

Suggested Summer 3rd grade

Chapter Books

Fantasy

- ***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet*** (*The Secrets of Droon* series) by Tony Abbott
- ***Sprout Street Neighbors: Five Stories*** by Anna Alter
- ***The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant)*** by Avi
- ***Bad Guys*** by Aaron Blabey
- ***Ferno the Fire Dragon*** (*Beast Quest* series) by Adam Blade
- ***Lunch Walks Among Us*** (*Franny K. Stein* series) by Jim Benton
- ***Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*** (*Humphrey's Tiny Tales*) by Betty Birney
- ***Bad Kitty*** by Nick Breul
- ***Zoey & Sassafra: Dragons and Marshmallows*** by Asia Citro
- ***Rise of the Balloon Goons*** (*Notebooks of Doom*) by Troy Cummings
- ***George's Marvelous Medicine*** by Roald Dahl
- ***Mouse Scouts*** by Sarah Dillard
- ***Heartwood Hotel: A True Home*** by K. George
- ***A New Friend*** (*The Adventures of Sophie Mouse*) by Poppy Green
- ***Miss Daisy is Crazy*** (*My Weird School* series) by Dan Gutman
- ***Princess in Black*** (series) by Shannon Hale
- ***Dory Fantasmagory*** (Hanlon)
- ***Hermes and the Thunderbolt of Doom*** (*Heroes in Training*) by Joan Holub
- ***Houndsley and Catina*** by James Howe
- ***The Iron Giant*** by Ted Hughes
- ***Toys Go Out*** (*Toys Trilogy*) by Emily Jenkins
- ***Invasion of the UFOonauts*** by Laurie Keller (*Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut*)
- ***Princess Pulverizer*** by Nancy E. Krulik Also by this author: *Katie Kazoo Switcheroo* and *Project Droid*
- ***The Infamous Ratsos*** by Kara LaReau
- ***Joe and Sparky Get New Wheels*** by Jamie Michalak
- ***Fergus and Zeke*** by Kate Messner

- ***Knights vs. Dinosaurs*** by Matt Phelan
- ***Ricky Ricotta and His Mighty Robot*** by Dav Pilkey
- ***The Adventures of Henry Whiskers*** by Gigi Priebe
- ***The Mount Rushmore Calamity*** (*Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures* series) by Sarah Pennypacker; inspired by Jeff Brown
- ***Princess Cora and the Crocodile*** by Laura Amy Schlitz
- ***Knights of the Kitchen Table*** (*Time Warp Trio* series) by Jon Scieszka
- ***Monkey and Elephant*** by Carole Lexa Schaefer
- ***The Meanest Birthday Girl*** by Josh Schneider
- ***Lost Treasure of the Emerald Island*** (*Geronimo Stilton* series) by Geronimo Stilton
- ***The Science Fair from the Black Lagoon*** (*Black Lagoon Adventures*) by Mike Thaler
- ***Lulu and the Brontosaurus*** by Judith Viorst
- ***Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero*** by Leeza West
- ***Stuart Little*** by E.B. White

Historical Fiction

- ***Skunked*** (*Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet*) by Jacqueline Kelly
- Also by this author: *Return to the Willows*, and *Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

Mystery

- ***Cam Jansen and the Summer Camp Mysteries*** by David Adler
- ***Inspector Flytrap*** by Tom Angleberger
- ***The Trouble with Chickens*** (*J. J. Tully Mystery* series) by Doreen Cronin
- ***The Fenway Foul-Up*** (*Ballpark Mysteries #1*) by David Kelly
- ***Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*** (*Bunnicula* series) by James Howe
- ***Zach & Zoey Mysteries: The Missing Baseball*** by Mike Lupica
- ***The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake*** (*Wilcox and Griswold Mysteries*) by Robin Newman
- ***The First Case*** (*Detective Gordon* series) by Ulf Nilsson
- ***Nancy Clancy Super Sleuth*** (*Nancy Clancy* series) by Jane O'Connor
- ***A to Z Mysteries: The Bald Bandit*** (*A to Z Mysteries* series) by Ron Roy

Realistic Fiction

- ***News from Me, Lucy McGee*** by Mary Amato
- ***Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs*** (*Roscoe Riley* series) (Applegate)
- ***Brand New School: Brave new Ruby*** (*Ruby and the Booker Boys*) by Derrick Barnes
- ***Ivy and Bean*** (*Ivy and Bean* series) by Annie Barrows
- ***Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*** by Andrea Beatty
- ***Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One*** (*The Pain and the Great One* series) by Judy Blume

• ***Ramona and Beezus*** (*Ramona Quimby* series) by Beverly Cleary

. Also by this author: *Henry Huggins* and *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*

- ***The Legend of Spud Murphy*** (*Spud Murphy* series) by Eoin Colfer
- ***Amber Brown is Not a Crayon*** (*Amber Brown* series) by Paula Danziger
- ***Leroy Ninker Saddles Up*** (*Tales from Deckawoo Drive* series) by Kate DiCamillo

Also by this author: *Where Are You Going Baby Lincoln?* and *Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Racoon*

- ***Meet Yasmin!*** by Saadia Faruqi
 - ***Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel*** (*Dyamonde Daniel* series) by Nikki Grimes
 - ***Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream*** by Jenny Han
 - ***Just Grace*** (*Just Grace* series) by Charise Mericle Harper
 - ***The Year of Billy Miller*** by Kevin Henkes
 - ***Ruby Lu Brave and True*** (*Ruby Lu* series) by Lenora Look
 - ***Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things*** (*Alvin Ho* series) by Lenore Look
 - ***Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid*** (*Stink* series) by Meg McDonald
 - ***Lulu and the Duck in the Park*** (*Lulu* series) by Hillary McKay
 - ***Juana and Lucas*** by Juana Medina
 - ***Marty McGuire*** by Kate Messner
 - ***Kelsey Green Reading Queen*** (*Franklin School Friends*) by Claudia Mills
- Also by this author: *Mason Dixon Pet Disasters*, $7 \times 9 = \text{Trouble}$, and *Being Teddy Roosevelt*

