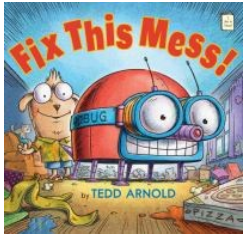


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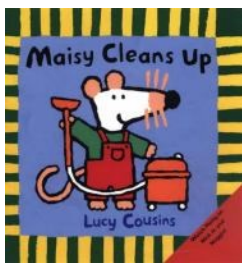
Arnold, T. Fix This Mess! "Fix this mess!" Jake tells Robug. But Robug just makes things worse. The illustrations of Robug's frantic efforts are laugh-out-loud funny, as Robug tries again and again to fix the mess—stirring up clouds of dust, old pizza boxes, and banana peels, and leaving Jake's cat more and more confused as he bounces from the couch to the top of the television. Finally, Robug comes up with a solution: Jake can fix his own mess.

jP Arnold



Chaconas, D. Cork & Fuzz: Spring Cleaning. Cork is a short muskrat who likes to clean. Fuzz is a tall possum who would rather play than tidy. When Cork tells Fuzz to help with chores, Fuzz says, "You are not the boss of me!" Can the two friends find a way to have fun and clean up? The tenth book in this easy-to-read series is a gently funny story of two best friends who, whether messy or clean, always find a way to work together.

jE Chaconas



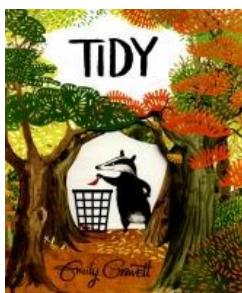
Cousins, L. Maisy Cleans Up. Charley smells something delicious in Maisy's kitchen but has to wait until the floor is dry. Time passes more quickly when he pitches in to pick up some toys, and washing the windows is a cinch with Charley inside and Maisy out. Now the floor is finally dry, and there are the treats, all ready to eat. Even cleaning up can be fun, especially if you have a friend to help!

jP Cousins



Grant, J. Bear's Scare. Bear likes to keep his house clean and tidy. In fact, the only thing Bear loves more than cleaning is taking care of his small stuffed friend, Ursa. Then Bear sees a sticky spiderweb . . . and where there's a web there is certainly a spider! The messy guest must be found, but what Bear and Ursa finally discover might just be an unlikely friend.

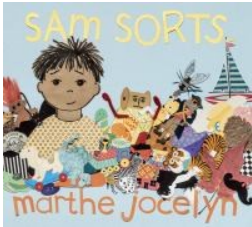
jP Grant



Gravett, E. Tidy. Pete the badger works ceaselessly as the forest's cleaner-upper so autumn, with all those untidy leaves, fills him with anxiety. He swings into action, and readers see him atop a mountain of leaf-filled trash bags. Now, the leafless trees bother Pete; he digs them up, and when that leaves a muddy mess, he paves it all over—"perfectly tidy and perfectly neat"—with disastrous consequences.

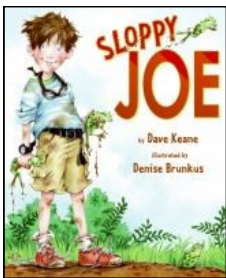
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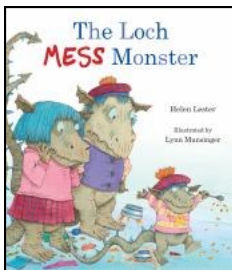
Jocelyn, M. Sam Sorts: One Hundred Favorite Things. Sam's things are in a heap. Time to tidy up! He starts to organize his things, but quickly runs into trouble. He can make a pile of black and white things. But the penguin also belongs in the things with wings pile. He can make a pile of rocks. But the round rock also belongs in the round things pile. How will he ever sort his 100 things? Sam's surprising solution makes for a tidy end to this unique story.

jP Jocelyn



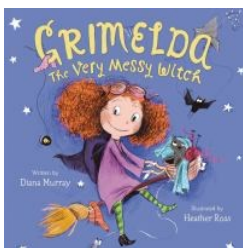
Keane, D. Sloppy Joe. Mom says I'm the first kid in history to take a school picture with gum stuck in his hair. You can barely notice." But his effortless messiness ("I slurp, spill, slouch, talk with my mouth full, and put my elbows on the table without even trying") has its downside: his friend's mom refuses to let Joe—with a frog sticking out of his pocket and a puddle of mud under his sneakers—inside ("But I wiped my feet!" he laments). When his entire family comes down with the flu, his attempts to morph into Neat Joe and make soup have expectedly comedic results.

