

Summer Reading 2nd Grade Chapter Books

- ***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet*** (*The Secrets of Droon*) Tony Abbott
- ***Cam Jansen and the Basketball Mystery*** (*Cam Jansen* series) by David Adler
- ***Don't Throw It to Mo*** by David Adler
- ***Inspector Flytrap*** by Tom Angleberger
- ***Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs*** (*Roscoe Riley* series) by Katherine Applegate
- ***Hi Fly Guy*** (*Fly Guy* series) by Tedd Arnold
- ***Anna Hibiscus*** by Atinuke
- ***Brand New School: Brave new Ruby*** (*Ruby and the Booker Boys*) by Derrick Barnes
- ***A Birthday for Bear*** (*Bear and Mouse* series) by Bonnie Becker
- ***Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*** (*Humphrey's Tiny Tales*) by Betty Birney
- ***The Bad Guys*** (Blabey) *The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One* (*The Pain and the Great One* series) by Judy Blume
- ***The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo*** by Judy Blume
- ***Bad Kitty*** (*Bad Kitty* series) (Brue) • ***The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy*** (*Buddy Files* series) by Dori Butler
- ***Cork and Fuzz*** (*Cork and Fuzz* series) series by Dori Chaconas
- ***Rise of the Balloon Goons*** (*Notebooks for Doom*) by Troy Cummings
- ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue*** (*Mercy Watson* series) by Kate DiCamillo
- ***Leroy Ninker Saddles Up*** by Kate DiCamillo (*Tales from Deckawoo Drive* series)
- ***Bink & Gollie*** (*Bink & Gollie* series) by Kate DiCamillo
- ***Elmer and the Dragon*** by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- ***A New Friend*** (*The Adventures of Sophie Mouse*) by Poppy Green
- ***Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade*** (*Princess Posey* series) by Stephanie Greene
- ***The Great Antonio*** by Elise Gravel
- ***Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl*** by Jessie Haas
- ***Dory Fantasmagory*** (*Dory Fantasmagory* series) (Hanlon)
- ***Penny and her Song*** (*Penny* series) by Kevin Henkes
- ***Houndsley and Catina Plink and Plunk*** (*Houndsley and Catina* series) by James Howe
- ***Pinky and Rex Go to Camp*** (*Pinky and Rex* series) (Howe)
- ***Andy Shane is NOT in Love*** (*Andy Shane* series) by Jennifer Jacobson Richardson
- ***The Best Seat in Second Grade*** by Katharine Kenah

- ***Super Kirby Saves the Day*** by Lee Kirby
- ***Ready Freddy: Homework Hassles*** (*Ready Freddy* series) by Abby Klein
- ***The Infamous Ratsos*** by Kara LaReau
- ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same*** (*Ling and Ting* series) by Grace Lin
- ***Frog and Toad Together*** (*Frog and Toad* series) by Arnold Lobel
- ***Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Stuff*** (*Alvin Ho* series) by Lenore Look
- ***Gooney Bird*** (*Gooney Bird Greene* series) by Lois Lowry
- ***Zelda and Ivy the Runaways*** (*Zelda and Ivy* series) Laura McGee Kvasnosky
- ***Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends*** (*Pearl and Wagner* series) by Kate McMullan
- ***Ruby the Red Fairy*** (*Rainbow Magic* series) by Daisy Meadows
- ***Juana and Lucas*** by Juana Medina
- ***Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey*** by Alex Milway
- ***Little Bear*** (*Little Bear* series) by Else Minarik
- ***Fancy Nancy Super Sleuth*** (*Nancy Clancy* series) by Jane O'Connor
- ***Magic Tree House*** series by Mary Pope Osborne
- ***Junie B. Jones Loves Handsome Warren*** (*Junie B. Jones* series) by Barbara Park
- ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business*** (*Amelia Bedelia* Chapter books)
- ***Amelia Bedelia*** (*Amelia Bedelia* series) by Peggy Parish
- ***The Mount Rushmore Calamity*** (*Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures* series) by Sarah Pennypacker
- ***A Friend for Dragon*** by Dav Pilkey
- ***Piper Green and the Fairy Tree*** (*Piper Green* series) by Ellen Potter
- ***Robot, Go Bot!*** by Dana Meacham Rau
- ***Good Dog Aggie*** (*Aggie and Ben* series) by Lori Reis
- ***A to Z Mysteries: The Bald Bandit*** (*A to Z Mysteries*) by Ron Roy
- ***June Jam*** (*Calendar Mysteries*) by Ron Roy
- ***Mr. Putter and Tabby See the Stars*** (*Mr. Putter and Tabby* series) by Cynthia Rylant
- ***Henry and Mudge: the First Book of Their Adventures*** (*Henry and Mudge* series) by Cynthia Rylant
- ***The Case of the Missing Monkey*** (*High Rise Private Eyes* series) by Cynthia Rylant
- ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa and the Spring Babies*** (*Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* series) by Erica Silverman
- ***Princess Cora and the Crocodile*** by Laura Amy Schlitz
- ***The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon*** (*Black Lagoon Adventures*) by Mike

