

Where Do Giggles Come From? (Little Golden Book)

From author Mark Russell Villborghi's exceptionally vivid dream comes this fascinating work of fiction that takes you into the interesting place called High Times. As you delve deep into High Times, An Alien Paradise, you'll find satisfaction, intrigue, romance, revelation, humor, mystery, good times, and insight into the future of humankind. Meet an ensemble of charming characters who will show you the beauty and delight of living and working in High Times. Follow Horn, who narrates this story, as he tells you of how he enjoys waking up everyday to work as a saxophone player in a band at High Times. So what makes High Times that interesting? It is an unusual restaurant-nightclub-bar-dance hall. High Times or HT, as fondly called by its employees, is not the typical place for entertainment and eating. It even has a romantic heated indoor-basement heart-shaped swimming pool. The founders of High Times has built HT mostly to get friends together, especially those with common interests, in an environment of intimacy where the best of conversation, dance, music, and most of all, good warm feelings can be cultivated and expressed. But is this all there is to it - or is there some mystery and intrigue behind the façade of High Times? Find out in author Mark Russell Villborghi's High Times, An Alien Paradise Book Reviews A topsy-turvy psychedelic science-fiction tale—starring an eclectic array of beings, human and otherwise—based on an “exceptionally lucid dream” experienced by author Villborghi. Villborghi's hero is Horn, a musician at a small nightclub called High Times. For Horn, “life is so exciting that [he] can't wait to see what comes next.” He lives to play music, loves his band mates, is well paid and maintains a nice flat in a nearby post-war apartment building. “Actually,” he explains, “I have accidentally found myself in a million-dollar lifestyle without the responsibilities or stresses. We who work at [High Times] are all riding a train through Shangri-La. I hope it never ends, and I just know life could be this good.” But not all is how it appears. As Horn soon discovers, there is a mysterious presence in the basement of the apartment complex. “The place gives me that funny feeling,” he says, “the one where you walk backwards out so that you don't turn your back on whatever is there.” High Times is comprised of two narratives, each carefully intertwined by Villborghi. The first is the more straightforward—Horn recruits a new female lead singer for his band, and promptly falls in love. The band plays gigs, and earns the respect of the community. Meanwhile, the author delves into the stories of the other denizens of the apartment complex, including a young couple named Jack and Jill. But the book is also a sci-fi adventure, and much of the book is concerned with Horn's search for life in the basement. High Times appears to be a kind of portal, which connects the nightclub and the apartment complex to a powerful alien being. Villborghi's writing often falls flat, but his plotting is solid and the book moves from the early scenes to the surprising, exciting ending with a good deal of ballast. Extraterrestrial happenings make this an intriguing ride. -Kirkus Discoveries

Doc McStuffins gets a little beluga whale toy named Lulu who can grow in water. The problem is, Lulu wants to be big now! Growing boys and girls ages 2 to 5 will love this Little Golden Book retelling an episode from the popular Disney Junior series Doc McStuffins. And they'll also love finding out Doc's secret to getting bigger—patience!

Would you like to plan liturgical celebrations that are accessible to children while remaining true to the riches of the Anglican tradition? Then this book is for you. Drawing on her experience as a children's worker and primary school teacher, Margaret Pritchard Houston provides a whole year's worth of material to celebrate the church year with children.

This Little Golden Book collection of classic Christmas carols will have your family singing all season long! This festive Little Golden Book from 1946 is back in print for the first time in 40 years! Beautiful vintage illustrations bring to life sheet music and lyrics for beloved carols and hymns that families have sung together for many generations: "Away in a Manger," "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls," and more. Perfect for placing on the piano, or to give to a child or a collector of the classic Little Golden Books, this book will be cherished each holiday season.

Light and Shadow

Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle for Middle School

Favorite Little Golden Books for Springtime

Where'd My Giggle Go?

It's a truth universally acknowledged that a single woman in possession of a good job, four bossy sisters and a needy cat must also have want of her one true love. Or is it? Another delightful novel from the author of THE LITTLE BOOKSHOP OF LONELY HEARTS. Perfect for fans of Lucy Diamond and Jenny Colgan

Brian La Trobe retired from Dental practice in 1986 to pursue his environmental interests. He designed South Africa's first energy from waste programme using the landfill site of Grahamstown South Africa. Later, on behalf of the South African Research Commission, he researched and developed a sanitation treatment system which required no water. He then established a company to field test the technology. Finally in 1993 the Enviro Loo unit went into production. To date some 55,000 units have been sold into the African market and exported internationally to many Countries, including the USA. Some years ago, he retired as Chairman of Enviro Options (Pty) Ltd. He now lives in retirement with his wife,Peggy, in Johannesburg where he occupies his time recording old memories.

