

Summer Reading 1st Grade (annotated)

Picture Books

Adventures and Funny Stories

- ***Life on Mars (Agee)*** Also by this author: *Lion Lessons, Terrific, and Nothing*
- ***Charlotte the Scientist Is Squished*** (Andros)
- ***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*** (Barnett)

Other books by this author: *President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath, Chloe and the Lion, Extra Yarn, The Magic Word, and Count the Monkeys*

- ***What If...*** (Berger)
- ***There's a Dinosaur on the 13th Floor*** (Bradford)
- ***Violet the Pilot*** (Breen)
- ***Creepy Pair of Underwear*** (Brown)

A young rabbit is frightened by his underwear Also by this author: *Children Make*

● ***The Gruffalo*** (Donaldson) Also by this author: *Room on the Broom, The Snail and the Whale, and Stickman.*

- ***Du Iz Tak?*** (Ellis)
- ***Clever Jack Takes the Cake*** (FLeming)
- ***How to Talk to Your Dog*** (George)
- ***We Forgot Brock*** (Goodrich) Also by this author: *The Hermit Crab and Zorro Gets an Outfit*

● ***Traction Man Is Here!*** (Grey)

● ***Stuck*** (Jeffers) Also by this author: *Imaginary Fred, Once Upon an Alphabet, the Way Back Home, and The Heart and the Bottle.*

● ***The Very Last Castle*** (Jonker)

● ***I Want My Hat Back*** (Klassen) Also by this author/illustrator: *We Found a Hat, This Is Not My Hat*

● ***How I Became a Pirate*** (Long)

● ***Nino Wrestles the World*** (Morales) Also by this author: *Rudas: Nino's Horrendous Hermanitas*

● ***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*** (Santat)
Also by this author: *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*

● ***Too Many Toys*** (Shannon) Also by this author: *No David, Alice the Fairy and A Bad Case of the Stripes*

● ***Wild about Books*** (Sierra) Also by this author: *Wild About You, Zoozical, Monster Goose, Born to Read, and Tell the Truth B. B. Wolf*

● **The Great Fuzz Frenzy** (Stevens) Also by this author: *Help Me Mr. Mutt, Jackelope* and *The Dish Ran Away from the Spoon*

● **Chalk** (Thompson)

● **Scaredy Squirrel** (Watt)

Family Stories

● **Thunder Boy Junior** (Alexie)

● **Hello Lighthouse** (Blackall)

● **My Pet Wants a Pet** (Broach)

● **Uptown** (Bryan)

● **Big Cat Little Cat** (Cooper) A moving tale about friendship, new beginnings, and cats

● **The Ring Bearer** (Cooper)

● **Prudence Wants a Pet** (Daly)

● **My Name Is Not Isabella** (Fosberry)

● **Wemberly Worried** (Henkes) Also by this author: *Chrysanthemum, Lilly's Purple, Plastic Purse, Owen, Chester's Way* and *Jessica*

● **Betty Bunny Wants Everything** (Kaplan)

● **Pet Show!** (Keats)

● **A Better Tree Fort** (Kerrin)

● **Alma and How She Got Her Name** (Martinez-Neal)

● **Tia Isa Wants a Car** (Medina) Also by this author: *Mango, Abula and Me*

● **Hey Black Child** (Perkins)

● **I Don't Want to Be a Frog** (Petty)

● **The Bee Tree** (Polacco)

Also by this author: *Ginger and Petunia*

● **The Stone Thrower** (Richardson)

● **Blue** (Seeger) Also by this author: *Green* and *Dog and Bear*

● **Grandpa Green** (Smith) Also by this author: *A Perfect Day*

● **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** (Sorrel)

● **Interrupting Chicken** (Stein) Also by this author: *Love, Mousarella, I'm My Own Dog*, and *Ol' Mama Squirrel*

● **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters** (Step toe)

● **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** (Viorst)

- **Tap- Tap** (Williams) Also by this author: *Galimoto, Four Feet, Two Sandals,* and *My Name Is Sangoel.*
- **Pecan Pie Baby** (Woodson)

Friendship

- **The Yellow Tutu** (Bramsen)
- **Dooby, Dooby Moo** (Cronin) Also by this author: *Click, Clack Moo, Diary of a Worm,* and *Duck for President.*
- **Zola's Elephant** (De Seve) Also by this illustrator: *Henry and Leo, Sleep Like a Tiger, The Whisperer*
- **Everyone Loves Bacon** (DiPucchio) Also by this author: *Gaston, Dragon Was Terrible* and *Grace for President*
- **Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp** (Fleming) Also by this author: *This Is the Nest that Robin Built* and *The Cow Who Clucked*
- **Cupcake** (Harper)
- **Nobody Likes a Goblin** (Hatke) Also by this author: *Little Robot (Graphic Novel)*
- **Farfallina and Marcel** (Keller)
- **Arnie the Doughnut** (Keller) Also by this author: *The Scrambled States of America*
- **Library Lion** (Knudsen)
- **Otis** (Long)
- **Xander's Panda Party** by Linda Sue Park
- **The Field** (Paul)
- **This is My Dollhouse** (Potter)
- **Officer Buckle and Gloria** (Rathmann)
- **My Best Friend** (Rodman)
- **The Party and Other Stories** (Ruzzier)
- **Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy** (Soman) Also by this author: *Ladybug Girl* books and *Three Bears in a Boat*
- **A Sick Day for Amos McGee** (Stead) Also by this author: *Hello My Name Is Ruby* and *Lenny and Lucy*
- **The Cazeula that the Farm Maiden Stirred** (Vamos)
- **Are You Ready to Play Outside?** (*Piggie & Gerald*) (Willems) Also by this author: *Don't Let the Pigeon drive the Bus*

School Stories

- ***Mae's First Day of School*** (Berube)
- ***Chrysanthemum*** (Henkes)
- ***First Grade Here I Come*** (Johnston)
- ***Quiet Please, Owen McPhee*** (Ludwig)
- ***Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big*** (Paul)
- ***The Word Collector*** (Reynolds) Also by this author: *I Am Human, Happy Dreamer, Ish, Dot*
- ***School's First Day of School*** (Rex) Also by this author: *Moonday*
- ***Nimoshom and His Bus*** (Thomas)
- ***Rosie Sprouts Time to Shine*** (Wortche)