Thaler

- ***Good night, Good Knight*** by Shelley Moore Thomas (*Good Knight* series)
- ***Melvin Beederman, Superhero: The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich*** (*Melvin Beederman Superhero* series) by Greg Trine
- ***Diva and Flea*** (Willems)
- ***Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole*** (*Mouse and Mole* series) by Wong Herbert Yee

Picture Books

- ***The Babe and I*** by David Adler
 - ***The Emperor's New Clothes*** by Hans Christian Andersen
 - ***Thumbelina*** by Hans Christian Andersen
 - ***The Hair of Zoe Fleeferbacher Goes to School*** by Laurie Halse Anderson
 - ***Boats for Papa*** by Jessixa Bagley
 - ***Chloe and the Lion*** by Max Barnett
- Other books by this author: *President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath, Extra Yarn, and Count the Monkeys.*
- ***Ada Twist, Scientist*** by Andrea Beatty
- Also by this author: *Iggy Peck, Architect and Rosie Revere, Engineer*
- ***Z is for Moose*** by Kelly Bingham
 - ***Those Shoes*** by Maribeth Boelts
- Also by this author: *Happy Like Soccer*
- ***Violet the Pilot*** by Steve Breen
 - ***Mossy*** (Brett) Also by this author: *Armadillo Rodeo, The Mitten, Hedgie Takes Off, and Honey, Honey, Lion!*
 - ***My Teacher Is a Monster (No I Am Not)*** by Peter Brown
- Also by this author: *Children Make Terrible Pets, Will You Be My Friend, and The Curious Garden.*
- ***Turtle's Race with Beaver*** by Joseph Bruchac
- Also by this author: *How the Chipmunk Got His Stripes, The Story of the Milky Way*
- ***The King and the Magician*** by Jorge Bucay
 - ***Stellaluna*** by Jannell Cannon
 - ***Lu and the Swamp Ghost*** by James Carville and Patricia McKissack
 - ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** retold by John Cech
- Also by this author: *The Princess and the Pea, Puss in Boots, and Twelve Dancing Princesses.*
- ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man*** (Chabon)
 - ***The Princess and the Pea*** retold by Lauren Child
 - ***Elizabeth Queen of the Seas*** by Lynne Cox

• ***The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*** by Drew Dewart

• ***The Day the Crayons Quit*** by Drew Daywalt

• ***Big Anthony and the Magic Ring*** by Tomie dePoala

Also by this author: *Bill and Pete*, *Strega Nona*, *The Art Lesson*, and *Legend of the Blue Bonnet*.

• ***The Snail and the Whale*** by Julie Donaldson

Also by this author: *Room on the Broom*, *The Gruffalo*, and *Stickman*

• ***In Front of My House*** by Marianne Dubuc

Also by this author: *Lucy and Company* and *The Lion and the Bird*

• ***The Snurtch*** by Will Ferrell

• ***Yucky Worms*** by Vivian French

Also by this author: *Henny Penny*

• ***Buster*** by Denise Fleming

• ***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*** by Marla Frazee

• ***The Princess Knight*** by Cornelia Funke

• ***How to Talk to Your Dog*** by Jean Craighead George

• ***The Hermit Crab*** by Carter Goodrich

Also by this author: *We Forgot Brock* and *Zorro Gets an Outfit*

• ***Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey*** by Mini Grey

• ***Red Crayon's Story*** by Michael Hall

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

• ***Weekend with Wendell*** by Kevin Henkes

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

• ***The Great Big Book of Families*** by Mary Hoffman

• ***Little Red Writing Hood*** by Joan Holub

• ***Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek*** by Deborah Hopkinson

• ***Baby Brains*** by Simon James

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

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

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

• ***Wind Flyers*** by Angela Johnson

• ***Take Me Out of the Bathtub: and Other Silly Dilly Songs*** by Susan Katz

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

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

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

Also by this author: *Arnie the Doughnut*

• ***The Top Job*** by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel

- **Library Lion** by Michelle Knudsen

- **Cloudette** by Tom Lichtenheld

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

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

- **These Hands** by Margaret Mason

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

- **Lucky Ducklings** (Moore)

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

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

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

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

- **The Big Orange Splot** (Pinkwater)

- **John Philip Duck** by Patricia Polacco

Also by this author: *Junkyard Wonders* and *G Is for Goat*

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

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

- **Creepy Carrots** by Aaron Reynolds

Also by this author: *Carnivores* and *Nerdy Birdy*

- **What Animals Really Like** by Fiona Robinson

- **Exclamation Mark** by Amy Krause Rosenthal

Also by this author: *Little Hoot, One of those Days,* and *Uni the Unicorn*

- **All the World** Liz Garton Scalon

- **Battle Bunny** by Jon Scieszka

Also by this author: *Cowboy and Octopus* and *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*

