

## Greedy Apostrophe A Cautionary Tale

Alfie the Apostrophe is nervous. Can he make it into the punctuation-mark talent show? There's plenty of competition. Question marks tell riddles; exclamation points do cheerleading routines. And it looks as if the director, Bud Asterisk, has mistaken Alfie for a comma! Will all of Alfie's practice pay off?

"A comical takeoff on the familiar Little Red Hen story, this upbeat read-along is brought vividly to life through Brian and Rosi Amador's tandem narration. ...Soft Latin background music is a lilting accompaniment." -Booklist

Describes what is happening in different places around the world at a particular time.

In a satisfying tribute to the wonders of nature and family, Mother Earth attempts to put her wild child, Autumn, to bed, but Autumn isn't quite ready. Reprint.

We all know the basics of punctuation. Or do we? A look at most neighborhood signage tells a different story. Through sloppy usage and low standards on the internet, in email, and now text messages, we have made proper punctuation an endangered species. In *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*, former editor Lynne Truss dares to say, in her delightfully urbane, witty, and very English way, that it is time to look at our commas and semicolons and see them as the wonderful and necessary things they are. This is a book for people who love punctuation and get upset when it is mishandled. From the invention of the question mark in the time of Charlemagne to George Orwell shunning the semicolon, this lively history makes a powerful case for the preservation of a system of printing conventions that is much too subtle to be mucked about with.

First-grader Freddy, who is afraid of the dark, is apprehensive about going on a wilderness camping trip.

Big Truck and Little Truck work together on Farley's Farm, until the day that Big Truck is towed away for repairs and Little Truck must haul produce to the city all by himself.

See how the punctuation marks you use (and where you put them) can completely change the meaning of what you write.

Because of her love for dancing, Wave Dancer fails to follow directions in the school contest, gets herself into trouble, and must be rescued by her team.

Silent letters make spelling much too difficult and the students in Mr. Wright's class have had enough of them. When the letters find out that the class is sending a letter to the newspaper editor asking for silent letters to be banned, they slip out of the missive and chaos ensues. The personality of each letter is distinctively portrayed, giving this grammar lesson the energy and humor to make it as much fun as the previous two books (*Punctuation Takes a Vacation* and *Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day*).

A mother bear dresses her cub in warm clothes and tells him she loves him as they go grocery shopping, play at the park, make dinner, and say goodnight. On board pages.

*Doctor Faustus* is a classic; its imaginative boldness and vertiginous ironies have fascinated readers and playgoers alike. But the fact that this play exists in two early versions, printed in 1604 and 1616, has posed formidable problems for critics. How much of either version was written by Marlowe, and which is the more authentic? Is the play orthodox or radically interrogative? Michael Keefer's early work helped to establish the current consensus that the 1604 text was censored and revised; the Keefer edition, praised for its lucid introduction and scholarship, was the first to restore two displaced scenes to their correct place. Most competing editions presume that the 1604 text was printed from authorial manuscript, and that the 1616 text is of little substantive value. But in 2006 Keefer's fresh analysis of the evidence showed that the 1604 quarto's Marlovian scenes were printed from a corrupted manuscript, and that the 1616 quarto (though indeed censored and revised) preserves some readings earlier than those of the 1604 text. This edition has been updated and revised. Keefer's critical introduction reconstructs the ideological contexts that shaped and deformed the play, and the text is accompanied by textual and explanatory notes and excerpts from sources.

"This is that rare audiobook that truly makes the print version come alive. The sound effects alone are priceless, with homage to Grammy Award-winner Bobby McFerrin. If you've ever wondered what punctuation marks sound like, Beach provides hilarious voices and sound effects for each one. A masterful, creative, amusing, must-have production that simplifies the rules of punctuation." -School Library Journal

This groovy spin on the Hokey Pokey is sure to have the whole family on their feet! Now in fun-size board book format. In a zany variation on the beloved song and game, an unsuspecting fly suggests to a group of musical frogs that it's time to do the Croaky Pokey. Each goofy frog gets a chance to show off its dance moves, hopping and bopping around the pond. But will the fly figure out that these frogs are really after some lunch? That's what it's all about! From a Geisel Winner and Daytime Emmy Nominee, this musical story is the perfect at-home readaloud or classroom tool to get preschool kids moving.

Anya, an eighteen-year-old Russian orphan with no memory of her past, sets out for Paris where she hopes to find her family.

See how using (or not using) an apostrophe can change the meaning of a sentence.