- ***Ellie Engineer*** by Jackson Pearce
- ***Clementine*** (*Clementine* series) by Sara Pennypacker Also by this author: *Waylon: One Awesome Thing*

- ***Piper Green and the Fairy Tree*** by Ellen Potter
- ***Weekends with Max and His Dad*** by Linda Urban

Picture Books

- ***President Taft is Stuck in the Bath*** by Mac Barnett

Also by this author: *Chloe and the Lion, Leo, a Ghost Story, Telephone and The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse*

- ***Those Shoes*** by Maribeth Boelts

Also by this author: *Happy Like Soccer*

- ***The King and the Magician*** by Jorge Bucay
- ***The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*** by Drew Daywalt
- ***Her Right Foot*** by Dave Eggers
- ***The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*** by Mordicai Gernstein
- ***Giraffe Problems*** by Jon Jory

Also by this author: *Penguin Problems and The Terrible Two*

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

Also by this author: *Arnie the Doughnut and The Scrambled States of America Talent Show*

- ***Anansi and the Talking Melon*** retold by Eric Kimmel

Also by this author: more Anansi tales

- ***Voyage In the Clouds: The (Mostly) True Story of the First International Flight by Balloon in 1785*** by Matthew Olshan

- ***Frank and Lucky Get Schooled*** by Lynne Rae Perkins

- ***Aesop's Fables*** retold by Jerry Pinkney

- ***Junkyard Wonders*** by Patricia Polacco

" Also by this author: *The Art of Miss Chew and Mr. Lincoln's Way*

- ***Hiawatha and the Peacemaker*** by Robbie Robertson
- ***The Little Old Woman Who Named Things*** by Cynthia Rylant
- ***Battle Bunny*** by Jon Scieszka

Also by this author: *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*

- ***Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine*** by Gloria Whelan
- ***Here Comes the Garbage Barge*** by Jonah Winters

Non-fiction

- ***Orangutan Tongues: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue*** by Jon Agee

- ***Trombone Shorty*** by Troy Andrews
- ***Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth*** by Jim Arnosky
Also by this author: *Monster Hunt* and *Hidden Wildlife*
- ***A Nest is Noisy*** by Diana Hutts Aston
Also in this series: *An Egg Is Quiet*, *A Rock Is Lively* and *A Beetle Is Shy*
- ***Rivers of Sunlight: How the Sun Cycles Water Around the Earth*** by Molly Bang
- ***Nothing Stopped Sophie: The Story of Unshakable Mathematician Sophie Germain*** by Cheryl Bardoe
- ***Woosh: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*** by Chris Barton
- ***Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*** by Jennifer Berne
- ***On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein*** by Jennifer Berne
- ***Lizards*** by Nick Bishop
Also by this author: *Spiders*, *Marsupials*, *Butterflies* and *Frogs*
- ***No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season*** by Fred Bowen
- ***Henry and the Cannons: And Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution*** by Don Brown
- ***Aaron and Alexander, The Most Famous Duel in American History*** by Don Brown
- ***Crazy Horse's Vision*** by Robert Bruchac
- ***A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin*** by Jen Bryant
- ***The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*** by Jen Bryant
- ***Stealing home: Jackie Robinson Against the Odds*** by Robert Burleigh
- ***The Redwoods*** by Jason Chin
Also by this author: *Coral Reefs*, *Island*, and *Water Is Water*
- ***Fabulous: A Portrait of Andy Warhol*** by Bonnie Christensen
- ***Let the Children March*** by Monica Clarke-Robinson
- ***Here Come the Girl Scouts*** by Shana Corey
- ***Flying Deep: Climb Inside Deep-sea Submersible Alvin*** by Michelle Cusolito
- ***Surprising Sharks*** by Nicola Davies
Also by this author: *Tiny Creatures: the World of Microbes*, *Just Ducks* and *Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth*.

● ***Moonshot: the Flight of Apollo 11*** by Brian Floca

Also by this author: *Locomotive, Light Ship* and *Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring*

● ***Lizards, Frogs and Polliwogs*** by Douglas Florian

Also by this author: *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars; Dinosaurs: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings*, and *Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles* and *In the Swim*

● ***When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons*** by Julie Fogliano

● ***Emma Dilemma: Big Sister Poems*** by Kristine O'Connell George
Jessica shares the struggles of being the big sister in this collection of 34 poignant poems.

● ***Imagine*** by Juan Felipe Herrera

● ***Who Was Wayne Gretzky?*** (*Who Was* series) by Gail Herman

Also in this series: *Who Was Roberto Clemente?*, *Who Was Henry Ford?*, *Who Was Walt Disney?*, *Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt?*, and *Who Was Malala Yousafzai?* And many more by various authors

● ***Dave the Potter*** by Laban Carrick Hill

● ***Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems*** by Paul Janeczko

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

● ***Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud*** by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain

● ***George Did It*** by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain

● ***The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*** by Barbara Kerley

● ***What To Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!*** By Barbara Kerley

● ***Those Rebels, Tom and John*** by Barbara Kerley

● ***Who Stole Mona Lisa?*** By Ruthie Knapp

● ***Look at My Book! How Kids Can Write and Illustrate Terrific Books*** by Loreen Leedy

● ***Toilet: How It Works*** by Macauley

Also in this series: *Jet Plane* and *Castle*

● ***I Didn't Do It*** by Patricia MacLachlan

● ***The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just*** by Melina Mangal

- ***Hip-Pocket Papa*** by Sandra Markel

Also by this author: *Snow School* and *The Long, Long Journey: the Godwit's Amazing Migration*

- ***Grizzly Bears of Alaska: Explore the Wild World of Bears*** (Miller)
- ***A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of the Snowy Day*** (Pinkney)

- ***Beavers*** (Poliquin)

- ***Aesop's Fables*** by Beverley Naidoo

- ***It's Raining Pigs & Noodles: Poems*** (Prelutsky)