- **Wild about Books** by Judy Sierra

Also by this author: *Wild About You, Zoozical, Monster Goose, Born to Read,* and *Tell the Truth B. B. Wolf*

- **Dr. DeSoto** by William Steig

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

Also by this author: *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* and *The Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*

- **Belling the Tiger** by Mary Stolz

- **The Librarian from the Black Lagoon** by Mike Thaler

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

- **A Balloon for Isabel** by Deborah Underwood

- **Circus Ship** by Chris Van Dusen

- **Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team** by Audrey Vernick Also by this author: *The Kid from Diamond Street: The*

Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton

- **Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku** by Lee Wardlaw
- **Scaredy Squirrel** by Melanie Watt
- **Mr. Wuffles** by David Wiesner

Also by this author: *Sector 7* and *Flotsam*

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

Also by this author: *Tap- Tap* and *Galimoto*

- **A Chair for My Mother** by Vera Williams
- **Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson

Also by this author: *Show Way*, and *This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration*

- **Rapunzel** by Paul Zelinsky

Also by this author: *Rumpelstiltskin*

Non-fiction

- **Fly Guy Presents: Sharks** by Ted Arnold
 - **Wild Tracks: A Guide to Nature's Footprints** by Jim Arnosky
 - **A Butterfly is Patient** by Dianna Hutts Aston
 - **Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau** by Jennifer Berne
 - **Little Devils** by Robert J. Blake
 - **Crazy Horse's Vision** by Robert Bruchac
 - **Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey** by Loree Griffin Burns
 - **Seahorse: the Shyest Fish** by Chris Butterworth
 - **The Redwoods** by Jason Chin
 - **Satchel Paige** by Lesa Cline-Ransome
 - **Yummy! Eight Favorite Fairy Tales** by Lucy Cousins
 - **Red-Eyed Tree Frog** by Joy Cowley
 - **Seahorses** by Jennifer Curtis
 - **Surprising Sharks** by Nicola Davies
 - **A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream** by Kristy Dempsey
 - **Saturn Could Sail and Other Fun Facts** by Laura Lyn DiSiena
 - **Ed Emberley's Drawing Book of Animals** by Ed Emberley
 - **The Scraps: Notes from a Colorful Life** by Lois Ehlert
 - **Locomotive** by Brian Floca
 - **Giant Squid** by Candace Fleming
- Also by this author: *Clever Jack Takes the Cake* and *Papa's Mechanical Fish*
- **Shiver Me Timbers: Pirate Poems and Paintings** by Douglas Florian
 - **Growing Frogs** by Vivian French
 - **The Wolves Are Back** by Jean Craighead George
 - **So You Want to Be an Inventor** by Judith St. George

- ***Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings*** by Douglas Florian
 - ***How the Dinosaur Got to the Museum*** by Jessie Hartland
 - ***The Tree Lady*** by Joseph Hopkins
 - ***A Boy Called Dickens*** by Deborah Hopkinson
 - ***Flight of the Honey Bee*** by Raymond Huber
 - ***Never Smile at a Monkey*** by Steve Jenkins
 - ***How Big Were the Dinosaurs?*** (Judge)
 - ***Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud*** by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain
 - ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival*** by Kirby Larson
 - ***Stable*** by Ted Lewin
 - ***Otters Love to Play*** (London)
 - ***All the Water in the World*** by George Ella Lyon
 - ***Build, Beaver, Build*** by Sandra Markle
- Also by this author: *Hip-Pocket Papa*
- ***Great Migrations: Elephants*** (National Geographic Readers) by Laura Marsh
 - ***Wonder horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse*** by Emily Arnold McCully
 - ***Daylight, Starlight, Wildlife*** by Wendell Minor
 - ***Viva Frida*** by Yugi Morales
 - ***Little Kids First Big Book of Space*** (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books)
 - ***A Baby Elephant in the Wild*** by Caitlin O'Connell
 - ***How Many Ways Can you Catch a Fly?*** by Robin Page
 - ***Water Is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle*** by Miranda Paul
 - ***Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
 - ***It's Raining Pigs & Noodles: Poems*** by Jack Prelutsky
 - ***Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees*** by Franck Prevot
 - ***Encyclopedia Mythologica: Dragons and Monsters Pop-Up*** (Reinhart)
 - ***The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*** by Barb Rosenstock
 - ***Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing*** by James Rumford
 - ***Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*** by Katheryn Russell-Brown
 - ***Eat Like a Bear*** by April Pulley Sayre
 - ***Big Red Kangaroo*** by Claire Saxsby

