

Summer Reading 2nd Grade

Chapter Books

Fantasy/ Adventure Chapter Books

- ***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet*** (*The Secrets of Droon*) (Abbott)
- ***Noodlehead Nightmares*** (Arnold)
- ***A Birthday for Bear*** (*Bear and Mouse* series) by Bonnie Becker
- ***Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*** (*Humphrey's Tiny Tales*) by Betty Birney
- ***The Bad Guys*** (Blabey)
- ***Cork and Fuzz*** (*Cork and Fuzz* series) series by Dori Chaconas
- ***Rise of the Balloon Goons*** (*Notebooks for Doom*) by Troy Cummings
- ***A Pig, a Fox and Stinky Socks*** by Jonathan Fenske
- ***Elmer and the Dragon*** by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- ***A New Friend*** (*The Adventures of Sophie Mouse*) by Poppy Green
- ***Dory Fantasmagory*** (*Dory Fantasmagory* series) (Hanlon)
- ***Houndsley and Catina Plink and Plunk*** (*Houndsley and Catina* series) by James Howe
- ***Frog and Toad Together*** (*Frog and Toad* series) by Arnold Lobel
- ***Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey*** by Alex Milway
- ***Little Bear*** (*Little Bear* series) by Else Minarik
- ***Magic Tree House*** series by Mary Pope Osborne
- ***The Mount Rushmore Calamity*** (*Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures* series) by Sarah Pennypacker
- ***Tales for Very Picky Eaters*** (Schneider)
- ***Baby Monkey Private Eye*** (Selznick)
- ***The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon*** (*Black Lagoon Adventures*) by Mike Thaler
- ***Good night, Good Knight*** by Shelley Moore Thomas (*Good Knight* series)
- ***Diva and Flea*** (Willems)
- ***Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole*** (*Mouse and Mole* series) by Wong Herbert Yee

Mystery Chapter Books

- ***Kayla and King and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats*** by Dori

Butler

- ***The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy*** (*Buddy Files* series) by Dori

Butler

- ***Zach & Zoey Mysteries: The Missing Baseball*** by Mike Lupica
- ***A to Z Mysteries: The Bald Bandit*** (*A to Z Mysteries*) by Ron Roy
- ***High Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Missing Monkey*** by Cynthia

Rylant

Realistic Fiction Chapter Books

- ***Don't Throw It to Mo*** (Adler)
 - ***Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs*** (*Roscoe Riley* series) (Applegate)
 - ***Anna Hibiscus*** by Atinuke
 - ***The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo*** by Judy Blume
 - ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue*** (*Mercy Watson* series) by Kate DiCamillo
 - ***Bink & Gollie*** (*Bink & Gollie* series) by Kate DiCamillo
 - ***Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade*** (*Princess Posey* series) by Stephanie Greene
 - ***Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl*** by Jessie Haas
 - ***Penny and her Song*** (*Penny* series) by Kevin Henkes
 - ***Pinky and Rex Go to Camp*** (*Pinky and Rex* series) (Howe)
 - ***Andy Shane is NOT in Love*** (*Andy Shane* series) by Jennifer Jacobson
- Richardson
- ***The Best Seat in Second Grade*** by Katharine Kenah
 - ***Ready Freddy: Homework Hassles*** (*Ready Freddy* series) by Abby Klein
 - ***The Infamous Ratsos*** by Kara LaReau
 - ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same*** (*Ling and Ting* series) by Grace Lin
 - ***Barkus*** by Patricia MacLachlan
 - ***Pedro's Big Goal*** (*Pedro* series) by Fran Manushkin
 - ***Stinky Spike the Pirate Dog*** by Peter Meisel
 - ***The Monster in the Backpack*** by Lisa Moser
 - ***Annie and Simon*** by Catharine O'Neill
 - ***Junie B. Jones Loves Handsome Warren*** (*Junie B. Jones* series) by Barbara Park
 - ***Amelia Bedelia*** (*Amelia Bedelia* series) by Peggy Parish
 - ***Good Dog Aggie*** (*Aggie and Ben* series) by Lori Reis
 - ***Mr. Putter and Tabby See the Stars*** (*Mr. Putter and Tabby* series) by

Cynthia Rylant

. Also by this author: *Henry and Mudge* series and *High Rise Private Eyes* series

- ***Baby Monkey Private Eye*** (Selznick)
- ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa and the Spring Babies*** (*Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* series) by Erica Silverman
- ***Charlie & Mouse*** (Snyder)
- ***Mabel and Sam at Home*** by Linda Urban

Picture Books

- ***Thumbelina*** by Hans Christian Andersen
 - ***Chloe and the Lion*** by Max Barnett
- Also by this author: *President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath*, *Extra Yarn*, and *Count the Monkeys*.
- ***Ada Twist, Scientist*** by Andrea Beatty
- Also by this author: *Iggy Peck, Architect* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer*
- ***Z is for Moose*** by Kelly Bingham
 - ***Mossy*** (Brett) Also by this author: *Armadillo Rodeo*, *The Mitten*, *Hedgie Takes Off*, and *Honey, Honey, Lion!*
 - ***My Teacher Is a Monster (No I Am Not)*** by Peter Brown
- Also by this author: *Children Make Terrible Pets*, *Will You Be My Friend*, and *The Curious Garden*.
- ***Turtle's Race with Beaver*** by Joseph Bruchac
- Also by this author: *How the Chipmunk Got His Stripes*, and *The Story of the Milky Way*
- ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** retold by John Cech
- Also by this author: *The Princess and the Pea*, *Puss in Boots*, and *Twelve Dancing Princesses*.
- ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man*** (Chabon)
 - ***The Princess and the Pea*** retold by Lauren Child
 - ***The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*** by Drew Dewart
 - ***Big Anthony and the Magic Ring*** by Tomie dePoala
- Also by this author: *Bill and Pete*, *Strega Nona*, *The Art Lesson*, and *Legend of the Blue Bonnet*.
- ***Islandborn*** by Junot Diaz
 - ***The Snail and the Whale*** by Julie Donaldson
- Also by this author: *Room on the Broom*, *The Gruffalo*, and *Stickman*