Princesses & Unicorns

- ***Thelma the Unicorn*** (Blabey)
- ***Princess Peepers*** (Calvert)
- ***The Seven Princesses*** (Coh)
- ***King Alice*** (Cordell)
- ***You Don't Want a Unicorn*** (Dyckman)
- ***Who Wants to Be a Princess? What It Was Like to Be a Real Medieval Princess*** (Heos)
- ***Princess Grace*** (Hoffman)
- ***Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated*** (Hyde)
- ***Unicorn (and Horse)*** (Miles)
- ***Uni the Unicorn*** (Rosenthal) Uni the unicorn believes that little girls are real. Also by this author: *Little Pea, One of those Days, Yes Day!, Duck Rabbit, Little Oink and Little Hoot*
- ***Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great (Shea)*** Also by this author: *Ballet Cat and the Totally Secret Secret, I Will Chomp You, Cheetah Can't Lose and Oh Daddy!*
- ***Snow Pony and the Seven Magical Ponies*** (Trimmer)
- ***The Part-Time Princess*** (Underwood)
- ***Falling for Rapunzel*** (Wilcox)
- ***A Unicorn Named Sparkle*** (Young)

Nature Stories & Engineering

- **Ada Twist, Scientist** (Beatty) Also by this author: *Iggy Peck, Architect* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer*

- **By Sea** (*Everything Goes* series) (Biggs)

- **Honey, Honey, Lion: A Story from Africa** (Brett)

Also by this author: *Armadillo Rodeo*, *The Mitten*, *Hedgie Takes Off*, and *Mossy*.

- **Listen to Our World** (Martin)

- **Me... Jane** (McDonnell)

- **Lucky Ducklings** (Moore)

- **Light Up the Night** (Reidy)

- **Mae Among the Stars** (Roda)

- **The Most Magnificent Thing** (Spires)

- **The Faraway Fox** (Thompson)

- **They All Saw a Cat** (Wenzel). Also by this author: *Life*

Fairy Tales & Classics

- **Jack and the Beanstalk** (Cech) Also retold by this author: *The Princess and the Pea*, *Puss in Boots*, and *Twelve Dancing Princesses*.

- **The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet** (Deedy)

- **Big Anthony and the Magic Ring** (de Poala) Also by this author: *Bill and Pete*, *Strega Nona*, *The Art Lesson*, and *Legend of the Blue Bonnet*.

- **Henny Penny** (French)

- **The Boy Who Cried Wolf** (Hennessy)

- **Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock** (Kimmel) Also by this author: Anansi stories

- **Miss Lina's Ballerinas** (Maccarone)

- **Hinky Pink: An Old Tale** (MacDonald)

- **The Ugly Duckling** (Pinkney) An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan. Also by this author: *The Grasshopper and the Ants*, *The Three Little Kittens*, *The Billy Goats Gruff* and *The Tortoise, and the Hair*.

- **The Beatrix Potter Treasury** (Potter)

- **Rubia and the Three Osos** (Sweet)

- **The Three Little Wolves and the Big, Bad Pig** (Trivizas)

- **Rapunzel** (Zelinsky) Also by this author: *Rumpelstiltskin*

Chapter Books and Readers

(easier titles in blue)

- ***Don't Throw It to Mo*** (Adler)
- ***Hi Fly Guy*** (*Fly Guy* series) (Arnold)
- ***Noodleheads See the Future*** (Arnold)
- ***Mighty Truck: Surf's Up*** (Barton)
- ***The Sleepover*** (*Rabbit and Robot*) (Bell)
- ***Everything Goes: Henry in a Jam*** (Bourne)
- ***Kayla and King and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats*** (Butler)
- ***Biscuit*** (Capucilli)
- ***Short and Tall*** (*Cork and Fuzz* series) (Chaconas)
- ***Benjamin Bear in Bright Ideas*** (Coudray)
- ***Pete's Big Lunch*** (Dean)
- ***Mercy Watson Something Wonky this Way Comes*** (*Mercy Watson* series) (DiCamillo)
- ***Dodsworth in Tokyo*** (*Dodsworth* series) (Egan)
- ***Mia and the Big Sister Ballet*** (Farley)
- ***Dixie*** (Gilman)
- ***Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade*** (*Princess Posey* series) (Greene)
- ***Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow*** (Griffiths)
- ***Bramble and Maggie Horse Meets Girl*** (*Bramble and Maggie* series) (Haas)
- ***Penny and her Song*** (*Penny* series) (Henkes)
- ***Drop It, Rocket*** (Hills)
- ***Build, Dogs, Build!*** (Horvath)
- ***Houndsley & Catina*** series (Howe)
- ***Ice Cream Soup*** (Ingalls)
- ***Ling and Ting Not Exactly the Same*** (*Ling and Ting* series) (Lin)
- ***Frog and Toad Together*** (Lobel)
- ***Mr. Monkey Bakes a Cake*** (Mack)
- ***George and Martha*** (Marshall)
- ***See Otto*** (Milgrim)
- ***Little Bear*** (Minarik)
- ***Jojo and Daddy Bake a Cake*** (O'Connor)
- ***Annie and Simon*** (O'Neill)

- **Aggie and Ben: Three Stories** (*Aggie & Ben* series) (Ries)
- **Henry and Mudge: the First Book of Their Adventures** (Rylant) Also by this author: *Mr. Putter & Tabby* and *High Rise Private Eyes*
- **Nate the Great** series (Sharmat)
- **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** series (Silverman)
- **Charlie & Mouse** (Snyder)
- **Meet Woof & Quack** (Swanson)
- **Fox the Tiger** (Tabor)
- **Good night, Good Knight** (*Good Knight* series) (Thomas)
- **Pip Squeak** (Weeks) (*Baa Choo!*; *Mac & Cheese*; *Drip, Drop*)
- **I Lost My Tooth!** (Willems)
- **Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole** (*Mouse and Mole* series) (Yee)
- **Duck, Duck, Porcupine** (Yoon)

