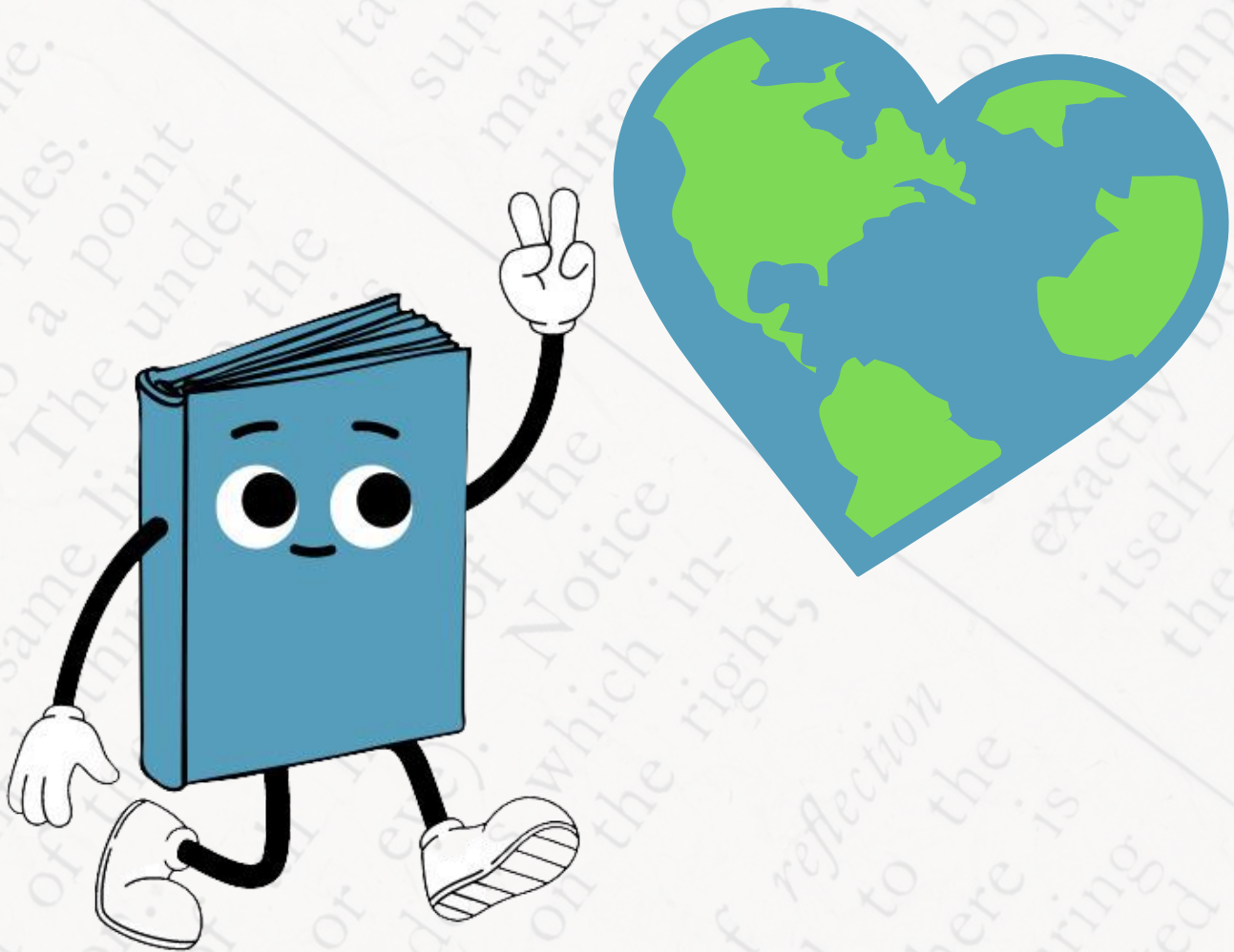


WNC BOOK LISTS

TOPIC CURATED TITLE SUGGESTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

In this resource you will find a curated list of books about the environment as well as a variety of accompanying materials.

How to Use This Resource

1. Choose a title from the divorce list.
2. Scan the QR code to play the read-aloud video.
3. Students complete the response sheet while listening.
4. Students vote: Would you keep reading?
5. Display the book cover poster to build classroom book buzz.

Classroom Use Ideas Quick List:

- First Chapter Friday
- Sub plans
- Book tasting stations
- Library preview lessons
- Early finisher reading activities



To check the reading level, video length or to find a book purchasing link, look at this [Google Doc](#) that organizes ALL of my First Chapter Friday read aloud videos alphabetically.