- ***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*** by Marla Frazee
- ***Stolen Words*** (Florence)
- ***The Princess Knight*** by Cornelia Funke
- ***How to Talk to Your Dog*** by Jean Craighead George
- ***Red Crayon's Story*** by Michael Hall

Also by this author: *Frankencrayon* and *It's an Orange Aardvark*

- ***Weekend with Wendell*** by Kevin Henkes

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

- ***Baby Brains*** by Simon James

Also by this author: *My Friend Whale*, *Leon and Bob*, and *Sally and the Limpet*

- ***Once Upon an Alphabet*** by Oliver Jeffers

Also by this author: *Imaginary Fred*, *Stuck*, *the Way Back Home*, and *The Heart and the Bottle*.

- ***Wind Flyers*** by Angela Johnson

- ***The Big, Red Lollipop*** by Rukhsana Khan

- ***I Want My Hat Back*** by Jon Klassen

- ***The Scrambled States of America*** by Laurie Keller

Also by this author: *Arnie the Doughnut*

- ***Library Lion*** by Michelle Knudsen

- ***Drawn Together*** by Mihn Le

- ***Cloudette*** by Tom Lichtenheld

Also by this author: *E-Mergency* and *Everything I Know About Pirates: a Collection of Made-up Facts, Educated Guesses, and Silly Pictures About Bad Guys of the High Seas*

- ***Quiet Please, Owen McPhee*** by Trudy Ludwig

Also by this author: *The Invisible Boy*

- ***Hinky Pink: An Old Tale*** by Meg MacDonald

- ***These Hands*** by Margaret Mason

- ***Tia Isa Wants a Car*** by Meg Medina

- ***Lucky Ducklings*** (Moore)

- ***Dreamers*** (Morales)

- ***The Paper Bag Princess*** by Robert Munsch

Also by this author: *Smelly Socks*, *I Have to Go*

- ***Xander's Panda Party*** by Linda Sue Park

- ***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*** (Perkins)

- ***At the Same Moment Around the World*** (Perrin)
- ***A Different Pond*** (Phi)
- ***The Beatrix Potter Treasury*** by Beatrix Potter
- ***Louise the Big Cheese and the Back-to-School Smarty-Pants*** by Elise Primavera
- ***Creepy Carrots*** by Aaron Reynolds
 Also by this author: *Carnivores* and *Nerdy Birdy* and *Creepy Pair of Underwear*
- ***Exclamation Mark*** by Amy Krause Rosenthal
 Also by this author: *Little Hoot*, *One of those Days*, and *Uni the Unicorn*
- ***All the World*** Liz Garton Scalon
- ***Help Me Mr. Mutt*** by Janet and Susan Stevens
 Also by this author: *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* and *The Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*
- ***Belling the Tiger*** by Mary Stolz
- ***Jack and the Beanstalk and the French Fries*** my Mark Teague
- ***The Three Little Wolves and the Big, Bad Pig*** (Trivizas)
- ***Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team*** by Audrey Vernick Also by this author: *The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton*
- ***Scaredy Squirrel*** by Melanie Watt
- ***Mr. Wuffles*** by David Wiesner
 Also by this author: *Sector 7* and *Flotsam* and *Tuesday*
- ***Four Feet, Two Sandals*** by Karen Lynn Williams
 Also by this author: *Tap- Tap* and *Galimoto*
- ***A Chair for My Mother*** by Vera Williams
- ● ***The Day You Begin*** by Jacqueline Woodson
 Also by this author: *Show Way*, and *This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration*, and *Each Kindness*
- ***Rapunzel*** by Paul Zelinsky
 Also by this author: *Rumpelstiltskin*

Non-fiction

- ***Fly Guy Presents: Sharks*** by Ted Arnold
- ***Wild Tracks: A Guide to Nature's Footprints*** by Jim Arnosky
- ***Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*** by Jennifer Berne
- ***Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey*** by Loree Griffin

Burns

- ***The Redwoods*** by Jason Chin
- ***Satchel Paige*** by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- ***Yummy! Eight Favorite Fairy Tales*** by Lucy Cousins
- ***Elizabeth Queen of the Seas*** by Lynne Cox
- ***Surprising Sharks*** by Nicola Davies
- ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream*** by Kristy Dempsey
- ***Saturn Could Sail and Other Fun Facts*** by Laura Lyn DiSiena
- ***In the Rainforest*** (Duke)
- ***The Scraps: Notes from a Colorful Life*** by Lois Ehlert
- ***Locomotive*** by Brian Floca
- ***Giant Squid*** by Candace Fleming

Also by this author: *Clever Jack Takes the Cake* and *Papa's Mechanical Fish*

- ***Shiver Me Timbers: Pirate Poems and Paintings*** by Douglas Florian
- ***Growing Frogs*** by Vivian French
- ***The Spider*** (*Disgusting Critters* series) by Elise Gravel
- ***The Tree Lady*** by Joseph Hopkins
- ***Flight of the Honey Bee*** by Raymond Huber
- ***Never Smile at a Monkey*** by Steve Jenkins
- ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival*** by Kirby Larson