Non-fiction

- **A Seal Named Patches** (Beltran)
- **Seahorse: the Shyest Fish** (Butterworth)
- **A Friend for Einstein: The Smallest Stallion** (Cantrell)
- **A Little Book of Sloth** (Cooke)
- **Farm** (Cooper)
- **Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas** (Cox)
- **In the Past** (Elliott)
- **Follow Me! Animal Parents and Babies** (Evans)
- **Children of the Tipi: Life in the Buffalo Days** (Fitzgerald)
- **Curious Critters** (Fitzsimmons)
- **Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings** (Florian)
- **Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth** (Gardner)
- **Spiders** (*Disgusting Critters* series) (Gravel)
- **The Greatest Dinosaur Ever** (Guiberson)
- **Flight of the Honey Bee** (Huber)
- **National Geographic: Little Kids First Big Book of Space** (Hughes)

Other books in this series: *Dinosaurs*

- **How Big Were the Dinosaurs?** (Judge)
- **On Earth** (Karas)
- **Otters Love to Play** (London) Also by this author: *Hippos Are Huge*
- **Once I Ate a Pie** (Maclachlan)

- ***Hip-Pocket Papa*** (Markel)
- ***A Bear's Life*** (McAllister)
- ***Prickly Hedgehogs*** (McGuinness)
- ***Beatrix Potter and Her Paintbox*** (McPhail)
- ***Inky's Great Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home*** (Montgomery)
- ***Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt*** by Kate Messner
- ***That's How!*** (Niemann)
- ***Panda Kindergarten*** (Ryder)
- ***Kate and Pippin: An Unlikely Love Story*** (Springett)
- ***Bring on the Birds*** (Stockdale)
- ***The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps*** (Winter)
- ***Thunder Underground*** (Yolen)

Early Readers Publishers (various levels):

Puffin-Easy-to-Read (*Three by the Sea, Fox Outfoxed*)

Step into Reading (Random House Books for Younger Readers) (*One Hundred Shoes, Sir Small and the Dragonfly, The Best mistake and Other Stories*)

I Can Read (HarperCollins) (*My Parents Think I'm sleeping, The Best Seat in Second Grade, Emma's Strange Pet*)

All Aboard Science Readers (Grosset and Dunlap) (*Planets, Volcanoes, Lightning: it's Electrifying*)

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Let's read and Find Out Science (Collins) (*Gravity is a Mystery, Sunshine Makes the Season*)

Time for Kids (*Plants, Frogs, Alexander Graham Bell, Volcanoes*)

Other Resources:

- *School Library Journal*: Top 100 Picture Books

<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/afuse8production/2009/05/16/top-100-picture-books-poll-results-1-101/>

- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Kids Link for **digital books** using Tumble Books and Bookflix and Hoopla

<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>

- ALSC Summer Reading List:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2018-summer-reading-list>

- ALSC 2019 Notable Children's Books:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

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Adventures and Funny Stories

- ***Life on Mars (Agee)*** A young astronaut is trying to find life on Mars, but he's made a very big oversight. Also by this author: *Lion Lessons, Terrific, and Nothing*

- ***Charlotte the Scientist Is Squished*** (Andros) Charlotte, a serious scientist and a bunny, uses the scientific method to solve her problem: being squished by her many brothers and sisters.

- ***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*** (Barnett)

Sam and Dave are sure they will discover something exciting if they just keep digging their hole. Other books by this author: *President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath, Chloe and the Lion, Extra Yarn, The Magic Word, and Count the Monkeys*

- ***What If...*** (Berger) A child who likes to draw and write stories imagines what would happen if there were no pencils, paper, or other tools for being creative.

- ***There's a Dinosaur on the 13th Floor*** (Bradford) The outcome is anything but predictable when an exhausted hotel guest sets out in search of sleep in this kid-pleasing romp full of visual humor.

- ***Violet the Pilot*** (Breen) Young Violet's only friend is her dog, Orville, until one of her homemade flying machines takes her to the rescue of a Boy Scout troop in trouble.

- ***Creepy Pair of Underwear*** (Brown)

A young rabbit is frightened by his underwear Also by this author: *Children Make*

- ***The Gruffalo*** (Donaldson) A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake--only to have to outwit that creature as well. Also by this author: *Room on the Broom, The Snail and the Whale, and Stickman.*

- ***Du Iz Tak?*** (Ellis) Readers are invited to imagine the dramatic possibilities to be found in the natural world, even the humblest back garden! With exquisitely-detailed illustration that will appeal to children and art-lovers alike, and a wonderfully playful invented language, we soon find ourselves speaking "Bug" ... Du iz tak? What is that?

- ***Clever Jack Takes the Cake*** (Fleming) A poor boy named Jack struggles to deliver a birthday present worthy of the princess.

- ***How to Talk to Your Dog*** (George) An easy-to-read, conversational, humorous, and informative guide that will help young dog owners communicate with their pets (*SLJ*)
- ***We Forgot Brock*** (Goodrich) Phillip and Brock are best friends, although everyone else thinks Brock is imaginary, so when Phillip gets tired out at the Big Fair while Brock is still having fun, they are separated and it will take a very special twosome to bring them back together again. Also by this author: *The Hermit Crab* and *Zorro Gets an Outfit*
- ***Traction Man Is Here!*** (Grey) Traction Man, a boy's courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other objects in the house.
- ***Stuck*** ([Jeffers](#)) When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things. Also by this author: *Imaginary Fred*, *Once Upon an Alphabet*, *the Way Back Home*, and *The Heart and the Bottle*.
- ***The Very Last Castle*** (Jonker) Ibb, curious about the lone castle in her town, forms a long-distance friendship with the guard and, despite warnings there is something fearful inside, accepts his invitation to enter.
- ***I Want My Hat Back*** (Klassen) A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important. Also by this author/illustrator: *We Found a Hat*, *This Is Not My Hat*
- ***How I Became a Pirate*** (Long) Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.
- ***Nino Wrestles the World*** (Morales) Lucha Libre champion Nino has no trouble fending off monstrous opponents, but when his little sisters awaken from their naps, he is in for a no-holds-barred wrestling match that will truly test his skills. Also by this author: *Rudas: Nino's Horrendous Hermanitas*
- ***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*** (Santat) After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds. Also by this author: *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* and *Drawn Together*
- ***Too Many Toys*** (Shannon) Although he finally agrees that he has too many toys and needs to give them away, there is one toy that Spencer absolutely cannot

part with. Also by this author: *No David*, *Alice the Fairy* and *A Bad Case of the Stripes*

- ***Wild about Books*** (Sierra) A librarian named Mavis McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake. Also by this author: *Wild About You*, *Zoozical*, *Monster Goose*, *Born to Read*, and *Tell the Truth B. B. Wolf*

- ***The Great Fuzz Frenzy*** (Stevens) When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco. Also by this author: *Help Me Mr. Mutt*, *Jackelope* and *The Dish Ran Away from the Spoon*

- ***Chalk*** (Thompson) A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.