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

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

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

Also by this author: *Growing Up Pedro*

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

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

● ***Art from her Heart*** by Kathy Whitehead

● ***What's the Weather Inside*** by Karma Wilson

● ***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!*** by Jonah Winter

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

● ***Lights on Broadway: A Theatrical Tour from A to Z***, w/ CD

Harriet Ziefert

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

Also in the Read and Find Out series: *Simple Machines, What's in a Shell, How Mountains Are Made and The Sun and the Moon* (various author)

Graphic Novels

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

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

● ***Stinky*** by Eleanor Davis

● ***Little Robot*** by Ben Hatke

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

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

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

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

● ***Dog Man*** by Dav Pilkey

Also by this author: *Captain Underpants* and *Cat Kong*

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

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

● ***Bake Sale*** by Sara Varon

Other Resources:

● *School Library Journal*: Top 100 Picture Books

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

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

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

- ALASC Summer Reading List:

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

* All summaries borrowed from *NoveList* unless otherwise indicated

Summer Reading 2nd Grade Annotated Chapter Books

- ***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet*** (*The Secrets of Droon* 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.
- ***Cam Jansen and the Basketball Mystery*** (*Cam Jansen* series) by David Adler
When a special autographed basketball is stolen, Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to identify the thief.
- ***Don't Throw It to Mo*** by David Adler
Mo is the youngest kid on the Robins football team. The kids on the rival team tease him for being a 'butterfingers' who's too tiny to catch the ball. But Mo's coach has a plan up his sleeve to turn Mo's little size into a big win for the Robins.
- ***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.
- ***Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs*** (*Roscoe Riley* series) by Katherine 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.
- ***Hi Fly Guy*** (*Fly Guy* series) by Tedd Arnold
When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.
- ***Anna Hibiscus*** by Atinuke
Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!
- ***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.
- ***A Birthday for Bear*** (*Bear and Mouse* series) by Bonnie Becker
Despite Bear's efforts to ignore his birthday, Mouse will not rest until his friend celebrates.
- ***Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*** (*Humphrey's Tiny Tales*) by Betty

Birney

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

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

- ***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.

- ***The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo*** by Judy Blume

Second-grader Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play.

- ***Bad Kitty*** (*Bad Kitty* series) (Bruel) When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

- ***The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy*** (*Buddy Files* series) by Dori Butler
While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy.

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

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

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

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

- ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue*** (*Mercy Watson* series) by Kate DiCamillo

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

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

- ***Bink & Gollie*** (*Bink & Gollie* series) by Kate DiCamillo

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

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

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

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

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

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

Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day.

- ***The Great Antonio*** by Elise Gravel

Tells the true story of Antonio Barichievich, the larger-than-life Montreal strongman.

- ***Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl*** by Jessie Haas

Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie.

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

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

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

Penny comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies.

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

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

- ***Pinky and Rex Go to Camp*** (*Pinky and Rex* series) (Howe)

Although his best friend Rex is excited about going to camp, Pinky is afraid of leaving home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• ***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.

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

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

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

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

• ***Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Stuff*** (*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.

• ***Gooney Bird*** (*Gooney Bird Greene* series) by Lois Lowry

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

• ***Zelda and Ivy the Runaways*** (*Zelda and Ivy* series) Laura McGee Kvasnosky

In three short stories, two fox sisters run away from home, bury a time capsule, and take advantage of some creative juice.

• ***Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends*** (*Pearl and Wagner* series) by Kate McMullan

A rabbit, Pearl, and a mouse, Wagner, work together to build a robot for their science project.

• ***Ruby the Red Fairy*** (*Rainbow Magic* series) by Daisy Meadows

Rainbow Fairies Rachel and Kirsty must find the other Rainbow Fairies in order to prevent Fairyland from losing its colors and turning gray forever.

• ***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.

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

A last member of a line of explorers, unfailingly optimistic Pigsticks hires a hapless delivery hamster named Harold to be his companion for a quest that wends through

jungles, deserts, and mountains in search of the Ends of the Earth.

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

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

- ***Fancy Nancy 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.

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

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

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

- ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business*** (*Amelia Bedelia* Chapter books)

Young Amelia Bedelia will do almost anything for a shiny new bicycle. Her parents say they'll split the cost with her, and that means Amelia Bedelia needs to put the pedal to the metal and earn some dough!

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

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

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

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

- ***A Friend for Dragon*** by Dav Pilkey

Dragon becomes such close friends with an apple that he deeply mourns its loss and is overjoyed when more grow to take its place.

- ***Piper Green and the Fairy Tree*** (*Piper Green* series) 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

- ***Robot, Go Bot!*** by Dana Meacham Rau

A young girl makes so many demands on the robot she has constructed that he runs away.

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

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

- ***A to Z Mysteries: The Bald Bandit*** (*A to Z Mysteries*) 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.

- **June Jam** (*Calendar Mysteries*) by Ron Roy

As a Father's Day gift to the twins' Dad, Bradley, Brian, and their cousins Lucy and Nate try to identify and stop whatever creature is biting fruits and vegetables in the garden.