• ***Otters Love to Play*** (London) Also by this author: *Hippos Are Huge*

- ***All the Water in the World*** by George Ella Lyon
- ***Build, Beaver, Build*** by Sandra Markle

Also by this author: *Hip-Pocket Papa*

• ***Great Migrations: Elephants*** (National Geographic Readers) by Laura Marsh

- ***Daylight, Starlight, Wildlife*** by Wendell Minor
- ***Viva Frida*** by Yugi Morales
- ***Little Kids First Big Book of Space*** (*National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books*)
- ***A Baby Elephant in the Wild*** by Caitlin O'Connell
- ***Water Is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle*** by Miranda Paul
- ***Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- ***It's Raining Pigs & Noodles: Poems*** by Jack Prelutsky

- **Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees** by Franck Prevot
 - **To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt** (Rappaport)
 - **The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art** by Barb Rosenstock
 - **Will and Otis Discover the Deep: Barton, Beebe and the Dive of the Bathysphere** by Barb Rosenstock
 - **Little Melba and Her Big Trombone** by Katheryn Russell-Brown
 - **Big Red Kangaroo** by Claire Saxsby
 - **Who Says Women Can't be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell** by Tanya Lee Stone
 - **Emmanuel's Dream** by Laurie Ann Thompson
 - **The Princess and the Warrior** by Duncan Tonatiuh
 - **Becoming Babe Ruth** by Matthew Tavares
- Also by this author: *Growing Up Pedro*
- **Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery** By Sandra Neil Wallace.
 - **The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps** by Jeanette Winter
 - **How Deep Is the Ocean?** By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld
- Also in the Read and Find Out series: *Simple Machines, What's in a Shell, How Mountains Are Made* and *The Sun and the Moon* (various author)

Graphic Novels

- **Luke on the Loose** by Harry Bliss
 - **Benjamin Bear in Fuzzy Thinking** by Philippe Coudray
 - **Stinky** by Eleanor Davis
 - **Little Robot** by Ben Hatke
 - **Benny and Penny and the Big No- No** by Geoffrey Hayes
 - **Baby Mouse: Queen of the World** by Jennifer Holm
 - **Super Ameba (Squish series)** by Jennifer Holm
 - **Super Turbo Saves the Day** by Lee Kirby
 - **Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery** by Kevin O'Malley
 - **Dog Man** by Dav Pilkey
- Also by this author: *Captain Underpants* and *Cat Kong*
- **The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer (Owly series)** by Andy Runton

- ***Binky the Space Cat*** by Ashley Spires
- ***Tiger vs. Nightmare*** by Emily Tetri
- ***Bake Sale*** by Sara Varon

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
<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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Summer Reading 2nd Grade Annotated Chapter Books

Fantasy/ Adventure Chapter Books

- ***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet*** (*The Secrets of Droon*)

(Abbott) After entering the tiny room underneath the stairs, three friends find themselves in a magic world of shiny red men and flying lizards, and they are soon forced to face great challenges in order to survive and make their way back home.

- ***Noodlehead Nightmares*** (Arnold) Brothers Mac and Mac star in this collection of bedtime tales inspired by folktales about fools from around the world.

- ***A Birthday for Bear*** (*Bear and Mouse* series) by Bonnie Becker

Despite Bear's efforts to ignore his birthday, Mouse will not rest until his friend celebrates.

- ***Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*** (*Humphrey's Tiny Tales*) by Betty Birney

When Mandy, one of the students from classroom 26, brings a special hamster-sized race car to class, it means just one thing--Humphrey is going to be in a hamster race.

- ***The Bad Guys*** (Blabey) The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry.

- ***Cork and Fuzz*** (*Cork and Fuzz* series) series by Dori Chaconas

A possum and a muskrat become friends despite their many differences.

- ***Rise of the Balloon Goons*** (*Notebooks for Doom*) by Troy Cummings

Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue, a notebook he finds is full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men.

- ***A Pig, a Fox and Stinky Socks*** by Jonathan Fenske

When Fox decides to trick his friend Pig using socks that do not smell sweet, his mischief backfires.

- ***Elmer and the Dragon*** by Ruth Stiles Gannett

On their way home, Elmer and a flying dragon land on an unusual island and help some canaries uncover a buried treasure.

- ***A New Friend*** (*The Adventures of Sophie Mouse*) by Poppy Green

In this first of a charming series about a little mouse and her forest friends, Sophie Mouse must convince her classmates—and herself—that a new student is nothing to fear. Even if he is a snake!

- ***Dory Fantasmagory*** (*Dory Fantasmagory* series) (Hanlon)

Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

- ***Penny and her Song*** (*Penny* series) by Kevin 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.

- ***Houndsley and Catina Plink and Plunk*** (*Houndsley and Catina* series) by James Howe

Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together.

- ***The Infamous Ratsos*** by Kara LaReau

Rat brothers Louie and Ralphie Ratso try to prove they can be as rough and tough as their father in the Big City, but every time they try to show how tough they are, they end up accidentally doing good deeds instead.

- ***Frog and Toad Together*** (*Frog and Toad* series) by Arnold Lobel

Five further adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

- ***Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey*** by Alex Milway

A last member of a line of explorers, unfailingly optimistic Pigsticks hires a hapless delivery hamster named Harold to be his companion for a quest that wends through jungles, deserts, and mountains in search of the Ends of the Earth.

