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Picture Books



- Ayer, Jacqueline The Paper-Flower Tree
A child's fanciful but determined belief that she can grow a paper flower tree from a bead is unexpectedly rewarded.
- Bagley, Jessixa and Aaron Bagley Vincent Comes Home
Vincent, a cat living on a cargo ship, has traveled the world but has never seen "home" – the place that the sailors on the ship speak about often.
- Barnett, Mac The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse
Why would a duck and a mouse decide to live in the belly of a wolf?
- Bliss, Harry Grace for Gus
This picture book ode to New York City is about a girl that goes to great lengths to help Gus, the class guinea pig.
- Broach, Elise My Pet Wants a Pet
A sweet story that celebrates the joy of taking care of another.
- Cuevas, Michelle Smoot
A shadow leaves its boy in a daring attempt to experience greater excitement and beauty.
- Cummings, Troy Can I Be Your Dog?
Arfy, a homeless dog, writes letters to all the residents of Butternut Street offering to be their pet. After quite a few rejections, just when he has all but given up, Arfy gets exactly the response that he has been waiting for.
- Deedy, Carmen Agra The Rooster Who Would Not be Quiet
When the new mayor tries to ban all singing in the village, a singing rooster is his most passionate and formidable opponent.
- Denos, Julia Windows
A quiet story that beautifully reveals glimpses of a boy's neighborhood as he walks his dog at dusk.
- Diaz, Junot Islandborn
When Lola is given a school assignment that asks her to draw the country from which she came as a baby, she interviews family and neighbors about their memories and puts together a rich and creative picture of her heritage.
- Doerrfeld, Cori The Rabbit Listened
After an event that makes Taylor sad, all of his animal friends make suggestions about what he needs to do to feel better. But it is ultimately being able to cuddle up with Rabbit who simply listens to him that makes all the difference.
- Elliott, David Baabwaa & Wooliam
An amusing story about the unlikely friendship between two sheep (one that reads and one that knits) and a wolf that thinks he would like to eat them.
- Engle, Margarita All the Way to Havana
Experience all the sights and sounds of Cuba as we join a family driving in their old car to the city of Havana.
- Fogliano, Julie A House That Once Was
In this poetic and thoughtful story, a boy and a girl explore an abandoned house and wonder about the people who once lived there.

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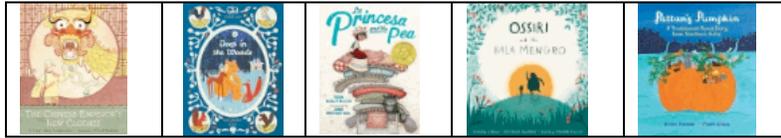
Foster, Travis	<p><u>Give Me Back My Book!</u> When two friends absolutely love everything about a book, how do you decide who gets to have it? A fun celebration of books and the importance of sharing.</p>
Gay, Marie-Louise	<p><u>Short Stories for Little Monsters</u> Entertaining and imaginative, these tiny vignettes explore a multitude of topics such as what a little sister sees with her eyes closed and what trees talk about.</p>
Gerstein, Mordicai	<p><u>The Boy and the Whale</u> Even after his father warns him not to, a boy sets out on a dangerous mission to free a whale that is tangled in a fishing net in order to save its life.</p>
Graham, Bob	<p><u>Home in the Rain</u> A heartwarming story about a mother and daughter who share both ordinary and special moments while driving home in the rain.</p>
Gravett, Emily	<p><u>Old Hat</u> No matter how hard he tries, Harbet cannot seem to wear a fashionably acceptable hat. And so he stop trying - and decides to just be himself.</p>
Hall, Michael	<p><u>Little i</u> Little i's dot has rolled away and so he is on a quest to get it back.</p>
Heder, Thyra	<p><u>Alfie</u> For the year that she has had him, Nia has not given her pet turtle a whole lot of thought, that is, until her seventh birthday - when he disappears.</p>
Higgins, Ryan T.	<p><u>Be Quiet!</u> A hilarious story about two very talkative mice that think they are being supportive of their friend, Rupert, as he tries to create an artistic wordless book.</p>
Himmelman, John	<p><u>Floaty</u> One would not expect Mr. Raisin, a grumpy man, to have much use for a dog – especially one that floats.</p>
Kraegel, Kenneth	<p><u>Green Pants</u> Jameson loves wearing his green pants – they make him feel like a superhero. So what will he wear as ring bearer for his cousin's wedding?</p>
Lazar, Tara	<p><u>7 Ate 9: The Untold Story</u> If 7 ate 9, then maybe 7 is after 6, as well. Private I is on the case!</p>
Love, Jessica	<p><u>Julian is a Mermaid</u> With illustrations that dance and glide across the page, this is a story about Julian, a boy who wants to dress up as a mermaid.</p>
Luyken, Corinna	<p><u>The Book of Mistakes</u> An artist creates something even more imaginative and wonderful out of her mistakes.</p>
Maclear, Kyo	<p><u>Yak and Dove</u> Despite the many ups and downs these two unlikely friends may experience, they always seem to get back to the business of being friends.</p>
Martinez-Neal, Juana	<p><u>Alma and How She Got Her Name</u> When Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela asks her father about her extremely long name, Alma learns some really wonderful things about the family members that she has been named after.</p>
Miller, Pat Zietlow	<p><u>Be Kind</u> When a child is upset after spilling grape juice on her new dress, a classmate realizes that although being kind is the right thing to do, it is not always easy.</p>
Naumann-Villemin, Christine	<p><u>When a Wolf is Hungry</u> In this dark tale with a humorous ending, Wolf decides to go into the city in order to catch a rabbit for dinner. However, after some surprising encounters, things end very differently then they began.</p>

