

Neatness and Organization

Arnold, T. Fix This Mess! Robug tries to obey when Jake instructs it to "Fix this mess" but somehow manages to make things worse. Finally Robug comes up with a solution: Jake can fix his own mess. jP Arnold

Cousins, L. Maisy Cleans Up. Maisy the mouse and her friend Charley clean her house together and then treat themselves to cupcakes. jP Cousins

Keane, D. Sloppy Joe. Sloppy Joe determines to do everything he can to surprise his family by becoming Neat Joe. jP Keane

Kelley, M. The Messiest Desk. When Benjamin Putt is trapped inside his horrendously messy desk, it takes the whole school to get him out again. j Kelley (Children's Graphic Novels)

Killen, N. Not Me! Not one member of a group of friends admits to having made a big mess, or offers to pitch in to clean it up. jP Killen

Klise, K. Little Rabbit and the Meanest Mother on Earth. Upset that his mother will not let him go out until he cleans his playroom, Little Rabbit sneaks away to join the circus and sells tickets by promising the audience a view of The Meanest Mother on Earth. When Benjamin Putt is trapped inside his horrendously messy desk, it takes the whole school to get him out again. jP Klise

Lammle, L. Once Upon a Saturday. It's Saturday at last, no school, no homework, no lessons. The day belongs to June. She can search for wild animals, learn how to fly, or maybe even discover long-lost treasure. But before she is free to enjoy her day, June must face one big problem: her list of chores! Luckily, the only thing bigger than June's list of chores is her imagination, and she finds that with a little ingenuity even humdrum activities like eating her breakfast, sweeping the leaves, and cleaning her room can become an adventure. jP Lammle

Leonard, M. I Like Mess. Messy Tess cleans up her room to please Mom and Dad. jE Leonard

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's house may not be tidy, but it's cozy, and that's just the way she likes it. She also likes pickle pie. There's only one problem—she can't find the main ingredient in her messy house! jP Murray

Newman, B. Glamorous Garbage. Bobbie's room is full of stuff—SO full, that it's hard for her and her "best cousin," Joanie, to find space to play. When Bobbie's mom gives her a two-week deadline to clear out the clutter, Bobbie has an idea—instead of taking stuff out of her room, she brings garage-sale finds and other glamorous garbage in. Will Bobbie transform the chaos into a beautiful big-kid room? This title weaves together three appealing themes: letting go of toys and dealing with a messy room, turning trash into treasure, and recycling and repurposing. jP Newman

Porte, B. Harry in Trouble. Harry is upset about losing his library card, but feels better when he learns that his father and his friend sometimes lose things too. jE Porte

Schotter, R. When Crocodiles Clean Up. When their mother orders them to clean up their room, rambunctious young crocodiles do so with some unorthodox methods. jP Schotter

Teague, M. Pigsty. When Wendell doesn't clean up his room, a whole herd of pigs comes to live with him. jP Teague

Teague, M. The Pirate Jamboree. Pirates Blackbeard Johnson and his brothers, Eyepatch Sue, and others sail over to Peg Leg Jones' for a happily chaotic pirate jamboree--until the S.S. Clean Your Room (otherwise known as Mrs. Jones) arrives and playtime is definitely over. jP Teague

Wells, R. Fritz and the Mess Fairy. Fritz, a master at creating terrible messes, meets his match when his science project goes wrong and the Mess Fairy emerges. jP Wells

Wells, R. Max Cleans Up. Max's big sister Ruby is determined to help him clean up his messy room, but he keeps rescuing things that she wants to throw away. jP Wells

Wight, E. Frankie Pickle and the Closet Of Doom. Fourth-grader Frankie Piccolini has a vivid imagination when it comes to cleaning his disastrously messy room, but eventually even he decides that it is just too dirty. J Wight