- ***Little Bear*** (*Little Bear* series) by Else Minarik

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party.

- ***Magic Tree House*** series by Mary Pope Osborne

- ***The Mount Rushmore Calamity*** (*Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures* series) by Sarah Pennypacker

Hoping to escape the attention brought on by the accident that flattened Stanley, the Lambchop family drives to South Dakota, where they become involved in a wild west adventure at Mount Rushmore.

- ***Baby Monkey Private Eye*** (Selznick) Baby Monkey, private eye, will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries--if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on.
- ***Tales for Very Picky Eaters*** (Schneider) A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like. ● ***The Meanest Birthday Girl*** by Josh Schneider
- ***Good night, Good Knight*** by Shelley Moore Thomas (*Good Knight* series) A Good Knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep.
- ***Diva and Flea*** (Willems)
In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.
- ***Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole*** (*Mouse and Mole* series) by Wong Herbert Yee
Mouse and his downstairs neighbor, Mole, discover that when they help each other, house cleaning and other daily tasks are much easier.

Mystery Chapter Books

- ***Kayla and King and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats*** by Dori 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.
- ***The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy*** (*Buddy Files* series) by Dori Butler
While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy.
- ***Zach & Zoey Mysteries: The Missing Baseball*** by Mike Lupica
When a baseball signed by Zach's favorite major league player suddenly goes missing--the search is on! Luckily, amateur sleuths Zach and Zoe are on the case. Can they solve the mystery and find the ball before it's lost for good?
- ***Calendar Mysteries: June Jam*** by Ron Roy Also by this author: *A to Z Mysteries, Capital Mysteries*
As a Father's Day gift to the twins' Dad, Bradley, Brian, and their cousins Lucy and Nate try to identify and stop whatever creature is biting fruits and vegetables in the garden.
- ***High Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Missing Monkey*** by Cynthia Rylant

While having breakfast at their favorite diner, two detectives, Bunny and Jack, solve a mystery that is not what it seems.

Realistic Fiction Chapter Books

- ***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.

- ***Anna Hibiscus*** by Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!

- ***The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo*** by Judy Blume
Second-grader Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play.

- ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue*** (*Mercy Watson* series) by Kate DiCamillo
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

- ***Bink & Gollie*** (*Bink & Gollie* series) by Kate DiCamillo
Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

- ***Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade*** (*Princess Posey* series) by Stephanie 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.

- ***Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl*** by Jessie Haas
Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie.

- ***Pinky and Rex Go to Camp*** (*Pinky and Rex* series) (Howe)
Although his best friend Rex is excited about going to camp, Pinky is afraid of leaving home.

- ***Andy Shane is NOT in Love*** (*Andy Shane* series) by Jennifer Jacobson Richardson

When Andy Shane befriends the new girl in town, everyone thinks he must be in love with her, but the reason he is spending so much time with her is because her

dog just had puppies.

- ***The Best Seat in Second Grade*** by Katharine Kenah

Sam's favorite thing about second grade is the class pet, a hamster named George Washington, so when the class goes on a field trip to a science museum, Sam cannot resist bringing George along.

- ***Ready Freddy: Homework Hassles*** (*Ready Freddy* series) by Abby Klein

When Freddy falls out of a tree and breaks his arm, he finds inspiration for his oral report on nocturnal animals.

- ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same*** (*Ling and Ting* series) by Grace Lin

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

- ***Barkus*** by Patricia MacLachlan

Barkus is a large and very smart dog who comes to live with seven-year-old Nicky when Nicky's Uncle Everton goes traveling--and soon he is a family and school favorite.

- ***Pedro's Big Goal*** (*Pedro* series) by Fran Manushkin

Pedro would love to be the goalie in the team's first game, but another boy is bigger--so all his friends come over to help him practice before the tryout.

- ***Stinky Spike the Pirate Dog*** by Peter Meisel

When Spike finds himself adrift at sea he is rescued by a crew of surly pirates, who spend their days hunting for treasure. Spike knows that he was meant to sniff out treasure, but his sense of smell leads him to some unusual treasure.

- ***The Monster in the Backpack*** by Lisa Moser

Annie's new backpack comes with pink and blue flower decorations, a zipper, and a mischievous monster who manages to get her into all sorts of trouble at school.

- ***Annie and Simon*** by Catharine O'Neill

Recounts four adventures of Annie, her big brother Simon, and their dog Hazel.

- ***Junie B. Jones Loves Handsome Warren*** (*Junie B. Jones* series) by

Barbara Park

Unable to compete with her friends' fancy clothes and running ability, irrepressible six-year-old Junie B. finds her own way to make the new boy at school like her.

- ***Amelia Bedelia*** (*Amelia Bedelia* series) by Peggy Parish

A literal-minded housekeeper causes chaos in the Rogers household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.

- ***Good Dog Aggie*** (*Aggie and Ben* series) by Lori Reis

When Aggie the dog does not mind, Ben takes her to obedience school which ends in disaster, but while practicing at home one day Ben realizes what really motivates Aggie to mind.

- ***Mr. Putter and Tabby See the Stars*** (*Mr. Putter and Tabby series*) by Cynthia Rylant

When Mr. Putter cannot sleep after eating too many of Mrs. Teaberry's pineapple jelly rolls, he and Tabby take a moonlit stroll that ends with the perfect neighborly gathering. Also by this author: *Henry and Mudge* series and *High Rise Private Eyes* series

- ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa and the Spring Babies*** (*Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series*) by Erica Silverman

Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls.