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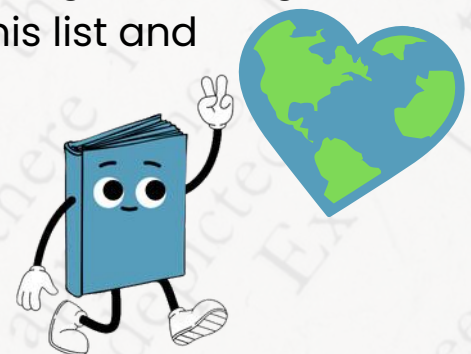
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** More resources will be added in the future including a Reading Round Up Video to briefly explain every video on this list and possibly even some thematic coloring sheets.

As always, please email me with any title requests or questions. (wordnerd@amandazieba.com)

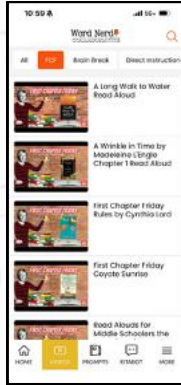


HAPPY READING!

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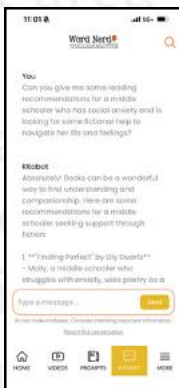
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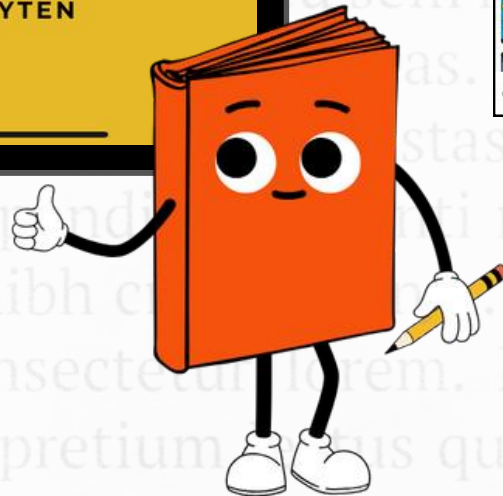
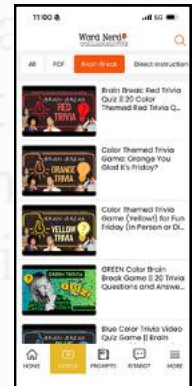
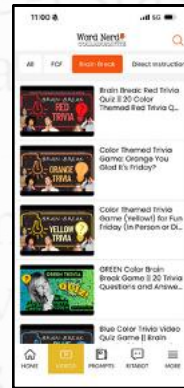
First Chapter Friday Videos

ChatBot for Reading Recs and Lesson Planning



Writing Prompt Library

Brain Break Videos



AVAILABLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES



FIRST CHAPTER *Friday Videos*

Not sure how First Chapter Friday works?

Check out this [video](#) for a full explanation and 4 implementation ideas.



If you prefer a written description in lieu of a video, click [here](#).

[Click here](#) for a live, continually updated, Google Doc of the First Chapter Friday videos on my channel. Additionally you will find links to purchase the books and watch the read aloud videos, as well as book reading levels, genre/format, video length and more!

All my best,
Amanda Zieba

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Books I've Read



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The First Rule of Climate Club

