

## The Chapin Lower School Book List 2013

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## PICTURE BOOKS

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- Barnett, Mac**      **\*Extra Yarn**  
With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.
- Castellucci, Cecil**      **Odd Duck**  
Two duck friends realize that being odd is exactly what they like about each other.
- Fagan, Cary**      **Mr. Zinger's Hat**  
A wonderful story about the beauty of telling and sharing stories.
- Fogliano, Julie**      **And Then It's Spring**  
A boy and his dog anticipate the beauty that comes with the change of season.
- Graham, Bob**      **A Bus Called Heaven**  
When a community comes together because of an abandoned bus, they learn that "Heaven" is sometimes a place on earth.
- Grey, Mini**      **Toys in Space**  
An offbeat story about losing a beloved toy.
- Haseley, Dennis**      **Twenty Heartbeats**  
A man waits decades for the portrait of his prize horse to be finished and learns a priceless lesson.
- Hosford, Kate**      **Infinity and Me**  
A young girl learns to understand the concept of infinity in this lovely and gentle story.
- Klassen, Jon**      **\*This is Not My Hat**  
Little fish is perhaps a bit overconfident that he will get away with stealing big fish's bowler hat.
- Lopez, Rafael**      **\*The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred**  
A bilingual story about how a farm maiden and the farm animals work together to make rice pudding for a fiesta.
- Lovell, Patty**      **Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon**  
Inspired by her grandmother, Molly Lou uses her imagination and creativity to keep herself entertained.
- Marino, Gianna**      **Too Tall Houses**  
When Owl and Rabbit go on a building frenzy in an attempt to make each of their houses taller than the other, they learn the hard way that life is better when you learn to work together.

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- Olshan, Matthew**      **The Mighty Lalouche**  
A heartwarming story set in Paris about a humble and diminutive postman who becomes a boxer in order to support himself and his bird when his job is replaced by an electric car.
- Palacios, Sara**      **\*Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match**  
A bilingual story about a child of mixed ancestry who has her own fun and quirky approach to life.
- Park, Linda Sue**      **The Third Gift**  
An Arab boy and his father harvest myrrh for three strangers.
- Pinfold, Levi**      **Black Dog**  
When a huge black dog appears outside the Hope family home, only the youngest child has the courage to face the animal that turns out not to be what they fear
- Raschka, Chris**      **Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bike**  
A simple and inspiring story about a girl that learns to ride a bike
- Ray, Mary Lynn**      **Stars**  
An exploration of the wonders of stars.
- Reynolds, Aaron**      **\*Creepy Carrots!**  
Jasper Rabbit loves carrots and he eats them all the time. But things take a very dark turn when one day, the carrots seem to be out to get him.
- Rocco, John**      **\*Blackout**  
When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together.
- Smith, Lane**      **\*Grandpa Green**  
A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather through a tour of his grandfather's topiary garden.
- Stead, Philip C.**      **Bear Has a Story to Tell**  
Bear has a story to tell but all his friends need his help first to get ready for winter.
- Stewart, Sarah**      **A Quiet Place**  
When Isabel and her family move to the U.S. from Mexico she must figure out a way to adjust to the changes in her life.
- Willems, Mo**      **That is Not a Good Idea**  
This story about a hungry fox that invites a goose to dinner has a funny and unexpected ending.
- Woodson, Jacqueline**      **Each Kindness**  
A lesson in school helps Chloe realize that she and her friends were wrong to make fun of a new student in school.