An unexpected union. A mystery intruder. A miracle. And a wedding that threatens the family. After an abrupt departure from her previous career, Presley never expects to be so well received at the rival company, despite the null and void NDA and questionable, discreet reason why she parted ways. But Presley was not raised to mosey her way through life, having been raised by her aunt after her parents' death, she's hunted oggles with many things, some of which she's dealt with accordingly, and some she has not. Will is fed up with his deadbeat IT manager, and so he praises Presley's headstrong and intelligent ways when she takes over that department. Just five minutes with this woman has him hooked, and soon he realizes just how much her heart is in the job. It's unprecedented to him, and he finds himself jumping through hoops to happily show her his accolades, including promoting her to COO before her probationary period is up. When the holidays arrive, it comes to light that Presley will be flying solo for Christmas, and Will is having none of it. After a simple horse-riding lesson, a new Stetson, and a bottle of wine, Will starts to see Presley in a whole new light, and the feeling is mutual. A night of sheer terror, not passion, ensues, and the bond between Will and Presley is tightened, but not in a way that they expect. Between Will's sister Laura being hospitalized and a mystery guest trying to break into the company on Christmas Day, Will and Presley find themselves pressing through and finding strength and comfort in each other. But Presley's secret is part of what fuels the hunt for the mystery intruder, along with a laundry list of potential suspects who have both threatened and who have actually harmed family members in the past. Problem is, most of those lovelies are already serving time. Just when the family is about to welcome another member into their already blissfully happy family, the perpetrator strikes at the right time, and at the wrong time. Will this person live to tell, or will the Kelsey family band together and crush them in the way that only the Kelsey family can? A tale of two alike people who have lived very different lives but find common ground and strength in each other. A combination best friends to lovers and office romance that will lift your spirits and make you believe in miracles. This has a special Christmas twist, but it can be enjoyed all year round. Read all about Will. Readers have been dying to have him pair up, and he finally meets the love of his life that he meets in an unexpected way. Pick up your copy today!

Two of the stories in this issue help children cope with and understand bullies in a most delightful way.The third story is a just for fun story about two silly squirrels who get trapped in a giant snowball.

A Lee Henry Oswald Mystery

As Big as a Whale (Disney Junior: Doc McStuffins)

Making Virtues, Love, and Laughter a Daily Part of Your Family Life

Stories

Decisions, decisions! How is a girl supposed to choose? Lessons of right and wrong are put to the test in the Scenarios series, where you can test your decision-making abilities in an eye-opening, but safe, way. Each book follows a character up to the point where she has to make an important, life-changing decision—then it's your turn to choose. Will your choices lead to a happy ending?

What do indoor picnics and funny face contests have to do with loving Jesus? More than you realize! As a mom in the throes of parenting, Courtney DeFeo believes that instilling virtues in children starts with laughter, not lecture. That perspective propelled her to create this idea-packed book, in which she offers motivating reflections, real-life stories, and a sandbox full of inventive ways to help you turn your kids' hearts toward God. Each chapter focuses on one virtue that is key for developing your child's character. Along with insights into how this virtue plays out in the nitty-gritty of life, Courtney includes a memory verse, activity ideas, and discussion questions to reinforce that virtue throughout the month. Here you'll find a full year of ways to draw your children closer to God through delightful antics like Family Olympics, One Fancy Feast, and Light 'Em Up. In This House, We Will Giggle shows you how to capture the hearts of your children through fun—so that they experience the goodness of Christ, the joy of following Him, and the difference they can make in the lives of others. (Water balloons not included!)

Children's ministry can be fun and meaningful when you use these incredibly creative resources from Godprints—"The Most Creative Children's Ministry Resource Ever!" Every activity helps kids learn what God is like and how to become more like Him! That's why we say - these are Resources That Leave a Godprint! Jane Bell Kiestler, author of the popular Caught'ya! Grammar with a Giggle series, has adapted her effective and fun approach to meet the specific learning needs of middle-school students. This resource improves writing and editing skills, raises test scores, engages students, and creates classrooms filled with giggles! Giggles in the Middle offers middle-school teachers all the benefits of the previous Caught'ya! books, plus some helpful "extras" created especially for the middle-school student. You'll find: One continuous story, "The Bizarre Mystery of Horribly Hard Middle School," divided into three parts, each with enough sentences for an entire school year; Classroom-tested writing assignment suggestions, mini-lessons, and teaching tips; "Almost-midterm" and final exam tests for each grade, with teacher keys; Easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions; Complete vocabulary lists for words used in each story; and A CD with the Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Guide for easy reference and duplication; the complete, uninterrupted story in narrative form; and the Caught'ya! sentences. Giggles in the Middle gives middle-school teachers the perfect alternative to boring grammar books and dry lectures. With this flexible, proven approach to developing grammar, usage, and mechanics (GUM) skills, as well as vocabulary, everyone has fun while they learn!

