

CDS SPK & Kindergarten Quick Picks

Picture Books

- ***King Jack and the Dragon*** (Bently)
- ***Tinyville Town Gets to Work*** (Biggs)
- ***Peanut Butter and Cupcake*** (Border)
- ***Mr. Tiger Goes Wild*** (Brown)
- ***The Ring Bearer*** (Cooper)
- ***Jabari Jumps*** (Cornwall)
- ***Billions of Bricks*** (Cyrus)
- ***Super Manny Stands Up*** (DiPucchio)
- ***The Gruffalo*** (Donaldson)
- ***The One Day House*** (Durango)
- ***The Pink Refrigerator*** (Egan)
- ***When's My Birthday*** (Fogliano)
- ***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*** (Frazee)
- ***Lucia the Luchadora*** (Garza)
- ***Rufus Blasts Off*** (Griswell)
- ***Orange Aardvark*** (Hall)
- ***Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated*** (Heide)
- ***Owen*** (Henkes)
- ***Blue Sky Yellow Kite*** (Holmes)
- ***Big Bob, Little Bob*** (Howe)
- ***I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch and Taste It, Too)*** (Isadora)
- ***We Are Growing (an Elephant and Piggie Like to Read book)*** (Keller)
- ***A Big Mooncake for Little Star*** (Lin)
- ***Frog and Toad Story Book Collection*** (Lobel)
- ***Breathe*** (Magoon)
- ***The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read*** (Manley)
- ***Excellent Ed*** (McAnulty)
- ***Thank You, Omu*** (Mora)
- ***Princess, Fairy, Ballerina*** (Murguia)
- ***Wolfie the Bunny*** (Ohora)
- ***Beautiful Oops*** (Saltzberg)
- ***Zoozical*** (Sierra)

- *Not Quite Narwhal* (Sima)
- *Ladybug Girl* (Soma)
- *Mommy's Khimar* (Thompkins-Bigelow)
- *An Elephant & Piggie Biggie* (Willems)

Nonfiction

- *Song of the Wild: A First Book of Animals* (Davies)
- *This Is the Nest that Robin Built* (Fleming)
- *How Big Were the Dinosaurs* (Judge)
- *Prickly Hedgehogs* (McGuinness)
- *Over Under the Pond* (Messner)
- *The Whole Story of the Doughnut* (Miller)
- *Water Can Be...* (Salas)
- *Stripes of All Types* (Stockdale)
- *Up, Up, Up Skyscrapers* (Suen)

Other Resources:

- *School Library Journal*: Top 100 Picture Books
<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/afuse8production/2009/05/16/top-100-picture-books-poll-results-1-101/>
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Kids Link for **digital books** using Tumble Books and Bookflix and Hoopla
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>
- ALSC Summer Reading List:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2018-summer-reading-list>
- ALSC 2019 Notable Children's Books:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

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Summer Reading Senior Pre-K & Kindergarten Annotated

Concept Books

- ***Before After*** (Aregui) A humorous, intriguing, fascinating, insightful look at the concept of before and after, including the small (such as the acorn and oak) to the more complex (the building of a city). *Booklist*
- ***Chicken Cheeks*** (Black) Illustrations and simple text describe the back ends of various animals.
- ***Dog's Colorful Day: A Messy Story About Colors and Counting*** (Dodd) This book pulls together colors, counting, sounds, and the simple adventures of a lovable pup. (*SLJ*)
- ***Go Away, Big Green Monster!*** (Emberley)
Die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed are designed to help a child control nighttime fears of monsters.
- ***Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do*** (Heling) Clothes and special gear associated with an array of different professions appear on a clothesline, with an accompanying four line stanza asking the reader to guess what job that person does.
- ***I Hear a Pickle*** (Isadora) Children explore their five senses, learning what they can see, smell, hear, touch, and taste.
- ***Apple Pie ABC*** (Murray) When an apple pie comes out of the oven, a little pup does everything he can to get his paws on it.
- ***Beautiful Oops*** (Saltzberg) Demonstrates the many ways that torn, crinkled, and smudged bits of paper can be transformed into various shapes and images.
- ***Round*** (Sidman) Search their worlds for round objects in nature.
- ***Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?*** (Shea) Poses rhyming questions about what grows and what does not.
- ***Bugs Galore*** (Stein) Bugs of all shapes, colors, and sizes--including bed bugs, cute bugs, live bugs, and dead bugs--are presented in illustrations and rhyme.
- ***Green is a Chile Pepper*** (Thong) This lively color-concept book presents a slice of Latino culture through food and fun. Vibrant folk art perfectly complements the text.
- ***The Quiet Book*** (Underwood) From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day.

- ***R Is for Robot: A Noisy Alphabet*** (WatKins) Introduces the letters and their sounds through a group of robots who attempt to build the alphabet.
- ***They All Saw a Cat*** (Wenzel) In simple, rhythmic prose and stylized pictures, a cat walks through the world, and all the other creatures see and acknowledge the cat.
- ***Alphabet Adventure*** (Wood) On their way to school, the little letters of the alphabet have to rescue little "i" and then find his dot before they can proceed.

Funny Stories & Adventures

- ***Life on Mars (Agee)*** A young astronaut is trying to find life on Mars, but he's made a very big oversight. Also by this author: *Lion Lessons*, *Terrific*, and *Nothing*
- ***Please, Mr. Panda*** (Antony) Mr. Panda has a plate of doughnuts to share, but most of the other animals forget to say "Please."
- ***Laundry Day*** (Bagley) Two bored badgers have run out of things to do until their mom suggests they help with the laundry
- ***Have You Seen Elephant?*** (Barrow) A boy and his dog play hide-and-seek with Elephant.
- ***King Jack and the Dragon*** (Bently) Jack, Zack, and Caspar build a castle fort, then spend a day fighting dragons and beasts, but at day's end giants carry away first Sir Zack, then Caspar, and King Jack is left to face night creatures alone.
- ***Flashlight*** (Boyd) In this story without words, a boy explores the woods after dark with a flashlight.
- ***Woodpecker Wants a Waffle*** (Breen) Waking up to the tantalizing smell of waffles, Benny the woodpecker is turned away from a nearby waffle house and must employ his wits to get a waffle in spite of the taunts of animal neighbors who tell him that woodpeckers do not eat waffles.
- ***What's the time, Grandma Wolf?*** (Brown) A group of brave, or foolhardy, little animals creep closer and closer to Grandma Wolf as she gets down the stewpot, chops wood, lights a fire, and prepares to fix dinner, with a surprising outcome.
- ***Ninja*** (Chung) A ninja must be strong, courageous, and silent! He creeps through the house on a secret mission. There may be obstacles! But have no fear--a true ninja can overcome all challenges.

