

Quimby Oak Middle School Library Newsletter

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April

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, the fifth in the early Julian, the first of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the second of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. Its name is derived from the latin word *aperit*, which means to open. It is considered that April is the month of the growing season and when trees and flowers begin to “open”. It is also believed that the month’s name is named after the Greek goddess, Aphrodite (Aphros).

April is known for beautiful spring weather, the start of warmer weather, and right about the time when the Easter bunny will make an appearance!

April’s birth flower is the daisy and sweet pea. The birthstone for April is the diamond which symbolizes innocence.

Author Highlight Anthony Horowitz



Anthony Horowitz, was born April 5, 1955 and is an English novelist and screenwriter specializing in mystery and suspense. His work for young adult readers includes [The Diamond Brothers](#) series, the [Alex Rider](#) series, and [The Power of Five](#) series (a.k.a. *The Gatekeepers*).

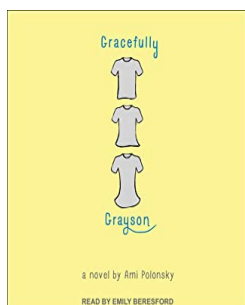
Happy Spring

“Why are people so tired on April 1st? Because they just finished a 31-day March.” – **Unknown**

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Featured Titles

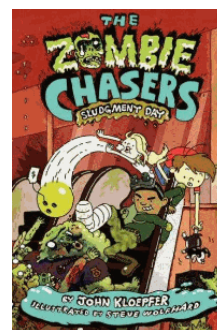
Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky



. Grayson Sender has been holding onto a secret for what seems like forever: "He" is a girl on the inside, stuck in the wrong gender's body. The weight of this secret is crushing, but sharing it would mean facing ridicule, scorn, rejection, or worse. Despite the risks, Grayson's true self itches to break free.

Sludgment Day by John Kloepper

With the zombie antidote in hand, Zack Clarke and his team of zombie chasers embark on a wild cross-country road trip to end the undead apocalypse once and for all.



The 1918 Influenza Pandemic Step



Describes the **1918 influenza** pandemic, from how World War I soldiers spread the disease to recent scientific efforts to understand the virus that took between twenty and forty million lives worldwide.

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New Titles

George by Alex Gino



"When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part...because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte--but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all"

Time Jumpers by Brandon Mull Five Kingdoms Book 5



Trapped in a world where magic is powerful and dreams are real, Cole and his friends are pushed to the limit as they make one final attempt to restore magic to the Outskirts and find their way back home.

The Not-So-Star-Spangled life of Sunita Sen by Mitali Perkins



When her grandparents come for a visit from India to California, thirteen-year-old Sunita finds herself resenting her Indian heritage and embarrassed by the differences she feels between herself and her friends.