by Carrie Firestone

Global

by Eoin Colfer

The Neptune Project

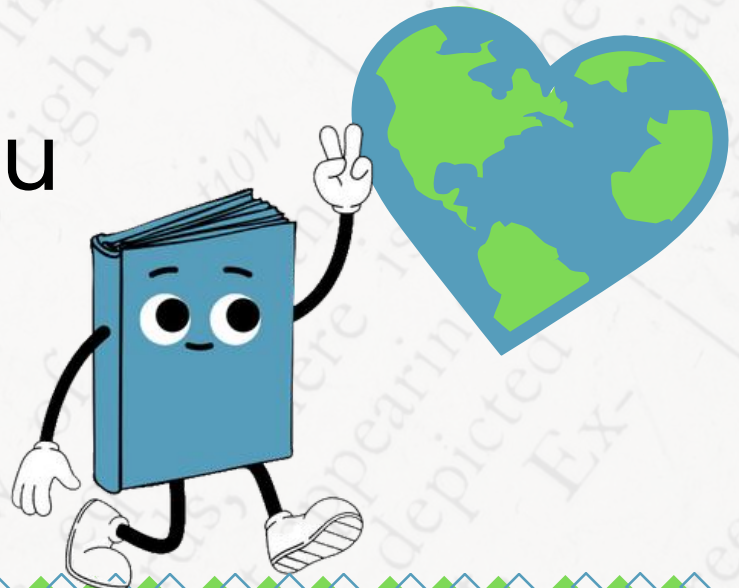
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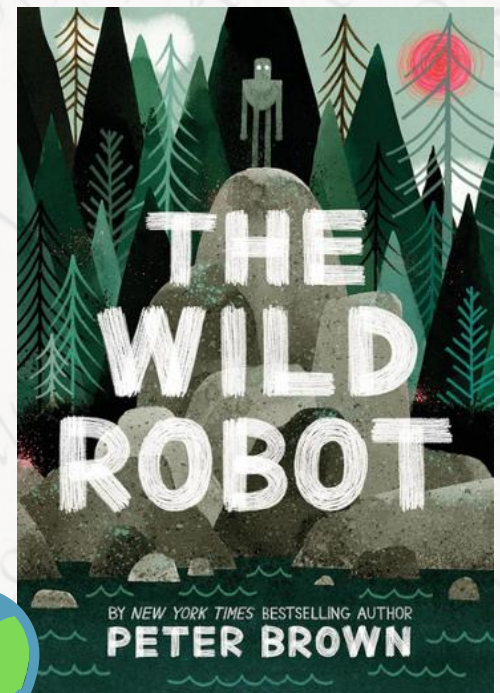
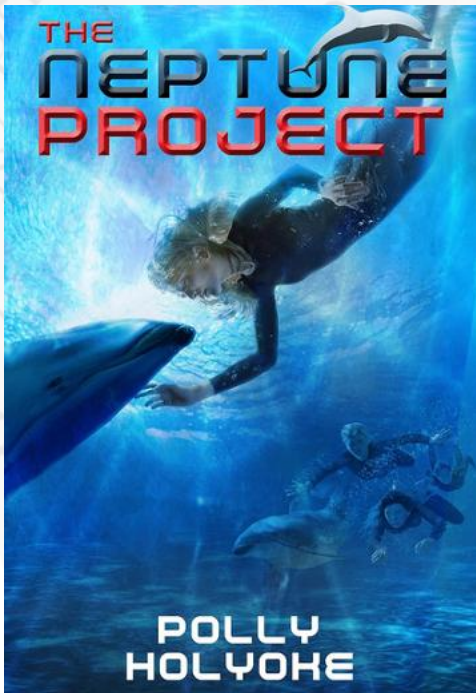
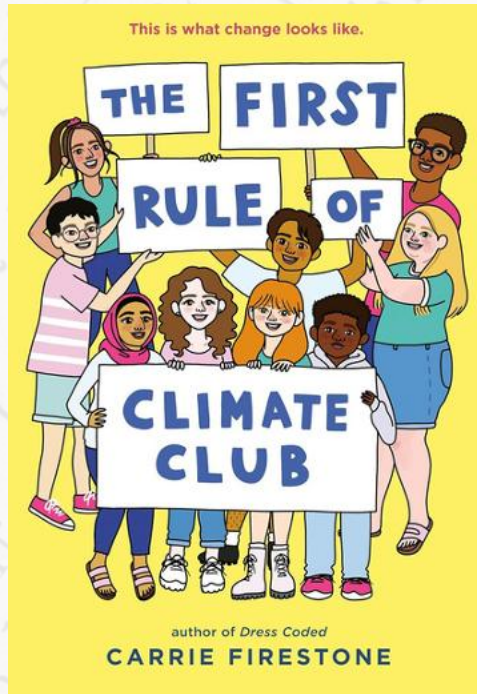
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GLOBAL
CLASSIC
BOOKS

Global
by Eoin Colfer and
Andrew Ross

THE FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY

The First Rule of Climate Club
by Carrie Firestone

Here is a little background information about our first Chapter Friday book and its author. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

When Mary Kate Murphy joins a special science pilot program focused on climate change, the class opens her eyes to facts that the never noticed before about how our school town does waste paper and how much water it uses. And the mayor isn't willing to listen to new ideas for fixing things. Kate and her friends are going to bring lasting change to their community and beyond time for the young leaders to take the way.

What You

My name is Carrie Firestone, author, teacher, and environmental activist. I've been teaching, storytelling, and writing for over 20 years. I'm passionate about climate change and love connecting with readers. I've been teaching for over 20 years and I've been writing for over 20 years. I've been teaching for over 20 years and I've been writing for over 20 years.

What's In It For Me?

From New York Times bestselling author Eoin Colfer comes a compelling and timely story that follows two courageous children as they face the effects of climate change.

Lexile Level: 700L
AR Reading Level: 5.1

I want to read this book: YES / NO

WHAT I THINK

THE NEPTUNE PROJECT
by Polly Holyoake

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What's It About?

There has never been a robot who feels so much more comfortable in water than on land, but everything isn't what it seems when her name is the name of a group of kids who "understand" the ocean. They have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean. These products of "The Neptune Project" will be able to build a better future under the sea, save from a barren country's future, and save from a barren country's future. And they will be able to save from a barren country's future.

What You

I grew up in Colorado and love hiking, camping, and exploring the mountains. I thought about writing a book about a decade before I started writing fiction. I've always LOVED reading and wrote my first book, "The Neptune Project," in 2010. I've been teaching for over 20 years and I've been writing for over 20 years.