- ***Dooby, Dooby Moo*** (Cronin) While Farmer Brown sleeps, his animals prepare for a talent show at the county fair.
- ***Pancakes for Breakfast*** (dePaola) A little old lady's attempts to have pancakes for breakfast are hindered by a scarcity of supplies and the participation of her pets.
- ***Dragon Was Terrible*** (DiPucchio) When a dragon has a temper tantrum, no one can tame him, except for a little boy with a good book. Also by this author: *Gaston, Everyone Loves Bacon, Super Manny Stands Up* and *The Sandwich Swap*
- ***Room on the Broom*** (Donaldson) A witch finds room on her broom for all the animals that ask for a ride, and they repay her kindness by rescuing her from a dragon. Also by this author: *The Gruffalo, Super Worm, Stick Man*
- ***Mr. Postmouse's Rounds*** (Dubuc) Mr. Postmouse makes deliveries to all the animals in the neighbourhood. And the last stop is an extra-special delivery.
- ***Olivia Goes to Venice*** (Falconer) On a family vacation in Venice, Olivia indulges in gelato, rides in a gondola, and finds the perfect souvenir.
- ***Snapsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book)*** (Falatko) Snapsy's ordinary day is interrupted by a meddling narrator.
- ***Bark, George*** (Feiffer) A mother dog worries about the strange noises her puppy is making.
- ***Lucia the Luchadora*** (Garza) Lucia's beloved abuela reveals a secret: Lucia comes from a family of luchadoras, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican lucha libre tradition. Cloaked in a flashy disguise, Lucia acts the part of a superhero at recess!
- ***Say Hello to Zorro*** (Goodrich) Mister Bud, the family dog, has a satisfying routine to his life, but when another dog joins the family and disrupts his schedule, Mister Bud must learn to adapt. Also by this author: *We Forgot Brock* and *The Hermit Crab*
- ***The Wonderful Book*** (Gore) When various forest animals discover a mysterious object in the woods, they each use it for a different purpose, until a boy reads stories aloud from it, much to the animals' delight.
- ***Orange Aardvark*** (Hall) A carpenter ant drills a hole to see what is outside his stump, worrying his fellow ants, and when new holes reveal different colors they fabricate a story about the horrible beast that will soon attack. Pages have holes through which different parts of the illustrations can be seen. Also by this author: *Red, Little i, and Cat Tale*

● ***Kitten's First Full Moon*** (Henkes) When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it. Also by this author: *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, *Weekend with Wendell*, and *Penny and Her Song*

● ***Chickens to the Rescue*** (Himmelman) Six days a week the chickens help the Greenstalk family and their animals recover from mishaps that occur on the farm, but they need one day to rest.

● ***The Mouse Who Reached the Sky*** (Horacek) Unable to reach the beautiful red ball in the sky by herself, Mouse seeks the help of her friends Mole and Rabbit.

● ***Alan's Big Scary Teeth*** (Jarvis) When Alan wakes up to discover his big, scary teeth are missing, he tries to be scary without them.

● ***You Are Not Small*** (Kang) Two fuzzy creatures can't agree on who is small and who is big, until a couple of surprise guests show up, settling it once and for all!

● ***We Are Growing*** (an *Elephant and Piggie Like to Read* book) (Keller) Walt is not the tallest or the curliest or the pointiest or even the crunchiest. A confounded blade of grass searches for his 'est' in this hilarious story about growing up.

● ***I Want My Hat Back*** (Klassen) A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

● ***King Arthur's Very Great Grandson*** (Kraegel) On his sixth birthday, Henry Alfred Grummorson, a descendant of King Arthur and would-be knight, sets out for adventure but neither dragon, nor cyclops, nor griffin, nor leviathan is willing to engage in a real battle.

● ***Chicken in Space*** (Lehrhaupt) Zoey isn't like the other chickens. She has dreams. She has plans. And she has a best friend, Sam the pig, who will join her on her wild adventures . . . if he gets to eat some pie along the way.

● ***The Yin-Yang Sisters and the Dragon Frightful*** (Ling) Mei and Wei are destined to save their village from a dragon called Frightful, who is blocking the Dan-Tat Bridge, the bridge the village uses to reach the market.

● ***Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*** (Litwin)

Pete the Cat gets into colorful adventures while out walking in his new white shoes.

- **Otis** (Long) When a big new yellow tractor arrives, Otis the friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs Otis is the only one who can help.
- **The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read** (Manley) Nick loves to read books—and he loves to play with his cats, Verne and Stevenson. So naturally Nick decides it's a great idea to teach his cats to read.
- **The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)** (McDonell) In this nearly wordless alphabet book, a little red cat runs away and gets caught up in a wild chase that goes everywhere from A to Z and back home again.
- **Those Can-Do Pigs** (McPhail) Rhyming text and illustrations describe all the accomplishments of the capable Can-Do Pigs.
- **Grumpy Pants** (Messer) Have you ever had a grumpy day and not known why? Penguin is having a grumpy day like that. No matter what he does, he just can't shake it! Sometimes the only thing left to do is wash the grumpy day away and start over.
- **Gossie and Friends** (Dunrea) Gossie is a gosling who likes to wear bright red boots every day, no matter what she is doing, and so she is heartbroken the day the boots are missing and she can't find them anywhere.
- **The Watermelon Seed** (Pizzoli) After swallowing a watermelon seed, a crocodile imagines a scary outcome. Also by this author: *Good Night Owl* and *Number One Sam*
- **Not a Box** (Portis) Through a series of paired questions and answers, the rabbit is queried about why he is sitting in, standing on, spraying, or wearing a box. Each time, he insists, "It's not a box!" (*SLJ*) Also by this author: *Not a Stick*, *Princess Super Kitty* and *A Penguin Story*
- **A Ball for Daisy** (Raschka) A wordless picture book about all the fun a dog can have with her ball.
- **Dragon Loves Tacos** (Rubin) Written in the style of chirpy self-help books, *Dragons Love Tacos* speaks directly to readers ("Hey, kid! Did you know that dragons love tacos?") and follows its absurd premise to a logical, if extreme, conclusion. -- Description by Ellen Foreman.
- **Hey Rabbit** (Ruzzier) One by one, Rabbit opens his suitcase for his friends, who are curious to see inside, imagining the suitcase overflowing with their cherished dreams.

- ***Duck on a Bike*** (Shannon) A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.
- ***Rubia and the Three Osos*** (Sweet) Retells the story of Goldilocks and the three bears in rhyming text interspersed with Spanish words, which are defined in a glossary.
- ***Farmer Duck*** (Waddell) When a kind and hardworking duck nearly collapses from overwork, while taking care of a farm because the owner is too lazy to do so, the rest of the animals get together and chase the farmer out of town.
- ***Rude Cakes*** (Watkins) A story about a rude cake who never says please or thank you or listens to its parents, and a Giant Cyclops who is polite.
- ***Scaredy Squirrel*** (Watt) Scaredy Squirrel thinks about all the things that could happen to him if he left the safety of his home, but he has no choice when he accidentally drops his emergency kit.
- ***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*** (Willems) When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place, capturing the antics of a preschooler's temper tantrum. Also by this author: *Piggie & Gerald* and *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*
- ***The Cow Loves Cookies*** (Wilson) While all the other animals on the farm enjoy eating their regular food, the cow chooses to eat the one thing that she loves best. Also by this author: *Bear's New Friend* and *A Frog in the Bog*
- ***Penguin on Vacation*** (Yoon) Penguin's tired of the snow and cold--so he decides to go on vacation! But where should he go? And what new friends will he meet along the way?