- ***Frederick's Journey: The Life of Frederick Douglass*** (More in the Big Words series- *Eleanor: Quiet No More, To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt, Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller*) by Doreen Rapaport

- ***Dinosaur Mountain: Digging into the Jurassic Age*** by Deborah Cogan Ray

- ***The Camping Trip that Changed America*** by Barb Rosenstock

- ***Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing*** by James Rumford

- ***When Marian Sang: the True Recital of Marian Anderson: the Voice of a Century*** by Pam Munoz Ryan

- ***Where In the Wild? Camouflaged Creatures Concealed... and Revealed*** by David Schwartz

- ***Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*** by Margot Lee Shetterly

- ***Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse*** by Marilyn Singer

- ***Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos*** by Stephanie Roth Sisson

- ***So You Want to Be President?*** by Judith St. George

- ***Make Your Mark Franklin Roosevelt*** by Judith St. George

- ***Becoming Babe Ruth*** by Matthew Tavares

Also by this author: *Growing Up Pedro, There Goes Ted Williams, and Hank Aaron's Dream*

- ***Elephant Vs. Rhinoceros*** by Isabell Thomas

- ***The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk*** by Jason Thornhill

Tells the sad story of the extinction of the Great auk.

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

- ***The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families*** by Cindy Trumbore
- ***Freedom in Congo Square*** by Carole Boston Weatherford
- ***Harry Houdini the Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist*** by Janice Weaver
- ***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?*** by Jonah Winter
Also in this series: You Never Heard of Willie Mays? and You Never Heard of Casey Stengel?
- ***The Secret knowledge of Grown-Ups*** by David Wisniewski
- ***Apollo 13 (Totally True Adventures)*** by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld
Also in this series: The Titanic Sinks, Balto and the Great Race, Race Around the World and King Tut's Mummy

Graphic Novels

- ***Sparks*** by Ian Boothby
- ***Catstronauts*** by Drew Brockington
- ***Bird and Squirrel on the Run*** by James Burks
- ***Odd Duck*** by Cecil Castellucci
- ***Benjamin Bear in Fuzzy Thinking*** by Philippe Coudray
- ***Little Robot*** by Ben Hatke Also by the author: *Zita the Spacegirl*
- ***Babymouse: Queen of the World*** by Jennifer Holm Also by the author: *Squish*
- ***Comic Squad Recess*** edited by Jennifer Holm
- ***Dog Man*** by Dav Pilkey Also by the author: *Captain Underpants*
- ***The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer*** (*Owly* series)
- ***Binky the Space Cat*** by Ashley Spires

Additional Resources

- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Kids Link for digital books using Tumble Books and Bookflix
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>
- Cooper Siegel Library <http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>
- ALASC Summer Reading List:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-reading-list>

- 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>

- Hoopla: Digital Books, audio books, movies and more (available through clpgh.org) <https://www.carnegielibrary.org/?s=hoopla&search-location=Website>

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Suggested Summer 3rd grade (annotated)

Chapter Books

Fantasy

- ***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet*** (*The Secrets of Droon* series) by Tony 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.

- ***Sprout Street Neighbors: Five Stories*** by Anna Alter

Five neighbors learn to live together in their apartment building despite their differences. Mouse Henry, bird Violet, squirrel Emma, cat Wilbur and rabbit Fernando are friends, but they are not alike. Some like to socialize, others like quiet, and at least one likes to give parties. Five chapters recount the five "problems" the neighbors must overcome to live together peacefully. (*Kirkus*)

- ***The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant)*** by Avi

Avon the snail and Edward, a take-charge ant, set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

- ***Ferno the Fire Dragon*** (*Beast Quest* series) by Adam Blade

Strange things are happening in Tom's village. First, the horses were attacked. Then, the river dried up. Now, the last of the crops has mysteriously burnt to the ground. Everyone is terrified. But Tom isn't afraid. He's always dreamed of a quest-a real quest!-and vows to go to the king and bring help for them all.

- ***Lunch Walks Among Us*** (*Franny K. Stein* series) by Jim Benton

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trash can.

- ***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.

- ***Bad Guys*** by Aaron 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.

- ***Bad Kitty*** by Nick Breul

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

- ***Zoey & Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows*** by Asia Citro

In the first book of this series, Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it's up to Zoey and Sassafras to figure out what's wrong. Will they be able to help little Marshmallow before it's too late?

- ***Rise of the Balloon Goons (Notebooks of 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 determined to attack him.

- ***George's Marvelous Medicine*** by Roald Dahl

George decides that his grumpy, selfish old grandmother must be a witch and concocts some marvelous medicine to take care of her. Also by this author: *Charlie and the Chocolate factory, James and the Giant Peach and The Fantastic Mr. Fox*

- ***Mouse Scouts*** by Sarah Dillard

To earn their Sow It and Grow It badge, Violet, Tigerlilly, and the other Mouse Scouts plant a vegetable garden.

- ***Heartwood Hotel: A True Home*** by K. George

Stumbling across the wondrous world of the Heartwood Hotel during a storm, Mona the mouse desperately hopes that she will be allowed to stay and happily accepts a maid's job attending a range of animal visitors who find safety, luxury and comfort at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest.

- ***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!

- ***Miss Daisy is Crazy (My Weird School series)*** by Dan Gutman

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

- ***Princess in Black (series)*** by Shannon Hale

Hiding her secret identity as a monster-fighting superhero, Princess Magnolia

interrupts her fancy tea with the unsuspecting Duchess Wigtower to stop a big blue monster from endangering her kingdom's goats.

- ***Dory Fantasmagory*** (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.

- ***Hermes and the Thunderbolt of Doom*** (*Heroes in Training*) by Joan Holub

Frustrated by the number of times he has been hit by lightning, 10-year-old Zeus impetuously grabs an actual thunderbolt from a stone to defend himself against the dangerous, giant Titans who kidnapped him and thus learns of his destiny as the king of the gods before embarking on a quest to save his fellow Olympians from the evil Cronus.