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## EARLY READERS

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- Arnold, Tedd**      **^There's a Fly Guy in My Soup**  
Fly Guy stirs things up when he gets into the soup at a fancy hotel restaurant.
- Baker, Keith**      **^Lucky Days with Mr. And Mrs. Green**  
Join Mr. And Mrs. Green, an alligator couple, as they solve the mystery, win a gumball counting contest and participate in a talent show.
- Bell, Cece**      **\*Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover**  
Things do not go exactly as Rabbit planned for his sleepover with Robot.
- Buck, Nola**      **Sid and Sam**  
Sid sings a long song that drives Sam crazy. Also try **Oh, Cats** by this author.
- Byars, Betsy**      **^ Hooray for the Golly Sisters**  
Two sisters travel west in their covered wagon, giving shows along the way.
- Cazet, Denys**      **^Minnie and Moo Meet Frankenswine**  
Only Minnie and Moo are brave enough to investigate the monster in the barn.
- Chaconas, Dorie**      **^Cork & Fuzz: The Babysitters**  
Cork and Fuzz agree to babysit a young porcupine. But when Fuzz gets into trouble, it is up to both Cork and the baby to come to his assistance.
- Cole, Joanna**      **Bony-Legs**  
A little girl manages to outwit a horrible witch who wants to eat her for supper.
- George,  
Jean Craighead**      **Goose and Duck**  
A young boy becomes the "mother" to a goose, who becomes "mother" to a duck
- Hayes, Geoffrey**      **^Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!: a Toon Book**  
Two mice meet their new neighbor and discover that she is not as scary as they feared.
- Henkes, Kevin**      **Penny and Her Doll**  
Penny loves the doll that she received as a gift from her grandmother – she just can't figure out what to name her.
- Howe, James**      **^Houndsley and Catina**  
Catina loves to write and Houndsley loves to cook, but trying to be the very best does not always work out for these two friends.
- Lin, Grace**      **Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same**  
Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.
- Little, Jean**      **Emma's Magic Winter**  
With the help of her new friend who has magic boots just like her own, Emma overcomes her shyness and no longer hates reading out loud in school.

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- Litwin, Eric**      **\*Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons**  
Pete does not cry when he loses one of his four groovy buttons--he sings his song.
- Lobel, Arnold**      **Mouse Soup**  
A mouse convinces a weasel he needs the ingredients from several stories to make a tasty mouse soup.
- Long, Ethan**      **\*Up, Tall and High**  
Colorful birds illustrate the concepts of “up,” “tall” and “high.”
- Meisel, Paul**      **See Me Run**  
After a pack of playing dogs joyfully discover a huge collection of bones things really become exciting.
- Meister, Cari**      **^Tiny’s Bath**  
Tiny is a very big dog whose owner has trouble finding a place to bathe him.
- Parish, Peggy**      **^Amelia Bedelia**  
Amelia Bedelia, the housekeeper, never seems to really understand her instructions which leads to quite a ruckus in the house.
- Schwartz, Alvin**      **Busy Buzzing Bumblebees**  
A collection of 46 delightful tongue twisters. This author has also written **Ghosts** and **In a Dark, Dark Room** for those who are not fainthearted.
- Schneider, Josh**      **Tales for Very Picky Eaters**  
A father tells outlandish stories to get his young son to eat foods he thinks he will not like.
- Sharmat, Marjorie**      **^Nate the Great**  
Nate the great solves the mystery of the missing picture.
- Silverman, Erica**      **^Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa**  
Cowgirl Kate spends time with her cowhorse, Cocoa.
- Thomas, Shelley M.**      **^ Good Night, Good Knight**  
A good knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean**      **^Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day**  
Amanda Pig and her family try to survive the hottest day of the summer.
- Willems, Mo**      **A Big Guy Took My Ball**  
Gerald is big. But is he big enough to help his friend, Piggie?
- Yee, Wong Herbert**      **^Mouse and Mole, fine feathered friends**  
When Spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find a unique way to bird watch.

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- Adler, David**      **^ Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds**  
A series with Cam Jansen as the lead detective who takes pictures in her head.
- Atinuke**      **^Anna Hibiscus**  
Ordinary adventures turn into extraordinary experiences for this young girl living in Africa.
- Avi**      **^The End of the Beginning**  
Avon the snail, and Edward, an ant, set off together in search of adventure.
- Barrows, Annie**      **^Ivy + Bean**  
Two very different girls become close friends.
- Blume, Judy**      **^Going, Going, Gone! With the Pain and the Great One**  
The Pain and the Great One are on the move as they go to the mall and get separated.
- Coven, Wanda**      **Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret**  
After being homeschooled her whole life, Heidi enters school for second grade and she has to figure out how to deal with a mean girl and keep a secret.
- Dahl, Roald**      **The Magic Finger**  
**Esio Trot**  
**Fantastic Mr. Fox**  
Just a few titles from this witty and clever author.
- DiCamillo, Kate**      **Binky & Golly**  
Two roller-skating best friends share three comical adventures.
- DiCamillo, Kate**      **^Mercy Watson to the Rescue**  
Mercy the pig saves the day by accident.
- English, Karen**      **^Nikki & Deja**  
When a new girl moves into the neighborhood, best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form an exclusive club without her with unexpected results.
- Evans, Douglas**      **The Elevator Family**  
The Wilson family spends their holiday in the perfect hotel room - the elevator.
- Gannett, Ruth**      **^ My Father's Dragon**  
A boy voyages to Wild Island to free a captive baby dragon.
- Greenburg, J. C.**      **^On the Dog**  
When ten-year-old Andrew invents a shrinking machine, he does not expect to be sucked into the machine and end up in a dog's nose.
- Grimes, Nikki**      **^Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel**  
Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, she finally starts to feel at home.