"This book introduces you to R, RStudio, and the tidyverse, a collection of R packages designed to work together to make data science fast, fluent, and fun. Suitable for readers with no previous programming experience"--

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER B is for Beautiful, Brave, and Bright! And for a Book that takes a Bold journey through the alphabet of Black history and culture. Letter by letter, *The ABCs of Black History* celebrates a story that spans continents and centuries, triumph and heartbreak, creativity and joy. It's a story of big ideas—P is for Power, S is for Science and Soul. Of significant moments—G is for Great Migration. Of iconic figures—H is for Zora Neale Hurston, X is for Malcom X. It's an ABC book like no other, and a story of hope and love. In addition to rhyming text, the book includes back matter with information on the events, places, and people mentioned in the poem, from Mae Jemison to W. E. B. Du Bois, Fannie Lou Hamer to Sam Cooke, and the Little Rock Nine to DJ Kool Herc.

As the son of a medieval lord, Henry has lived in a castle all his life. When learns that he must leave home to begin training to be a knight, he turns to his friend Margaret for help. But as a worker in the castle's kitchen, Margaret is envious of Henry's opportunity to see more of the world. Get a glimpse into medieval times by following these two friends as they explore the castle and meet a variety of colorful characters

All the planets in the solar system decide to throw Sun a birthday party. Includes facts about the planets.

An examination of what happened at the Jamestown settlement presents a detailed review of the new archaeological evidence to profile the housing, food, clothing, tools, and causes of death of the early settlers.

Manda's Aunt Ruby helps her to deal with some angry feelings by making lists of all the things that they like in the world.

Recounts the events of Hurricane Katrina and the devastation it caused in New Orleans, discusses the global efforts to help the victims, and describes the rebuilding efforts.

A collection of superlatives showcases such outrageous figures as an ice-skating snake, a wind-surfing ant, a chicken in a frog's costume, and a pepperoni pizza-eating dragon.

The perfect addition to every family's home library and just right for sharing aloud, *American Tall Tales* introduces readers to America's first folk heroes in nine wildly exaggerated and downright funny stories. Here are Paul Bunyan, that king-sized lumberjack who could fell "ten white pines with a single swing"; John Henry, with his mighty hammer; Mose, old New York's biggest, bravest fireman; Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, who could "outgrin, outsnort, outrun, outlift, outsneeze, outsleep, outlie any varmint"; and other uniquely American characters, together in one superb collection. In the tradition of the original nineteenth-century storytellers, Mary Pope Osborne compiles, edits, and adds her own two cents' worth—and also supplies fascinating historical headnotes. Michael McCurdy's robust colored wood engravings recall an earlier time, perfectly capturing all the vitality of the men and women who carved a new country out of the North American wilderness.

In this stunning debut novel, Carr explores a unique love between women--a love that is hauntingly linked by an unbreakable bond transcending centuries. Two love stories are told in a fresh and compelling voice, yet the two affairs become magical mirror images. One is in ancient Arabia--the other in Manhattan.

Shailey loves bedtime, especially reading with her dad. But her dad starts a new job, and it gets in the way of their bedtime routine. So Shailey takes action! She fires her dad, posts a Help Wanted sign, and starts interviews immediately. She is thrilled when her favorite characters from fairytales line up to apply. But Sleeping Beauty can't stay awake, the Gingerbread Man steals her book, and Snow White brings along her whole team. Shailey is running out of options. Is bedtime ruined forever?

In this spine-tingling book from the nonfiction *An Unsolved Mystery from History* picture book series, journey to colonial America and discover the enduring mystery of the missing Roanoke Colony. In 1587 John White was chosen by Sir Walter Raleigh to lead a new colony at Roanoke off the Atlantic coast. After bringing many men, women, and children to the new land, White went back to England to gather supplies for the long winter. But when he finally returned to the fort almost three years later, he found that all of the colonists had vanished. The only signs of life left were the letters CRO carved into a tree and the word CROATOAN carved into one of the fort's posts. Did the Spanish army capture the colonists? Did the colonists get in a battle with the native people—or join them? Did they try to follow John White to England and get lost at sea? Become a detective, study the clues, and see if you can help solve this chilling mystery from history!

When Isabelle buys a beast on special at the pet store, her father thinks it will be an interesting scientific experiment, but her mother says it will have to go if it continues its loud imitations of her French lessons.

*If You Were an Apostrophe* is a Capstone Press publication.

It's the moment all the punctuation marks have been eagerly awaiting: assignment time, There are plenty of open positions for apostrophes as contractions soon there's only one job left--for a possessive--and only one apostrophe to fill it: non other than Greedy Apostrophe. It's not long before his greed gets out of hand, and he jumps into signs where he doesn't belong. What will it take to put Greedy Apostrophe back in his place? This clever and zany language arts picture book will have kids eager to learn the tricks of using an apostrophe.