Still River

Where Do Giggles Come From?

Home for a Bunny

Celebrating The Church Year With Children

Pinochio (Disney Classic)

A classic Little Golden Book from 1971 about the importance of paying attention to signs is back in print! Signs! Signs! Signs! Signs! Signs! First published in 1971, this terrific Little Golden Book is full of signs--ones that tell us what's going to happen, what to look for, where to go, and how to get there. This timeless classic features wonderful retro art of racially diverse children by illustrator Art Seiden. Will you show boys and girls--and their parents--enjoy this book? All signs point to yes!

Even a simple outing becomes extraordinary when you're with the wonderful Mary Poppins! Boys and girls ages 2 to 5 will love this vintage Little Golden Book from 1964 that retells a scene from Walt Disney's Mary Poppins.

Although Meggie Blue seems to be an average sixth-grader she is frightened when residents of her North Carolina town become fixated on aliens, and soon she and her family are forced to flee, making it clear that all is not as it seems.

A whimsical picture book from New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado, Where'd My Giggle Go? helps your kids process their emotions in a fun, healthy way so they can transform from grumpy to laugh-out-loud happy. "I felt kind of cranky. I felt kind of sad. I can't tell you why, but I even felt mad." For every child who sometimes feels out of sorts and doesn't know why, Where'd My Giggle Go? helps normalize and dissipate negative emotions in a delightful way. A perfect read-aloud, Where'd My Giggle Go? provides: A natural way for you to talk with your kids about how we all get sad sometimes A reminder that we can help others find their happiness With colorful illustrations from Sarah Jennings, this book is: Great for ages 4-8 Brilliant for classroom discussions about processing feelings and emotions and a resource to help parents discuss being sad, grumpy, anxious, or unhappy Where'd My Giggle Go? follows a boy who looks all over--from the circus to the bakery to his own pocket--for his giggle. After all, "No-giggle's no fun. No fun, no sirree. No-giggle is not the best way to be." Then he realizes that bringing happiness to others is the best way to find it himself. As he offers smiles and hugs, helps his mom wash the dishes, plays with a friend, and gives the dog a good tickle, he feels something deep, deep within start to wiggle. And before you know it, the boy starts to giggle! Lucado's charming but powerful message reminds each of us that getting over the grumpies is just a giggle away.

Walt Disney's Mary Poppins (Disney Classics)

The Talker

2 Interactive Stories in 1

High Times, An Alien Paradise

True Love at the Lonely Hearts Bookshop

An action-packed series-starter perfect for fans of The Heroine Complex and Not Your Sidekick. "I didn't know how much I needed this brave, thrilling book until it rocked my world. Dreadnought is the superhero adventure we all need right now."--Charlie Jane Anders, author of All the Birds in the Sky Danny Tozer has a problem: she just inherited the powers of Dreadnought, the world's greatest superhero. Until Dreadnought fell out of the sky and died right in front of her, Danny was trying to keep people from finding out she's transgender. But before he expired, Dreadnought passed his mantle to her, and those secondhand superpowers transformed Danny's body into what she's always thought it should be. Now there's no hiding that she's a girl. It should be the happiest time of her life, but Danny's first weeks finally living in a body that fits her are more difficult and complicated than she could have imagined. Between her father's dangerous obsession with "curing" her girlhood, her best friend suddenly acting like he's entitled to date her, and her fellow superheroes arguing over her place in their ranks, Danny feels like she's in over her head. She doesn't have time to adjust. Dreadnought's murderer--a cyborg named Utopia--still haunts the streets of New Port City, threatening destruction. If Danny can't sort through the confusion of coming out, master her powers, and stop Utopia in time, humanity faces extinction.

A boxed set of five Little Golden Books presents a springy mix of titles featuring bunnies, baby animals, two children gardening and more, including Home for a Bunny, Where Do Giggles Come From?, The Little Red Hen, Two Little Gardeners and Baby Farm Animals.

Boys and girls ages 2 to 5 will love this Little Golden Book based on an episode of Disney Junior's newest hit show, Sheriff Callie's Wild West, in which Toby learns that keeping promises is more important than drinking lots and lots of milk shakes!