- ***Houndsley and Catina*** by James Howe

Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.

- ***The Iron Giant*** by Ted Hughes

The fearsome iron giant becomes a hero when he challenges a huge space monster.

- ***Toys Go Out*** (*Toys Trilogy*) by Emily Jenkins

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

- ***Invasion of the UFOonauts*** by Laurie Keller (*Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut*)

Arnie is shocked when he hears his neighbor Loretta Schmoretta tell news reporters that she was the victim of an alien abduction.

- ***Princess Pulverizer*** by Nancy E. Krulik

A princess who would rather be a knight accepts her skeptical king father's challenge to perform good deeds in order to prove her worthiness to attend knight school, an endeavor that is supported by a friendly dragon and a perpetually terrified knight-in-training. Also by this author: *Katie Kazoo Switcheroo* and *Project Droid*

- ***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.

- ***Fergus and Zeke*** by Kate Messner

a loveable classroom mouse and his streetwise buddy finds Fergus the class pet stowing away in a backpack when the human kids in Miss Maxwell's classroom leave for a field trip to the museum without him.

● ***Joe and Sparky Get New Wheels*** by Jamie Michalak

When they see a car sitting unoccupied at the cageless zoo where they live, adventurous Joe the giraffe convinces shy Sparky the turtle to go for a ride and soon the two are tearing up the town--visiting a burger joint, going through a car wash, and having the wildest time of their lives!

● ***Ricky Ricotta and His Mighty Robot*** by Dav Pilkey

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, is being bullied at school, but when he rescues a powerful robot from its evil creator, he acquires a friend and protector--and saves the city from Dr. Stinky.

● ***Knights vs. Dinosaurs*** by Matt Phelan

With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table don't have much to do, prompting Merlin to send them on an adventure to a world filled with the most terrible lizards of all--dinosaurs.

● ***The Adventures of Henry Whiskers*** by Gigi Priebe

Henry Whiskers' family lives peacefully in the dollhouse in Windsor Castle, but when his younger sister Isabel goes missing, he faces scary rats, evil cats, and a tail-curling car ride in order to bring his sister back home.

● ***The Mount Rushmore Calamity*** (*Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures* series) by Sarah Pennypacker; inspired by Jeff Brown

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.

● ***Monkey and Elephant*** by Carole Lexa Schaefer

In three episodes two friends cool off on a hot day, sing songs, and outsmart some ruffraff wildcats.

● ***Princess Cora and the Crocodile*** by Laura Amy Schlitz

Unhappy queen-in-training Cora receives a pet crocodile from her fairy godmother, who disrupts her mundane daily routine.

● ***The Meanest Birthday Girl*** by Josh Schneider

Dana soon learns that receiving a big white elephant for her birthday is not as wonderful as she thought it would be.

● ***Knights of the Kitchen Table*** (*Time Warp Trio* series) by Jon Scieszka

Three boys use a magical book to travel through time and have many adventures

with King Arthur, the Knights of the Round table and Merlin, the Magician.

- ***Lost Treasure of the Emerald Island*** (*Geronimo Stilton* series) by Geronimo Stilton

The discovery of an old map by his sister Thea leads Geronimo and his family to search for buried treasure on a faraway island.

- ***The Science Fair from the Black Lagoon*** (*Black Lagoon Adventures*) by Mike Thaler

As he gets ready for a class trip, a boy worries about all the things that might go wrong--but they are nothing to what he experiences the day of the excursion.

- ***Lulu and the Brontosaurus*** by Judith Viorst

Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's.

- ***Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero*** by Leeza West

Eight-year-old Mia Macaroonery is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires she take a placement exam.

- ***Stuart Little*** by E.B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird that stayed for a few days in his family's garden.

Historical Fiction

- ***American Girl*** series (various authors)

- ***Skunked*** (*Calpurnia Tate*, *Girl Vet*) by Jacqueline Kelly

When Travis discovers an abandoned baby skunk, he can't help but bring it home and take care of it. Stinky, as Travis names him, settles in pretty well. But when Travis discovers Stinky's litter-mate, Winky, who is in need of some help, things get complicated around the Tate house. Also by this author: *Return to the Willows*, and *Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

Mystery

- ***Cam Jansen and the Summer Camp Mysteries*** by David Adler

Cam Jansen and her best friend are spending three weeks at Camp Eagle Lake, where they play sports, do crafts, and solve three mysteries.

- ***Inspector Flytrap*** by Tom Angleberger

Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus Flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop, and a garden. Also by this author: *Didi Dodo*, *Future Spy: in Recipe for Disaster!*

- ***The Trouble with Chickens*** (*J. J. Tully Mystery* series) by Doreen Cronin
A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

- ***The Fenway Foul-Up*** (*Ballpark Mysteries #1*) by David Kelly
Cousins Mike and Kate are at Boston's Fenway Park when the Red Sox's star hitter discovers that his lucky baseball bat has been stolen.

- ***Bunnacula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*** (*Bunnacula* series) by James Howe
Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.

- ***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?

- ***The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake*** (*Wilcox and Griswold Mysteries*) by Robin Newman
Detectives Wilcox and Griswold investigate the snatching of Miss Rabbit's carrot cake on Ed's farm.

- ***The First Case*** (*Detective Gordon* series) by Ulf Nilsson
When Vladimir the squirrel's stockpile of nuts disappears, the portly Detective Gordon deputizes his young, enthusiastic friend Buffy the mouse to help him discover the identity of the thieves.

- ***Nancy Clancy Super Sleuth*** (*Nancy Clancy* series) by Jane O'Connor
In her chapter book debut, Nancy Clancy must find the culprit when a prized possession goes missing at school.

- ***A to Z Mysteries: The Bald Bandit*** (*A to Z Mysteries* series) by Ron Roy
Third-grader Dink and his detective friends hope to receive a big reward by finding the person whose video recorder picked up a picture of the local bank robber.