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

When Mr. Putter cannot sleep after eating too many of Mrs. Teaberry's pineapple jelly rolls, he and Tabby take a moonlit stroll that ends with the perfect neighborly gathering.

- **Henry and Mudge: the First Book of Their Adventures** (*Henry and Mudge series*) by Cynthia Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

- **The Case of the Missing Monkey** (*High Rise Private Eyes series*) by Cynthia Rylant

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

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

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

- **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 Class Trip 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.

- **Good night, Good Knight** by Shelley Moore Thomas (*Good Knight series*)

A Good Knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep.

- **Melvin Beederman, Superhero: The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich** (*Melvin Beederman Superhero series*) by Greg Trine

After graduating from the superhero academy, Melvin Beederman heads for Los Angeles, where he unexpectedly teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers.

- **Diva and Flea** (Willems)

In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

- **Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole** (*Mouse and Mole series*) by Wong Herbert

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Mouse and his downstairs neighbor, Mole, discover that when they help each other, housecleaning and other daily tasks are much easier.

Picture Books

- ***The Babe and I*** by David Adler

It's 1932, and everyone is struggling through the Great Depression. When the young narrator discovers that his father is jobless, he decides to become a newsie. He and his friend Jacob figure out how to sell more papers than the other kids . . . with a little help from The Babe.

- ***The Emperor's New Clothes*** by Hans Christian Andersen

The emperor shows his stupidity when he walks through the city in the invisible suit two rascal tailors made for him.

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

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

- ***The Hair of Zoe Fleefer Goes to School*** by Laurie Halse Anderson

A young girl's talented but untamed tresses do not impress her strict first-grade teacher, who has rules for everything, including hair.

- ***Boats for Papa*** by Jessixa Bagley

Buckley and his mother cope with the loss of their father/husband by sending small wooden boats, built by Buckley, off into the ocean.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ***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*

- ***Violet the Pilot*** by Steve Breen

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

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

- ***My Teacher Is a Monster (No I Am Not)*** by Peter Brown

Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all. Also by this author: *Children Make Terrible Pets, Will You Be My Friend, and The Curious Garden.*

- ***Turtle's Race with Beaver*** by Joseph Bruchac

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

- ***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.

- ***Stellaluna*** by Jannell Cannon

After she falls head first into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

- ***Lu and the Swamp Ghost*** by James Carville and Patricia McKissack

During the Depression in the Louisiana bayou, a curious young girl helps the "Swamp Ghost" that her cousins warned her about and finds herself with one good friend.

- ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** retold by John Cech

Also by this author: *The Princess and the Pea, Puss in Boots, and Twelve Dancing Princesses.*

- ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man*** (Chabon)

A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

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

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

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

- ***The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*** by Drew Dewart

This laugh-out-loud hilarious picture book is about the fictional warriors who invented a classic childhood game.

- ***The Day the Crayons Quit*** by Drew Daywalt

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

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

When Big Anthony borrows Strega Nona's magic ring to turn himself into a handsome man, he gets more trouble than fun. Also by this author: *Bill and Pete*, *Strega Nona*, *The Art Lesson*, and *Legend of the Blue Bonnet*.

- ***The Snail and the Whale*** by Julie Donaldson

Wanting to sail beyond its rock, a tiny snail hitches a ride on a big humpback whale and then is able to help the whale when it gets stuck in the sand. Also by this author: *Room on the Broom*, *The Gruffalo*, and *Stickman*

- ***In Front of My House*** by Marianne Dubuc

Takes young readers over mountains, through mysterious caves, into outer space, down into the ocean, and beyond, on a fancifully boundless journey as a child explores the world around his house. Also by this author: *Lucy and Company* and *The Lion and the Bird*

- ***The Snurtch*** by Will Ferrell

Ruthie has a problem at school. It is the Snurtch. The Snurtch is a scribbly, grabby, rude monster who follows Ruthie around and gets her into all sorts of trouble. It seems Ruthie will never be rid of the Snurtch. But eventually, she realizes she's not the only one... George has one too

- ***Yucky Worms*** by Vivian French

While helping Grandma in the garden, a child learns about the important role of the earthworm in helping plants grow. Also by this author: *Henny Penny*

- ***Buster*** by Denise Fleming

Buster the dog thinks his perfect life is spoiled when Betty the cat comes to live with him, until he learns not to be afraid of cats.

- ***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*** by Marla Frazee

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

- ***The Princess Knight*** by Cornelia Funke

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

- ***How to Talk to Your Dog*** by Jean Craighead George

An easy-to-read, conversational, humorous, and informative guide that will help young

dog owners communicate with their pets (SLJ)

- ***The Hermit Crab*** by Carter Goodrich

Happily living a quiet and lonely life, everything changes for the shy hermit crab when he moves into a flashy new shell, saves a trapped flounder from certain doom, becomes an unlikely hero, and ends up the center of attention of all his ocean-dwelling neighbors.