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- Han, Jenny**                    **Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream**  
Korean American fourth-grader Clara Lee longs to be Little Miss Apple Pie,
- Harper,  
Charise Mericle**                **^Just Grace**  
Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace tries to help people feel better but sometimes her good intentions backfire.
- Holme, Jennifer L.**            **^Babymouse: Queen of the World**  
A graphic novel about an imaginative mouse who dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to a slumber party.
- Hurwitz, Johanna**            **^ New Neighbors for Nora**  
Six stories about an irrepressible seven-year-old.
- Kline, Suzy**                    **^ Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion**  
Harry is back in Room 2B and up to his usual mischief!
- Lagercrantz, Rose**            **My Happy Life**  
A sweet story about a young girl who manages to be happy even when it is hard.
- Look, Lenore**                 **^Ruby Lu, Brave and True**  
Seven year old Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, learns to drive, and has adventures with friends.
- McDonald, Megan**            **^ Judy Moody**  
Third grader Judy Moody is in a bad mood on the first day of school until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself.
- McKay, Hilary**                **^Lulu and the Duck in the Park**  
Lulu does not like getting in trouble but her love for animals is more important than worrying about breaking the rules.
- Osborne, Mary Pope**        **^ Mummies in the Morning**  
Children go back in time when they enter the magic tree house.
- Primavera, Elise**             **Libby of High Hopes**  
Libby tries to convince her parents to let her take riding lessons when she discovers a nearby horse farm and she meets her dream horse, Princess.
- Simon, Francesca**            **^Horrid Henry**  
When Horrid Henry actually behaves well it causes his brother Perfect Peter all sorts of problems.
- Spires, Ashley**               **Binky the Space Cat**  
Binky, a house cat who believes the family home is actually a space station, trains and prepares to travel into outer space.
- Stilton, Geronimo**            **^Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye**  
The discovery of an old map by his sister Thea leads Geronimo and his family to search for buried treasure on a faraway island.
- Thomson, Melissa**            **^Keena Ford and the Second-grade Mix-up**  
Keena Ford chronicles her many mishaps as she begins second grade.

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- Applegate, Katherine** \***The One and Only Ivan**  
A sad and sweet story about a gorilla that lives inside a mall who loves his friends and creating art. A story about friendship, heartbreak, and hope.
- Amato, Mary** **Please Write in this Book**  
When the teacher leaves a blank notebook in the writers' corner of the classroom, unexpected discussions and events take place.
- Birdsall, Jeanne** **^The Penderwicks: A Summer of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy**  
While staying with their widowed father in a summer cottage, the four Penderwick sisters and their dog cannot seem to stay out of trouble.
- Blume, Judy** **^ Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**  
A series about a boy's relationship with his younger brother.
- Buckley, Michael** **^The Sisters Grimm, Book One: Fairy Tale Detectives**  
Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.
- Cabot, Meg** **Moving Day**  
Allie loves creating rules and so moving to a new neighborhood with her family not only means a new house, school, friends, but also new rules to live by.
- Cleary, Beverly** **^ Ramona the Pest**  
Lively Ramona is only one of this author's many wonderful characters.
- Clements, Andrew** **We the Children**  
The first book in the *Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School* series. When their school is slated to be torn down, Ben and his friends uncover the incredible history of the school in order to save the building.
- Cowell, Cressida** **How to Train Your Dragon**  
Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis** **Piper Reed : Navy Brat**  
Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again.
- Davies, Jacqueline** **The Lemonade War**  
Jesse and her older brother Evan run competing lemonade stands and try every business move they can think of to ensure being the first to earn 100 dollars.
- DiCamillo, Kate** **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**  
A toy rabbit loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