Classics (books your grown-ups read as kids)

- ***Madeline*** (Bemelman) Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.
- ***Mouse & Lion*** (Burkert) Presents an adaptation of Aesop's classic tale about an unlikely friendship between a mouse and a lion in which an act of mercy proves to be a life saving gesture.
- ***Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?*** (Carle) Presents the names of animal babies, parents, and groups, for example, a baby kangaroo is a joey, its mother is a flyer, its father is a boomer, and a group of kangaroos is a troop, mob, or herd.

- ***Strega Nona*** (DePaola) When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.
- ***Are You My Mother*** (Eastman) When a baby bird hatches while his mother is out searching for food, he leaves the nest for a series of adventures to try to determine his mother's identity.
- ***Mary Engelbreit's Nursery Rhymes*** Popular nursery rhymes, including "Hey Diddle Diddle," "Little Miss Muffet," and "Wee Willie Winkle."
- ***Henny Penny*** (French) Henny Penny and her barnyard friends are on their way to tell the king that the sky is falling when they meet a hungry fox, but Henny Penny's quick thinking saves the day.
- ***Three Little Pigs*** (Galdone) Retells the fatal episodes in the lives of two foolish pigs and how the third pig managed to avoid the same pitfalls.
- ***The Boy Who Cried Wolf*** (Hennessy) A boy tending sheep on a lonely mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry "wolf" and watch the people come running--and then one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call.
- ***Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock*** (Kimmel) Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.
- ***Sylvia Long's Mother Goose*** (Long) An illustrated collection of familiar nursery rhymes.
- ***There's An Alligator Under My Bed*** (Mayer) Mercer tells the tale of a little boy who is sure that there is an alligator under his bed.
- ***Blueberries for Sal*** (McCloskey) Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother.
- ***The Tortoise and the Hare*** (Murray) Hare is very fast and is convinced Tortoise could never beat him in a race; Tortoise knows she is slow, but is willing to try racing anyway.
- ***If You Give a Moose a Muffin*** (Numeroff) Chaos can ensue if you give a moose a muffin and start him on a cycle of urgent requests.
- ***The Little Red Hen*** (Pinkney) A newly illustrated edition of the classic fable of the hen who is forced to do all the work of baking bread and of the animals who learn a bitter lesson from it.
- ***The Monster at the End of this Book*** (Stone) Grover worries page by page about meeting the monster at the end of this book.

- ***There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*** (Taback) Presents the traditional version of a famous American folk poem first heard in the U.S. in the 1940s with illustrations on die-cut pages that reveal all that the old lady swallows.
- ***Here Comes Mother Goose*** (Wells) Presents more than sixty traditional nursery rhymes, including Old Mother Hubbard, I'm a Little Teapot, and One, Two, Buckle My Shoe, accompanied by illustrations of various animals.

Family

- ***My Pet Wants a Pet*** (Broach) A boy's mother, reluctant to allow him even one pet, is increasingly unhappy as each pet wants a pet of its own.
- ***Dad and the Dinosaur*** (Choldenko) A boy keeps a toy dinosaur in his pocket to help him be brave like his dad--but when the dinosaur goes missing, Dad knows just what to do.
- ***The Patchwork Bike*** (Clarke) A child living in a mud house in a village on the edge of a forbidding desert teams up with her brothers to build a creative bicycle from everyday items and embarks on an adventure filled with laughter and bumpy rides over sand hills.
- ***The Ring Bearer*** (Cooper) Jackson's mom is getting married, and Jackson is nervous about his role and his new family.
- ***Chirchir Is Singing*** (Cunnane) Chirchir wants to help her family with their daily chores, but each of their tasks proves too challenging for her until she discovers a surprising way that she can help.
- ***Panda Pants*** (Davies) Panda wants to wear pants, but father Panda does not agree.
- ***Gaston*** (DiPucchio) A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.
- ***The Giant Jumparee*** (Donaldson) A baby frog scares the other animals.
- ***The One Day House*** (Durango) A little boy promises his beloved friend, an elderly lady, that one day he will fix up her old house--and his words inspire the other people in the neighborhood to pitch in and get it done.
- ***Go Sleep in Your Own Bed*** (Fleming) When Pig plops into his stye at bedtime, he finds Cow sleeping there and must send her off to her stall, setting off a chain reaction of animals being awakened to move to their own beds. Also by this author: *Bulldozer Helps Out*, and *Oh No!*
- ***I Just Want to Say Goodnight*** (Isadore) In a village on the African plains, a little girl stalls bedtime by saying goodnight to various animals and objects.

- ***How to Cheer Up Dad*** (Koehler) A young elephant sees his dad is in a bad mood and tries to cheer him up, not realizing his own mischief caused the bad mood in the first place.
- ***Green Pants*** (Kraegel) Jameson refuses to wear pants that are not green, until he has to choose between wearing his green pants and wearing a tuxedo with black pants so that he can be in his cousin's wedding.
- ***Whose Mouse Are You?*** (Kraus) A lonely little mouse has to be resourceful in order to bring his family back together.
- ***A Big Mooncake for Little Star*** (Lin) Reimagines the cycles of the moon as a mother bakes a Big Moon Cookie and, despite Mama's request to wait, Little Star begins nibbling at it every night.
- ***Froggy Learns to Swim*** (London) Froggy is afraid of the water until his mother, along with his flippers, snorkel, and mask, help him learn to swim.
- ***Excellent Ed*** (McAnulty) Everyone in the Ellis family is excellent, except Ed the dog, who is determined to find something at which he, too, can excel.
- ***Lola at the Library*** (McQuinn) Every Tuesday Lola and her mother visit their local library to return and check out books, attend story readings, and share a special treat.
- ***Maple*** (Nichols) A nature-loving little girl's favorite playmate is her maple tree, until the day she's surprised with a baby sister
- ***Fancy Nancy, Stellar Stargazer!*** (O'Connor) Fancy Nancy and her father love stargazing, and during her first campout under the stars she describes the heavens to him and her sister, JoJo, using her fancy words.
- ***My Cousin Momo*** (O'Hara) When Momo the flying squirrel arrives for a much-anticipated visit with his cousins, they think Momo is no fun until they try doing things his way. Also by this author: *Niblet & Ralph*, *Wolfie the Bunny*
- ***Chloe Instead*** (Player) Chloe is not what her older sister expected, but maybe that is just what makes her special and lovable.
- ***Little Hoot*** (Rosenthal) Little Hoot wants to go to bed early, like all of his friends do, and he is hopping mad when Mama and Papa Owl insist that he stay up late and play. Also by this author: *Dear Girl*, *Duck Rabbit*, and *Spoon*
- ***Oh Daddy*** (Shea) A young hippopotamus shows his father the right way to do things, such as getting dressed, watering the flowers, and especially giving big hugs. Also by this author: *Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great* and *Dance, Dance Underpants*