Realistic Fiction

- ***News from Me, Lucy McGee*** by Mary Amato
Lucy avoids her school's new Uke Club to help neighbor Scarlet create a Poetry

Club, although Scarlet keeps telling her to do things that seem wrong.

- ***Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs*** (*Roscoe Riley* series) (Applegate)

When the first-graders' bee antennae would not stay on their heads and the drummers would not stay in their seats for the open house play, Roscoe decides to help by using the "don't-you-dare" glue.

- ***Brand New School: Brave new Ruby*** (*Ruby and the Booker Boys*) by Derrick Barnes

She's sweet and sassy and every bit as tough as her older siblings. She sings like nobody's business; she has a pet iguana named Lady Love; her favorite color is grape-jelly purple; and when she grows up, she's going to be the most famous woman animal doctor on the planet.

- ***Ivy and Bean*** (*Ivy and Bean* series) by Annie Barrows

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

- ***Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*** by Andrea Beatty

When Rosie is unable to invent a contraption to help one of Aunt Rose's Raucous Riveters friends, she calls on classmates Iggy Peck and Ada Twist to help.

- ***Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One*** (*The Pain and the Great One* series) by Judy Blume

The adventures of a six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One) including such events as learning to ride a bicycle, having a birthday party, and dog-sitting.

- ***Ramona and Beezus*** (*Ramona Quimby* series) by Beverly Cleary

Beezus worries because sometimes she doesn't like her little sister Ramona, but then her mother and Aunt Beatrice tell Beezus what they were like while growing up. Also by this author: *Henry Huggins* and *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*

- ***The Legend of Spud Murphy*** (*Spud Murphy* series) by Eoin Colfer

When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.

- ***Amber Brown is Not a Crayon*** (*Amber Brown* series) by Paula Danziger

The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

- ***Leroy Ninker Saddles Up*** (*Tales from Deckawoo Drive* series) by Kate

DiCamillo

Forging an instant bond with spaghetti-loving horse Maybelline, horseless cowboy Leroy Ninker inadvertently risks eternal loneliness when he forgets a vital rule about Maybelline's care. Also by this author: *Where Are You Going Baby Lincoln?* and *Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Racoon*

- ***Meet Yasmin!*** by Saadia Faruqi

In this compilation of four separately published books, Pakistani American second grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.

- ***Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel*** (*Dyamonde Daniel* series) by Nikki Grimes

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

- ***Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream*** by Jenny Han

Korean American fourth-grader Clara Lee longs to be Little Miss Apple Pie, and when her luck seems suddenly to change for the better, she overcomes her fear of public speaking and enters the competition.

- ***Just Grace*** (*Just Grace* series) by Charise Mericle Harper

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

- ***The Year of Billy Miller*** by Kevin Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.

- ***Ruby Lu Brave and True*** (*Ruby Lu* series) by Lenora Look

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

- ***Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things*** (*Alvin Ho* series) by Lenore Look

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

- ***Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid*** (*Stink* series) by Meg McDonald

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate President's' Day at school.

- ***Lulu and the Duck in the Park*** (Lulu series) by Hillary McKay

Lulu's generous, tender-hearted spirit often puts her at odds with the adults in her life. Lively black-and-white illustrations bring Lulu's multicultural world to life.

- ***Juana and Lucas*** by Juana Medina

A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.

- ***Marty McGuire*** by Kate Messner

When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the third-grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable.

- ***Kelsey Green Reading Queen*** (*Franklin School Friends*) by Claudia Mills
Kelsey is the best reader in her third grade class, and she is determined to lead her class to victory in the all-school reading contest. Also by this author: *Mason Dixon Pet Disasters*, *7 x 9 = Trouble*, and *Being Teddy Roosevelt*

- ***Ellie Engineer*** by Jackson Pearce

When Ellie, who loves to invent and build things, decides to build a doghouse as a gift, she needs to get past the boys-against-the-girls neighborhood feud and ask for help.

- ***Clementine*** (*Clementine* series) by Sara Pennypacker

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Also by this author: *Waylon: One Awesome Thing*

- ***Piper Green and the Fairy Tree*** by Ellen Potter

Piper's older brother leaves Peek-A-Book Island and Piper refuses to take off his old earmuffs, no matter what! Things are going from bad to worse... until she discovers The Fairy Tree

- ***Weekends with Max and His Dad*** by Linda Urban

Third-grader Max pursues neighborhood adventures with his dad as they both adjust to recent changes in their family.

Picture Books

- ***President Taft is Stuck in the Bath*** by Mac Barnett

When taking his morning bath, President Taft accidentally gets stuck in the bathtub, and needs the First Lady and members of the cabinet to help him get out. Also by this author: *Chloe and the Lion, Leo, a Ghost Story, Telephone and The Wolf, the Duck and the Mouse*

- ***Those Shoes*** by Maribeth Boelts

Jeremy, who longs to have the black high tops that everyone at school seems to have but his grandmother cannot afford, is excited when he sees them for sale in a thrift shop and decides to buy them even though they are the wrong size. Also by this author: *Happy Like Soccer*

- ***The King and the Magician*** by Jorge Bucay

A mighty ruler discovers someone in his kingdom has more power than himself. But when the king sets out to destroy this fearsome enemy, a humble magician, the tables are turned, and an unexpected journey begins.

- ***The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*** by Drew Daywalt

The fictional warriors who invented a classic childhood game.

- ***Her Right Foot*** by Dave Eggers

In this fascinating, fun take on nonfiction, Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris investigate a seemingly small trait of America's most emblematic statue. What they find is about more than history, more than art. What they find in the Statue of Liberty's right foot is the powerful message of acceptance that is essential to an entire country's creation.

- ***The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*** by Mordicai Gernstein

A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.

- ***Giraffe Problems*** by Jon Jory

A giraffe struggles to feel comfortable with his neck. Also by this author: *Penguin Problems and The Terrible Two*

- ***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 and The Scrambled States of America Talent Show*

- ***Anansi and the Talking Melon*** retold by Eric Kimmel

A clever spider tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk. Also by this author: more Anansi tales

- ***Voyage In the Clouds: The (Mostly) True Story of the First***

International Flight by Balloon in 1785 by Matthew Olshan

A picture book inspired by the true story of how the first international flight was an Englishman and a French man who rode in a balloon across the English Channel.