- ***Charlie & Mouse*** (Snyder) Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks.

- ***Mabel and Sam at Home*** by Linda Urban

Mabel and her younger brother Sam approach their new home and the trauma of moving by turning it into an adventure, imagining they are sailors approaching a new land, tour guides exploring a museum, and finally astronauts in space.

Picture Books

- ***Thumbelina*** by Hans Christian Andersen

A tiny girl no bigger than a thumb is stolen by a great ugly toad and subsequently has many adventures and makes many animal friends, before finding the perfect mate in a warm and beautiful southern land.

- ***Chloe and the Lion*** by Max Barnett

Mac, the author, fires Adam, the illustrator, over their artistic differences about Chloe, the main character of their book, until Mac realizes both of their talents are needed and they must work together or their story about Chloe will never be finished. Other books by this author: *President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath*, *Extra Yarn*, and *Count the Monkeys*.

- ***Ada Twist, Scientist*** by Andrea 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*

- ***Z is for Moose*** by Kelly Bingham

Moose, terribly eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, then awfully disappointed when his letter passes, behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him.

- **Mossy** (Brett) Mossy, a turtle with a garden growing on her shell, is taken from her home and new friend to become an exhibit in a museum, until the director's niece, Tory, notices how sad Mossy is and helps arrange for her to go home. Also by this author: *Armadillo Rodeo*, *The Mitten*, *Hedgie Takes Off*, and *Honey, Honey, Lion!*

- **My Teacher Is a Monster (No I Am Not)** by Peter Brown
Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all. Also by this author: *Children Make Terrible Pets*, *Will You Be My Friend*, and *The Curious Garden*.

- **Turtle's Race with Beaver** by Joseph Bruchac
When Beaver challenges Turtle to a swimming race for ownership of the pond, Turtle outsmarts Beaver, and Beaver learns to share. Also by this author: *How the Chipmunk Got His Stripes*, *The Story of the Milky Way*

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

- **The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man** (Chabon)
A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

- **The Princess and the Pea** retold by Lauren Child

- **The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors** by Drew Dewart
This laugh-out-loud hilarious picture book is about the fictional warriors who invented a classic childhood game.

- **Big Anthony and the Magic Ring** by Tomie dePoala
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*.

- **Islandborn** by Junot Diaz

Given a school assignment to draw a picture of her homeland, Lola gathers stories of "the Island" from people in her Dominican neighborhood.

- **The Snail and the Whale** by Julie Donaldson
Wanting to sail beyond its rock, a tiny snail hitches a ride on a big humpback

whale and then is able to help the whale when it gets stuck in the sand. Also by this author: *Room on the Broom*, *The Gruffalo*, and *Stickman*

● ***Stolen Words*** (Florence) A look at the intergenerational impact of Canada's residential school system that separated Indigenous children from their families and the beautiful, healing relationship between a little girl and her grandfather.

● ***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*** by Marla Frazee
Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

● ***The Princess Knight*** by Cornelia Funke
Envious of her brothers who are in training to become knights, young Violetta disguises herself as a boy in order to take part in the big jousting contest in the hopes of showing everyone that she is just as capable.

● ***How to Talk to Your Dog*** by Jean Craighead George
An easy-to-read, conversational, humorous, and informative guide that will help young dog owners communicate with their pets (*SLJ*)

● ***Red Crayon's Story*** by Michael Hall
Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons and art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective. Also by this author: *Frankencrayon* and *It's an Orange Aardvark*

● ***Weekend with Wendell*** by Kevin Henkes
Sophie does not enjoy a bully's weekend visit until the very end, when she learns to assert herself and finds out Wendell can be fun to play with after all. Also by this author: *Chrysanthemum*, *Lilly's Purple*, *Plastic Purse*, *Owen*, *Chester's Way*, *Wemberly Worried* and *Jessica*

● ***Baby Brains*** by Simon James
Even though the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brains is very intelligent, they realize that he is still just a baby. Also by this author: *My Friend Whale*, *Leon and Bob*, and *Sally and the Limpet*

● ***Once Upon an Alphabet*** by Oliver Jeffers
From an Astronaut who's afraid of heights, to a Bridge that ends up burned between friends, to a Cup stuck in a cupboard and longing for freedom, this series of interconnected stories and characters explores the alphabet. Also by this author: *Imaginary Fred*, *Stuck*, *the Way Back Home*, and *The Heart and the Bottle*.

● ***Wind Flyers*** by Angela Johnson

A young man listens to the heroic tales of his great-great-uncle, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, and learns all about this historic group's adventures in training and as professional pilots in World War Two.

- ***The Big, Red Lollipop*** by Rukhsana Khan

Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help.

- ***I Want My Hat Back*** by Jon Klassen

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

- ***The Scrambled States of America*** by Laurie Keller

The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while. Also includes facts about the states. Also by this author: *Arnie the Doughnut*

- ***Library Lion*** by Michelle 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.

- ***Drawn Together*** by Mihn Le

A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.

- ***Cloudette*** by Tom Lichtenheld

Cloudette, the littlest cloud, finds a way to do something big and important as the other clouds do. Also by this author: *E-Mergency* and *Everything I Know About Pirates: a Collection of Made-up Facts, Educated Guesses, and Silly Pictures About Bad Guys of the High Seas*

- ***Quiet Please, Owen McPhee*** by Trudy Ludwig

A nonstop talker learns about the power of listening when he comes down with a case of laryngitis. Also by this author: *The Invisible Boy*

- ***Hinky Pink: An Old Tale*** by Meg 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.