- ***Scaredy Squirrel*** (Watt) Scaredy Squirrel thinks about all the things that could happen to him if he left the safety of his home, but he has no choice when he accidentally drops his emergency kit.

Family Stories

- ***Thunder Boy Junior*** (Alexie) Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name...one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name.

- ***Hello Lighthouse*** (Blackall) Explores the life of one lighthouse as it beams its message out to sea through shifting seasons, changeable weather, and the tenure of its final keeper.

- ***My Pet Wants a Pet*** (Broach) A boy's mother, reluctant to allow him even one pet, is increasingly unhappy as each pet wants a pet of its own.

- ***Uptown*** (Bryan) A tour of the sights of Harlem, including the Metro-North Train, brownstones, shopping on 125th Street, a barber shop, summer basketball, the Boy's Choir, and sunset over the Harlem River.

- ***Big Cat Little Cat*** (Cooper) A moving tale about friendship, new beginnings, and cats

- ***The Ring Bearer*** (Cooper) Jackson's mom is getting married, and Jackson is nervous about his role and his new family.

- ***Prudence Wants a Pet*** (Daly) Prudence wants a pet so much that she adopts a branch, a twig, a tire, and even a shoe named Formal Footwear, but none is a suitable pet for Prudence.

- ***My Name Is Not Isabella*** (Fosberry) From breakfast to bedtime, a young girl imagines being different women who made history, and ends the day empowered to be herself. Includes brief biographical information about the women cited.
- ***Wemberly Worried*** (Henkes) A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school. Also by this author: *Chrysanthemum, Lilly's Purple, Plastic Purse, Owen, Chester's Way* and *Jessica*
- ***Betty Bunny Wants Everything*** (Kaplan) Betty Bunny's mother takes her and her siblings to a toy store where each is allowed to pick out one item, but Betty refuses to choose just one and throws a tantrum when she learns the alternative is to get nothing.
- ***Pet Show!*** (Keats) When he can't find his cat to enter in the neighborhood pet show, Archie must do some fast thinking to win a prize.
- ***A Better Tree Fort*** (Kerrin) When his dad builds him a tree fort, Russell thinks it is perfect--right up until he notices another tree fort going up three houses over.
- ***Alma and How She Got Her Name*** (Martinez-Neal) When Alma Sofia Esperanza Josâe Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.
- ***Tia Isa Wants a Car*** (Medina) Tia Isa and her niece try to save enough money to buy a car to take the whole family to the beach. Also by this author: *Mango, Abula and Me*
- ***Hey Black Child*** (Perkins) A lyrical, empowering poem that celebrates black children and seeks to inspire all young ones to dream big and achieve their goals
- ***I Don't Want to Be a Frog*** (Petty) A frog who yearns to be any animal that is cute and warm discovers that being wet, slimy, and full of bugs has its advantages.
- ***The Bee Tree*** (Polacco) To teach his granddaughter the value of books, a grandfather leads a growing crowd in search of the tree where the bees keep all their honey. Also by this author: *Ginger and Petunia*
- ***The Stone Thrower*** (Richardson) African-American football player Chuck Ealey grew up in a segregated neighborhood of Portsmouth, Ohio. Against all odds, he became an incredible quarterback.

- **Blue** (Seeger) Illustrations and simple, rhyming text celebrate the many shades of blue seen during the relationship of a boy and his dog as the boy grows from a baby to an adult. Also by this author: *Green* and *Dog and Bear*
- **Grandpa Green** (Smith) A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden. Also by this author: *A Perfect Day*
- **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** (Sorrel) Follows a full year of Cherokee celebrations and experiences, describing how the Cherokee Nation expresses thanks and reflects on struggles all year long.
- **Interrupting Chicken** (Stein) Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale. Also by this author: *Love, Mousarella, I'm My Own Dog,* and *Ol' Mama Squirrel*
- **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters** (Step toe) Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.
- **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** (Viorst) Bugs of all shapes, colors, and sizes--including bed bugs, cute bugs, live bugs, and dead bugs--are presented in illustrations and rhyme.
- **Tap- Tap** (Williams) After selling oranges in the market, a Haitian mother and daughter have enough money to ride the tap-tap, a truck that picks up passengers and lets them off when they bang on the side of the vehicle. Also by this author: *Galimoto, Four Feet, Two Sandals,* and *My Name Is Sangoel.*
- **Pecan Pie Baby** (Woodson) When Mama's pregnancy draws attention away from Gia, she worries that the special bond they share will disappear forever once the baby is born.

Friendship

- **The Yellow Tutu** (Bramsen) When Margo gets a sunny yellow tutu for her birthday it is exactly what she wants, and she wears it to school--on her head.
- **Dooby, Dooby Moo** (Cronin) While Farmer Brown sleeps, his animals prepare for a talent show at the county fair. Also by this author: *Click, Clack Moo,* *Diary of a Worm,* and *Duck for President.*
- **Zola's Elephant** (De Seve) A little girl hesitates to initiate a friendship with her new neighbor Zola because she imagines Zola is busy with another friend--an elephant. Also by this illustrator: *Henry and Leo, Sleep Like a Tiger, The Whisperer*