- ***Not Quite Narwhal*** (Sima) Born deep in the ocean, Kelp is not like the other narwhals and one day, when he spies a creature on land that looks like him, he learns why.
- ***Come Along, Daisy!*** (Simmons) Daisy the duckling becomes so engrossed in playing with dragonflies and lily pads that she temporarily loses her mother.
- ***Twenty Yawns*** (Smiley) Going to bed early after spending a busy day at the beach with her family, Lucy wakes up in the middle of the night to find that her imagination leads her to see things differently in the dark.
- ***Three Bears in a Boat*** (Soman) Afraid to face their mother after breaking her beautiful blue seashell, three bears set out on an high seas adventure to try to find a replacement.
- ***Interrupting Chicken*** (Stein) Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.
- ***Mommy's Khimar*** (Thompkins-Bigelow) A young Muslim girl puts on a head scarf and not only feels closer to her mother, she also imagines herself as a queen, the sun, a superhero, and more.
- ***What Can You Do with a Paleta*** (Tafolla) A young Mexican American girl celebrates the paleta, an icy fruit popsicle, and the many roles it plays in her lively barrio.
- ***The Water Princess*** (Verde) The story of one young girl's quest to bring clean drinking water to her African village.
- ***How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon*** (Yolen) Describes what a young dinosaur should do in order to quickly get over being sick.
- ***You Nest Here with Me*** (Yolen) With rhyming text, this soothing bedtime book is an ode to baby birds everywhere and sleepy children home safe in their own beds.

Friends

- ***The Big Umbrella*** (Bates) A spacious umbrella welcomes anyone and everyone who needs shelter from the rain.
- ***Little Mouse's Big Secret*** (Battut)
Little Mouse refuses to reveal his secret, so his friends need to wait to discover his sprouting surprise.
- ***Peanut Butter and Cupcake*** (Border) What's a little piece of bread to do when he's feeling lonely? Find a friend, of course!

- ***Maybe Something Beautiful*** (Campoy) In this exuberant picture book about transformation through art, Mira lives in a gray urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and hope to the neighborhood.
- ***I'm the Best*** (Cousins) When Dog's constant boasting makes his friends sad, they find a way to teach him what it means to be a good friend. Also by this author: *Maisie books, Hooray for Birds*
- ***Everyone Loves Bacon*** (DiPucchio) Everyone loves Bacon but letting his fame go to his head may prove more dangerous than he thought. Also by this author: *Everyone Loves Cupcake, Antoinette, Dragon Was Terrible*
- ***Boy + Bot*** (Dyckman) A boy and a robot strike up a friendship despite their differences.
- ***When's My Birthday*** (Fogliano) Children excitedly discuss the details of their upcoming birthdays.
- ***The Farmer and the Clown*** (Frazee) Whimsical and touching images tell the story of an unexpected friendship and the revelations it inspires in this moving, wordless picture book. Also by this author: *Boss Baby* and *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*
- ***Corduroy*** (Freeman) A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.
- ***Hector and Hummingbird*** (Frith) In the mountains of Peru, friends Hector the bear and Hummingbird the hummingbird spend most of their time together, doing the same things, and Hector has had just about enough of it--or has he? Includes a list of animals hidden in the illustrations.
- ***How to Be Friends with a Dragon*** (Gorbachev) A girl tells her younger brother all of the rules he must follow in order to befriend a dragon. Also by this author: *Rufus Blasts Off* and *Where Is Bear*
- ***My Friend Maggie*** (Harrison) Paula and Maggie are best friends until Paula starts playing with some new friends instead, but when her new playmates turn on her, it's Maggie who rushes to Paula's defense.
- ***Egg*** (Henkes) Three little birds crack their way out of eggs and fly away, leaving one egg sitting all alone until the three chicks come back and discover a friendly baby alligator has finally hatched.

- ***Off We Go!*** (*A Bear and Mole Story*) (Hillenbrand) Bear teaches his friend, Mole, how to ride his bike with no training wheels. After many bumps along the road, they make it to their final destination: the Storymobile.
- ***Duck and Goose Go to the Beach*** (Hills) Duck wants to go on an adventure. Goose doesn't. He doesn't see the point. After all, why would they go anywhere when they're happy right where they are? But then Goose sees the ocean and loves it. Who doesn't? Well, Duck, for one.
- ***Big Bob, Little Bob*** (Howe) Little Bob likes books and dolls and quiet things, so when big Bob moves in next door with his trucks and balls and loud play it doesn't seem like they would have much in common, but they may still find a way to be friends.
- ***Flora and the Flamingo*** (Idle) In this wordless book, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.
- ***Violet's Music*** (Johnson) From the days she banged her rattle in the crib, Violet has been looking for friends to share her love of music.
- ***Frog and Toad Are Friends*** (Lobel) Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends- Frog and Toad.
- ***If I Had a Horse*** (Marino) A child imagines what it would be like to have a horse, from their common personality traits to embarking on new adventures.
- ***Thank You, Omu*** (Ora) Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?
- ***Ducks Don't Wear Socks*** (Nedwidek)
Emily, a serious girl, meets a duck who helps her see the more humorous side of life.
- ***Olive's Perfect World*** (Plecas) In Olive's perfect world, she and Emily do everything together and are friends forever but in the real world, Eva is becoming Emily's friend, too, and Olive feels left out
- ***Best Frints in the Whole Universe*** (Portis) Yelfred and Omek of planet Boborp are best frints, even when they have disagreements.
- ***Yo! Yes?*** (Raschka) Two lonely characters, one Black and one White, meet on the street and become friends. Also by this author: *A Ball for Daisy* and *Hello Window, Goodbye Window*

- ***Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great (Shea)*** Envy turns to admiration and finally to friendship for Goat and Unicorn. *Also by this author: Ballet Cat and the Totally Secret Secret, I Will Chomp You, Cheetah Can't Lose and Oh Daddy!*
- ***Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy*** (David Soman) Lulu, dressed as Ladybug Girl, goes to the playground and makes new friends, including Bumblebee Boy.
- ***A Sick Day for Amos McGee*** (Stead) Zookeeper Amos McGee always makes time to visit his friends who live at the zoo until the day he stays home because he is sick.
- ***Ball*** by (Sullivan) While searching for someone to play ball with him, a dog dreams of fantastical adventures he could have with his ball.
- ***The Cazeula That the Farm Maiden Stirred*** (Vamos) With the help of her animal friends, a farm maiden begins to cook. The goat lends some butter; the cow, fresh milk; the chicken, a few eggs all for a pot of rice pudding. (*Kirkus*)
- ***The Circus Ship*** (Van Dusen) after courageously swimming to shore when the ship that they are traveling on sinks and the wretched captain does nothing to rescue them, circus animals find a way to become a valued part of a coastal community.
- ***Raybot*** (Watkins) Raybot, who does not have any friends, goes on a journey to find himself a puppy, and searches in farms, forests, jungles, and oceans for one.
- ***Are You Ready to Play Outside*** (Willems) Friends Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain, and then they must decide what to do.
- ***Bear Feels Scared*** (Wilson) Bear's animal friends come to his rescue when he becomes lost and frightened in the woods.
- ***Hooray for Hat*** (Won) Elephant wakes up grumpy—until *ding, dong!* What's in the surprise box at the front door? A hat!