What's In It For Me?

This compelling tale about two little girls seeking their home shows never was published. But it did get me hooked on writing stories. My husband introduced me to writing fiction. I've been writing for over 20 years and I've been writing for over 20 years.

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WHAT I THINK

PROJECT F
by Jeanne DuPrau

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What's It About?

There are no cars, planes, television, or smart phones. Climate change has taken over the world. For thousands of years ago and now, people live a simple life.

What You

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Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—until she knows she needs to survive. After leaving a robot store and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

What You

As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home. One day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

What's In It For Me?

This book is accompanied by illustrations by the author that bring the book to life in a delightful second picture book. Fight of the Dots the Dots' unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

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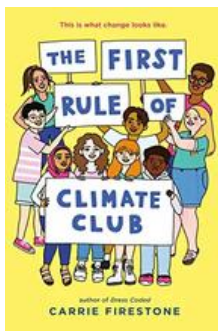
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The First Rule of Climate Club

by Carrie Firestone



Read Aloud Video

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What's It About?

When Mary Kate Murphy joins a special science pilot program focused on climate change, the class opens her eyes to lots of things she never noticed before about her small suburban town: Kids waste tons of food at school without a second thought. Parents leave their cars running in the pick-up lane all the time. People buy lots of clothes they don't really need. Some of her friends who live in the city and are bused to her school don't always feel included. And the mayor isn't willing to listen to new ideas for fixing it all. Mary Kate and her friends have big plans to bring lasting change to their community and beyond. And now is the time for the young people to lead and the leaders to follow—or get out of the way.

**** A companion novel to Dress Coded**

Who Wrote It?

My name is Carrie Firestone and I'm a writer, teacher, and community leader. As a child, I spent a lot of time worrying about things like poverty, environmental destruction, and war. I eventually learned to channel that worry into action through teaching, storytelling, civic engagement, and project-based service work. I live in Connecticut with my husband Michael, my teen daughters, and our pit bull, Roxie. I love connecting with the world through travel, researching little pieces of fascinating history, and finding ways to inspire environmental stewardship and social justice work at the local level. I also love The Office, conga lines, hummingbirds, cold coffee, Iceland, the activist Inez



Milholland, and BOOKS! At age two her favorite book was Good Night Moon and at age 12 her favorite author was Judy Blume. Now she enjoys reading non fiction books about climate change.

AR Reading Level: Currently Unavailable

Lexile Level: 790L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

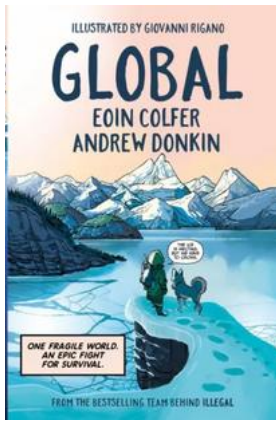
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Global

by Eoin Colfer and
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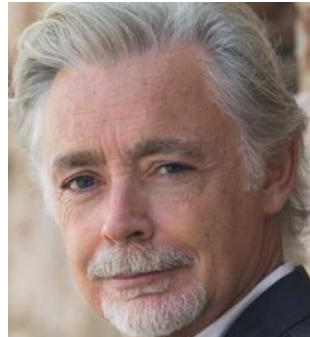
Time is running out for Sami and Yuki. Sami and his grandfather live in a village along the Indian Ocean. They earn their living by fishing. But the ocean is rising and each day they bring back fewer and fewer fish. Yuki lives in the far north of Canada where warming temperature are melting the ice. Polar bears have less food to hunt and are wandering into town looking for something to eat. Yuki is determined to do something to help the bears.

From New York Times bestselling author Eoin Colfer comes a compelling and timely story that follows two courageous children as they face the effects of climate change.

AR Reading Level: N/A

Who Wrote It?

Eoin Colfer (pronounced Owen) was born in Wexford on the South-East coast of Ireland in 1965, where he and his four brothers were brought up by his father (an elementary school teacher, historian and artist of note) and mother (a drama teacher). He first developed an interest in writing in primary (elementary) school with gripping Viking stories inspired by history he was learning in school at the time! After leaving school he got his degree from Dublin university and became a teacher. He married in 1991 and he and his wife spent about 4 years between 1992 and 1996 working in Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Italy. His first book, Benny and Omar, was published in 1998, based on his experiences in Tusingia. Then in 2001 the first



Artemis Fowl book was published and he was able to resign from teaching and concentrate fully on writing. Eoin was Ireland's Children's Laureate and still wears the medal at all times, even in the bath.

Lexile Level: N/A

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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Date _____

The Neptune Project

by Polly Holyoke



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Read Aloud Video

What's It About?