- ***Everyone Loves Bacon*** (DiPucchio) Everyone loves Bacon but letting his fame go to his head may prove more dangerous than he thought. Also by this author: *Gaston, Dragon Was Terrible* and *Grace for President*
- ***Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp*** (Fleming) Buster is not happy when Brown Shoes goes on vacation and Buster is sent to cowboy camp. Also by this author: *This Is the Nest that Robin Built* and *The Cow Who Clucked*
- ***Cupcake*** (Harper) Cupcake, feeling drab because he is only vanilla, and his friend, Candle, come up with a plan to make themselves stand out in the crowd.
- ***Nobody Likes a Goblin*** (Hatke) When adventurers take everything in his dungeon, including his only friend, Goblin sets out to get his friend Skeleton back. Also by this author: *Little Robot (Graphic Novel)*
- ***Farfallina and Marcel*** (Keller) A caterpillar and a young goose become great friends, but as they grow up they undergo changes which separate them for awhile.
- ***Arnie the Doughnut*** (Keller) Arnie the talking doughnut convinces Mr. Bing that not all doughnuts are meant to be eaten. Also by this author: *The Scrambled States of America*
- ***Library Lion*** (Knudsen) A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.
- ***Otis*** (Long) When a big new yellow tractor arrives, Otis the friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs, Otis is the only one who can help.
- ***Xander's Panda Party*** by Linda Sue Park
Xander's plan to host a panda party falls through, since he is the only panda at the zoo, but when he extends the invitation to all of the bears, complications ensue.
- ***The Field*** (Paul) A spirited group of kids gathers in a lush green field for a rousing game of futbol (soccer). The universal language of play will appeal to all sports-loving kids and effortlessly mixes English with Creole, which is spoken in Saint Lucia, where author Paul was born.
- ***This is My Dollhouse*** (Potter) A little girl who has made her own dollhouse from a box and her vivid imagination has trouble playing with her friend Sophie's perfect dolls and dollhouse, but when Sophie comes to visit she is afraid that her handiwork will not be good enough for Sophie.

- ***Officer Buckle and Gloria*** (Rathmann) The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
- ***My Best Friend*** (Rodman) Six-year-old Lily has a best friend all picked out for play group day, but unfortunately the differences between first-graders and second-graders are sometimes very large.
- ***The Party and Other Stories*** (Ruzzier) Fox and Chick are unlikely friends, but somehow they seem to get along together, even though Fox is calm and thoughtful, and Chick has is hyperactive and flighty.
- ***Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy*** (Soman) Lulu, dressed as Ladybug Girl, goes to the playground and makes new friends, including Bumblebee Boy. Also by this author: *Ladybug Girl* books and *Three Bears in a Boat*
- ***A Sick Day for Amos McGee*** (Stead) Zookeeper Amos McGee always makes time to visit his friends who live at the zoo until the day he stays home because he is sick. Also by this author: *Hello My Name Is Ruby* and *Lenny and Lucy*
- ***The Cazeula that the Farm Maiden Stirred*** (Vamos) With the help of her animal friends, a farm maiden begins to cook. The goat lends some butter; the cow, fresh milk; the chicken, a few eggs all for a pot of rice pudding. (Kirkus)
- ***Are You Ready to Play Outside?*** (*Piggie & Gerald*) (Willems) Friends Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain, and then they must decide what to do. Also by this author: *Don't Let the Pigeon drive the Bus*

School Stories

- ***Mae's First Day of School*** (Berube) As Mae's first day of school approaches she decides she IS. NOT. GOING. School is scary!
- ***Chrysanthemum*** (Henkes) Starting school can be a real test of one's mettle, especially for those with unusual names.
- ***First Grade Here I Come*** (Johnston) Told in verse, a boy encounters first grade--with all its peaks and valleys, but most of all with new friends.
- ***Quiet Please, Owen McPhee*** (Ludwig) A nonstop talker learns about the power of listening when he comes down with a case of laryngitis
- ***Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big*** (Paul) Although he is shorter than most of his classmates and everyone discourages him from trying out for the basketball team, eight-year-old Chris just works harder than everyone else so his size will not matter.

- ***The Word Collector*** (Reynolds) Jerome enjoys collecting words, and discovers the magic of the words when he shares his collection with others. Also by this author: *I Am Human, Happy Dreamer, Ish, Dot*
- ***School's First Day of School*** (Rex) It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself. Also by this author: *Moonday*
- ***Nimoshom and His Bus*** (Thomas) Nimoshom loved to drive the school bus. Every day, on the way to and from school, he had something to say. Sometimes, he told the kids silly stories. Sometimes, he taught the kids a new word in Cree.
- ***Rosie Sprouts Time to Shine*** (Wortche) Rosie's rival, Violet, outdoes her in everything until the class plants seeds for a unit on gardening.

Princesses and Unicorns

- ***Thelma the Unicorn*** (Blabey) A little horse who dreams of becoming a unicorn learns that it might just be better to be yourself.
- ***Princess Peepers*** (Calvert) When the other princesses make fun of her for wearing glasses, Princess Peepers vows to go without, but after several mishaps--one of which is especially coincidental--she admits that she really does need them if she wants to see.
- ***The Seven Princesses*** (Coh) The sibling bond between seven royal sisters is tested by the worst disagreement in the history of princesses.
- ***King Alice*** (Cordell) A young girl wakes her father by informing him that she is Queen Alice, then draws him and other family members into her imaginative activities, from writing a book to a sleepover with fairies.
- ***You Don't Want a Unicorn*** (Dyckman) A child wishes for a unicorn without knowing how unruly they are as pets
- ***Who Wants to Be a Princess? What It Was Like to Be a Real Medieval Princess*** (Heos) A comparison of the life of a fairy tale princess vs. that of a real medieval princess.
- ***Princess Grace*** (Hoffman) Grace has been chosen to dress up as a princess and ride on her school's float in the town parade! At first, she asks her Nana to make her a frilly pink storybook-princess dress, but she reconsiders after learning about real princesses from history.
- ***Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated*** (Hyde) Princess Hyacinth has an unusual problem: unless she wears special

gowns with weights sewn into the hems and a large, extra-gem-laden crown, she floats. Inside, this means she spends a lot of time near the ceiling, but outdoors, she could float up, up, and away. One day, with a string tied securely around her ankle by the Balloon Man in the park, she floats far up but not away -- and has the time of her life swooshing through the sky!

- **Unicorn (and Horse)** (Miles) Unicorn is a unicorn. And Horse is, well . . . not.

- **Uni the Unicorn** (Rosenthal) Uni the unicorn believes that little girls are real. Also by this author: *Little Pea, One of those Days, Yes Day!, Duck Rabbit, Little Oink* and *Little Hoot*

- **Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great (Shea)** Envy turns to admiration and finally to friendship for Goat and Unicorn. Also by this author: *Ballet Cat and the Totally Secret Secret, I Will Chomp You, Cheetah Can't Lose and Oh Daddy!*

- **Snow Pony and the Seven Magical Ponies** (Trimmer) In this twist on the story of Snow White, pretty and sweet Snow Pony--beloved by children for her talent in braiding hair and dancing--follows a trail of delicious apples into the woods, where she meets seven miniature ponies.