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Ohi, Debbie Ridpath	<u>Sam & Eva</u> All of the challenges and successes that go along with collaboration and cooperation are revealed in this story about two children who find themselves drawing together...sort of.
Paul, Baptiste	<u>The Field</u> Spare in words and rich in spirit, this high-energy story is about a group of children who come together in their Caribbean neighborhood to play an intense game of soccer.
Phi, Bao	<u>A Different Pond</u> A story about a child who wakes up early to go fishing with his father so that their family can eat. The morning outing also offers a special time when the boy can be alone with his father and learn about his life growing up in Vietnam.
Reynolds, Peter H.	<u>The Word Collector</u> Jerome loves words – in fact, he has managed to collect thousands of them. And then one day, he knows exactly what to do with those wonderful words.
Rex, Adam	<u>Nothing Rhymes with Orange</u> Being in a book that rhymes is really quite a frustrating experience for Orange.
Rubin, Adam	<u>El Chupacabras</u> An entertaining and sweet story that is a reimagining of the legendary goat-eating creature, written in an unusual bilingual style where the English and Spanish are completely intermingled.
Rylant, Cynthia	<u>Life</u> Richly rendered art graces the pages of this quiet, contemplative ode to life and the natural world.
Salmieri, Daniel	<u>Bear and Wolf</u> A young bear and wolf become unlikely friends as they explore their winter world together.
Santant, Dan	<u>After the Fall</u> What happened to Humpty Dumpty after he fell?
Sauer, Tammi	<u>Wordy Birdy</u> In this fun story, Wordy Birdy is a talker, not a listener – that is until she realizes that listening just might be a good idea.
Sima, Jessie	<u>Harriet Gets Carried Away</u> When Harriet, a child who loves to dress up in costumes, goes shopping for a birthday party hat with her two dads, she literally gets carried away.
Tamaki, Jillian	<u>They Say Blue</u> A wonderfully imaginative book that explores seasons, colors, the natural world, things seen and not seen, all through the eyes of a very inquisitive child.
Tsurumi, Andrea	<u>Accident</u> This hilarious story about how sometime accidents just happen, is both visually engrossing and action packed.
Van Slyke, Rebecca	<u>Lexie the Word Wrangler</u> Lexie takes word wrangling seriously and she is good at it. But now there is a word rustler afoot and she is determined to track them down.
Wenzel, Brendan	<u>Hello Hello</u> Delightfully illustrated, this is a book that manages to celebrate both the diversity and connectivity of our natural world.

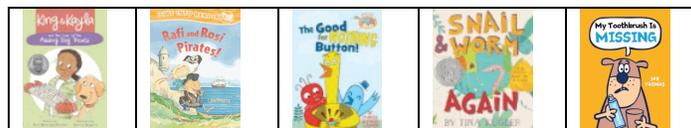
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Folktales



- Compestine, Ying The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes
In this twist on the traditional tale, a young boy becomes the emperor of China and cleverly reveals the dishonesty of his advisors.
- Corr, Christopher Deep in the Woods
In this retelling of the traditional Russian folk tale, every animal in the forest wants to join mouse in a perfect house. The only problem - not everyone fits.
- Hernandez, Jaime The Dragon Slayer: Folktales from Latin America
Three wonderful folktales from Latin America are shared in this graphic novel.
- Middleton Elya, Susan La Princesa and the Pea
In this clever twist on the original tale, the prince is sure that he has met the princess of his dreams and he makes absolute certain that she will pass his mother's test.
- O'Neill, Richard Ossiri and the Bala Mengro
A Romani folktale about a young girl who creates her own instrument which she loves to play. But will her music awaken the ogre that lives in the hills?
- Seki, Sunny The Last Kappa of Old Japan
Based on the Japanese legend, this story is about a farm boy that befriends a Kappa, a mythical creature that lives in the river near his home.
- Soundar, Chitra Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India
Pattan nurtures a dying vine and grows a giant pumpkin just in time for all the animals to climb on board as storms bring flooding to the land.