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- DiTerlizzi, Tony**      **^The Field Guide**  
The first book in the Spiderwick chronicles series about the Grace children who discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures.
- Fitzhugh, Louise**      **Harriet the Spy**  
Set on East End Avenue, a girl spies on her neighbors.
- Funke, Cornelia**      **Dragon Rider**  
After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, a silver dragon is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find a legendary valley.
- Gay, Marie-Louise**      **Travels with My Family**  
Stories about a family that always took rather nontraditional and adventuresome vacations.
- Holm, Jennifer L.**      **Turtle in Paradise**  
In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.
- Howe, James**      **^ Bunnacula**  
A family adopts a vampire rabbit.
- Ibbotson, Eva**      **The Secret of Platform 13**  
When the beastly Mrs. Trottle kidnaps the prince from a magical island, it's up to a strange band of rescuers to save him. Eva Ibbotson has also written **Which Witch**, **Dial a Ghost**, **Island of the Aunts**, and **Journey to the River Sea**.
- Kessler, Liz**      **^The Tale of Emily Windsnap**  
After taking a swimming lesson, Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself.
- Klise, Kate**      **^Regarding the Fountain**  
When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, chaos results.
- Lin, Grace**      **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**  
Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon.
- Lindgren, Astrid**      **^ Pippi Longstocking**  
Pippi is the little Swedish girl who lives all by herself with a pet monkey and a big horse and does exactly as she pleases.
- Martin, Ann M.**      **^The Doll People**  
Life changes dramatically for a family of porcelain dolls when a new family of plastic dolls arrives. Also read the sequel, **The Meanest Doll in the World**. Another wonderful book by this author is **A Dog's Life**.
- Mass, Wendy**      **11 Birthdays**  
After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

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- Murphy, Jill**      **The Worst Witch**  
Mildred, a new student witch always seems to be in trouble until the day she saves the school from some evil witches.
- Naylor,  
Phyllis Reynolds**      **Emily's Fortune**  
While traveling to her aunt's home in Redbud by train and stagecoach, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with a fellow orphan to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance.
- Obed, Ellen Bryan**      **Twelve Kinds of Ice**  
Each vignette introduces a different kind of ice that a family observes and experiences throughout the winter months.
- O'Connor, Barbara**      **On the Road to Mr. Mineo's**  
Not much happens in Meadville, South Carolina – at least, not until Sherman, a one legged pigeon, flies into town and causes quite a commotion.
- Paratore,  
Coleen Murtagh**      **Sunny Holiday**  
Spunky third-grader Sunny tries to make the best out of every situation.
- Pennypacker, Penny**      **^Clementine: Friend of the Week**  
With her kitten missing and having fought with her best friend, eight-year-old Clementine finds it hard to concentrate on doing her best as her classmate's Friend of the Week.
- Rose, Caroline Starr**      **May B.**  
After eleven year old May finds herself abandoned on the Kansas Prairie in the 1870s, she must figure out how to survive the winter months alone.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz**      **Riding Freedom**  
A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who, in order to work with horses, ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, and moved to California.
- Sachar, Louis**      **^Wayside School is Falling Down**  
Wayside School is thirty stories high, with zany Miss Jewels' class on the top floor. Another wonderful book by this same author is **There is a Boy in the Girls Bathroom**.
- Selznick, Brian**      **Wonderstruck**  
Two stories - one with pictures, one with words – relate the lives of Ben and Rose.
- Smith,  
Robert Kimmel**      **Chocolate Fever**  
A boy breaks out in chocolate spots.
- Snickett, Lemony**      **^ The Bad Beginning**  
This first title in **A Series of Unfortunate Events** introduces us to the three orphaned children who must make their way in a strange, dark, and unkind world.
- Sobol, Donald**      **^ Encyclopedia Brown**  
Encyclopedia Brown is good at solving mysteries because of all the facts he knows and his methodical way of observing and thinking.

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- Soup, Dr. Cuthbert**     **A Whole Nother Story**  
Ethan Cheeseman and his three children hope to complete work on a time machine, but spies and government agents have been pursuing them for two years and are about to catch up.
- Stewart, Trenton Lee**     **The Mysterious Benedict Society**  
After passing a series of really challenging tests, four children are chosen to go on a dangerous secret mission.
- Umansky, Kaye**     **Clover Twig**  
Clover Twig goes to work for a messy witch and discovers that the witch's cottage has quite a few secrets hiding inside it.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls**     **^ Little House in the Big Woods**  
The first in the famous pioneer stories based on the author's childhood.
- Wiles, Deborah**     **Love, Ruby Lavender**  
When her quirky grandmother goes away for the summer, nine-year-old Ruby keeps busy by writing her letters and making friends with chickens.