- **The Part-Time Princess** (Underwood) A girl escapes her annoying little brother and the drudgery of school and home life when she travels to a magical kingdom each night and embarks on a series of adventures.

- **Falling for Rapunzel** (Wilcox) To rescue Rapunzel from her tower, a prince yells for her to throw down her hair; but being too far away to hear clearly, she tosses out various items from her room, including her maid.

- **A Unicorn Named Sparkle** (Young) A picture book about a little girl who desperately wants a beautiful unicorn as a pet, but winds up with a less than desirable one instead.

Nature Stories & Engineering

- **Ada Twist, Scientist** (Beatty) Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world. Also by this author: *Iggy Peck, Architect* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer*

- **By Sea (Everything Goes series) (Biggs)** A young boy learns about all kinds of water vehicles as he and his parents take off on a seaborne journey.

- **Honey, Honey, Lion: A Story from Africa** (Brett) After working together to obtain honey, the African honey badger always shares it with his partner, the

honeyguide bird, until one day when the honey badger becomes greedy and his feathered friend decides to teach him a lesson.

Also by this author: *Armadillo Rodeo*, *The Mitten*, *Hedgie Takes Off*, and *Mossy*.

- ***Listen to Our World*** (Martin) Youngsters awaken in the morning with the belief that they are the greatest little ones in the world, whether they are children in their mothers' arms, eagles soaring above mountains, whales swimming in the ocean, or other animals in their domains.

- ***Me... Jane*** (McDonnell) Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist.

- ***Lucky Ducklings*** (Moore) While following their mother through town, five little ducklings fall into a storm drain.

- ***Light Up the Night*** (Reidy) In this cumulative, rhyming story, a young boy takes a nighttime ride from the distant stars in the Milky Way galaxy to his cozy bed, as his blanket becomes a rocket, a plane, and a skateboard.

- ***Mae Among the Stars*** (Roda) A great classroom and bedtime read-aloud, *Mae Among the Stars* is the perfect book for young readers who have big dreams and even bigger hearts!

- ***The Most Magnificent Thing*** (Spires) A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks.

- ***The Faraway Fox*** (Thompson) As Fox wanders through a strange landscape, he cannot help but be reminded—at every corner—of the streams, the trees, and the family he once knew.

- ***They All Saw a Cat*** (Wenzel) In simple, rhythmic prose and stylized pictures, a cat walks through the world, and all the other creatures see and acknowledge the cat. Also by this author: *Life*

Fairy Tales & Classics

- ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** (Cech) Also retold by this author: *The Princess and the Pea*, *Puss in Boots*, and *Twelve Dancing Princesses*.

- ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet*** (Deedy) The mayor of the noisy city of La Paz institutes new laws forbidding all singing, but a brave little rooster decides he must sing.

- ***Big Anthony and the Magic Ring*** (de Poala) When Big Anthony borrows Strega Nona's magic ring to turn himself into a handsome man, he gets more trouble than fun. Also by this author: *Bill and Pete, Strega Nona, The Art Lesson,* and *Legend of the Blue Bonnet*.
- ***Henny Penny*** (French) Henny Penny and her barnyard friends are on their way to tell the king that the sky is falling when they meet a hungry fox, but Henny Penny's quick thinking saves the day.
- ***The Boy Who Cried Wolf*** (Hennessy) A boy tending sheep on a lonely mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry "wolf" and watch the people come running--and then one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call.
- ***Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock*** (Kimmel) Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson. Also by this author: Anansi stories
- ***Miss Lina's Ballerinas*** (Maccarone) Ballet instructor Miss Lina has a solution when her eight students, who always dance in pairs, are distraught when a ninth girl joins the class.
- ***Hinky Pink: An Old Tale*** (MacDonald) Summoned to the Great Castle of Firenze to create a special dress for Princess Isabella Caramella Gorgonzola, Anabel, a talented seamstress, is at first delighted but then increasingly despairing as time passes and her efforts are continually subverted by an unseen sprite.
- ***The Ugly Duckling*** (Pinkney) An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan. Also by this author: *The Grasshopper and the Ants, The Three Little Kittens, The Billy Goats Gruff* and *The Tortoise, and the Hair*.
- ***The Beatrix Potter Treasury*** (Potter) Collects ten of Beatrix Potter's classic stories about animals in their complete, unabridged text, with new reproductions of the original color illustrations, and includes an introduction with a biography of the author.
- ***Rubia and the Three Osos*** (Sweet) Retells the story of Goldilocks and the three bears in rhyming text interspersed with Spanish words, which are defined in a glossary.
- ***The Three Little Wolves and the Big, Bad Pig*** (Trivizas) An altered retelling of the traditional tale about the conflict between pig and wolf--with a surprise ending.

- **Rapunzel** (Zelinsky) A retelling of the German folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress. Also by this author: Rumpelstiltskin

Chapter Books and Readers (easier titles in blue)

- **Don't Throw It to Mo** (Adler) Mo is the youngest kid on the Robins football team. The kids on the rival team tease him for being a 'butterfingers' who's too tiny to catch the ball. But Mo's coach has a plan up his sleeve to turn Mo's little size into a big win for the Robins.
- **Hi Fly Guy** (*Fly Guy* series) (Arnold) When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.
- **Noodleheads See the Future** (Arnold) Inspired by folktales about fools from around the world, brothers Mac and Mac Noodlehead exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend Meatball, and make a garden for their mother.
- **The Sleepover** (*Rabbit and Robot*) (Bell) Rabbit is excited about the sleepover he has carefully planned for his friend Robot, but Robot has some different ideas about how things should go.
- **Mighty Truck: Surf's Up** (Barton) Clarence decides to join his neighbor, Mr. Dent, and his cat, Throttle, for a warm day of surfing waves at the beach. But Throttle gets into some gnarly water after Clarence learns that Throttle can't swim. Mr. Dent needs Clarence's help to rescue his cat!
- **Everything Goes: Henry in a Jam** (Bourne) When he gets stuck in a traffic jam caused by a fallen tree in the road while riding with his father on the way to a birthday party, Henry sees all kinds of rescue vehicles.
- **Kayla and King and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats** (Butler) King's human, Kayla, has baked some treats for a friend's new puppy, Thor, but some go missing and it is up to King to find the culprit.
- **Biscuit** (Capucilli) A little yellow dog wants ever more one thing before he'll go to sleep.
- **Short and Tall** (*Cork and Fuzz* series) (Chaconas) The friendship between Cork, a muskrat, and Fuzz, a possum, is in trouble when Cork decides that since he is older, he has to be taller than Fuzz.