● ***Frank and Lucky Get Schooled*** by Lynne Rae Perkins

A boy and his dog learn about each other, go to school to learn more, then explore the world around them as they study science, geography and even foreign languages together.

● ***Aesop's Fables*** retold by Jerry Pinkney

● ***Junkyard Wonders*** by Patricia Polacco

Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be "Junkyard Wonders." Also by this author: *The Art of Miss Chew* and *Mr. Lincoln's Way*

● ***Hiawatha and the Peacemaker*** by Robbie Robertson

Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is plotting revenge for the murder of his wife and daughters by the evil Onondaga Chief, Tadodaho, when he meets the Great Peacemaker, who enlists his help in bringing the nations together to share his vision of a new way of life marked by peace, love, and unity rather than war, hate, and fear. Includes historical notes.

● ***The Little Old Woman Who Named Things*** by Cynthia Rylant

An old woman who has outlived all her friends is reluctant to be too attached to the stray dog that visits her daily.

● ***Battle Bunny*** by Jon Scieszka

Alex, whose birthday it is, hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny on his special day and turns it into a battle between a supervillain and his enemies in the forest--who, in the original story, are simply planning a surprise party. Also by this author: *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*

● ***Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine*** by Gloria Whelan

Inspired by a true story, when Queen Victoria is unable to go swimming without her subjects glimpsing her in a swimming suit, her husband, Prince Albert, comes up with an innovative solution so his wife can indulge in the healthy exercise.

● ***Here Comes the Garbage Barge*** by Jonah Winters

In the spring of 1987, the town of Islip, New York, with no place for its 3,168 tons of garbage, loads it on a barge that sets out on a 162-day journey along the east coast, around the Gulf of Mexico, down to Belize, and back again, in search of a

place willing to accept and dispose of its very smelly cargo.

Non-fiction

- ***Orangutan Tongs: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue*** by Jon Agee

From the title poem to a silly trip up a hill for "Gus's Gas," or a praise of "Unique New York," this collection is loaded with tricky tongue-twisting rhymes that will challenge readers. (SLJ)

- ***Trombone Shorty*** by Troy Andrews

A Grammy-nominated headliner for the New Orleans Jazz Fest describes his childhood in Tremé and how he came to be a bandleader by age six.

- ***Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth*** by Jim Arnosky

Describes how some animals survive in frigid regions, including muskrats, walruses, and the Arctic fox.

Also by this author: *Monster Hunt* and *Hidden Wildlife*

- ***A Nest is Noisy*** by Diana Hutts Aston

From tiny bee hummingbird nests to orangutan nests high in the rainforest canopy, an incredible variety of nests are showcased here in all their splendor.

Also in this series: *An Egg Is Quiet*, *A Rock Is Lively* and *A Beetle Is Shy*

- ***Rivers of Sunlight: How the Sun Cycles Water Around the Earth*** by Molly Bang

The sun explains its role in the movement of water around the Earth, from the lifting of fresh water from the seas, to the movement of underwater currents that nourish the world's oceans. The sun has a hand in moving rivers of water in its liquid, gaseous, and solid states all around the Earth, enabling life to exist on our planet. But human beings are interfering in this natural cycle, unbalancing the amount of fresh water available.

- ***Nothing Stopped Sophie: The Story of Unshakable Mathematician Sophie Germain*** by Cheryl Bardoe

A picture book portrait of the boundary-breaking 18th-century woman mathematician celebrates the determined spirit that helped her overcome cultural barriers to education for women, solve problems that had been declared impossible and eventually receive a prestigious Academy of Sciences award for her formula, which laid the groundwork for much of modern architecture.

- ***Woosh: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*** by

Chris Barton

A love for rockets, robots, inventions, and a mind for creativity began early in Lonnie Johnson's life. Growing up in a house full of brothers and sisters, persistence and a passion for problem solving became the cornerstone for a career as an engineer and his work with NASA

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

Berne offers a luminous picture-book biography about Jacques Cousteau. In just a few lines per page, she follows Cousteau through his life as he develops his twin passions for filmmaking and oceanic exploration, and she shows how a life's path can begin with deep, childhood curiosity (*Booklist*)

- ***On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein*** by Jennifer Berne

It's not easy to explain the work of Albert Einstein to a young audience, but this marvelous book pulls it off. (SLJ)

- ***Lizards*** by Nick Bishop

Also by this author: *Spiders, Marsupials, Butterflies and Frogs*

- ***No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season*** by Fred Bowen

Usually, only a handful of Major League baseball players hit .300 or better for a full season, making the fact that Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams hit more than .400 in 1941 seem all the more incredible. (*Booklist*)

- ***Henry and the Cannons: And Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution*** by Don Brown

As the American Revolution was getting underway, George Washington knew he needed cannons to defeat the British. Unfortunately, he was camped outside British-held Boston, and the nearest big guns were 300 miles away at Fort Ticonderoga, New York. (SLJ)

- ***Aaron and Alexander, The Most Famous Duel in American History*** by Don Brown

Explains how political differences between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton escalated their Revolutionary War-era rivalry and culminated in the most famous duel in American history.

- ***Crazy Horse's Vision*** by Robert Bruchac

Joseph Bruchac's excellent picture book about the brave Lakota warrior presents information about his youth (SLJ)

- ***A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin*** by Jen Bryant

Inspiring story of a self-taught painter from humble beginnings who despite

many obstacles, was ultimately able to do what he loved, and be recognized for who he was: an artist.

- ***The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*** by Jen Bryant

For shy young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions -- and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists.

- ***Stealing home: Jackie Robinson Against the Odds*** by Robert Burleigh
Presents the life and accomplishments of the baseball player who became the first African American to play in the major leagues and who led the Brooklyn Dodgers to six National League pennants and one World Series championship.