Princess Stuff

- ***Tallulah: Mermaid of the Great Lakes*** (Brennan- Neslon) Tallulah the mermaid realizes that she is different from the other mermaids in the ocean and finds that she truly belongs in the Great Lakes.
- ***Princess Peepers*** (Calvert) When the other princesses make fun of her for wearing glasses, Princess Peepers vows to go without, but after several mishaps--one of which is especially coincidental--she admits that she really does need them if she wants to see.

- ***The Seven Princesses*** (Coh) The sibling bond between seven royal sisters is tested by the worst disagreement in the history of princesses.
- ***King Alice*** (Cordell) A young girl wakes her father by informing him that she is Queen Alice, then draws him and other family members into her imaginative activities, from writing a book to a sleepover with fairies.
- ***Princess Pistachio*** (Gay) Young Pistachio Shoelace thinks that she is actually a princess forced to live with adoptive parents and an annoying sister.
- ***Rapunzel*** (Gibb) A retelling of the German folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a witch.
- ***Princesses Wear Pants*** (Guthrie) The unflappable Princess Penelope Pineapple, who knows how to get the job done while staying true to herself. Princess Penelope lives in a beautiful palace with a closet full of beautiful dresses. But being a princess is much, much more than beauty. In fact, every morning Princess Penelope runs right past her frilly dresses to choose from her beloved collection of pants!
- ***Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated*** (Heide) Princess Hyacinth has an unusual problem: unless she wears special gowns with weights sewn into the hems and a large, extra-gem-laden crown, she floats.
- ***Angelina Ballerina*** (Holabird) A little mouse wants to become a ballerina more than anything else in the world.
- ***Pinkalicious*** (Kann) A little girl who is obsessed with the color pink eats so many pink cupcakes that she herself turns pink.
- ***Julian Is a Mermaid*** (Love) In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world.
- ***Miss Lina's Ballerinas*** (Maccarone) Ballet instructor Miss Lina has a solution when her eight students, who always dance in pairs, are distraught when a ninth girl joins the class.
- ***Unicorn and Horse*** (Miles) Unicorn is a unicorn. And Horse is, well . . . not (publisher).
- ***Princess, Fairy, Ballerina*** (Murguia) Three little girls try to decide what they should pretend to be: princesses, fairies, or ballerinas?
- ***The Princess Primer*** (Peters) Instructions from a fairy godmother on how to be a proper princess.

- ***Uni the Unicorn*** (Rosenthal) In this clever twist on the age-old belief that there's no such thing as unicorns, Uni the unicorn is told there's no such thing as little girls!
- ***Totally Secret Secret (Ballet Cat)*** (Shea) Unable to decide how to spend their play date together, Ballet Cat and Sparkles the Pony share secrets that they fear will challenge their friendship.
- ***Part-Time Princess*** (Underwood) A girl escapes her annoying little brother and the drudgery of school and home life when she travels to a magical kingdom each night and embarks on a series of adventures.
- ***Princess Me*** (Wilson) A little girl imagines being a princess, with her stuffed animals serving as royal subjects.

School Stories

- ***Bailey*** (Bliss) Although he is a dog, Bailey goes to school where his canine abilities enliven an ordinary day.
- ***Arthur's Eyes*** (Brown) His friends tease Arthur when he gets glasses, but he soon learns to wear them with pride.
- ***Christopher Counting*** (Gorbachev) When Christopher Rabbit learns to count in school, he enjoys it so much that he counts everything in sight, including how many baskets his friends make when they play basketball and how many peas and carrots are on his plate.
- ***Rufus Goes to School*** (Griswell) Rufus Leroy Williams III wants to go to school to learn to read but the principal at first refuses because Rufus is a pig.
- ***Chrysanthemum*** (Henkes) Starting school can be a real test of one's mettle, especially for those with unusual names.
- ***Little Bear Goes to Kindergarten*** (Langreuter)
Little Bear likes the teacher, other children, and activities on his first day at kindergarten, but he does not want his mother to leave.
- ***Stand Tall, Molly Lou Mellon*** (Lovell) Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself.
- ***School's First Day of School*** (Rex) It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself.

- ***A Very Big Bunny*** (Russo) Amelia is so big that she is always last in line at school and none of the other students will play with her, but a special new classmate teaches her that size is not always the most important thing.
- ***Splat the Cat*** (Scotton) A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected.
- ***Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?*** (Vernick) Although kindergarten provides unique challenges for a young buffalo, one who follows the rules and tries his best will get along fine.

Trucks and Tough Stuff Books

- ***McToad Mows Tiny Island*** (Angleberger) Every Thursday, as a break from mowing Big Island, McToad and his tractor make their way to Tiny Island, using various modes of transportation and types of machinery to get there and back.
- ***Machines at Work*** (Barton) During a busy day at the construction site, the workers use a variety of machines to knock down a building and begin constructing a new one.
- ***Stanley the Builder*** (Bee) What a job for Stanley--he's building a house for his friend, Myrtle. He will need his digger and his bulldozer and his cement mixer. He will also need his friend, Charlie to help. But will they manage to build the whole house
- ***Tinyville Town: I'm a Firefighter*** (Biggs) Welcome to Tinyville Town, where everyone has a job to do. In this book, we see what it's like in a day in the life of a firefighter
- ***The Airport Book*** (Brown) An exploratory journey through the airport.
- ***Freight Train*** (Crews) Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.
- ***The Little Dump Truck*** (Cuyler) A happy little dump truck, driven by Hard Hat Pete, hauls stones, rocks, and debris from a construction site to a landfill.
- ***Billions of Bricks*** (Cyrus) A counting book that leads readers through the day in the life of a construction worker building with bricks.
- ***How to Track a Truck*** (Eaton) A whimsical guide to training a "pet truck" instructs young enthusiasts on how to identify the most compatible truck for one's personality and how to use orange cone lures to secure a loyal vehicle.
- ***Five Trucks*** (Floca) Trucks of different shapes and sizes share one important purpose in this classic picture book.