Also by this author: *We Forgot Brock* and *Zorro Gets an Outfit*

- ***Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey*** by Mini Grey

Traction Man, the action figure, and his sidekick, Scrubbing Brush, share dangerous adventures at the beach.

- ***Red Crayon's Story*** by Michael Hall

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

Frankencrayon and *It's an Orange Aardvark*

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

Sophie does not enjoy a bully's weekend visit until the very end, when she learns to assert herself and finds out Wendell can be fun to play with after all. Also by this author:

Chrysanthemum, *Lilly's Purple*, *Plastic Purse*, *Owen*, *Chester's Way*, *Wemberly Worried* and *Jessica*

- ***The Great Big Book of Families*** by Mary Hoffman

This fun and fascinating treasury features all kinds of families and their lives together. Each spread showcases one aspect of home life - from houses and holidays, to schools and pets, to feelings and family trees.

- ***Little Red Writing Hood*** by Joan Holub

Once upon a time, in pencil school, a brave little red pencil sets out to write an exciting story with nouns and adverbs and everything--but first she has to face the ravenous pencil sharpener, the Wolf 3000.

- ***Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek*** by Deborah Hopkinson

In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher.

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

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

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

From an Astronaut who's afraid of heights, to a Bridge that ends up burned between friends, to a Cup stuck in a cupboard and longing for freedom, this series of interconnected stories and characters explores the alphabet. Also by this author:

Imaginary Fred, *Stuck*, *the Way Back Home*, and *The Heart and the Bottle*.

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

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

- ***Take Me Out of the Bathtub: and Other Silly Dilly Songs*** by Susan Katz
Well-known songs, including "Oh Susannah" and "Row Row Row Your Boat," are presented with new words and titles, such as "I'm So Carsick" and "Go Go Go to Bed."

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ***The Top Job*** by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel

On Career Day, a young girl entertains the class with a description of her father's exciting job as light bulb changer at the top of the Empire State Building.

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

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.

- ***Cloudette*** by Tom Lichtenheld

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

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

Summoned to the Great Castle of Firenze to create a special dress for Princess Isabella Caramella Gorgonzola, Anabel, a talented seamstress, is at first delighted but then increasingly despairing as time passes and her efforts are continually subverted by an unseen sprite.

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

An African American man tells his grandson about a time when, despite all the wonderful things his hands could do, they could not touch bread at the Wonder Bread factory. Based on stories of bakery union workers; includes historical note.

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

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

the beach.

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

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

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

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

Xander's plan to host a panda party falls through, since he is the only panda at the zoo, but when he extends the invitation to all of the bears, complications ensue. Includes author's note on the wonders of the animal kingdom and the international effort to save pandas from extinction.

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

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

- ***The Big Orange Splot*** (Pinkwater)

When a seagull drops a can of orange paint on his neat house, Mr. Plumbean gets an idea that affects his entire neighborhood.

- ***John Philip Duck*** by Patricia Polacco

During the Depression, a young Memphis boy trains his pet duck to do tricks in the fountain of a grand hotel and ends up becoming the Duck Master of the Peabody Hotel. Also by this author: *Junkyard Wonders* and *G Is for Goat*

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

Collects ten of Beatrix Potter's classic stories about animals in their complete, unabridged text, with new reproductions of the original color illustrations, and includes an introduction with a biography of the author.

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

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

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

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

- ***What Animals Really Like*** by Fiona Robinson

When the National Animal Chorus gathers to perform the immortal works of Mr. Herbert Timberteeth, the performance doesn't go exactly as planned due to certain preconceived notions of what animals like to do.

- ***Exclamation Mark*** by Amy Krause Rosenthal

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

- ***All the World*** Liz Garton Scalon

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

- ***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: *Cowboy and Octopus* and *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*

- ***Wild about Books*** by Judy Sierra

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

- ***Dr. DeSoto*** by William Steig

Dr. De Soto, a mouse dentist, copes with the toothaches of various animals except those with a taste for mice, until the day a fox comes to him in great pain.

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

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

- ***Belling the Tiger*** by Mary Stolz

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

- ***The Librarian from the Black Lagoon*** by Mike Thaler

Does the librarian really laminate kids who talk in the library?

- ***The Three Little Wolves and the Big, Bad Pig*** (Trivizas) An altered retelling of the traditional tale about the conflict between pig and wolf--with a surprise ending.

- ***A Balloon for Isabel*** by Deborah Underwood

As graduation day approaches, Isabel tries to convince her teacher that she and Walter, both porcupines, should receive balloons on the big day just like the other children.

- ***Circus Ship*** by Chris 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.