- ***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. Also by this author: *Coral Reefs, Island, and Water Is Water*

- ***Fabulous: A Portrait of Andy Warhol*** by Bonnie Christensen

You might recognize him from his famous paintings of Campbell's soup cans and coke bottles. But do you know about the artist who created these images?

- ***Let the Children March*** by Monica Clarke-Robinson

Under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, children and teenagers march against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.

- ***Here Come the Girl Scouts*** by Shana Corey

A one hundredth anniversary tribute to the Girl Scouts founder describes how she rejected the conventions of Victorian culture and introduced her pioneer family's passion for service, adventure, and independence to the girls of her time.

- ***Flying Deep: Climb Inside Deep-sea Submersible Alvin*** by Michelle Cusolito

Follows a typical dive for Alvin, a deep-sea submersible that descends to the ocean floor and observes life underwater, including a ghost crab, Dumbo octopus, and eelpout.

- ***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*) Also by this author: *Tiny Creatures: the World of Microbes, Just Ducks and Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth*

- ***Moonshot: the Flight of Apollo 11*** by Brian Floca

Large in... size as well as topic, this stirring account retraces Apollo 11's historic mission in brief but precise detail, and also brilliantly captures the mighty scope and drama of the achievement. (SLJ) Also by this author: *Locomotive, Light Ship* and *Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring*

● ***Lizards, Frogs and Polliwogs*** by Douglas Florian

A collection of humorous poems about reptiles and amphibians such as the glass frog, the gecko, and the rattlesnake. Also by this author: *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars; Dinotherosaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings*, and *Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles* and *In the Swim*

● ***When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons*** by Julie Fogliano

A book of poetry moving through the seasons

● ***Emma Dilemma: Big Sister Poems*** by Kristine O'Connell George

Jessica shares the struggles of being the big sister in this collection of 34 poignant poems.

● ***Imagine*** by Juan Felipe Herrera

When Juan Felipe Herrera was very young, he picked flowers, helped his mama feed the chickens, slept under the starry sky, and learned to say goodbye to his amiguitos each time his migrant family moved on. When he grew up, Juan Felipe Herrera became a poet. His breathtaking poem "Imagine" and Lauren Castillo's evocative illustrations will speak to every reader and dreamer searching for this place in life."-- Provided by publisher.

● ***Who Was Wayne Gretzky?*** (*Who Was* series) by Gail Herman

Known for his love for family and as a truly decent human being, Wayne Gretzky is revealed as more than a sports legend in this easy-to-read biography. Also in this series: *Who Was Roberto Clemente?*, *Who Was Henry Ford?*, *Who Was Walt Disney?*, *Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt?*, and *Who Was Malala Yousafzai?* And many more by various authors

● ***Dave the Potter*** by Laban Carrick Hill

The life of an astonishingly prolific and skilled potter who lived and died a slave in 19th-century South Carolina is related in simple, powerful sentences that outline the making of a pot.

● ***Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems*** by Paul Janeczko

It only takes a few words, if they're the right words, to create a strong image.

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

When it comes to wild animals, everyone knows that there are certain things you

just don't do. 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?

- ***Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud*** by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were good friends with very different personalities. But their differing views on how to run the newly created United States turned them into the worst of friends.

- ***George Did It*** by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain

Putting a human face on one of the most famously wooden figures in American history, this picture book focuses on George Washington as a reluctant first president. (*Booklist*)

- ***The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*** by Barbara Kerley

The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life-sized models of dinosaurs in the hope of educating the world about what these awe-inspiring ancient animals and what they were like.

- ***What To Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!*** By Barbara Kerley

Theodore Roosevelt had a small problem. Her name was Alice.

- ***Those Rebels, Tom and John*** by Barbara Kerley

A Blend of biography and history to create a brilliant portrait of two American heroes who bravely set aside their differences to join forces in the fight for our country's freedom.

- ***Who Stole Mona Lisa?*** By Ruthie Knapp

Tells the story of the famous Leonardo Da Vinci portrait known as the Mona Lisa, including its 1911 theft from the Louvre in Paris, from the point of view of the subject of the painting.

- ***Look at My Book! How Kids Can Write and Illustrate Terrific Books*** by Loreen Leedy

Leedy offers young writers tips for publishing their own works in this informational picture book, which considers everything from brainstorming for ideas, considering possible genres, conducting research (if necessary), and planning the setting, characters, and plot to choosing a title and revising the work. (*Booklist*)

- ***Toilet: How It Works*** by Macauley

A unique nonfiction offering that deals with human waste in a way that most other books have not. (*SLJ*) Also in this series: *Jet Plane* and *Castle*

● ***I Didn't Do It*** by Patricia MacLachlan

Adorable confessions and spirited accounts of the things that puppies do—and don't do—while in search of love, adventure, and treats from the table.

● ***The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just*** by Melina Mangal

Presents the life and accomplishments of the African American scientist, whose keen observations of sea creatures revealed new insights about egg cells and the origins of life.

● ***Hip-Pocket Papa*** by Sandra Markel

This picture book opens with a pair of tiny hip-pocket frogs guarding their eggs from predators while waiting for them to hatch. Finally, a dozen teeny tadpoles emerge and slowly climb into their father's hidden hip pockets.

Also by this author: *Snow School* and *The Long, Long Journey: the Godwit's Amazing Migration*

● ***Grizzly Bears of Alaska: Explore the Wild World of Bears*** (Miller)

An excellent pictorial introduction to Alaskan grizzly bears along with information about their habitat, physical features, foods, and behaviors, with particular emphasis on mother grizzlies raising cubs.

● ***A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of the Snowy Day*** (Pinkney)

A celebration of the extraordinary life of Ezra Jack Keats, creator of *The Snowy Day*

● ***Beavers*** (Poliquin)

A collection of interesting facts about beavers.

● ***Aesop's Fables*** by Beverley Naidoo

Retells sixteen of Aesop's fables in an African setting.