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# CLASSICS AND READ-ALLOUD BOOKS

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- Aiken, Joan**                    **The Wolves of Willoughby Chase**  
A suspenseful story about two young girls who are left in the care of a sinister governess.
- Alcott, Louisa May**        **Little Women**  
Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.
- Atwater, Richard**         **Mr. Popper's Penguins**  
The classic story of a house painter with a house full of penguins.
- Bagnold, Enid**              **National Velvet**  
Velvet Brown is determined to ride her untamed horse in the Grand National.
- Barrie, James M.**         **Peter Pan**  
The adventures of the three Darling children in Never-Land with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up.
- Bond, Michael**             ^ **A Bear Called Paddington**  
A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington Station becomes one of the family.
- Boston, L. M.**              ^ **The Children of Green Knowe**  
When visiting his great-grandmother in the ancient house of Green Knowe, a boy becomes friends with three children who lived there in the seventeenth century.
- Burnett,  
Frances Hodgson**         **Sara Crewe**  
When she is orphaned, Sara Crewe becomes a penniless, friendless ward of the cruel Miss Minchin. The original, shorter version of **The Little Princess**.
- Carroll, Lewis**            **Through the Looking-Glass**  
This sequel to Alice in Wonderland is a great read-aloud.
- Dahl, Roald**                **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**  
Five children discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory.
- Defoe, Daniel**             **Robinson Crusoe**  
During a voyage in the 1600s, an Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives on a deserted island for nearly thirty years.
- Dunrea, Olivier**          **Hanne's Quest**  
A rich and lyrical story about a woman who relies on her hens to save her farm.
- Eager, Edward**            ^ **Half-Magic**  
This beloved story tells of magic that only works half the time.

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- Edwards, Julie**      **Mandy**  
Wanting a place of her own, a young orphan creates a secret home in a cottage.
- Enright, Elizabeth**      **^Gone-Away Lake**  
Portia and her cousin Julian discover summer adventure in a hidden colony of forgotten summer houses on the shores of a swampy lake.
- Estes, Eleanor**      **\* Ginger Pye**  
The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat brings excitement into the lives of the Pye children. Eleanor Estes also wrote **The Moffats**.
- Fisher,  
Dorothy Canfield**      **Misunderstood Betsy**  
Timid and small for her age, nine-year-old Elizabeth Ann discovers much about herself and the world after she goes to live with relatives on a farm in Vermont.
- Haywood, Carolyn**      **^B is for Betsy**  
Betsy experiences an interesting first year in school and looks forward to summer vacation at her grandfather's farm.
- Henry, Marguerite**      **^Misty of Chincoteague**  
A pony is saved from the annual roundup of horses on an island.
- Jarrell, Randall**      **The Animal Family**  
A lonely hunter living in the wilderness gains a family made up of a mermaid, a bear, a lynx, and a boy. Another book by this author is **The Bat Poet**.
- Jenkins, Emily**      **^Toys Go Out**  
The adventures of three best friends who happen to be toys.
- Konigsburg, E. L.**      **From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**  
A girl and her brother run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- L' Engle, Madeleine**      **^ A Wrinkle in Time**  
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers when searching for Meg's missing father.
- Lewis, C.S.**      **^The Chronicles of Narnia**  
Children venture into a magic kingdom.
- Nesbit, Edith**      **^Five Children and It**  
While digging in a gravel pit, some children find a wish granting sand-fairy.
- Norton, Mary**      **^ The Borrowers**  
Miniature people, who live in an old country house and borrow things from the humans, are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.
- Porter, Eleanor H.**      **Pollyanna**  
Unwanted and unloved, Pollyanna comes to her aunt's house without a warm welcome, but she soon brings happiness to her new home.
- Selden, George**      **^Cricket in Times Square**  
Chester, a musical cricket, is befriended by new companions in New York.

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- Sewell, Anna**      **Black Beauty**  
A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experience with both good and bad masters.
- Sidney, Margaret**      **Five Little Peppers and How They Grew**  
The adventures and misadventures of the five children of the Pepper family.
- Spyri, Johanna**      **Heidi**  
A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains.
- Steig, William**      **Dominic**  
Dominic the dog finds exciting adventure and great danger.
- Stevenson,  
Robert Louis**      **Treasure Island**  
The classic story of pirates searching for a buried treasure.
- Streatfield, Noel**      **Ballet Shoes**  
Three adopted sisters train for the ballet and discover special talents.
- Taylor, Sidney**      **All of a Kind Family**  
The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century.
- Travers, P.L.**      **^ Mary Poppins**  
An English nanny introduces her charges to some delightful times.
- White, E.B.**      **Charlotte's Web**  
Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

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# MYTHS, FOLK TALES, AND FAIRY TALES