Planes: Fire & Rescue features a quirky crew of elite firefighting aircraft devoted to protecting historic Piston Peak National Park from raging wildfire. When world famous air racer Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he must shift gears and is launched into the world of wildfire air attack. Dusty joins forces with veteran fire and rescue helicopter Blade Ranger and his courageous air attack team, including spirited super scooper Lil' Dipper, heavy-lift helicopter Windlifter, ex-military transport Cabbie, and a lively bunch of brave all-terrain vehicles known as the Smokejumpers. Together, the fearless team battles a massive wildfire, and Dusty learns what it takes to become a true hero. Boys and girls ages 3 to 9 will love this full color storybook, packed with illustrations, which retells the whole exciting adventure!

Weirdest

Casting Directors' Secrets

In This House, We Will Giggle

There Is a Season

Seven Dwarfs Find a House (Disney Classic)

"Veronica McGowan is a typical, unremarkable, average thirteen-year-old--and this is the bane of her existence. Desperate to be an 'est'--cutest, smartest, funniest--Veronica bumbles her way through 8th grade, never truly being herself for fear of rejection ... Nothing could be worse than everyone discovering how lame you really are. Or so she thinks--[until one day, she] wakes up for another woeful round of teenage anonymity, only to make a mortifying discovery: her strongest emotions physically manifest themselves in weird ways"--Amazon.com.

"If you ever wondered what life is like for the down and out, the remarkable Sojourner lays it out in precise and unsparring prose in her latest collection of short stories." --PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, starred review From security guards and jack rabbits to bartenders and blue herons, the desert-dwellers in The Talker surface with grit and grace from dust-blown trailers, ancient Joshua trees, and artificial lakes. With her signature down-to-earth storytelling style, Mary Sojourner explores the lives of working class people, threats to Western landscapes, and the complexities of love. The Talker depicts a community weathering the desert glare of the Mojave, seeking refuge, truth, and escape. MARY SOJOURNER is the author of the novels, 29, Sisters of the Dream and Going Through Ghosts; the short story collections The Talker and Delicate; an essay collection, Boneight: Ruin and Grace in the New Southwest; and memoirs, Solace: Rituals of Loss and Desire and She Bets Her Life. She is an intermittent NPR commentator and the author of many essays, columns and op-eds for High Country News, Writers on the Range, and other publications. A graduate of the University of Rochester, Sojourner teaches writing in private circles, one-on-one, at colleges and universities, writing conferences, and book festivals. She believes in both the limitations and possibilities of healing through writing--the most powerful tool she has found for doing what is necessary to mend. She lives in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Back in print--a classic Little Golden Book about jingly jangly Christmas fun! A bear family takes some of the village animals out for a spin in the sleigh--and ends up helping Santa deliver his toys! This merry Little Golden Book from 1964 is reissued for a new generation to enjoy. This Read & Listen edition contains audio narration.

This playful rhyming Little Golden Book asks, "Where do giggles come from?" It's a celebration of families and laughter and children will delight in watching piglets, bear cubs, bunnies, and more baby animals frolicking joyfully with their families. Charming pastel illustrations show little ones laughing and giggling while playing peek-a-boo, hula-hoop, hide-n-seek, and other games.

Divorced Dating and Damn Drama

Dreadnought

Never Pat a Bear

Jingle Bells: Read & Listen Edition

Planes: Fire & Rescue (Disney Planes: Fire & Rescue)

These are the further adventures of John Fox, a humble man traveling through a strange and marvellous world, but not his own. How he got there is still the biggest mystery of all. And one he hopes to unravel, as he continues his journey with his new found family and friends. They move through lands never seen by either him or his friends. Facing wonders, marvels and dangers, none of which any of them could ever have imagined, changing them all and their ideas and outlook forever. As they journey on, sharing in all the tears and laughter as they go, they face a tyrant whose very mention brings fear to all, even the bravest of men...

Marissa Langerson recently got divorced, losing everything, and is struggling to regain her life and reenter her single life by online dating. She comes from the small town of Gossip where the focus of everyone's conversations is on Marissa and how she threw her life away in the divorce. The town, including Marissa's own parents, love her ex lawyer of a husband Henry. She is now trying to succeed as a divorce woman on online dating while struggling to stay aive.

When the fun-loving and spontaneous artist Willow West meets buttoned-up, retired English teacher George Emerson, it's not exactly love at first sight. Though she does find the obsessive-compulsive man intriguing. Making it her mission to get him to loosen up and embrace life, she embarks on what seems like a lost cause--and finds herself falling for him in the process. A confirmed bachelor, George vacillates between irritation and attraction whenever Willow is around--which to him seems like all too often. He's not interested in expanding his horizons or making new friends; it just hurts too much when you lose them. But as the summer progresses, George feels his defenses crumbling. The question is, will his change of heart be too late for Willow? With her signature heart and touches of humor, fan favorite Melody Carlson pens a story of two delightfully eccentric characters who get a second chance at life and love.