Early Readers

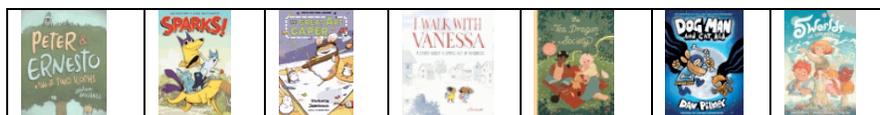


- Arnold, Tedd Fly Guy's Big Family
Buzz plans a surprise reunion for Fly Guy and his family.
- Arnold, Tedd and Martha Hamilton Noodleheads See the Future
Mac and Mac are two very loveable but gullible brothers. When Meatball makes a very logical prediction, Mac and Mac conclude that he can see the future.
- Butler, Dori Hillestad King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats
After Kayla bakes some treats for her friend's new puppy, some biscuits go missing and so King, Kayla's dog, sets out to solve the mystery.
- Collier, Bryan It's Shoe Time!
A young girl and her father figure out what it means to have a matching pair of shoes.
- Delacre, Lulu Rafi and Rosi: Pirates!
Brother and sister tree frogs have three adventures as they explore El Morro Fort in Puerto Rico.

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Harper, Charise Mericle	<u>The Good for Nothing Button!</u> Yellow Bird's button may appear to do be doing nothing, but it is actually doing quite a few somethings.
Kugler, Tina	<u>Snail & Worm Again</u> Sweet and funny, these two friend approach life in their own special way.
Selznick, Brian	<u>Baby Monkey, Private Eye</u> Illustrations that are chock full of clues grace the pages of this book with large font, spare text, and a very cute baby monkey.
Snyder, Laurel	<u>Charlie & Mouse</u> Four warm and humorous stories about two very imaginative brothers.
Thomas, Jan	<u>My Toothbrush is Missing</u> When Dog's toothbrush goes missing, his friends, who do not even know what a toothbrush looks like, try to help him find it.
Yoon, Salina	<u>My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories</u> Big Duck, Little Duck, and Porcupine try to get a kite out of a tree, make new friends and run a lemonade stand in these three funny and sweet stories.

Graphic Novels and Wordless Books



Annable, Graham	<u>Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths</u> Peter and Ernesto are two sloths that live in a tree together. When intrepid Ernesto decides to go out to see the world, fearful Peter sets out after him.
Boothby, Ian	<u>Sparks!</u> Two genius cats, that wear and operate a mechanical dog suit, are on a mission to save mankind from being destroyed by Princess, an evil alien that is disguised to look like a cute baby.
Breach, Jen	<u>Clem Hetherington and the Ironwood Race</u> In this dark, action packed story full of shady characters and evil villains, an orphan and her robot brother find themselves in a dangerous race to find some buried artifacts before they fall into the wrong hands.
Brown, Don	<u>Older Than Dirt</u> This graphic novel provides a comprehensive look at the fourteen billion years of earth's history - from big bang to the appearance of life on our planet.
Clanton, Ben	<u>Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt</u> Narwhal reveals his superhero aspirations and enlists Jelly to be his sidekick, but it is Jelly who comes to the rescue when Narwhal needs his friend the most.
D. G., Gigi	<u>Cucumber Quest: The Doughnut Kingdom</u> A brother and sister bunny duo must find the Dream Sword in order to defeat Queen Cordelia's Nightmare Knight and save the world.
Harper Charise Mericle	<u>The Amazing Crafty Cat</u> When things go awry for Birdie, she turns into the Amazing Crafty Cat and crafts her way out of trouble. Craft project ideas and instructions are included at the end of the book.
Jamieson, Victoria	<u>The Great Art Caper</u> The mice in the school are plotting to ruin the school art show, and so GW, the class-pet hamster, and her two class-pet friends are going to foil the evil plot.