Nere has never understood why she feels so much more comfortable and confident in water than on land, but everything falls into place when Nere learns that she is one of a group of kids who --unbeknownst to them-- have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean. These products of "The Neptune Project" will be able to build a better future under the sea, safe from the barren country's famine, wars, and harsh laws. But there are some very big problems: no one asked Nere if she wanted to be a science experiment, the other Neptune kids aren't exactly the friendliest bunch, and in order to reach the safe haven of the Neptune colony, Nere and her fellow mutants must swim through hundreds of miles of dangerous waters, relying only on their wits, dolphins, and each other to evade terrifying undersea creatures and a government that will stop at nothing to capture the Neptune kids... dead or alive.

Fierce battles and daring escapes abound as Nere and her friends race to safety in this action-packed aquatic adventure.

Who Wrote It?

I grew up in Colorado and love hiking, camping and skiing in the mountains. I taught middle school social studies for almost a decade before leaving teaching to concentrate on my writing career. I've always LOVED reading and wrote my first book, *Rustlers of the High Country*, with my best friend when I was in fifth grade. This remarkable tale about two little girls outwitting horse thieves never was published, but it did get me hooked on writing stories. My husband introduced me to scuba diving, and I've been fortunate enough to dive all over the world. Like my heroine, Nere, I am claustrophobic, though, so I don't dive in wrecks or lava tubes



any more. I live with three sweet dogs, two lazy cats and a very nice husband who puts up with piles of books all over our house. I love going to work in my pajamas and getting paid for daydreaming.

AR Reading Level: 5.9

Lexile Level: 810L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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Project F by Jeanne DuPrau



Read Aloud Video

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What's It About?

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE.

There are no cars, planes, television, or smart phones. Climate change wreaked havoc on Earth hundreds of years ago and now, people live a simpler life.

Then thirteen-year-old Keith uncovers a secret. It's a mysterious mission known only as Project F. It's advanced, it's scientific, and it's going to change the world. It's exactly the kind of adventure Keith has always longed to be a part of.

And what is adventure without a little danger, right? But how much danger is Keith willing to risk? For himself? For his family? For his community? For the entire world...?

From the bestselling author of The City of Ember comes a post-apocalyptic story set hundreds of years in the future where life is simple and modern conveniences are a thing of the past until a boy enchanted by technology is forced to choose between doing the right thing for his community or pursuing his dreams of adventure.

Who Wrote It?

Jeanne DuPrau has had many jobs throughout her life, including teacher, editor and author. She spent a lot of time writing as a child. She says that people often ask her, 'When did you decide to be a writer?'

Here is her answer:
Never. I never decided anything—I just wrote and kept on writing, because writing was what I liked to do. What could be more interesting than thinking of mysterious happenings, finding the answers to intriguing questions, and making up new worlds? Writers have a great job. I'm glad to be one.

In addition to Project F, Jeanne is the author of New York Times Bestselling The City of Ember series.



Jeanne now lives in California where she enjoys gardening and spending time with her dog. You can learn more about Jeanne on her website:
<http://www.jeanneduprau.com/>

AR Reading Level: N/A

Lexile Level: 720L

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As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

This book is accompanied by illustrations by the author that brings the book to life in a delightful second dimension.

Who Wrote It?

Peter has always loved telling stories. Growing up in New Jersey, he told stories by drawing whimsical characters and scenes from his imagination. As a teenager, he fell in love with writing and began telling his tales with words. While studying illustration at Art Center College of Design, Peter's love of both words and pictures led him to take several courses on children's books, and before long he knew he'd found his calling. After graduating from Art Center Peter moved to New York City to be closer to the publishing industry. He was working on animated TV shows when he signed a book deal to write and illustrate his first picture book, *Flight of the Dodo*. He has



since written and illustrated many books and won several awards. Peter lives in Philadelphia, PA. Check out the FAQ on his website to learn more about this author/illustrator: www.peterbrownstudio.com.