- ***With Any Luck I'll Drive a Truck*** (Friend) A little boy has a grand time pretending to drive every big vehicle he can imagine.
- ***Yellow Copter*** (Hamilton) "A teacher is stuck on a Ferris wheel! Who can save her? WHUP WHUP WHUP...it's Yellow Copter!"
- ***Miles to Go*** (Harper) Although concerned about a broken horn, young Miles makes his way to preschool in his very own car, with Mom close at hand.
- ***Twenty Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street*** (Lee) When an ice-cream truck breaks down in the middle of his street and blocks a growing number of other busy vehicles, a little boy remembers the important functions that each subsequent truck performs and devises a helpful solution.
- ***A Plane Goes Ka-Zoom*** (London) Easy-to-read, rhyming text describes the sounds of, and uses for, different kinds of airplanes.
- ***Mighty, Mighty Construction Site*** (Rinker) Told in rhyming text, Excavator, Bulldozer, Crane Truck, Dump Truck, and Cement Mixer will all need to work together as they tackle their biggest job yet--a massive building.
- ***The Mixed- Up Truck*** (Savage) "A little cement mixer learns that making mistakes isn't always a bad thing in this vehicle book".
- ***Little, Blue Truck*** (Schertle) A small blue truck finds his way out of a jam, with a little help from his friends.
- ***Fire Truck*** (Sís) Matt, who loves fire trucks, wakes up one morning to find that he has become a fire truck, with one driver, two ladders, three hoses, and ten boots.
- ***Truck Driver Tom*** (Wellington) The driver of a tractor-trailer picks up a load of fresh fruits and vegetables, then drives through the countryside, past small towns, and into the big city, passing farms, construction sites, and many other vehicles, then delivers the produce and relaxes with other drivers.
- ***Trashy Town*** (Zimmerman) Little by little, can by can, Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town.

Nature Stories

- ***Where's Elephant?*** (Barroux) In this seek-and-find book, a growing city encroaches on the jungle forcing the elephant, parrot, and snake on a journey to find a new home.
- ***You Belong Here*** (Clark) The pages in this story journey around the world, taking observation of plants and animals, everywhere, reminding children that they are where they belong.

- ***In the Small Pond*** (Fleming) Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.
- ***Owl Sees Owls*** (Godwin) A baby owl leaves the nest one night, explores the world around him, sees his own reflection, and then returns to the safety of home.
- ***Tidy*** (Gravett) Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy at all times, but what starts as the collecting of one fallen leaf escalates quickly and ends with the complete destruction of the forest! Will Pete realise the error of his ways and set things right?
- ***Finding Wild*** (Lloyd) All the ways and places that wild exists in our world and where you can find it.
- ***Breathe*** (Magoon) Take a deep breath and dive into a day in the life of a baby whale, told with luminous illustrations and spare text, with a fresh twist on a timeless message.
- ***I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*** (Sherry) A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean--almost.
- ***Anywhere Farm*** (Root) Rhyming text explains how a farm can be planted anywhere, including a community garden, using just soil, sunshine, water, and a seed.
- ***Baby Bear Sees Blue*** (Wolff) Leaving the den as the weather warms, Baby Bear discovers blue birds, red strawberries, orange butterflies, and other colorful things in nature.

Non-Fiction

- ***My Five Senses*** (Aliki) How do you learn what the world is like? Through your five senses! Each sound and taste, each smell, sight, and touch helps you to discover something new. So find out more about your senses-what they are and what you can learn through them about the exciting world.
- ***All About Frogs*** (Jim Arnosky; from his *All About...* series)
- ***Clouds*** (Bauer) Illustrations and simple text explain three types of clouds, stratus, cumulus, and cirrus.
- ***ZooBorns!: Zoo Babies from Around the World*** (Bleiman) A charming book about baby animals born in captivity features full-page color photographs. (SLJ)

- ***A Friend for Einstein: The Smallest Stallion*** (Cantrell) When he came into the world, Einstein weighed less than a cat and was no taller than a cereal box. He was a *miniature* miniature horse. Too small to run with the herd, Einstein had to look outside his world of horses to find the perfect playmate.
- ***Farm*** (Cooper) Describes the activities on a busy family farm from the spring when preparations for planting begin to the autumn when the cats grow winter coats and the cold rains begin to fall.
- ***Outside Your Window*** (Davies) An illustrated treasury of poems reflects the experiences of children as they encounter nature for the first time.
- ***Curious Critters*** (Fitzsimmons) This collection of amazing close-up images on stark white backgrounds is a stunning introduction to the animal's unique beauty. No one could resist lingering over the sharp details in these vibrant photographs.
- ***Country Road ABC: An Illustrated Journey Through America's Farmland*** (Geisert) A refreshingly realistic view of contemporary rural life, from plowing fields and caring for livestock to chatting at the local diner
(*Booklist*)
- ***Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?*** (Gray) In this book, we hear all the different bird calls in counterpoint to the pervasive quiet of a mama bird waiting for her eggs to hatch.
- ***Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building*** (Hale) Combining images of preschoolers at play with famous buildings all over the world, this lively picture book is great for sharing.
- ***Who Has What? All About Girls' Bodies and Boys' Bodies*** (Harris) The book serves as a great way to introduce male and female body parts for anyone not used to discussing or naming them. (*SLJ*)
- ***My First Day*** (Jenkins) clearly written sentences describe the wide variety of things that (animal) youngsters can or cannot do upon entering the world. (*SLJ*)
- ***How Big Were the Dinosaurs*** (Judge) Have you ever wondered what it would be like to take a Velociraptor for a walk, or try to brush a Tyrannosaurus's teeth? We think of dinosaurs as colossal giants, but how big were they REALLY?
- ***Life-Size Aquarium*** (Komiya) With informative, fun facts accompanying the stellar photographs of each animal, Life-Size Aquarium brings readers eye-to-eye with 19 different animals.
- ***The Water Cycle*** (Lyon) Lyon celebrates the essence of life itself in a lyrical presentation of the water cycle. (*SLJ*)

- ***Over Under the Pond*** (Messner) Celebrates the forms of life that live above and under a pond, including turtles, red-winged blackbirds, blue herons, minnows, frogs, and catfish.
- ***That's How!*** (Niemann) A very imaginative boy answers a girl's questions about how different kinds of vehicles work.
- ***One Minute Till Bedtime: 60 Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep*** (Niemann) A collection of poems that can be read in sixty seconds features the work of celebrated writers, including Jon Scieszka, Nikki Grimes, and Lemony Snicket.
- ***Out of Sight*** (Pittau and Gervais) This book is a visual treat for budding zoologists. The oversize, boldly graphic volume showcases a wide range of animals and interesting facts about them, all hidden beneath flaps of black-and-white animal silhouettes and paw prints, cutouts, and, in one really attractive spread, richly painted patterns of animal hides.
- ***Panda Kindergarten*** (Ryder) Meet sixteen young giant panda cubs at the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda at the Wolong Nature Preserve.
- ***Helicopters and Other Fun Things*** (Scarry) Gives children basic facts on volcanoes, the human body, the Olympic Games, and helicopters.
- ***Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow*** (Shea) Poses rhyming questions about what grows and what does not.
- ***About Rodents*** (Sill; also by this author: *About Marsupials, About Reptiles, etc...*)
- ***Can I Eat That*** (Stein) A series of questions and answers reveals what objects humans can and cannot eat, including sea urchins, oranges, pickles, underwear, tornadoes, and jellyfish.
- ***Bring on the Birds*** (Stockdale) Young naturalists will appreciate the variety of avian life rendered in Susan Stockdale's gently rhyming picture book. (*Wall Street Journal*)
- ***Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear*** (Ward) At first glance, a wild animal's appearance may seem simple. But there is fascinating science behind every part of an animal's physique—from its nose to its toes!
- ***All About Faces*** (LaZOO) This remarkable book, using easy words and delightful pictures, explains the face and its many parts in simple scientific terms and concepts that young minds can grasp.