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- Kerascoet, I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness
A wordless book about a girl who is new to a school and the children that rise to occasion to make sure that she feels welcome and safe.
- Liniers Good Night, Planet
After a girl goes to bed, Planet, her stuffed animal, keeps busy.
- O'Neill, Katie The Tea Dragon Society
A sweet and gentle story about, Greta, a young girl that is fortunate enough to learn the magical art form of taking care of Tea Dragons.
- Pilkey, Dav Dog Man and Cat Kid
Dog Man and his sidekick, Cat Kid, try to find the missing movie star.
- Siegel, Mark 5 Worlds: The Sand Warrior
Three kids team up to save the magical Five Worlds that is about to be destroyed.
- Varon, Sara New Shoes
Set in Guyana, Francis the donkey wants to make the best pair of shoes for Miss Manatee, but when his friend Nigel does not show up with the needed supplies to make the shoes, Francis travels in to the jungle to find him.
- Whamond, Dave Nick the Sidekick
Nick is happy to be Super Fantastic Guy's assistant until he realizes that he is nothing more than a sidekick that does all the work and gets none of the credit.

Early Chapter Books



- Broach, Elise Trouble at School for Marvin & James
James takes Marvin, a beetle, to school and accidentally loses him in the trash. Will Marvin make his way back to his friend, James?
- Charman, Katrina The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone
Tag, a young owl, his friend Skyla, a squirrel, and the last firehawk team up to save Perodia from an evil and powerful vulture.
- Citro, Asia The Pod and the Bog (Zoey and Sassafras)
Zoey, Sassafras and Pip, have found a mysterious seed but can't seem to make it grow – if they cannot figure it out soon, the seed will dry up and never grow.
- Cronin, Doreen Gimme Shelter
The funniest group of chickens ever, find themselves digging in the yard in order to build a storm shelter and find some pretty mysterious things.
- Deen Natasha Lark and the Diamond Caper
Lark and Connor Ba, twin brother and sister, are determined to figure out what happened to the diamond earrings that went missing from a neighborhood store.
- DiCamillo, Kate Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package
Eugenia Lincoln has no time for nonsense. And so when an unexpected package with an accordion arrives, she does the most sensible thing she can which is to get rid of it – so why does the accordion keep showing up?
- Dowell, Frances O'Roark Sam the Man & the Rutabaga Plan
Sam is assigned to learn about rutabaga for a school science project. He is really not all that interested until he becomes a bit attached to the one he has.

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English, Karen	<u>Trouble Next Door</u> Carver needs to figure out what to do about the bully that has moved in next door and what to do about his school science fair project.
Florence, Debbie Michiko	<u>Jasmine Toguchi, Drummer Girl</u> Eight-year-old Jasmine cannot decide what to perform in the school talent show. But when she learns about the taiko, a traditional Japanese drum, she knows!
Gay, Marie-Louise	<u>Princess Pistachio and Maurice the Magnificent</u> In her effort to save her dog from dying of boredom, Princess Pistachio takes him to an audition and he gets the part. But now Princess is spending so much time with her dog that she needs to save her friendship with her best friend.
Greenwald, Sheila	<u>Bossy Flossie: Biz Whiz</u> Despite plans not going so well in the past, Flossie is pretty sure that she is the right person to lead the way - if only people would agree.
Johannes, Shelley	<u>Beatrice Zinker Upside Down Thinker</u> Beatrice is a creative thinker who is not afraid to solve awkward problems.
Kuenzler, Lou	<u>Princess Disgrace: The Dragon Dance</u> Princess Grace is not one for rules or etiquette – rather than worry about the Ballet of Flowers performance, she would rather spend time with a baby dragon .
Lareau, Kara	<u>The Infamous Ratsos Are Not Afraid</u> Brothers Louie and Ralphie Ratso are cleaning out a lot to build an arcade for the neighborhood, but will some not-so-nice rumors make them give up?
Lynch, Brian	<u>Toy Academy: Some Assembly Required</u> When the Evil Toy Academy threatens to destroy the Toy Academy, a place where toys learn to play, a lopsided and handmade toy sets out to save the day.
Lyons, Kelly Starling	<u>Jada Jones: Rock Star</u> After Jada’s best friend moves away, school is just not that interesting until the teacher assigns a project on rocks and minerals. But what does she do about a partner that is not the least bit interested in the project?
Maker, Martha	<u>Craftily Every After: The Un-friendship Bracelet</u> Four friends that are interested in building, creating, and crafting, must also figure out how to work on their friendship.
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<u>Roxie and the Hooligans at Buzzard’s Roost</u> When Roxie and a trouble-making group of children called the Hooligans find themselves together at a creepy vacation home with her uncle, they must band together to figure out what her uncle is really up to.
Preller, James	<u>Jigsaw Jones: The Case from Outer Space</u> Jigsaw and his friends find a clue the suggests that an alien from outer space is going to be visiting the school.
Reed, Melody	<u>The Major Eights: Battle of the Bands</u> Four friends like creating music together, but will they be ready to perform in the of the Bands competition?
Springstubb, Tricia	<u>Cody and the Heart of a Champion</u> The seasons are changing and so are so many things in Cody’s life – especially when it comes to friendships and members of her family.
Wallis, Quvenzhane	<u>Shai & Emmie Star in Break an Egg</u> Shai and Emmie attend a performing arts school in Atlanta. When a new student arrives, they welcome her into their friendship. But can Shai keep the friendship when the new friend gets the part in the play that Shai wanted for herself?