jP Keane



Lester, H. The Loch Mess Monster. Ever since Angus was a wee baby monster, living below the surface of Loch Ness, his parents tried to teach him to be a proper monster. But as Angus grows bigger, he gets sloppy. Puggy-nit shells (peanuts) are piling up; his grottie (dirty) laundry is in a heap; tatties (potatoes) litter the floor. It's a mountain of a mess! And as Angus's trash heap grows, pushing him away from the comforts of home, a surprising Loch Ness sighting of his own awaits on the surface of the lake....

jP Lester



Murray, D. Grimelda: The Very Messy Witch. Grimelda the witch would love to try a new recipe but can't seem to locate the most important ingredient, pickle root. Realizing that cleaning her extremely cluttered house is the only way she'll find it, she sweeps, scrubs, and organizes "all night and half a day" till the house is tidy and she finds the pickle root, among other important things. But what self-respecting witch lives in a clean house?

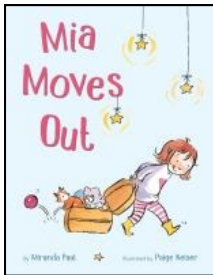
jP Murray



O'Connor, J. Jojo and The Big Mess. Fancy Nancy's little sister. JoJo adores making messes, but when her pillow fight gets too messy, Daddy is unhappy. After everything is cleaned up, JoJo thinks of the perfect gift for Daddy...it's the best mess of all!

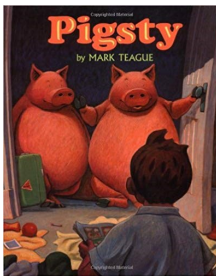
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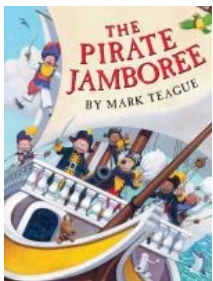


Paul, M. Mia Moves Out. Mia loved her big, bright room, and didn't mind sharing it with baby brother. Now he isn't a baby, but he is messy! With Brandon's toys, books, and even underwear taking up space, Mia has finally had it. "I'm moving out!" There are lots of new and interesting spaces she could settle into--the bathroom, the basement, even a pillow fort. But something is always missing. What could it be? Tackling the oh-so-relatable topic of finding a space of one's own, Mia will inspire siblings everywhere to work together as a team. Because sometimes the best place of all is a shared one.

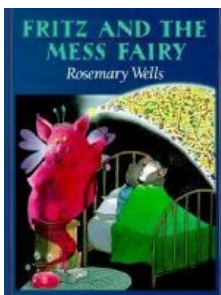
jP Paul



Teague, M. Pigsty. Wendell Fultz's room isn't a mess, it's a total pigsty. Wendell doesn't think the mess is so awful. In fact, he doesn't even mind when one day he discovers a REAL pig sitting on his bed. But then more pigs show up, and the mess grows and grows. He finds hoofprints on his comic books, and his baseball cards are all chewed. Living in a pigsty isn't much fun anymore, but Wendell's got a plan! jP Teague



Teague, M. The Pirate Jamboree. Join Blackbeard Johnson, Eyepatch Sue, Cap'n Gunderboom, Peg Leg Jones, and more as they set their sails for a rousing pirate adventure! They arrive on their pirate ships, plunder treasure, topple a table, and fire cannons during the pirate jamboree. The pirate adventures come to a close when the S.S. CLEAN YOUR ROOM (otherwise known as Mrs. Jones) arrives and playtime is over, but ahoy -- tomorrow will bring another day, another tale, another pirate jamboree! jP Teague



Wells, R. Fritz and the Mess Fairy. Fritz, a disheveled young skunk, has a knack for finding trouble. Fritz's mischief is of the messy sort: when asked to clean his room, he stuffs under the bed a month's worth of laundry, dirty dishes, spoons and piles of old Halloween candy. At dinner he throws peas and raisins on the floor and slips potatoes under his seat cushion. He then makes havoc of his family's belongings as he gathers supplies for his science project. Suddenly, his experiment invokes the Mess Fairy--a winged pig who emerges like a genie from his beaker and goes on to flights of messiness that appall even Fritz! jP Wells

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Wells, R. Max Cleans Up. Max's room is a mess! There's a Popsicle melting in the closet, a tube of opened Miracle Bubbles on the floor, and the ant farm ants have escaped under the bed! It's definitely time to clean up. Max's sister, Ruby, is quick to take charge, and of course Max wants to help. But Max has his own ideas about picking up his room, so things don't turn out exactly as Ruby planned. jP Wells