- ***Benjamin Bear in Bright Ideas*** (Coudray) Benjamin Bear, accompanied by his faithful rabbit friend, continues to share his observations and questions about the world around him.
- ***Pete's Big Lunch*** (Dean) The grooving cool cat Pete appears in a beginning reader story that finds him making the biggest sandwich he has ever seen and looking for a friend who will help him eat it.
- ***Mercy Watson Something Wonky this Way Comes*** (*Mercy Watson* series) (DiCamillo) Going to the drive-in movie with Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy the pig is thrilled when he notices the smell of real butter on popcorn wafting in the air and so ventures off on a personal mission to get some of the tasty treat.
- ***Dodsworth in Tokyo*** (Egan) Dodsworth's duck companion is surprisingly well-behaved during a visit to Tokyo, although he does fall into the koi pond at the Imperial Palace and becomes the center of attention at a Sanja Festival.
- ***Mia and the Big Sister Ballet*** (Farley) Longing to become a professional ballerina just like her older sister, Mia becomes jealous while on a class trip to the ballet during which her sister becomes so busy that she fails to notice Mia's own burgeoning dance skills.
- ***Dixie*** (Gilman) Dixie the puppy plays with Emma every day after school until Emma starts memorizing her lines for the school play.
- ***Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade*** (*Princess Posey* series) (Greene) Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day.
- ***Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow*** (Griffiths) Presents ten humorous rhyming stories about exploding cows that go kapow, a rock-and-roll mole named Noel, and Klaus the mouse's very small house.
- ***Bramble and Maggie Horse Meets Girl*** (*Bramble and Maggie* series) (Haas) Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie.
- ***Penny and her Song*** (*Penny* series) (Henkes) Penny comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies.
- ***Drop It, Rocket*** (Hills) Rocket loves to collect words for his word tree with his teacher, the little yellow bird. Watch as the pup finds new words like leaf, hat, star, boot, and many more"
- ***Build, Dogs, Build!*** (Horvath) The doggy construction crew return for an ambitious development project involving the demolition of a old building and the

construction of a new high rise with a shiny pet-house apartment on top.

- ***Houndsley & Catina*** series (Howe) Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.

- ***Ice Cream Soup*** (Ingalls) What happens when you try to make an ice cream cake, but add too much stuff? You end up with ice cream soup! (publisher)

- ***Ling and Ting Not Exactly the Same*** (*Ling and Ting* series) (Lin) Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

- ***Frog and Toad Together*** (Lobel) Five further adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

- ***Mr. Monkey Bakes a Cake*** (Mack) Mr. Monkey bakes a cake and enters it in a contest, but nothing goes as planned.

- ***George and Martha*** (Marshall) Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses.

- ***See Otto*** (Milgrim) Otto the robot lands on Earth, where he is chased by a rhinoceros and befriended by some monkeys.

- ***Little Bear*** (Minarik) Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party.

- ***Jojo and Daddy Bake a Cake*** (O'Connor) Fancy Nancy's little sister JoJo returns in her very own adventure! JoJo and Daddy are busy baking a cake. They've mixed the batter, put the cake in the oven, and frosted it—but who is the cake for? Shh . . . it's a surprise!

- ***Annie and Simon*** (O'Neill) Recounts four adventures of Annie, her big brother Simon, and their dog Hazel.

- ***Aggie and Ben: Three Stories*** (*Aggie & Ben* series) (Ries) After choosing a new dog, Ben describes what the pet Aggie can do and should not do around the house.

- ***Henry and Mudge: the First Book of Their Adventures*** (Rylant) Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. Also by this author: *Mr. Putter & Tabby* and *High Rise Private Eyes*

- ***Nate the Great*** series (Sharmat) Pancake-lover Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.

- ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa*** series (Silverman) Spring has come to Kate's ranch and with it new animal babies. In various chapters, Kate and her trusty

talking horse, Cocoa, check on newborn calves, receive a new puppy as a gift, and mistake baby owls in the barn for ghosts.

- ***Charlie & Mouse*** (Snyder) Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks.
- ***Meet Woof & Quack*** (Swanson) A dog and a duck get together to play an unusual game of fetch in the park.
- ***Fox the Tiger*** (Tabor) Fun-loving, mischievous Fox wishes he were a tiger. Tigers are big and fast and sneaky. So he decides to become one! Soon Turtle and Rabbit are joining in the fun. But will Fox want to be a tiger forever?
- ***Good night, Good Knight*** (*Good Knight* series) (Thomas) A Good Knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep.
- ***Pip Squeak*** (Weeks) (*Baa Choo!*; *Mac & Cheese*; *Drip, Drop*) Pip Squeak the mouse works hard to clean the house for his friend Max's visit, but then he has to clean up after Max too.
- ***I Lost My Tooth!*** (Willems) Zoom Squirrel loses his baby tooth, sending all the other squirrels into action.
- ***Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole*** (*Mouse and Mole* series) (Yee) Mouse and his downstairs neighbor, Mole, discover that when they help each other, house cleaning and other daily tasks are much easier.
- ***Duck, Duck, Porcupine*** (Yoon) Big Duck likes to boss around her younger brother, Little Duck, and she fancies herself the leader of their trio when joined by their gentle friend Porcupine. Little Duck does not speak yet, but through his expressions and his actions, he shows that he has a better grasp on any situation than his older sister

Non-fiction

- ***A Seal Named Patches*** (Beltran) Scientists Roxanne Beltran and Patrick Robinson set off on a polar adventure, traveling to Antarctica to study the lives of Weddell seals.
- ***Seahorse: the Shyest Fish*** (Butterworth) Presents the life cycle of the endangered seahorse, discussing its mating behavior, the defense mechanisms it uses against predators, and the type of environment it lives in.
- ***A Friend for Einstein: The Smallest Stallion*** (Cantrell) When he came into the world, Einstein weighed less than a cat and was no taller than a cereal box. He was a *miniature* miniature horse. Too small to run with the herd, Einstein had to look outside his world of horses to find the perfect playmate.