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/s>
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Kids Link for **digital books** using Tumble Books and Bookflix and Hoopla
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>
- Cooper Siegel Library <http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>
- 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>
- [31 Days, 31 Lists 2018 Picture Book Read Alouds](#) (*SLJ* Elizabeth Byrd)

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Summer Reading Senior Pre-K & Kindergarten

Concept Books

- ***Before After*** (Aregui)
- ***Chicken Cheeks*** (Black)
- ***Dog's Colorful Day: A Messy Story About Colors and Counting*** (Dodd)
- ***Go Away, Big Green Monster!*** (Emberley)
- ***Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do*** (Heling)
- ***I Hear a Pickle*** (and Smell, See, Touch and Taste It, Too) (Isadora)
- ***Apple Pie ABC*** (Murray)
- ***Beautiful Oops*** (Saltzberg)
- ***Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?*** (Shea)
- ***Round*** (Sidman)
- ***Bugs Galore*** (Stein)
- ***Green is a Chile Pepper*** (Thong)
- ***The Quiet Book*** (Underwood)
- ***R Is for Robot: A Noisy Alphabet*** (WatKins)
- ***They All Saw a Cat*** (Wenzel)
- ***Alphabet Adventure*** (Wood)

Funny Stories & Adventures

- ***Life on Mars*** (Agee)

Also by this author: *Lion Lessons*, *Terrific*, and *Nothing*

- ***Please, Mr. Panda*** (Antony)
- ***Laundry Day*** (Bagley)
- ***Have You Seen Elephant?*** (Barrow)
- ***Shark vs. Train*** (Barton)
- ***Flashlight*** (Boyd)
- ***Woodpecker Wants a Waffle*** (Breen)
- ***What's the time, Grandma Wolf?*** (Brown)
- ***Ninja*** (Chung)
- ***Dooby, Dooby Moo*** (Cronin)

- ***Pancakes for Breakfast*** (dePaola)
- ***Dragon Was Terrible*** (DiPucchio) Also by this author: *Gaston, Everyone Loves Bacon, Super Manny Stands Up* and *The Sandwich Swap*
- ***Room on the Broom*** (Donaldson)
Also by this author: *The Gruffalo, Super Worm, Stick Man*
- ***Mr. Postmouse's Rounds*** (Dubuc)
- ***Olivia Goes to Venice*** (Falconer)
- ***Snappy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book)*** (Falatko)
- ***Bark, George*** (Feiffer)
- ***Lucia the Luchadora*** (Garza)
- ***Say Hello to Zorro*** (Goodrich) Also by this author: *We Forgot Brock* and *The Hermit Crab*
- ***The Wonderful Book*** (Gore)
- ***Orange Aardvark*** (Hall)
- ***Kitten's First Full Moon*** (Henkes) Also by this author: *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Weekend with Wendell,* and *Penny and Her Song*
- ***Chickens to the Rescue*** (Himmelman)
- ***The Mouse Who Reached the Sky*** (Horacek)
- ***Alan's Big Scary Teeth*** (Jarvis)
- ***You Are Not Small*** (Kang)
- ***We Are Growing*** (an *Elephant and Piggie Like to Read* book) (Keller)
- ***I Want My Hat Back*** (Klassen)
- ***King Arthur's Very Great Grandson*** (Kraegel)
- ***Chicken in Space*** (Lehrhaupt)
- ***The Yin-Yang Sisters and the Dragon Frightful*** (Ling)
- ***Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*** (Litwin)
- ***Otis*** (Long)
- ***The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read*** (Manley)
- ***The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)*** (McDonell)
- ***Those Can-Do Pigs*** (McPhail)
- ***Grumpy Pants*** (Messer)

- ***Gossie and Friends*** (Dunrea)
- ***The Watermelon Seed*** (Pizzoli) Also by this author: *Good Night Owl* and *Number One Sam*
- ***Not a Box*** (Portis)
- ***A Ball for Daisy*** (Raschka)
- ***Moonday*** (Rex)
- ***Dragon Loves Tacos*** (Rubin)
- ***Hey Rabbit*** (Ruzzier)
- ***Duck on a Bike*** (Shannon)
- ***Rubia and the Three Osos*** (Sweet)
- ***Chalk*** (Thompson)
- ***Rude Cakes*** (Watkins)
- ***Scaredy Squirrel*** (Watt)
- ***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*** (Willems) Also by this author: *Piggie & Gerald* and *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*
- ***The Cow Loves Cookies*** (Wilson) Also by this author: *Bear's New Friend* and *A Frog in the Bog*
- ***Penguin on Vacation*** (Yoon)

Classics (books your grow-ups read as kids)

- ***Mouse & Lion*** (Burkert)
- ***Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?*** (Carle)
- ***Strega Nona*** (DePaola)
- ***Are You My Mother*** (Eastman)
- ***Mary Engelbreit's Nursery Rhymes***
- ***Henny Penny*** (French)
- ***Three Little Pigs*** (Galdone)
- ***The Boy Who Cried Wolf*** (Hennessy)
- ***Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock*** (Kimmel)
- ***Sylvia Long's Mother Goose*** (Long)
- ***There's An Alligator Under My Bed*** (Mayer)
- ***Blueberries for Sal*** (McCloskey)
- ***The Tortoise and the Hare*** (Murray)

- ***If You Give a Moose a Muffin*** (Numeroff)
- ***The Little Red Hen*** (Pinkney)
- ***There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*** (Taback)
- ***Here Comes Mother Goose*** (Wells)

Family

- ***My Pet Wants a Pet*** (Broach)
- ***Dad and the Dinosaur*** (Choldenko)
- ***The Patchwork Bike*** (Clarke)
- ***The Ring Bearer*** (Cooper)
- ***King Alice*** (Cordell)
- ***Chirchir Is Singing*** (Cunnane)
- ***Panda Pants*** (Davies)
- ***Gaston*** (DiPucchio)
- ***The Giant Jumparee*** (Donaldson)
- ***The One Day House*** (Durango)
- ***Go Sleep in Your Own Bed*** (Fleming)