- ***These Hands*** by Margaret Mason

An African American man tells his grandson about a time when, despite all the wonderful things his hands could do, they could not touch bread at the Wonder

Bread factory. Based on stories of bakery union workers; includes historical note.

- ***Tia Isa Wants a Car*** by Meg Medina

Tia Isa and her niece try to save enough money to buy a car to take the whole family to the beach.

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

- ***Dreamers*** (Morales) Traces the journey the author and her son made in 1994, when they immigrated from Mexico to the United States.

- ***The Paper Bag Princess*** by Robert Munsch

When Ronald, the prince she was to marry, was stolen from her by a fierce dragon, Elizabeth donned a paper bag to cover her singed body, and set off to rescue him. Also by this author: *Smelly Socks, I Have to Go*

- ***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. Includes author's note on the wonders of the animal kingdom and the international effort to save pandas from extinction.

- ***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*** (Perkins) Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.

- ***At the Same Moment Around the World*** (Perrin)

Starting from the Greenwich meridian, this book takes the reader east, imagining what children are doing at that moment in each of the twenty-four time zones.

- ***A Different Pond*** (Phi) As a young boy, Bao Phi awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.

- ***The Beatrix Potter Treasury*** by Beatrix 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.

- ***Louise the Big Cheese and the Back-to-School Smarty-Pants*** by Elise Primavera

Louise is determined to earn straight A's in second grade, but her teacher, Mrs. Pearl, is known for not giving out that special grade.

- ***Creepy Carrots*** by Aaron Reynolds

The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around and Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes. Also by this author: *Carnivores* and *Nerdy Birdy* and *Creepy Pair of Underwear*

● ***Exclamation Mark*** by Amy Krause Rosenthal

In this simple, charming picture book, an exclamation mark learns a little bit about punctuation and a lot about being himself as a pesky question mark helps him discover his talent for emphasis. Also by this author: *Little Hoot*, *One of those Days*, and *Uni the Unicorn*

● ***Jack and the Beanstalk and the French Fries*** by Mark Teague

In this humorous version of the traditional tale, Jack's magic beanstalk produces so many beans that soon everyone in the village is sick of eating them, and mad at Jack, and when he climbs the beanstalk he finds that Mr. Giant is equally fed up with beans--but fortunately Mrs. Giant suggests a solution to their diet problem.

● ***All the World*** by Liz Garton Scalon

It's hard to imagine a cozier and more spacious world. At once a lullaby and an invigorating love song to nature, families and interconnectedness (*Kirkus*)

● ***Help Me Mr. Mutt*** by Janet and Susan Stevens

Dogs across the United States write to Mr. Mutt, a people expert, for help with their humans. Also by this author: *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* and *The Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*

● ***Belling the Tiger*** by Mary Stolz

Instead of belling the cat, two small mice wind up on a ship headed for strange adventures.

● ***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.

● ***Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother***

Baseball Team by Audrey Vernick Also by this author: *The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton*

● ***Scaredy Squirrel*** by Melanie 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.

● ***Mr. Wuffles*** by David Wiesner

Mr. Wuffles ignores all his cat toys but one, which turns out to be a spaceship

piloted by small green aliens. When Mr. Wuffles plays rough with the little ship, the aliens must venture into the cat's territory to make emergency repairs. Also by this author: *Sector 7* and *Flotsam*

- ***Four Feet, Two Sandals*** by Karen Lynn Williams

Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers. Includes author's note about refugees. Also by this author: *Tap- Tap* and *Galimoto*

- ***A Chair for My Mother*** by Vera Williams

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

- ***The Day You Begin*** by Jacqueline Woodson

Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider. Also by this author: *Show Way*, and *This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration* and *Each Kindness*

- ***Rapunzel*** by Paul 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: *Ruplestiltskin*

Non-fiction

- ***Fly Guy Presents: Sharks*** by Ted Arnold

Fly Guy and his owner, Buzz, are back! This time they're on a field trip to the aquarium. With a bit of trepidation (which he loses along the way), Fly Guy agrees to tour the shark exhibit with Buzz acting as guide.

- ***Wild Tracks: A Guide to Nature's Footprints*** by Jim Arnosky

The author invites readers to notice the variations among the tracks of different animals native to North America and the ways that the tracks of individual species can change and fool us. (SLJ)

- ***Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*** by Jennifer Berne

Berne offers a luminous picture-book biography about Jacques Cousteau. (Booklist)

- ***Elizabeth Queen of the Seas*** by Lynne Cox

Describes how an elephant seal made a home in New Zealand's narrow Avon River and loved to stretch out across a two-lane road, requiring volunteers to tow her farther out to sea after she kept returning repeatedly.

- ***The Spider*** (*Disgusting Critters* series) by Elise Gravel

A look at spiders, covering such topics as the spider's habitats, the silk it spins, and its parenting practice.

- ***Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey*** by Loree Griffin Burns

Some farms grow vegetables or grains, and some raise cows, sheep, chickens, or pigs. But have you ever heard of a butterfly farm? How do you raise a butterfly?

- ***The Redwoods*** by Jason Chin

Offers general information about redwood trees such as height, how the bark protect them from fires, average age, and the types of plant and animal life that live in them.