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Chapter Books



- Abela, Deborah The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee
India is a fantastic speller and her family thinks she should compete in the spelling Bee on TV. India finally agrees. But then come all of the obstacles that get in her way – the least of which is that she is terrified.
- Anderson, John David Granted
Due to magic levels being at an all-time low, the fairies from Haven are having a hard time granting wishes. But one wish granting fairy, Ophelia, is absolutely determined to fulfill a wish no matter the risks.
- Applegate, Katherine Wishtree
This thoughtful and compelling story is told from the point of view of a 200-year-old tree that is used by the community for posting wishes. When a boy carves a hateful “wish” into the tree one day that is meant for Samar’s family, neighbors must grapple with how to be a more welcoming and inclusive community.
- Brown, Peter Wild Robot Escapes
In this stand-alone sequel, Roz, a robot, is assigned to work on a farm after having been found on an island and taken back to the factory for reprogramming. But Roz wants to return to the Island and her goose-son. What will happen if she tries to escape?
- Chokshi, Roshani Aru Shah and the End of Time
In this adventure story steeped in Hindu Mythology, twelve-year-old Aru Shah, foolishly releases an ancient demon and now must find the reincarnation of the five legendary Pandava brothers if she is to save her classmates and mother.
- Dominguez, Angela Stella Diaz Has Something to Say
Stella moved from Mexico to Chicago with her family when she was a baby. Now that Stella is older, she has a lot to say but lacks confidence when speaking. This presents a problem since she is desperate to make friends with a new classmate.
- Dumas, Marti Jupiter Storm
Ten-year-old Jackie is someone that knows exactly what to do, especially when it comes to dealing with her five brothers. But when she discovers a very unusual chrysalis in her yard, Jackie is only certain of one thing, that she must keep it a secret and protect it.
- Fry, Michael How to be a Supervillain
In this illustrated and hilarious story, Victor Spoil is nice kid. He has a really hard time being bad. This would not be a problem, except Victor comes from a family of supervillains.
- Gidwitz, Adam The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Creature of the Pines
A truly entertaining story with a creepy forest, villains, mythical creatures and two unlikely friends who find themselves on a surprising mission
- Glaser, Karina Yan The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
Five siblings have 11 days to convince their mean landlord to renew the lease on their Harlem brownstone before their family has to leave the only home they have ever known.
- Gravel, Elise Olga: We’re Out of Here
In this highly illustrated stand-alone sequel, Olga is making plans to leave planet earth in order to discover where Meh, her smelly pet/possible alien, comes from.
- Guterson, Ben Winterhouse
Elizabeth Somers, an orphan, has been sent by her cruel aunt and uncle to stay in the mysterious hotel, Winterhouse. While there, puzzle-loving, mystery-solving, literature-reading Elizabeth begins to uncovers many of the secrets of the hotel and, as it turns out, herself.