- ***A Little Book of Sloth*** (Cooke) Hang around just like a sloth and get to know the delightful residents of the Avarios Sloth Sanctuary in Costa Rica, the world's largest sloth orphanage.
- ***Farm*** (Cooper) Describes the activities on a busy family farm from the spring when preparations for planting begin to the autumn when the cats grow winter coats and the cold rains begin to fall.
- ***Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas*** (Cox) Here is the incredible story of Elizabeth, a real-life elephant seal who made her home in the Avon River in the city of Christchurch, New Zealand.
- ***In the Past*** (Elliott) Chronologically organized by epoch, a poetic introduction to the dinosaur world illuminates a host of creatures both novel and familiar, ranging from the mysterious trilobite to the famed Tyrannosaurus rex.
- ***Follow Me! Animal Parents and Babies*** (Evans) Join animal moms, dads, and babies, as these animal parents teach their young ones about the world.
- ***Children of the Tipi: Life in the Buffalo Days*** (Fitzgerald) collected quotations and sayings of North American Plains members of different tribes plus a stunning array of historic, rare sepia and white photographs of Native Americans of the Plains taken before 1904. (*Midwest Book Review*)
- ***Curious Critters*** (Fitzsimmons) This collection of amazing close-up images on stark white backgrounds is a stunning introduction to the animal's unique beauty. No one could resist lingering over the sharp details in these vibrant photographs.
- ***Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings*** (Florian) Set in spreads of dreamy dinosaur art, these 20 playful paleontological poems overflow with wit and useful information.
- ***Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth*** (Gardner) The author lists several animals that many people would consider scary (sharks), ugly (bats), or creepy (spiders) then explains how they benefit their biological niche, and humans.
- ***Spiders (Disgusting Critters series)*** (Gravel) A look at spiders, covering such topics as the spider's habitats, the silk it spins, and its parenting practice.
- ***The Greatest Dinosaur Ever*** (Guiberson) Which dinosaur was the greatest? Was it the tallest, the biggest, the strongest, the smartest, the weirdest, the fastest, or the smallest? Or was it the oldest bird, the best parent, the one with the best night vision, the best armor, or the longest tail spikes?
- ***Flight of the Honey Bee*** (Huber) A day in the life of a honeybee scout is full of drama, excitement and danger as it zigzags from flower to flower, spreading

pollen all around.

- **National Geographic: Little Kids First Big Book of Space** (Hughes)

Other books in this series: *Dinosaurs*

- **How Big Were the Dinosaurs?** (Judge) 12 prehistoric creatures with modern people or animals in compelling support of the observation that dinos came in a great range of sizes. (SLJ)

- **On Earth** (Karas) A simple poetic text describes the Earth's daily and yearly cycles: "At night we turn away from the sun and see a universe of stars and planets while we dream of what we can do tomorrow." (SLJ)

- **Hippos Are Huge** (London) Also by this author: *Hippos Are Huge*

- **Otters Love to Play** (London) Frolicking baby otters emerge from their den in the springtime and enjoy games of chasing, sliding, swimming, jumping, catching fish, and grooming themselves throughout the seasons of the year.

- **Once I Ate a Pie** (Maclachlan) Thirteen dogs tell their stories in simple poems.

- **Hip-Pocket Papa** (Markel) Set in an Australian temperate rainforest, this picture book opens with a pair of tiny hip-pocket frogs guarding their eggs from predators while waiting for them to hatch. (slj).

- **A Bear's Life** (McAllister) A collection of wildlife photographs of bears in the Great Bear Rainforest in British Columbia.

- **Prickly Hedgehogs** (McGuinness) Young animal lovers will enjoy following Hedgehog and her little hoglets through towns and gardens, parks and woodland, as they sniff-sniff-sniff for food.

- **Beatrix Potter and Her Paintbox** (McPhail) Chronicles the life of children's illustrator and author Beatrix Potter, examining how art influenced her young life.

- **Inky's Great Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home** (Montgomery)

A picture-book tale inspired by the true 2016 story follows the adventures of a chronically bored octopus at the New Zealand aquarium who escapes captivity by climbing out of his tank and slithering down a drainpipe to the sea.

- **Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt** by Kate Messner

Explore the hidden world and many lives of a garden through the course of a year!

- **That's How!** (Niemann) A very imaginative boy answers a girl's questions about how different kinds of vehicles work.

● ***Panda Kindergarten*** (Ryder) School is in session! But this is no ordinary kindergarten class. Meet sixteen young giant panda cubs at the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda at the Wolong Nature Preserve.

● ***Kate and Pippin: An Unlikely Love Story*** (Springett) When Pippin, a fawn abandoned by her mother, cries out for help, she is found by author Isobel Springett. After carrying the tiny fawn back to her home, Isobel places Pippin next to Kate, a Great Dane who has never had puppies of her own.

● ***Bring on the Birds*** (Stockdale) Young naturalists will appreciate the variety of avian life rendered in Susan Stockdale's gently rhyming picture book. (*Wall Street Journal*)

● ***The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps*** (Winter)

● ***Thunder Underground*** (Yolen) A collection of poems explores the wonder underground, from animal burrows and subways to caves and magma.

Early Readers Publishers (various levels):

Puffin-Easy-to-Read (*Three by the Sea, Fox Outfoxed*)

Step into Reading (Random House Books for Younger Readers) (*One Hundred Shoes, Sir Small and the Dragonfly, The Best mistake and Other Stories*)

I Can Read (HarperCollins) (*My Parents Think I'm sleeping, The Best Seat in Second Grade, Emma's Strange Pet*)

All Aboard Science Readers (Grosset and Dunlap) (*Planets, Volcanoes, Lightning: it's Electrifying*)

All Aboard Reading (Grosset and Dunlap)

Let's read and Find Out Science (Collins) (*Gravity is a Mystery, Sunshine Makes the Season*)

Time for Kids (*Plants, Frogs, Alexander Graham Bell, Volcanoes*)

Other Resources:

● *School Library Journal*: Top 100 Picture Books

<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/afuse8production/2009/05/16/top-100-picture-books-poll-results-1-101/>

● Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Kids Link for **digital books** using Tumble Books and Bookflix and Hoopla

<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>

- ALSC Summer Reading List:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2018-summer-reading-list>

- ALSC 2019 Notable Children's Books:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

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