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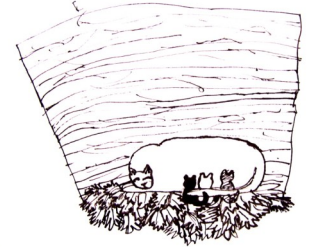
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## The Reinvention of the Underground Newspaper

While the rest of the school sleeps, the children in a very normal fourth grade classroom work behind the scenes to assure that their work is read by the rest of the children in Creek View. The Germ, as we will refer to it, is an anonymous publication written by students for the enjoyment of others. No names have been included in order to keep the mystery alive.

## Book Reviews

For our inaugural issue the writers of The Germ have decided to dabble with something that the rest of the children at Creek View could benefit: book reviews. We experimented with our hooks and tried to keep them as "figurative" as we could.



Meet Sasha and her kits Hawk, Moth, and Tadpole from the story Warriors Return to the Clans.

### Book Review Highlights:

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## Touchblue

Cynthia Lord wrote a book called Touch Blue and it is as interesting as the Circ De Soleil. The reason why it's so interesting is because when you find out what it's like to adopt a boy. Maybe you will like this book to and learn something like I did from this book. I really hope you love this book as much as I do! Thank you readers for reading my summery for touch blue!

## Warriors

Millie Noooooo! Warriors is a series of books I recommend warriors books to people who like excitement and action! There are two different series. There is one about Graystripe and Millie or Firestar and Sasha. I hope you like Warriors!

## Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

This book is written by Grace Lin. Hey this book is probably for slow readers but if your not I suggest you slow down. In this book the character loves to hear stories that her papa tells every night. The one she really loves is the one about Jade the cloud and THUNDER dragon. Read this AWESOME BOOK to see what happens next ...

## Day of the Field Trip Zombies

Day of the Field Trip Zombies  
By: Scott Nickel sure is a killer.

Dr.Branium had flashed a green light in every ones eyes and turned them in to zombies!

I also like it because  
Dr.Brainium turns the animals in to zombies.

## Eve of the Emperor Penguin

The book Eve of the Emperor Penguin is an action pact story by Mary Pope Osborne. This magic tree house book will blow your mind! The tree house takes Jack and Annie to Antarctica where they have to find the last secret of happiness to help a magician from a terrible sadness. They go to the emperor penguin's home to get an orphan penguin and when they take the penguin to the magician the sadness is broken.



In 39 Clues Amy and Dan's parents die in a blazing house fire.

## Gaia Girls

Lee Welles wrote a book called Gaia Girls and it was as interesting as seeing a baby puppy being born. Elizabeth goes out to the field, when she walks back she sees an odd looking otter. She just keeps walking but strangely sees him wave. The next day she found the otter again the otter calls her. She kind of gets freaked out. She finds out that Gaia (the otter) gives her special powers. She uses those powers on special thing especially bullies and to travel new places. Gaia Girls is the boom!

## Into The Dream

Into the Dream by William Sleator is going to blow your mind and that is a guarantee. I think Into the Dream is mind-blowing because it's dramatic. It's about a boy who is having the same nightmare night after night. He thinks that he lost his mind, until he found out that his classmate Francine is having the same nightmare consecutively every night. The two are trying to solve the mystery by themselves. They also found a third person in the dream, a little boy that they think holds the secret to all their answers. They don't think, they know that the little boy is in trouble. The two have found out that all of this is leading up to a UFO landing in Las Vegas and the two getting mental telepathy which is the most important thing to save the world from total destruction!!!

## Emily Wndsnap and the Castle in the Mist

Emily Wndsnap and the Castle in the Mist by Liz Kessler keeps you questioning like Pandora the goddess. At the end of each chapter you will be like, "What will happen?" For example when Emily gets cursed I'm like "What will happen to her?" I'm at a part that I have tons of questions, but the main one is "What will she turn into?" That's why you should read this very questioning book.

## Flush

It is as stinky as a pile of elephant poop in here! Anyways I would recommend this book by Carl Hiaasen to you because it is the best book ever and it keeps you guessing.

For example, will their dad get out of jail? Will they stop the casino boat from dumping their potty junk in the water at Thunder Beach? You will have to read this action slash comedy packed book to find out!

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## Henry Hikes to Fitchburg

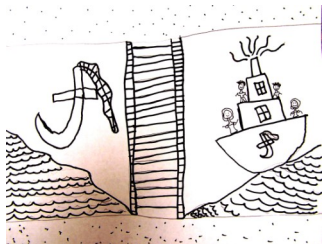
Henry hikes to Fitchburg is written by D.B. Johnson is fine. I think it is weird because they should both just hike instead of one of them take the train. It was weird how it was a race. It would be yesterday if they both just hiked because Henry had too hike 30 miles and his just toke a train but he had too earn money so he could go.