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- Hill, Heuiser Melanie [The Giant Pumpkin Suite](#)
Despite being twins, Rose and Thomas, do not have much in common. But when Rose is seriously injured and can no longer play the cello, she joins Thomas in his effort to grow a giant pumpkin and in the process, does a lot of growing herself.
- Janowitz, Jessie [The Doughnut Fix](#)
After his family moves to a small town, Tristan is miserable. The one thing that seemed even remotely interesting about the place was that the general store had life-changing doughnuts – but it turns out that that was years ago. Can Tristan, who likes to bake, get the recipe and bring them back to the town?
- Martin, Ann M. [Missy Piggie-Wiggle and the Won't-Walk-the-Dog Cure](#)
Missy Piggie-Wiggle, despite being short of money, still manages to figure out how to dispense her magical cures for various childhood misbehaviors, but now the upside-down house has been damaged during a storm, will she be able to figure this problem out?
- Mass, Wendy [Bob](#)
Bob is a green creature dressed up in a chicken suit. He does not know who he is or where he came from, but he did know to stay hidden in Livy's Grandmother's closet until Livy returned. And now, five years later, Livy is visiting and both Bob and Livy must figure out where he came from so that he can get back.
- McAnulty, Stacy [The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl](#)
Ever since Lucy was struck by lightning, she has been a math genius and has lived with OCD. Perfectly happy being homeschooled and having math "friends" online, Lucy is not at all happy with her Nana's insistence that she attend public school for one year, make one new real friend, try one new activity, and read a book that is not a math book.
- McGhee, Alison [Pablo and Birdy](#)
In this quiet story that had hints of magical realism, Pablo is a boy that floated to the island of Isla 10 years earlier in a baby pool with a flightless parrot watching over him. Every year the members of this tight-knit community have created origin stories about Pablo – But on his 10th birthday, Pablo wants to know the truth about himself and the bird that never left his side.
- Meriano, Anna [Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble](#)
Leo is tired of hearing that she is too young to help out with the Dia de los Muertos festival preparations at the family bakery and so she sneaks down to the bakery anyway. What she discovers is magic, real magic. She comes from a family of brujas –witches and they are using magic in the baking and Leo is eager to learn how to use some of the magic.
- Morgen, A. M. [The Inventors at No.8](#)
George, the third Lord of Devonshire, is one of the unluckiest boys in all of London. He is an orphan, he will lose his house if he does not sell his one last possession, a map to the Star of Victory, and that map has just been stolen by a sinister group of criminals. But things start to look up when George meets a young Ada Byron who is determined to help George solve his mystery as she tries to solve one of her own.
- Morris, Chad [Mustaches for Maddie](#)
Maddie is a fun, quirky 6th grader that unexpectedly finds out that she has a brain tumor. What follows are not only emotionally and physically challenging medical procedures, but also the challenges of dealing with a variety of difficult social situations. But through it all, Maddie does her best to deal with her situation with bravery and humor. This is a story that is based on the experience of the author's daughter.
- Murray, Matine [Molly & Pim and the Millions of Stars](#)
In this quiet story with a hint of magic, Molly wishes she had a normal mother. Instead she has a mother that collects plants and making healing potions and elixirs. But when her mother accidentally turns into a tree – and the neighbor wants to cut it down, Molly is desperate to have her mother back. Will she figure out what she needs to do in time?
- Perez, Celia [The First Rule of Punk](#)
Malu loves zines, skateboarding, and is a vegan. She is also very much a mix of her parents - a mother whose family comes from Mexico and her American father who loves punk rock music. Starting a new school and making friends can be hard, but this does not stop Malu from trying to convince some students to join her in a band so that they can play at the school fair – a plan that is easier said than done.

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- Pyron, Bobbie [A Pup Called Trouble](#)
An adventure story about a young coyote that ends up lost in New York City.
- Riazi, Karuna [The Gauntlet](#)
In this action packed adventure with quite a bit of suspense, three friends from New York City find themselves trapped inside a mechanical board game. If they want to escape and save the other imprisoned children they must figure out how to dismantle the game. No easy task when the game possesses an ancient and dangerous magic.
- Rodkey, Geoff [Stuck in the Stone Age](#)
Partially written as a guide for student writers, this book also includes a story about a janitor and a scientist that end up in the stone age and must figure out how to survive encounters with cavemen, saber-tooth tigers and finding their way back to the present.
- Stevens, April [The Heart and Mind of Frances Pauley](#)
Eleven-year-old Frances enjoys spending time sitting on the rocks in her backyard, observing the natural world. She also enjoys talking with her friend, Alvin, the kind school bus driver. But when Frances experiences a heartbreaking loss, she realizes that her world does not have to be so small – there are things to appreciate about the people that have been around her all along.
- Swanson, Matthew [The Real McCoys](#)
In this highly illustrated and hilarious story, fourth-grader Moxie McCoy takes it upon herself to solve the mystery of who kidnapped Eddie the Owl, the beloved school mascot.
- Townsend, Jessica [Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow](#)
For those that can handle the dark moments in Harry Potter, this is an action packed fantasy about Morrigan Crow, a cursed child that is doomed to die on her eleventh birthday. But before this can happen on the night of Eventide, Morrigan is carried away to Nevermoor where she finds herself in a competition. If she passes all of the trials, she stays in Nevermoor, if she loses, she will leave the city and face a most unpleasant fate.
- Winston, Sherri [The Sweetest Sound](#)
Music and church are very important to ten-year-old Cadence. In fact, Cadence comes from a very musical family- her father fixes and plays musical instruments and her mother left the family years earlier to become a singing star. And like her mother, it is the singing that Cadence loves. The only problem - Cadence is too shy to share her voice with the world.

