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Filled with hilarious dialogue and bugs who problem-solve like the scouts they are, this is a delightful graphic novel story. summer vacation! If your kids are younger, go to Summer-Themed Picture Books. Tess, her family, and their friends in the neighborhood are about to give up hope. As they do, they're passed by 2 blue scooters, 3 squeaky jeeps, and more vehicles until they all get to the box-girder bridge. The girls have fancier horses than Brooke and they aren't very friendly. Throw in some unexpected plot twists and excellent writing and it adds up to a delightful adventure that just proves you should be careful what you wish for... While this isn't totally realistic fiction because it's well, magical realism, it is a fun summer adventure! Just Jake: Camp Wild Survival by Jame Marionette, illustrated by Victor Rivas Villa(ages 8 - 12)Jake, his sister, and his dad spend their summer vacation at a survivalist camp filled with crazy and funny survival situations. 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