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

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

- **Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku** by Lee Wardlaw

A cat arrives at a shelter, arranges to go home with a good family, and settles in with them, all the while letting them know who is boss and, finally, sharing his real name.

- **Scaredy Squirrel** by Melanie Watt

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

- **Mr. Wuffles** by David Wiesner

Mr. Wuffles ignores all his cat toys but one, which turns out to be a spaceship piloted by small green aliens. When Mr. Wuffles plays rough with the little ship, the aliens must venture into the cat's territory to make emergency repairs. Also by this author: *Sector 7* and *Flotsam*

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

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

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

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

- **Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her. Also by this author: *Show Way*, and *This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration*

- **Rapunzel** by Paul Zelinsky

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

Non-fiction

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

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

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

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

- **A Butterfly is Patient** by Dianna Hutts Aston

A lovely mix of science and wonder. (*Publishers Weekly*)

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

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

- ***Little Devils*** by Robert J. Blake

Burnie, Winnie and Big Stanley are three Tasmanian devil pups growing up in the wild. Along with their mother, they make one happy family. Since the pups are still so small, Mum does all the hunting. But one night, Mum doesn't come home and the pups are getting hungry . . . and worried.

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

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

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

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

- ***Seahorse: the Shyest Fish*** by Chris Butterworth

Presents the life cycle of the endangered sea horse, discussing its mating behavior, the defense mechanisms it uses against predators, and the type of environment it lives in.

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

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

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

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

- ***Yummy! Eight Favorite Fairy Tales*** by Lucy Cousins

eight classic stories, from "Little Red Riding Hood" to "The Musicians of Bremen," retaining all the emotion and humor from the original fairy tales.

- ***Red-Eyed Tree Frog*** by Joy Cowley

In a tropical rain forest in Central America, a red-eyed tree frog spends the night looking for food while avoiding potential predators. (*SLJ*)

- ***Seahorses*** by Jennifer Curtis

A seahorse's life from small-fry to fatherhood is told in a text that reads like a story but is full of facts and new vocabulary. (*SLJ*)

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

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

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

A young black girl living in Harlem in the 1950s has a big wish: to be a prima ballerina.

Her mama says you don't need wishes to make a dream come true—you need hope.
(Booklist)

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

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

• ***Ed Emberley's Drawing Book of Animals*** by Ed Emberley

Caldecott medalist Ed Emberley shows readers how to draw a menagerie of different animals--from polliwogs to gorillas--by using the simplest of shapes. The book will provide budding young artists with hours of art-full entertainment.

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

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

• ***Locomotive*** by Brian Floca

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

• ***Giant Squid*** by Candace Fleming

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

• ***Shiver Me Timbers: Pirate Poems and Paintings*** by Douglas Florian

Ahoy mateys—it's time to hoist up the anchors and set sail with a pack of pesky pirates! In this hilarious collection of nineteen poems, readers will meet scoundrels, scalawags, and scurvy dogs (human and canine).

• ***Growing Frogs*** by Vivian French

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

• ***The Wolves Are Back*** by Jean Craighead George

In 1995, wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone Park—first time they had been part of the park's ecosystem for many years. Although George follows one wolf's growth from pup to adult, the emphasis here is not as much on the wolves and their habits, but on how their presence has changed the ecosystem and returned its natural balance.

• ***So You Want to Be an Inventor*** by Judith St. George

Explore this enthusiastic, fact-filled picture-book tribute to predominantly American and European inventors. Kids may be inspired to make history themselves when they learn that Benjamin Franklin was concocting new inventions by age 12 (SLJ)

• ***Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings*** by Douglas Florian

Set in spreads of dreamy dinosaur art, these 20 playful paleontological poems overflow with wit and useful information.

- ***How the Dinosaur Got to the Museum*** by Jessie Hartland

Step-by-step, we learn all about the people who work to bring dinosaur skeletons to the museum.

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

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

- ***A Boy Called Dickens*** by Deborah Hopkinson

Narrates the tale of twelve-year-old Charles Dickens who, despite poverty and long hours of factory work, still has time to discover and share the stories of other residents of 1824 London.

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

A day in the life of a honeybee scout is full of drama, excitement and danger as it zigzags from flower to flower, spreading pollen all around.

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

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

- ***How Big Were the Dinosaurs?*** (Judge) From a cowering Microraptor, who "would barely be able to look a chicken in the eye," to an Argentinosaurus towering over a squirming pile of surprised-looking elephants (17, all told), Judge poses 12 prehistoric creatures with modern people or animals in compelling support of the observation that dinos came in a great range of sizes. (SLJ)

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

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

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

- ***Stable*** by Ted Lewin

There was a time when horses dominated every aspect of American life. Now Kensington Stables, just off Brooklyn's Prospect Park, is one of the last remaining stables in New York City. This book is about that stable: its past, its present, and its uncertain future.