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- Alvarez, Julia**      **The Secret Footprints**  
A story based on Dominican folklore about the ciguapas, a tribe of beautiful underwater people.
- Bodkin, Odds**      **The Crane Wife**  
A retelling of the traditional Japanese tale about a poor sail maker who gains a beautiful, but mysterious, wife who weaves magical sails.
- Brett, Jan**      **The Mitten, A Ukrainian Folk Tale**  
A mitten becomes a refuge for many animals of different sizes.
- Bruchac, Joseph**      **The First Strawberries**  
A quarrel between the first man and the first woman is reconciled when the Sun causes strawberries to grow out of the Earth.
- Bryan, Ashley**      **Beautiful Blackbird**  
The colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his blackening brew.
- Burkert, Rand**      **Mouse & Lion**  
An adaptation of Aesop's fable about the friendship between a mouse and a lion.
- Chen Jiang Hong**      **The Magic Horse of Han Gan**  
A beautifully rendered story about a painted horse that comes alive to help a warrior in battle.
- Cousins, Lucy**      **Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales**  
A wonderful collection of eight classic fairy tales.
- D'Aulaire, Ingrid and Edgar**      **Book of Greek Myths**  
For many years, this has been the favorite version for younger readers.
- Demi**      **One Grain of Rice**  
A mathematical folk tale from India.
- Emberley, Rebecca**      **Chicken Little**  
A retelling of the classic story of Chicken Little, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends.
- Geras, Adele**      **My Grandmother's Stories**  
A wonderful collection of Jewish folk tales.
- Hamilton, Virginia**      **The People Could Fly**  
A picture book version of the tale about slaves brought to America who fly away to freedom.
- Hong, Lily Toy**      **Two of Everything: A Chinese Folk Tale**  
When the Haktaks find a magic pot, they are delighted until Mrs. Haktak falls in.

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- Johnson-Davies, Denys**      **Goha the Wise Fool**  
A wonderful collection of stories about Goha, the wise fool, from the Middle East.
- Laird, Elizabeth**      **Pea Boy and Other Stories from Iran**  
Seven illustrated short stories from Iran.
- Lattimore, Deborah**      **Arabian Nights: Three Tales**  
"Aladdin," "The Queen of Serpents," and "Ubar, The Lost City of Brass."
- Martinez, Rueben**      **Once Upon a Time: Traditional Latin American Tales**  
A bilingual collection of seven traditional tales from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain.
- Muth, Jon J.**      **Stone Soup**  
Three monks cleverly manage to make soup from stones in this old tale set in China.
- O'Connor, George**      **Zeus: King of the Gods**  
A graphic novel version of the story of Zeus.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz**      **Nacho and Lolita**  
A folktale from Mexico about the love between a rare, beautiful bird and a swallow.
- Salley, Coleen**      **Epossumondas**  
A retelling of a classic tale in which a well-intentioned young possum continually takes his mother's instructions much too literally.
- San Souci, R.**      **The Talking Eggs**  
A Southern fairy tale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches.
- Shannon, George**      **Stories to Solve**  
**More Stories to Solve**  
**Still More Stories to Solve**  
Riddle stories from around the world.
- Step toe, John**      **\* Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale Retold**  
Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king who is choosing a wife.

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## POETRY

- Florian, Douglas**      **UnBEElievables**  
Clever and fun poems that reveal a great deal about honeybees and their role in our ecosystem.
- Glaser, Isabel Joshlyn**      **Dreams of Glory: Poems Starring Girls**  
The thirty poems in this collection reflect the hopes, fears, and aspirations of modern girls.
- Grimes, Nikki**      **Thanks a Million**  
Poems about being thankful.
- Lewis, J. Patrick**      **National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: 200 Poems with Photographs That Squeak, Soar, and Roar!**  
A wide variety of poetry - old and new, haiku, limericks, free verse – about a wide variety of animals.
- Machlachlan, Patricia**      **Once I Ate a Pie**  
An absolutely delightful collection of poems about dogs.
- Martin, Bill, Jr.**      **The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry**  
An Illustrated collection of poems for children, featuring the writings of a wide variety of poets.
- Poetry Speaks to Children**  
A wonderful collection of poems that includes a CD with poems read by the poets.
- Prelutsky, Jack**      **The Carnival of the Animals**  
An illustrated collection of animal poems.
- Rochelle, Linda**      **Words with Wings: A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art**  
Messages and lessons to treasure.
- Salas, Laura Purdie**      **BookSpeak: Poems about Books**  
A fun collection of poems about books and wonderful things found within.
- Sidman, Joyce**      **Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors**  
Poems and factual information about some of the creatures that live on Earth.
- So, Meilo**      **Water Sings Blue: Ocean Poems**  
Wonderful poems that capture the beauty and power of the ocean.
- Stevenson, James**      **Sweet Corn**  
Stevenson celebrates everyday objects and events.
- Wardlaw, Lee**      **Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku**  
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.
- Worth, Valerie**      **Pug and Other Animal Poems**  
Poems that explore a wide range of animal behavior.