AR Reading Level: 5.1

Lexile Level: 740L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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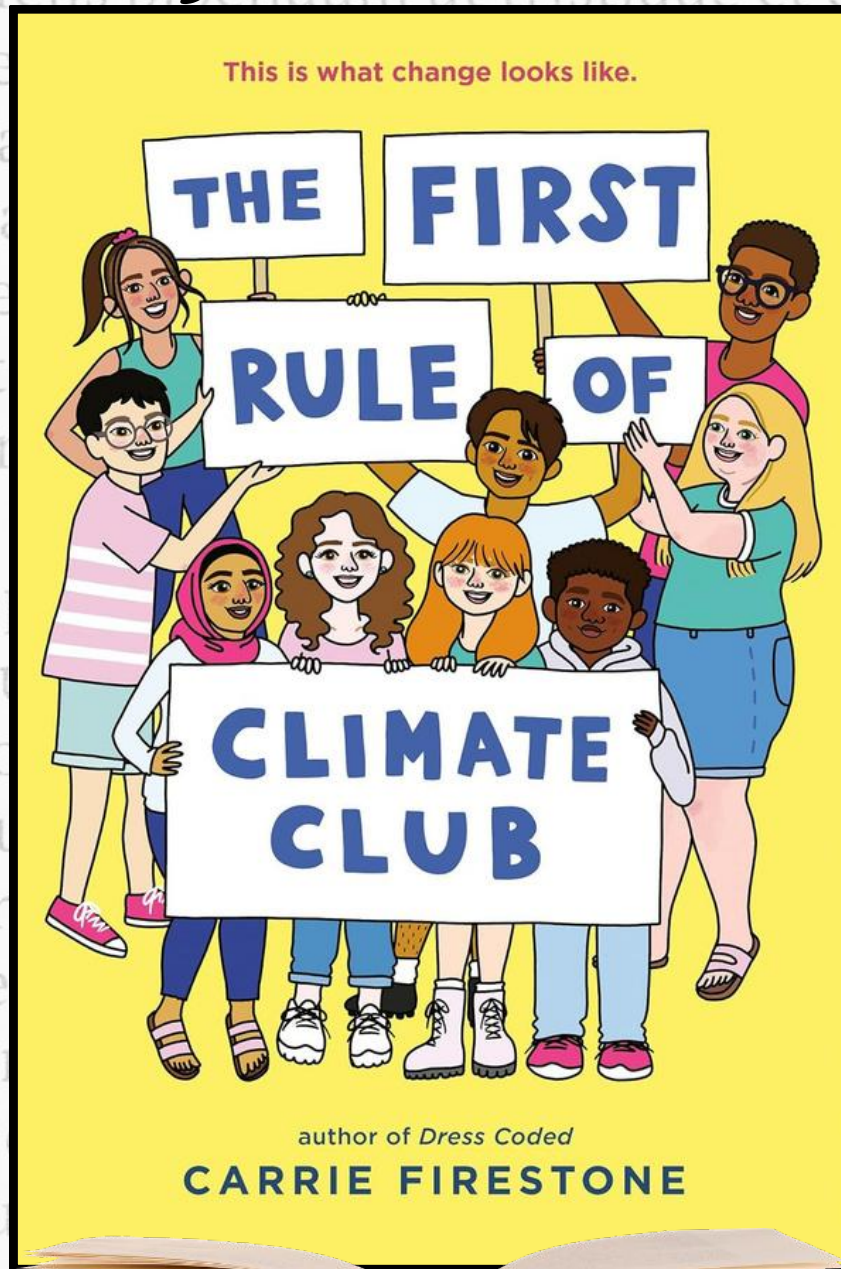