On a desperate quest to become legal guardian of her younger sisters, India runs away to find help. In searching to find help, she runs into a loud, cocky bull rider, Chad Watch. She proposes a temporary marriage agreement to gain custody of her sisters. Will India achieve her number one goal—to save her sisters—or will she find disappointment? Chad Watch is a ladies' man, good-looking, cocky, a professional bull rider, a deputy for the local sheriff's department, and a womanizer. He loves parties, rodeos, and women. Chad never gave love, family, or children a single thought. But in meeting India, Chad will agree to anything for just one night. Will Chad agree to an everlasting love and a family?

Our Bad Magnet

The Publishers Weekly

Diary of a Mixed Up Chick

Gnanny's Giggles Book Four

A Book About Signs

This Little Golden Book was originally published in 1948 and stars Dopey, Bashful, Grumpy, Sneezy, Sleepy, Happy, and Doc from the classic film Walt Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs! Find out how Snow White's friends the Seven Dwarfs--Sleepy, Happy, Bashful, Sneezy, Grumpy, Doc, and Dopey--find their delightful little cottage in this classic Disney Little Golden Book. Originally published in 1948, this story features beautiful vintage artwork that will delight girls and boys ages 2 to 5, as well as collectors of all ages!

Disney Junior's Henry Hugglemonster stars in a Little Golden Book! Boys and girls ages 2 to 5 will love this Little Golden Book based on an episode of the hit Disney Junior show Henry Hugglemonster in which Henry loses his first fang!

In the spring a young rabbit searches the forest for a place to make his home.

Where Do Giggles Come From?Golden Books

You're Hitched Son!

No More Pain

A Gaggle of Giggles and Games

Giggles in the Middle

Inside Tips for Successful Auditions

The beloved tale of a wooden puppet who longs to become a real boy is as appealing now as when it was first released in 1940. The beautiful, vintage illustrations in this Little Golden Book retelling will charm children and collectors alike. It makes a great companion to the Platinum Edition DVD being released by Disney in spring 2009!

A guide for film, television and theatre actors on auditioning. Castingirector Ginger Howard takes actors behind the scenes to hear what legendaryacting directors have to say about preparing for and performing first-rateauditions. Chapters offer candid advice and practical tips on auditorium etiquette, doing the slate, taking direction, using the space, performing theonologue audition, being in character, performing comedy versus drama,ulling off love scenes and small roles, overacting and pretentious acting,nd how to avoid the three most frequently made mistakes. Actors tell storiest audition mishaps never to be repeated and of auditions where they clinchedthe coveted role.

Our Bad Magnet is an unashamedly dark and deliciously funny play from one of Scotland's brightest young writing talents, in which the boundaries between fantasy and reality merge with unpredictable results. Centering on an uneasy reunion, Our Bad Magnet follows the progress of four boys from 9 to 29 as they try to unlock the secrets of childhood and memory. Throw in 1980s indie music, a ventriloquist's dummy, some magical fairy stories and the word "ninston", and you have an hilarious black comedy which isn't afraid to make you think while you're laughing out loud.

It's not easy being named Oswald, not in the city where Lee Harvey grabbed his fifteen minutes of infamy and choked it to death. It's especially hard when half the town seems determined to kill you for reasons as murky as the river that splits the city in two. For Lee Henry Oswald, a private investigator, Gulf War vet, and terminal loner, it's just one more burden to face as he trudges through the gritty underbelly of the concrete and glass metropolis that is Dallas in the new millennium. A simple assignment turns deadly when Oswald asks the right questions in the wrong places, and finds himself drawn into a shadowy world of smooth-talking drug lords and double-dealing real estate developers. In the end, he learns that blood is not always thicker than water, especially the muddy tributaries of the Trinity River, where he confronts the deadly results of his own decisions as he races to save the life of his partner. Reminiscent of the tightly wrapped works of Dennis Lehane and Michael Connelly, Still River is a startling debut mystery.

Christmas Carols

Fang-tastic! (Disney Junior: Henry Hugglemonster)

Of Diamonds and Dentistry

Gnanny's Giggles Book Three

Two Moons of Earth Beyond Vored

Three squirly stories that are sure to make you and your child laugh. Great for bedtime or any time your child needs cheering up.

You Will Like it Here (everybody Does)

SCENARIOS 1 & 2--Dare to Be Different

Courting Mr. Emerson

The Iowa Normal Monthly