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

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

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

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

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

- ***Great Migrations: Elephants*** (National Geographic Readers) by Laura Marsh Introduces African elephants, including what they eat, how they travel in groups, their migration patterns, and how they care for their young.

- ***Wonder horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse*** by Emily Arnold McCully

A fictionalized account of Bill "Doc" Key, a former slave who became a veterinarian, trained his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and to perform in skits around the country, and moved the nation toward a belief in treating animals humanely.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In this intimate account for preschool through elementary readers, find answers to questions such as: What do newborn elephants look like? How big are they? What threatens them in the wild?

- ***How Many Ways Can you Catch a Fly?*** by Robin Page

In this new take on animal adaptation, readers are asked to guess how six different animals might hatch an egg, use a leaf, eat a clam, or dig a hole.

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

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

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

Pinkney

Celebrate the life of Duke Ellington

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

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

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

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

- ***Encyclopedia Mythologica: Dragons and Monsters Pop-Up*** (Reinhart)

- ***The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*** by Barb Rosenstock

A stirring tribute to a prominent pioneer of abstract art, *Paintbox* follows the life of Russian-born artist Vasya Kandinsky from his childhood to adulthood, conveying the astounding imagery conjured in the painter's (probably genetic) condition, synesthesia, which caused sensory fields to collide in explosions that enabled him, for example, to hear colors.

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

Fascinated by the Giant Sequoias they see during a California vacation, unnamed children listen to their father tell of the trees' namesake from the opposite side of North America. Thus, in short paragraphs accompanied by richly textured illustrations, Rumford presents the seminal events in Sequoyah's life, culminating in his invention of the Cherokee syllabary. (SLJ)

- ***Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*** by Katheryn Russell-Brown

Bewitched by the rhythms of jazz all around her in Depression-era Kansas City, little Melba Doretta Liston longs to make music in this fictional account of a little-known jazz great.

- ***Eat Like a Bear*** by April Pulley Sayre

Strong illustrations portray a hungry grizzly bear as it wakes up in the spring and begins its determined search for food.

- ***Big Red Kangaroo*** by Claire Saxsby

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

- ***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.

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

Princess Izta had many wealthy suitors but dismissed them all. When a mere warrior, Popoca, promised to be true to her and stay always by her side, Izta fell in love. The emperor promised Popoca if he could defeat their enemy Jaguar Claw, then Popoca and Izta could wed. When Popoca was near to defeating Jaguar Claw, his opponent sent a messenger to Izta saying Popoca was dead. Izta fell into a deep sleep and, upon his return, even Popoca could not wake her. As promised Popoca stayed by her side.

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

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

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

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

- ***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.

- ***Art from her Heart*** by Kathy Whitehead

Can you imagine being an artist who isn't allowed into your own show? That's what happened to folk artist Clementine Hunter. Her paintings went from hanging on her clothesline to hanging in museums, yet because of the color of her skin, a friend had to sneak her in when the gallery was closed.

- ***What's the Weather Inside*** by Karma Wilson

Here are more than 120 hysterical, philosophical, rhetorical, and commonsensical poems and pictures that explore the perfectly not-so-perfect world of picky kids, Miss Muffet's revenge, magic homework wands, yellow snow, and Sunday's sundaes!

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

In this striking picture book biography, an old-timer tells us what made Sandy Koufax such an amazing baseball player.

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

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

- ***Lights on Broadway: A Theatrical Tour from A to Z***, w/ CD

Harriet Ziefert

This alphabet book features crisp, retro-style cartoon characters confidently racing about onstage and behind the scenes. Pleasantly busy pages capture the excitement of live theater and offer multiple entries for each letter. (*SLJ*)

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

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

Graphic Novels

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

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

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

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

- ***Stinky*** by Eleanor Davis

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

- ***Little Robot*** by Ben Hatke

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

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

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

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

Babymouse, a wise-cracking rodent stand-in for your average, adventure-seeking nine-year-old, strives to capture popular Felicia's goodwill, finally achieving her end at the expense of Wilson Weasel, truest of friends. But, wouldn't you know it, Felicia's world has little to offer a smart, fun-loving mouse, after all. (*Booklist*)

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

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

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

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

CAPTAIN RAPTOR!

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

George and Harold create a new comic book hero in Dog Man, a crimefighter with the head of a police dog and the body of a policeman, who faces off against his archnemesis

Petey the cat. Also by this author: *Captain Underpants* and *Cat Kong*

- ***The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer*** (*Owly* series) by Andy Runton
Owly and Wormy... live together in a friendly forest reminiscent of the ones often found in children's literature, and much in the style of Frog and Toad, or Winnie the Pooh and Piglet, Owly and Wormy's smallest excursions and challenges are the stuff of great mystery and adventure. (*Publisher's Weekly*)

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

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

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

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

Other Resources:

- *School Library Journal*: Top 100 Picture Books

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

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

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

- ALASC Summer Reading List:

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

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