Also by this author: *Bulldozer Helps Out*, and *Oh No!*

- ***I Just Want to Say Goodnight*** (Isadore)
- ***How to Cheer Up Dad*** (Koehler)
- ***Green Pants*** (Kraegel)
- ***Whose Mouse Are You?*** (Kraus)
- ***A Big Mooncake for Little Star*** (Lin)
- ***Froggy Learns to Swim*** (London)
- ***Excellent Ed*** (McAnulty)
- ***Lola at the Library*** (McQuinn)
- ***Maple*** (Nichols)
- ***Fancy Nancy, Stellar Stargazer!*** (O'Connor)
- ***My Cousin Momo*** (O'Hara) Also by this author: *Niblet & Ralph*, *Wolfie the Bunny*
- ***Chloe Instead*** (Player)

- **Little Hoot** (Rosenthal) Also by this author: *Dear Girl, Duck Rabbit, and Spoon*
- **Oh Daddy** (Shea) Also by this author: *Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great and Dance, Dance Underpants*
- **Not Quite Narwhal** (Sima)
- **Come Along, Daisy!** (Simmons)
- **Twenty Yawns** (Smiley)
- **Three Bears in a Boat** (Soman)
- **Interrupting Chicken** (Stein)
- **What Can You Do with a Paleta** (Tafolla)
- **Mommy's Khimar** (Thompkins-Bigelow)
- **The Water Princess** (Verde)
- **How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon** (Yolen)
- **You Nest Here with Me** (Yolen)

Friends

- **The Big Umbrella** (Bates)
- **Little Mouse's Big Secret** (Battut)
- **Peanut Butter and Cupcake** (Border)
- **Maybe Something Beautiful** (Campoy)
- **I'm the Best** (Cousins) Also by this author: *Maisie books, Hooray for Birds*
- **Everyone Loves Bacon** (DiPucchio) Also by this author: *Everyone Loves Cupcake, Antoinette, Dragon Was Terrible*
- **Boy + Bot** (Dyckman)
- **When's My Birthday** (Fogliano)
- **The Farmer and the Clown** (Frazee) Also by this author: *Boss Baby and A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*
- **Corduroy** (Freeman)
- **Hector and Hummingbird** (Frith)
- **How to Be Friends with a Dragon** (Gorbachev)
- **My Friend Maggie** (Harrison)
- **Egg** (Henkes)

- ***Off We Go! (A Bear and Mole Story)*** (Hillenbrand)
- ***Duck and Goose Go to the Beach*** (Hills)
- ***Big Bob, Little Bob*** (Howe)
- ***Flora and the Flamingo*** (Idle)
- ***Violet's Music*** (Johnson)
- ***Frog and Toad Are Friends*** (Lobel)
- ***If I Had a Horse*** (Marino)
- ***Ducks Don't Wear Socks*** (Nedwidek)
- ***Thank You, Omu*** (Ora)
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- ***A Very Big Bunny*** (Russo).
- ***Splat the Cat*** (Scotton)
- ***Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?*** (Vernick)

Trucks and Tough Stuff Books

- ***McToad Mows Tiny Island*** (Angleberger)
- ***Machines at Work*** (Barton)
- ***Stanley the Builder*** (Bee)
- ***Tinyville Town: I'm a Firefighter*** (Biggs)

- ***The Airport Book*** (Brown)
- ***Freight Train*** (Crews)
- ***The Little Dump Truck*** (Cuyler)
- ***Billions of Bricks*** (Cyrus)
- ***How to Track a Truck*** (Eaton)
- ***Five Trucks*** (Floca)
- ***With Any Luck I'll Drive a Truck*** (Friend)
- ***Yellow Copter*** (Hamilton)
- ***Miles to Go*** (Harper)
- ***Twenty Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street*** (Lee)
- ***A Plane Goes Ka-Zoom*** (London)
- ***Mighty, Mighty Construction Site*** (Rinker)
- ***The Mixed- Up Truck*** (Savage)
- ***Little, Blue Truck*** (Schertle)
- ***Fire Truck*** (Sís)
- ***Truck Driver Tom*** (Wellington)
- ***Trashy Town*** (Zimmerman)

Nature Stories

- ***Where's Elephant?*** (Barroux)
- ***You Belong Here*** (Clark)
- ***In the Small Pond*** (Fleming)
- ***Owl Sees Owls*** (Godwin)
- ***Tidy*** (Gravett)
- ***Finding Wild*** (Lloyd)
- ***Breathe*** (Magoon)
- ***I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*** (Sherry)
- ***Anywhere Farm*** (Root)
- ***Baby Bear Sees Blue*** (Wolff)
- ***You Nest Here with Me*** (Yolen)

Non-Fiction

- ***My Five Senses*** (Aliki)

- ***All About Frogs*** (Jim Arnosky; from his *All About...* series)
Arnosky adds to his excellent *All About* series, which includes *All about Owls* (1999) and *All about Turtles* (2000).
- ***Clouds*** (Bauer)
- ***ZooBorns!: Zoo Babies from Around the World*** (Bleiman)
- ***Honey, Honey--Lion! A story from Africa*** (Brett)
- ***A Friend for Einstein: The Smallest Stallion*** (Cantrell)
- ***Farm*** (Cooper)
- ***Outside Your Window*** (Davies)
- ***Color*** (Doran)
- ***Curious Critters*** (Fitzsimmons)
- ***Country Road ABC: An Illustrated Journey Through America's Farmland*** (Geisert)
- ***Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?*** (Gray)
- ***Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building*** (Hale)
- ***Who Has What? All About Girls' Bodies and Boys' Bodies*** (Harris)
- ***My First Day*** (Jenkins)
- ***How Big Were the Dinosaurs*** (Judge)
- ***Life-Size Aquarium*** (Komiya)
- ***The Water Cycle*** (Lyon)
- ***Over Under the Pond*** (Messner)
- ***That's How!*** (Niemann)
- ***One Minute Till Bedtime: 60 Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep*** (Niemann)
- ***Out of Sight*** (Pittau and Gervais)
- ***Panda Kindergarten*** (Ryder)
- ***Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow*** (Shea)
- ***About Rodents*** (Sill; also by this author: *About Marsupials*, *About Reptiles*, etc...)
- ***Can I Eat That ?*** (Stein)
- ***Bring on the Birds*** (Stockdale)
- ***Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear***

- ***All About Faces*** (LaZOO)

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/s>
 - Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Kids Link for **digital books** using Tumble Books and Bookflix and Hoopla
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>
 - Cooper Siegel Library <http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>
 - 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>
 - [31 Days, 31 Lists 2018 Picture Book Read Alouds](#) (*SLJ* Elizabeth Byrd)
- * all summaries borrowed from *NoveList* unless indicated otherwise