## The Lion King

The Lion King by Disney is a circle of life. It is an interesting, good, and it can be a little strange. The part where the hyenas come out creped me out a bit but I'm fine. I really think the Lion King is powerful too because it has lion's and it is just a bunch of circle of life.

## Red Pyramid

Red Pyramid is the BOMB! This book is written by Rick Riordan. This book is cool because the kids are going inside a place filled with monsters, and they don't have any weapons! So I think this book is cool.



In Touchblue a ferry brings Aaron and Liby home from the adoption agency.

## Hoot

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen is a hoot. I think this book is a hoot because it very mysteries. Everyone at school is talking about owls doing something. I really think this owl thing is pretty weird. This book is just a hoot.

## Redwall

Redwall by Brian Jacques will blow your mind. It is filled with action. Like the time Mathias went to the roof of the redwall abbey 500 feet off the ground! Or the time he learns that Martin the warrior (the founder of the abbey) lives through him. As well as the time he has to fight what people say is a legend a big snake that wants him dead for taking back Martin's sword. He also saved Redwall from Clunny the scrooge with help from Warbeak and the other birds and his friends that helped him on one of his quests. I think Redwall is golden.

## The Crowfield Curse

The Crowfield Curse by Pat Walsh is as suspicious as a person in a weird mask. It's so suspicious because you would always want to know what will happen next. For example when Master Bone came with his servant, William finds out that Master Bone's servant has eyes of a wild animal. I think you should read this book because it is exciting and keeps you questioning. Thank you for reading this short summary of The Crowfield Curse.

## The Sea of Monsters

The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan is like a battle with a sea serpent. This Follow-up to The Lightning Thief is a really great, adventurous book. Percy Jackson and his friend. Half-bloods must go on a journey to stop Polyphemus, a Cyclopes who is guarding the Golden Fleece. Thalia's tree has been poisoned, and the magical borders around camp Half-blood are fading! Can Percy and his new friend Tyson save the camp?

## Storyteller

Storyteller by Edward Myers is the BOMB! Storyteller is about a kid named Jack. Jack travels around the world and tells stories. He meets a crook named Garth Golden eye. Jack tells a story about him and tells that he has hid his treasure in a lump of grass. If you want to know more READ THIS BOOK!

## 39 Clues: In Too Deep

The 39 clues In Too Deep by Jude Watson is golden because Amy and Dan's parents DIED in a fire. Dan's 4 years old and Amy's 14 years old. Some one's trying to kidnap Dan and Amy.

## Ted

Ted the book is by Tony Diterizzi. Hey do you want to have a play date today. I think this book is so good because if you like having play dates than you should read it. It is about a big pink guy and there is a dad and a boy so the dad went to and the big pink guy asked to have a play date so they do. So the dad comes home and they have done stuff to the house and the dad did not realize that they were best friends in 2 grades. That was why I like it but it was really funny. That is why you should read it!

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## TINTIN

We are going to be rich as Bill Gates! TINTIN by Herge is about Tintin and Captain Haddock going under the sea to find Red Rackham's treasure. This book was the most action-packed comic I've ever read! This book reminds me of my 12- year cousin who loves writing these weird comics. This book also reminds me of me because I have crazy an imagination like the comic TINTIN! I recommend this book to all the TINTIN viewers!!!

## Meet the “Germalist”



I love crispy juicy bacon. I dominate in all sports activities. If my TV was stuck on a channel for the rest of my life it would be ESPN Sportscenter and I am “The Germ”.



I love sports that involve running, aiming, and shooting. I can't get enough of adventurous stories, and like that guy over there I love juicy bacon to and I am “The Germ”.



Hey, I'm one of the authors of “The Germ” and I love to take care of children and read. Those are my favorite things to do, and I am “The Germ”.

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## Warriors Return to the Woods

I recommend Warriors Return to the woods by Erin Hunter because it's filled with cat gold. Sasha has finally returned to the woods, about to give birth to kits! But only one problem she lives right next to Thunder Clan with kits! She fears the warriors will try to make her kits Moth, Tadpole, and Hawk warriors to!

## Who is Albert Einstein

Who is Albert Einstein by Robert Parker is a diamond! I think this book is interesting because it shows facts. I like it because it started talking about when he was born to when he died. It also told about all the jobs he had and that he got married then devided then married then his wife died. That is why I think this book is a diamond!