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### BIOGRAPHY

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- Annino, Jan Godown** **She Sang Promise: The story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader**  
The first woman to be elected leader of the Florida Seminole Tribe was also a nurse, newspaper owner and part time alligator wrestler.
- Barretta, Gene** **Neo Leo: The Ageless Ideas of Leonardo da Vinci**  
A book that by focusing on the many ideas and creations that Leonardo thought of in his lifetime, reveals that he truly was a man ahead of his time.
- Berne, Jennifer** **Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau**  
A curious boy grows up to become an internationally known oceanographer.
- Brown, Monica** **My Name is Gabito**  
A picture book about the Nobel prize winning author, Gabriel Garcia Marquez.
- Bryant, Jen** **A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin**  
The inspiring story of a self-taught painter that overcame many obstacles to become a highly respected artist.
- Byrd, Robert** **Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin**  
The biography of the very witty and wise man.
- Cummins, Julie** **Women Explorers**  
Profiles of many brave women explorers that never made it into history books.
- De Paola, Tomie** **26 Fairmount Avenue**  
Author/illustrator Tomie dePaola gives readers a glorious glimpse into his life. Also read **On My Way** and **Here We All Are**.
- Ferris, Jeri Chase** **Noah Webster and His Words**  
The story behind the person who created the *Webster's American Dictionary* – the second most popular book ever printed in English
- Giovanni, Nikki** **Rosa**  
A stunning picture book biography about the life of Rosa Parks.
- Greenberg, Jan** **Ballet for Martha**  
The story behind the creation of “Appalachian Spring,” describing Aaron Copland’s composition and Martha Graham’s intense choreography.
- Hill, Laban Carrick** **Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave**  
Chronicles the life of Dave, a nineteenth-century slave who went on to become an influential poet, artist, and potter.
- Jerome, Kate Boehm** **Who Was Amelia Earhart**  
The life of the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. Just one of many excellent biographies in the *Who Was...? And Who is...?* Series.

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- Kerley, Barbara**      **What to Do About Alice**  
How Alice Roosevelt broke the rules, charmed the world, and drove her father Teddy crazy. Another good title by this author is **Those Rebels, John and Tom.**
- Krull, Kathleen**      **A Woman for President**  
A picture book biography about Victoria Woodhull – the first female candidate to run for president. Other inspiring and highly recommended biographies by this same author are **Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman** and **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez.**
- Markel, Michelle**      **Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909**  
Tells the story of the young woman who led the largest walkout of women workers in American history.
- McCully,  
Emily Arnold**      **Marvelous Mattie**  
An inspiring story about the pioneering female inventor, Margaret E. Knight.
- Nivola, Claire**      **Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceaographer Sylvia Earle**  
After learning to love the ocean as a young girl, Sylvia Earle went on to be a leader in the study and exploration of the worlds oceans.
- Rappaport, Doreen**      **Helen's Big World: the life of Helen Keller**  
Quotations provide the framework for this picture book biography about Hellen Keller.
- Rosenstock, Barb**      **Fearless: The Story of Racing Legend Louise Smith**  
A brief overview of the life and career of race car driver Louise Smith and discusses how she paved the way for other women in racing history.
- Schmidt, Gary D.**      **Martin de Porres: The Rose in the Desert**  
Born into extreme poverty to a mohter who was a former slave, Martin de Porres made his way up in the church despite many obstacles and eventually became a saint.
- Schubert, Leda**      **Monsieur Marceau: Actor Without Words**  
A look at the life of the world famous mime that enthralled audiences for more than fifty years.
- Stauffacher, Sue**      **Nothing But Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson**  
A picture book about the life of one of the first famous African American women tennis players.
- Sweet, Melissa**      **\*Balloons Over Broadway**  
Tells the story of puppeteer Tony Sarg, the man who first invented the helium balloons that are the trademark of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- White, Linda Arms**      **I Could Do That: Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote**  
How one determined woman made it possible for women to vote and was the first woman to hold public office in the United States.
- Winter, Jeanette**      **The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps**  
We discover how Jane Goodall went from a child interested in nature to an adult conducting research on chimpanzees in Africa.