Nonfiction



- Baker, Kate [Secrets of the Sea](#)
Extraordinarily beautiful illustrations grace the pages of this book that introduces readers to many unusual sea creatures.
- Balkan, Gabrielle [Book of Bones: 10 Record-Breaking Animals](#)
This book highlights the bones of 10 animals through touch-and-feel illustrations and shows the connection between the types of bones and animal behavior.
- Barton, Chris [Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion](#)
During World War I, in a desperate attempt to prevent British and American war ships from being torpedoed, they were painted with dynamic and mesmerizing patterns and designs.
- Carle, Eric [What's Your Favorite Color?](#)
Fifteen picture book illustrators share their favorite color through memories, images, and poems.
- Clark-Robinson, Monica [Let the Children March](#)
Learn about the thousands of African American children who volunteered to march for their civil rights in 1963 Birmingham, Alabama.

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- Davies, Nicola Many: The Diversity of life on Earth
This beautifully illustrated book shows how we are a part of a complex, fascinating and fragile world.
- Eggers, Dave Her Right Foot
A wonderfully illustrated book that is full of fun facts about the Statue of Liberty and encourages thoughtful contemplation about immigration to the United States.
- Gladstone, James When Planet Earth Was New
Striking illustrations and plenty of facts about the formation of Earth and the evolution of living things that inhabit the planet.
- Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page Who Am I? An Animal Guessing Game
In addition to the clues given for guessing the animals, there are additional facts provided.
- Lauricella, Leanne Polly and Her Duck Costume
Based on the heartwarming and true story of a blind goat living in a farm sanctuary that wears a duck costume in order to feel safe and secure.
- Markle, Sandra The Search of Olinguito: Discovering a New Species
The Olinguito is a small member of the raccoon family. This is story of how the scientific community discovered this new species in the Ecuadorian rain forest.
- McCarthy, Meghan All That Trash: The Story of the 1987 Garbage Barge and Our Problem with Stuff
This is the incredible account of a garbage barge that left NYC, sailed at sea for 5 months looking for a place to dump the garbage, only to end up back in NYC.
- Messner, Kate Over and Under the Pond
Discover the plants and animals living in the hidden world of a mountain pond.
- Rose, Deborah Lee Beauty and the Beak
The story of how a wild bald eagle was given a prosthetic beak after she was shot and left unable to eat or drink.
- Rosenstock, Barb The Secret Kingdom: Nek Chand, a Changing India, and a Hidden World of Art
The story of how one man built the secret Rock Garden of Chandigarh in India.
- Roy, Katherine How to be an Elephant
A picture book that shows how an elephant learns about survival from their elephant family.
- Walters, Eric From the Heart of Africa: A Book of Wisdom
A wonderfully illustrated collection of aphorisms, proverbs, and sayings from a number of African countries.
- Weatherford, Carole Boston Be A King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You
In spare, poetic language, readers are encouraged to embrace the words and actions of Martin Luther King Jr. in how they approach their own lives.
- Wechsler, Doug The Hidden Life of a Toad
Amazing photos capture the life cycle of the American toad.
- Williams, Lily If Sharks Disappeared
Many shark species are in danger of becoming extinct - what would happen to the ocean and our land if they were to completely disappear?

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- Ahmed, Roda Mae Among the Stars
Inspired by the life of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel in space.
- Brown, Monica Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos
A look at the famous artist with a focus on the many animals that she lived with and loved.
- Cavallo, Francesca Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls
One hundred fantastic stories about amazing females from around the world that are accompanied by beautiful artwork.
- Cline-Ransome, Lesa Before She Was Harriet
A look at the many impressive and important roles that Harriet Tubman had in her lifetime.
- Engle, Margarita The Flying Girl : How Aida de Acosta Learned to Soar
The story of the first woman to fly a motorized aircraft.
- Engle, Margarita Miguel's Brave Knight: Young Cervantes and His dream of Don Quixote
Written in verse, this picture book shows how a boy used his imagination to deal with the difficulties of his childhood and went on to become one of the greatest writers in the Spanish language.
- Erskine, Kathryn Mama Africa!
How Miriam Makeba, a world famous singer, used her voice to combat racial and social injustice in South Africa.
- Guglielmo, Amy Pocket Full of Colors
How Mary Blair brought her unconventional sense of color to Walt Disney Studios.
- Hannigan, Kate A Lady Has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights.
A biography about a woman who devoted her life to fighting for equity for women.
- Haring, Kay A. Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing
Keith Haring chose to walk away from the established art world and create street art for people who might not have much access to art in museums.
- Harrison, Vashti Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History
Forty short biographies of remarkable African American women.
- Harvey, Jeanne Walker Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines
A book that explores aspects of Maya Lin's life that influenced her to become the designer and architect for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- Hood, Susan Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed The World
A poetic and visual celebration of 14 inspirational women.
- Keating, Jess Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist
How a young girl fell in love with sharks and grew up to become a world-renowned authority on them.
- Leonard, Tom Becoming Bach
How Johann Sebastian Bach became one the greatest composers of all time.
- Loney, Andrea J. Take a Picture of Me, James Vanderzee!
How a young man with his own camera went from a small town in Massachusetts to being an important documentarian of middle class life in Harlem during the 20th century.