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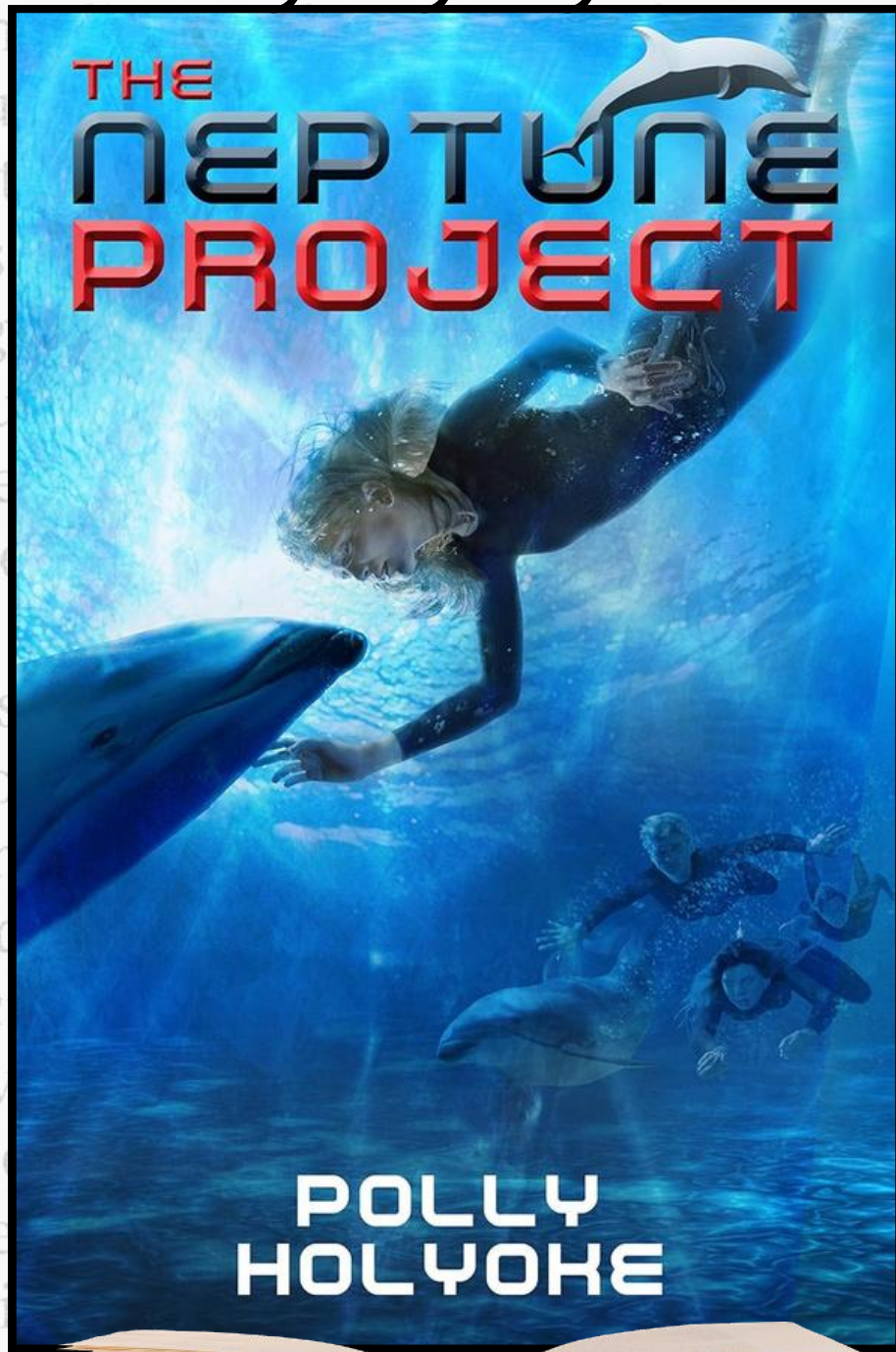
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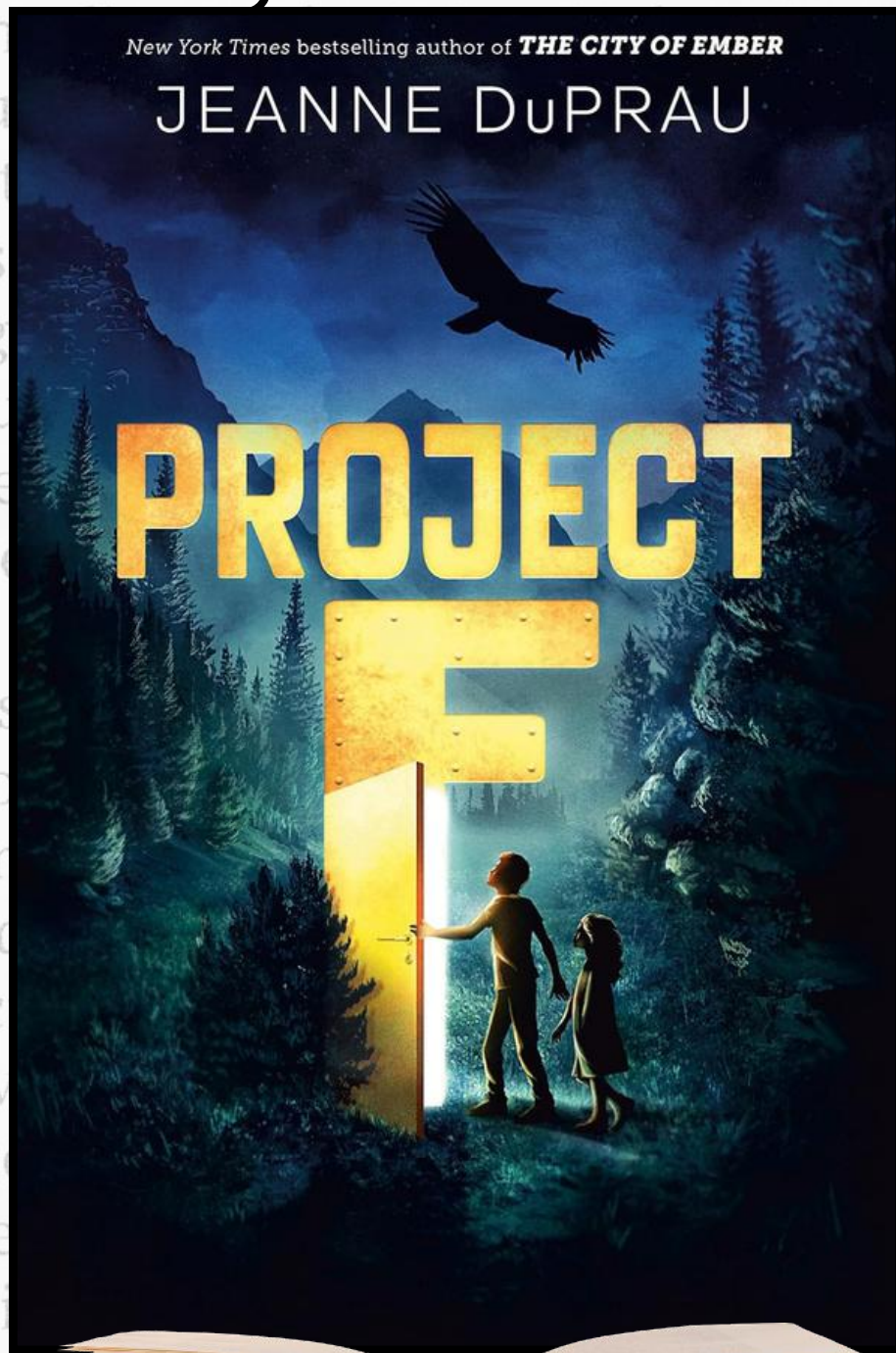