The Yorkshire detectives reopen an old murder case and stir a royal scandal in this "dynamic, surprising mystery" (Publishers Weekly). Reginald Hill "raised the classical British mystery to new heights" when he introduced pugnacious Yorkshire Det. Inspector Andrew Dalziel and his partner, the callow Sgt. Peter Pascoe (The New York Times Book Review). Their chafing differences in education, manners, technique, and temperament made them "the most remarkable duo in the annals of crime fiction" (Toronto Star). Adapted into a long-running hit show for the BBC, the Gold Dagger Award-winning series is now available as ebooks. It was a cold-blooded murder committed in one of Yorkshire's country estates. The conspirators: Sir Ralph Mickledore and his lover, American nanny Cissy Kohler. The victim: Mickledore's hapless wife. Mickledore's execution for the open-and-shut case made headlines. Thirty years later, so has Cissy's parole in light of new testimony suggesting her innocence. But when the witness whose long-suppressed evidence is murdered, Dalziel and Pascoe realize the damage done by the fatal affair isn't over. But whose secrets will prove more revealing? Those buried with Mickledore and his wife a generation ago? Or those Cissy is holding on to for dear life? *Recalled to Life* is the 14th book in the Dalziel and Pascoe Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Quasimodo and Esmeralda celebrate Topsy-Turvy Day, when the people of Paris do everything backwards.

Describes what pronouns are and provides examples of them used in different sentences.

Hercules is transformed from bumbling mortal to ancient Greek hero as he takes on a host of evil villains, in a brightly illustrated, rhyming storybook that also features peel-off Hercules stickers. Movie tie-in.

With more than 12 million books sold, the *My Weird School* series really gets kids reading! In this sixth book in the laugh-out-loud *My Weirdest School* series, the teachers of Ella Mentry School are on strike! A.J. and the gang are getting a new principal, Mr. Nick, and he doesn't believe in rules. Mr. Nick says the students don't even have to learn if they don't want to! What could possibly go wrong? Perfect for reluctant readers and word lovers alike, Dan Gutman's hugely popular *My Weird School* series has something for everyone. Don't miss the hilarious adventures of A.J. and the gang!

From bestselling author Lemony Snicket and celebrated illustrator Maira Kalman comes an uproarious, whimsical word book like no other. Together, Snicket and Kalman present a strikingly beautiful journey woven from a practical introduction to thirteen wonderful words, featuring such marvels as Bird, Dog, Panache, and Haberdashery. Snicket, the notoriously clever and elusive New York Times bestselling author, pushes the boundaries of storytelling in the most fanciful of ways. Maira Kalman, renowned for her art and design, carries this madcap adventure to wondrous heights with her vision of a world populated with hats, song, and cake. This rollicking, surprising book is a true celebration of words.

New York Times–bestselling author: “In the art of true-crime reportage, Jerry Bledsoe is the best in the country . . . Before He Wakes has the suspense of a novel” (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution). Barbara Stager was known as a devoted mother, loving wife, and dedicated church leader in her Durham, North Carolina, community. When she “accidentally” shot her husband, popular high school coach, Russ, the police were inclined to believe her—until they learned that ten years earlier, her first husband had died in a strangely similar way. Sgt. Rick Buchanan’s relentless investigation into Stager’s life revealed a stunning vortex of compulsive lying, obsessive spending, and sexual promiscuity. With every new discovery, more of Barbara’s impeccable image unraveled. But the greatest shock—a damning piece of evidence Russ Stager left behind—revealed the nightmare truth about Barbara. With “the fine-toothed-comb reporting of [an] ace crime journalist,” this book takes us deep into a spellbinding case of double life, lethal lust, and almost perfect murder (Kirkus Reviews). “A shocking and well-written portrait of a dangerous woman.” —The New York Times “Mesmerizing.” —Ann Rule, New York Times–bestselling author of *The Stranger Beside Me* “This account of manipulation, compulsive spending, lying, promiscuity, and murder is made even more chilling by the fact that appearances are often deceiving.” —Library Journal “A profile of evil . . . Fascinating.” —The Baltimore Sun “Jerry Bledsoe is the master of true crime, the conclusion to what Truman Capote began. . . . Another stunning success.” —Patricia Cornwell, New York Times–bestselling author of *Chaos*

Join Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen and their friends for a birthday party that turns out to be a big surprise for both girls.

A portrayal of five inventors, from childhood to adulthood and what they invented.

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