● ***It's Raining Pigs & Noodles: Poems*** (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."

● ***Frederick's Journey: The Life of Frederick Douglass*** (More in the *Big Words* series- *Eleanor: Quiet No More, To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt, Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller*) by Doreen Rappaport

Frederick's journey from boy to man, from slavery to freedom.

- ***Dinosaur Mountain: Digging into the Jurassic Age*** by Deborah Cogan Ray

When 165,000 people flocked to see the first exhibited dinosaur, in 1868, it commenced the “Bone Wars”—a race by rival paleontologists to turn up and identify the most spectacular of extinct giants. (*Booklist*)

- ***The Camping Trip that Changed America*** by Barb Rosenstock

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt joined naturalist John Muir on a trip to Yosemite to save the fate of the majestic redwoods and sequoias.

- ***Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing*** by James Rumford

Rumford presents the seminal events in Sequoyah's life, culminating in his invention of the Cherokee syllabary.

- ***When Marian Sang: the True Recital of Marian Anderson: the Voice of a Century*** by Pam Munoz Ryan

An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, whose life and career encouraged social change. (*SLJ*)

- ***Where In the Wild? Camouflaged Creatures Concealed... and Revealed*** by David Schwartz

Ten creatures await, camouflaged in artful, full-page photographs, while playful poems offer clues about each animal's identity and whereabouts.

- ***Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*** by Margot Lee Shetterly

Explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African American women mathematicians to America's space program, describing how Jim Crow laws segregated them despite their groundbreaking successes.

- ***Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse*** by Marilyn Singer

This appealing collection based on fairy tales is a marvel to read. It is particularly noteworthy because the poems are read in two ways: up and down. They are reverse images of themselves and work equally well in both directions.

- ***Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos*** by Stephanie Roth Sisson

For every child who has ever looked up at the stars and asked, "What are they?" comes the story of a curious boy who never stopped wondering: Carl Sagan.

- ***So You Want to Be President?*** by Judith St. George

Presents an assortment of humorous facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

- ***Make Your Mark Franklin Roosevelt*** by Judith St. George

Young Franklin Roosevelt grew up knowing the finer things in life— sailing, horseback riding, and fox hunts on his family’s large estate. Growing up wealthy meant he could live a gentleman’s life, like his beloved papa. Yet gentlemen weren’t supposed to go into politics, right? But why not?

- ***Becoming Babe Ruth*** by Matthew Tavares

This exceptionally engaging chronicle 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*, *There Goes Ted Williams*, and *Hank Aaron’s Dream*

- ***Elephant Vs. Rhinoceros*** by Isabell Thomas

Looks at the physical strength, size, speed, survival skills, and fighting abilities of elephants and rhinoceroses and describes which animal would likely win if they fought each other.

- ***The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk*** by Jason Thornhill

Tells the sad story of the extinction of the Great auk.

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

- ***The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families*** by Cindy Trumbore

This moving depiction of ecological innovation centers on a project spearheaded by Dr. Gordon Sato to plant mangrove trees, which grow easily in salt water, in the village of Hargigo in the impoverished African nation of Eritrea.

- ***Freedom in Congo Square*** by Carole Boston Weatherford

A poetic tribute to a lesser-known event in African-American history describes how after working relentlessly for more than six days, slaves in 19th-century New Orleans were permitted to congregate in Congo Square to sing, dance and put aside their troubles for a few hours.

- ***Harry Houdini the Legend of the World’s Greatest Escape Artist*** by Janice Weaver

A beautifully illustrated biography of this most fascinating man...With entertaining sidebars on metamorphosis tricks and dime bars, Harry Houdini is sure to enchant aspiring magicians, offbeat history buffs and anyone who, in our own straitened times, appreciates a good rag-to-riches tale. (*New York Times*)

- ***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?*** by Jonah Winter

This picture-book biography of a pitching ace is a real treat. Also in this series: *You Never Heard of Willie Mays?* and *You Never Heard of Casey Stengel?*

- ***The Secret knowledge of Grown-Ups*** by David Wisniewski

A humorous revelation of the real reasons why adults tell children to do things, such as "Eat your vegetables," "Comb your hair," and "Don't blow bubbles in your milk."

- ***Apollo 13 (Totally True Adventures)*** by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

Could *you* survive an outer-space disaster? Aspiring astronauts and young explorers will love this out-of-this-world Totally True Adventure. Also in this series: *The Titanic Sinks*, *Balto and the Great Race*, *Race Around the World* and *King Tut's Mummy*

Graphic Novels

- ***Sparks*** by Ian Boothby

August and Charlie are cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit! The feline duo have to prevent Princess, an evil alien, from conquering the Earth.

- ***Catstronauts*** by Drew Brockington

Major Meowser leads a ragtag crew of feline astronauts (the "CatStronauts") whose goal is to save the planet and earn the coveted position of world's most advanced space program. (SLJ)

- ***Bird and Squirrel on the Run*** by James Burks

Easygoing and upbeat, Bird lives on the spur of the moment. Squirrel, on the other hand, is fearful, fretful, and hates to be without his toothbrush. But these unlikely companions will have to work together if they want to escape the villainous Cat and survive their trip south for the winter.

- ***Odd Duck*** by Cecil Castellucci

Despite the fact that she swims with a teacup balanced on her head and stays north when all of the ducks fly south for the winter, Theodora believes herself to be a normal duck and makes a friend in Chad, who may be as eccentric as she is.

- ***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.

- ***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. Also by the author: *Zita the Spacegirl*

- ***Babymouse: 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*)

Also by the author: *Squish*

- ***Comic Squad Recess*** edited by Jennifer Holm

A bust-your-gut-laughing graphic-novel anthology with original contributions from the most beloved names in the genre!

- ***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 archnemesis Petey the cat. 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

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.

Additional Resources

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

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

- Cooper Siegel Library <http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>

- ALASC Summer Reading List:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-readin>

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- ALSC Summer Reading List:

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

- ALSC 2019 Notable Children's Books:

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