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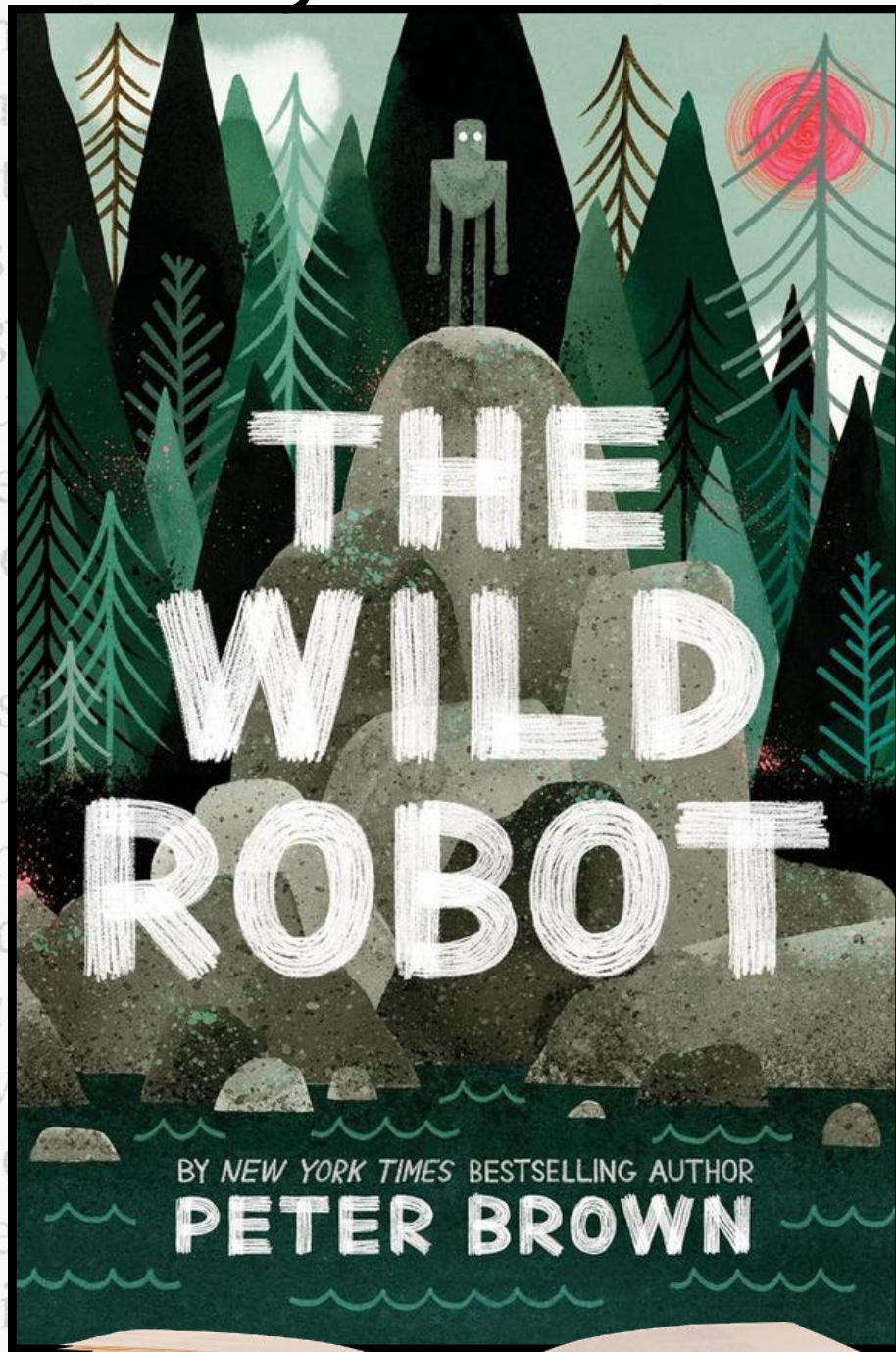
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By Peter Brown



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