- ***Satchel Paige*** by Lesa Cline-Ransome

An informal, anecdotal profile of Leroy "Satchel" Paige, one of the all-time great baseball players of the Negro League, the first black pitcher to play in the major leagues and the first black inductee to the Baseball Hall of Fame. (Booklist)

- ***Surprising Sharks*** by Nicola Davies

Davies manages to impart a remarkable amount of information about sharks in this picture-book science volume, which emphasizes that sharks come in a variety of shapes and sizes and most are not dangerous. (Booklist)

- ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream*** by Kristy Dempsey

A young black girl living in Harlem in the 1950s has a big wish: to be a prima ballerina. Her mama says you don't need wishes to make a dream come true—you need hope. (Booklist)

- ***Saturn Could Sail and Other Fun Facts*** by Laura Lyn DiSiena

3...2...1...Blast off with this book of fun facts about spaceships, planets, the Milky Way, and more!

- ***In the Rainforest*** (Duke) A lively introduction to the rainforest combines illustrations and diagrams with explanations about the abundant plant and animal life that can be found there. Also in the *Read and Find Out* series: *Simple Machines*, *What's in a Shell*, *How Mountains Are Made* and *The Sun and the Moon* (various authors)

- ***The Scraps: Notes from a Colorful Life*** by Lois Ehlert

The renowned Caldecott Honoree and illustrator of *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* provides a moving, intimate, and inspiring inside look at her colorful picture book career.

- ***Locomotive*** by Brian Floca

It is the summer of 1869, and trains, crews, and family are traveling together, riding America's brand-new transcontinental railroad.

- ***Giant Squid*** by Candace Fleming

A strikingly illustrated, poetic tribute to the enigmatic giant squid describes the species' life deep within the sea and the clues that today's scientists use to gain understanding about its characteristics and habitat. Also by this author: *Clever Jack Takes the Cake* and *Papa's Mechanical Fish*

- ***Shiver Me Timbers: Pirate Poems and Paintings*** by Douglas Florian
Ahoy mateys—it's time to hoist up the anchors and set sail with a pack of pesky pirates! In this hilarious collection of nineteen poems, readers will meet scoundrels, scalawags, and scurvy dogs (human and canine).

- ***Growing Frogs*** by Vivian French

After a mother and daughter read a story about a frog that gets bigger and bigger, Mom suggests further study. Off they go to collect frogspawn (in small quantity from a man-made pond, lest the dwindling frog population be further endangered) and then watch the transformation and return the little frogs to the home pond.

- ***The Tree Lady*** by Joseph Hopkins

Katherine Olivia Sessions was a real go-getter, becoming the first woman to graduate from the University of California with a science degree (1881) and transforming San Diego's City Park from a dry, ugly hillside into a lush garden flourishing beneath a beautiful canopy of trees. (SLJ)

- ***Flight of the Honey Bee*** by Raymond 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.

- ***Never Smile at a Monkey*** by Steve Jenkins

It's clearly a bad idea to tease a tiger, pull a python's tail, or bother a black widow spider. But do you know how dangerous it can be to pet a platypus, collect a cone shell, or touch a tang fish?

- ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival*** by Kirby Larson

Simple prose introduces two animals, a cat and a dog, that survived Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and, after four months of wandering, were rescued by the Best Friends Animal Society. (SLJ)

- ***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. Also by this author: *Hippos Are Huge!*

- ***All the Water in the World*** by George Ella Lyon

Lots of picture books introduce young children to the water cycle, but few have such an infectious beat and eye-catching illustrations as this title, which begs to be read aloud. With occasional rhymes, the short, poetic lines are conversational and instructive and evoke a sense of mystery.... (*Booklist*)

- ***Build, Beaver, Build*** by Sandra Markle

An exciting introduction to these semiaquatic animals. Readers follow a young beaver kit over the course of a year as he and his family find food, ward off predators, and continue to build their dam and lodge (*SLJ*). Also by this author: *Hip-Pocket Papa*

- ***Great Migrations: Elephants*** (National Geographic Readers) by Laura Marsh

Introduces African elephants, including what they eat, how they travel in groups, their migration patterns, and how they care for their young.

- ***Daylight, Starlight, Wildlife*** by Wendell Minor

In amazingly lifelike, luminous paintings, Wendell Minor, one of America's finest wildlife and landscape painters, reveals the variety of animals that surround us when we are awake and when we are sleeping.

- ***Viva Frida*** by Yugi Morales

Yugi Morales illuminates Frida's life and work in this elegant and fascinating book.

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

- ***A Baby Elephant in the Wild*** by Caitlin O'Connell

- ***Water Is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle*** by Miranda Paul

This spare, poetic picture book follows a group of kids as they move through all the different phases of the water cycle.

- ***Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Celebrate the life of Duke Ellington

- ***It's Raining Pigs & Noodles: Poems*** by Jack Prelutsky

A collection of humorous poems such as "The Dancing Hippopotami," "You Can't Make Me Eat That," "My Father's Name is Sasquatch," and "Dear Wumbledeedumble."

● ***Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees*** by Franck Prevot

Wangari Maathai received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her efforts to lead women in a nonviolent struggle to bring peace and democracy to Africa through its reforestation. Her organization planted over thirty million trees in thirty years.

● ***To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt*** (Rappaport)
Explores the life of Theodore Roosevelt through vivid prose and the president's own words.

● ***Will and Otis Discover the Deep: Barton, Beebe and the Dive of the Bathysphere*** by Barb Rosenstock

A biographical account of engineer Otis Barton and naturalist Will Beebe's record-setting descent into the deep ocean in their Bathysphere craft, making the men the first humans to witness deep sea creatures in their natural habitat. Also by this author: *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*

● ***Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*** by Katheryn Russell-Brown
Bewitched by the rhythms of jazz all around her in Depression-era Kansas City, little Melba Doretta Liston longs to make music in this fictional account of a little-known jazz great.