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### NONFICTION BOOKS

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^ Indicates title in a series. If you have already read this one, try another.

- Arnosky, Jim**      **Shimmer and Splash: The Sparkling World of Sea Life**  
A visually delightful and informative book about the life that exists in the world under water.
- Aston, Dianna Hutts**      **A Rock is Lively**  
A beautiful and informative introduction to the world of rocks.
- Bishop, Nic**      **Nic Bishop Lizards**  
Stunning up-close photographs and fascinating facts about lizards.
- Chinn, Jason**      **Island: A Story of the Galapagos**  
An intricately detailed book that wonderfully introduces the land and animals of the islands and the gradual changes that the islands have undergone over time.
- Cole, Joanna**      **^ The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth**  
A great introduction to science through a class trip with the teacher Ms. Frizzle.
- Deedy, Carmen Agra**      **14 Cows for America**  
Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks from a young Maasai, who was in New York City on that day, decide to present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift.
- Editors for Time for Kids Magazine**      **TIME for Kids Zoo 3D: An Incredible Animal Adventure**  
Fantastic 3D photos of wild animals on every page.
- Emberley, Ed**      **^ Ed Emberley's Picture Pie 2**  
The author suggests how to cut a basic circle into arcs and curves and use the pieces to draw birds, animals, fish, and other objects and designs.
- Floca, Brian**      **Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11**  
An illustrated account of the flight of Apollo 11 in 1969.
- Guiberson, Brenda Z.**      **Frog Song**  
An absolutely stunning introduction to these fascinating creatures.
- Hatkoff, Isabella**      **Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue**  
The true story of Leo, a snow leopard who lost his mother in the snow and was raised by a shepherd before being transported to the Bronx Zoo.
- Holland, Jennifer S.**      **Unlikely Friendship: 50 Remarkable Stories from the Animal Kingdom**  
Incredible and heartwarming stories about animals that have bonded in the most unexpected ways.
- Jenkins, Steve**      **How to Clean a Hippopotamus**  
Descriptions of some of the most unusual relationships between various animals in the wild.

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- Jones, Charlotte Foltz**      **Mistakes that Worked**  
This illustrated text presents the stories behind forty things that were invented or named by accident, including aspirin, X-rays, frisbees, silly putty, and velcro.
- Judge, Lita**      **Bird Talk: What Birds Are Saying and Why**  
A look at birds of kinds and the funny and fascinating things that they say.
- Katz, Alan**      **Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs**  
Humorous lyrics sung to the tunes of well-known songs.
- Kurlansky, Mark**      **The Cod's Tale**  
A fascinating biography of the fish that changed the world. Also read **The Story of Salt** by the same author.
- Lyons, George Ella**      **All the Water in the World**  
A lyrical, illustrated look at the water cycle.
- Macy, Sue**      **Basketball Belles: How Two Teams and One Scrappy Player Put Women's Hoops on the Map.**  
A picture book about the birth of women's basketball in the late 1800s.
- Markle, Sandra**      **The Long, Long Journey: The Godwit's Amazing Migration**  
Follow the flight of this amazing bird as it makes its nonstop, 7,000 mile migration from Alaska to New Zealand.
- Menotti, Andrea**      **How Many Jelly Beans?**  
A delicious and colorful way to learn about large numbers.
- Messner, Kate**      **Over and Under the Snow**  
Over the snow, the world is hushed and white while there are many animals who spend their winter hidden under the snow.
- National Geographic Society**      **Weird But True**  
A collection of 300 quirky and fun facts about a variety of topics, such as animals, planets, and food.
- Ross, Stuart**      **Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Land, Sea, and Air**  
A fascinating and revealing look at what many explorers experienced during their attempts to discover something new.
- St. George, Judith**      **\* So You Want to Be President?**  
This is a mischievous picture book highlighting the historical triumphs and troubles of our first 41 presidents.
- Strum, James**      **Adventures in Cartooning**  
Uses a story about a magical elf who helps a princess learn how to draw a comic to present techniques for and advice about drawing comics.
- Yolen, Jane**      **The Mary Celeste : An Unsolved Mystery From History**  
A young girl relates the facts that are known about the unexplained disappearance of the crew on the ship Mary Celeste in 1872.