● ***Big Red Kangaroo*** by Claire Saxsby

Follow a dominant male kangaroo as he leads his mob in search of food—and holds his own against other males who vie for his role.

● ***Who Says Women Can't be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell*** by Tanya Lee Stone

An introduction to the life and achievements of the first American female doctor.

● ***The Princess and the Warrior*** by Duncan Tonatiuh

● ***Becoming Babe Ruth*** by Matthew Tavares

Recounts Ruth's amazing rags-to-riches story, from his early family troubles and placement at age seven into Saint Mary's Industrial School for Boys to his triumphant career with the New York Yankees. (*Booklist*) Also by this author: *Growing Up Pedro*

● ***Emmanuel's Dream*** by Laurie Ann Thompson

The story of a West African youth who pursued an education, helped support his family, and became a record-setting cyclist in spite of a disability traces his ongoing achievements as an activist.

● ***Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field***

to the Art Gallery By Sandra Neil Wallace

Growing up, Ernie Barnes had two passions: art and football. Detailed, lively paintings help reveal how, with years of practice, he excelled in both fields.

● ***The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps*** by Jeanette Winter

“This gorgeous, accessible biography allows young readers to absorb the significance of Jane’s tireless research, her groundbreaking discoveries and important work protecting Africa’s land and animals.” (*Kirkus*)

● ***How Deep Is the Ocean?*** By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

How Deep Is the Ocean? will guide young readers into the deepest parts of the ocean. Also in the Read and Find Out series: *Simple Machines, What’s in a Shell, How Mountains Are Made* and *The Sun and the Moon* (various author)

Graphic Novels

● ***Luke on the Loose*** by Harry Bliss

What begins as a simple tale of a child's fascination with pigeons soon erupts into a full-blown chase!

● ***Benjamin Bear in Fuzzy Thinking*** by Philippe Coudray

Benjamin Bear does everything in his own funny way, whether it's drying dishes on a rabbit’s back or sharing his sweater without taking it off. In this series of gags starring a very loopy bear, Philippe Coudray creates a zany world that makes kids think and solve puzzles, drawing all readers into the game.

● ***Stinky*** by Eleanor Davis

Stinky is a monster who loves pickles and possums but is terrified of people. This hilarious and heartwarming story by ferociously talented cartoonist Eleanor Davis proves that even monsters can make new friends . . . warts and all!

● ***Little Robot*** by Ben Hatke

When a girl finds a lost robot in the woods, they become fast friends, but is in for an adventure when a much larger, menacing robot comes to retrieve it.

● ***Benny and Penny and the Big No- No*** by Geoffrey Hayes

Benny and his sister Penny know it’s wrong to sneak into someone else’s backyard but their mysterious new neighbor—or is it a monster?—may be a thief. They go snooping and discover a lot about themselves and...a new friend.

● ***Baby Mouse: Queen of the World*** by Jennifer Holm

Babymouse, a wise-cracking rodent stand-in for your average, adventure-seeking nine-year-old, strives to capture popular Felicia's goodwill, finally achieving her end at the expense of Wilson Weasel, truest of friends. But, wouldn't you know it,

Felicia's world has little to offer a smart, fun-loving mouse, after all. (*Booklist*)

- ***Super Ameba*** (*Squish series*) by Jennifer Holm

Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully.

- ***Super Turbo Saves the Day*** by Lee Kirby

After the last bell, classroom pet hamster Turbo becomes Super Turbo to fight evil, but he soon finds that he isn't the only super pet in town when he is forced to face an evil rat named Whiskerface.

- ***Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery*** by Kevin O'Malley

The planet Jurassica is in an uproar. An unidentified flying object has crashed into the mysterious moon of Eon. This looks like a job for ...

CAPTAIN RAPTOR!

- ***Dog Man*** by Dav Pilkey

George and Harold create a new comic book hero in Dog Man, a crimefighter with the head of a police dog and the body of a policeman, who faces off against his arch nemesis Petey the cat. Also by this author: *Captain Underpants* and *Cat Kong*

- ***The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer*** (*Owly series*) by Andy Runton

Owly and Wormy... live together in a friendly forest reminiscent of the ones often found in children's literature, and much in the style of Frog and Toad, or Winnie the Pooh and Piglet, Owly and Wormy's smallest excursions and challenges are the stuff of great mystery and adventure. (*Publisher's Weekly*)

- ***Binky the Space Cat*** by Ashley Spires

Binky, a beloved house cat, tries to prepare a rocket ship so that he can explore outer space, but he has second thoughts about taking off as he wonders how his owners would protect themselves against aliens if he weren't there to help them.

- ***Tiger vs. Nightmare*** by Emily Tetri

Tiger is a very lucky kid: she has a monster living under her bed. Every night, Tiger and Monster play games until it's time for lights out. Of course, Monster would never try to scare Tiger—that's not what best friends do. But Monster needs to scare someone...it's a monster, after all. So while Tiger sleeps, Monster scares all of her nightmares away. Thanks to her friend, Tiger has nothing but good dreams. But waiting in the darkness is a nightmare so big and mean that Monster can't fight it alone. Only teamwork and a lot of bravery can chase this

nightmare away.

- ***Bake Sale*** by Sara Varon

Cupcake runs a successful bakery with his best friend, Eggplant, but dreams of going abroad to meet his idol, Turkish Delight, who is the most famous pastry chef in the world.

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

<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>

- Candlewick Sparks Readers

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