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Mahin, Michael	<u>Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters</u> Tells the story of how a child born in rural Mississippi and had to make his own instruments went on to develop the Chicago Blues style of music.
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs	<u>Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix</u> How a young Korean American boy from LA grew up to play a very influential role in popularizing a unique style of street food .
Mosca, Julia Finley	<u>The Girl Who Thought in Pictures</u> Diagnosed with autism as a child, Temple Grandin went on to develop and promote more humane ways of dealing with livestock in the meat industry.
Otheguy, Emma	<u>Marti's Song of Freedom</u> How Jose Marti helped to abolish slavery and to gain political independence for Cuba.
Patrick, Jean L. S.	<u>Long Armed Ludy</u> A wonderful story of how Lucile "Ludy" Godbold managed to participate in the first Women's Olympics in 1922.
Pliscou, Lisa	<u>Brave Jane Austen: Reader, Writer, Author, Rebel</u> How a girl who spent her childhood creating entertaining and clever stories for her family grew up to be a very influential writer at a time when there were very few women authors.
Poletti, Frances	<u>The Girl Who Ran</u> How Bobbi Gibb became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon.
Rusch, Elizabeth	<u>The Music of Life</u> How Bartolomeo Cristofori invented the Piano.
Sanchez, Anita	<u>Karl, Get Out of the Garden: Carolus Linnaeus and the Naming of Everything</u> An amazing story of how a curious child that loved exploring his family's garden went on to developed a classification system that is used by biologists around the world today.
Schmalzer, Sigrid	<u>Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean</u> How Pu Zhelong taught farmers to use wasps instead of chemical pesticides to save their crops in China.
Shetterly, Margot Lee	<u>Hidden Figures</u> The true story of four black women and the space race
Slade, Suzanne	<u>Dangerous Jane</u> A woman who followed her heart and conscience, Jane Addams spend many years advocating for the poor before becoming an outspoken activist for peace.
Stone, Tanya Lee	<u>Who Says Women Can't be Computer Programmers?</u> A gifted mathematician, Ada Lovelace envisioned computers 100 years before they were invented.
Suzuki, Sarah	<u>Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity</u> Originally from Japan, this is the story of an artist that envisioned the world covered in dots.
Tavares, Matt	<u>Henry Aaron's Dream</u> A remarkable story about one of baseballs greatest players. However, this is a historically accurate biography about Hank Aaron's life with respect to the events and racial slurs used at the time. Parents need to pre-read this book before sharing it with their children.
Tonatiuh, Duncan	<u>Danza! Amalia Hernandez and the El Ballet Folklorico de Mexico</u> After watching a dance performed in her town square, Amalia Hernandez began to study dance herself with a particular focus on learning the regional dances of Mexico.
Yousafzai, Malala	<u>Malala's Magic Pencil</u> This autobiographical story introduces Ms. Yousafzai's life in Pakistan to young readers.
Valdez, Patricia	<u>Joan Proctor, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles</u> At a time when girls where not encouraged to study any of the sciences, Joan Proctor spent as much time as she could being immersed in the world of reptiles.

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- Veirs, Laura Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotton
As a child, Libba picked up a guitar and taught herself how to play.
- Wallace, Sandra Neil Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery
How a young man left the world of playing sports in order to create sports paintings.
- Wallmark, Laurie Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code
A story that documents the many ways that Grace Hopper was curious and determined through out her life.
- Wilson, Jamia Young Gifted and Black
Meet 52 Black Heroes from the past and the present.
- Winter, Jeanette The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid
Born in Iraq and influenced by the landscapes and ruins of her childhood, Zaha Hadid went on to design many unconventional buildings around the world.
- Winter, Jonah Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case for R. B. G. vs. Inequality
How a young girl from Brooklyn become the first female Jewish Supreme Court Justice.

Poetry



- Darby, Sally A New School Year: Stories in Six Voices
These poems offer six unique perspectives about starting a new school year.
- Elliott, David In the Past: From Trilobites to Dinosaurs to Mammoths in More Than 500 Years
These poems are full of fascinating information and facts about many of earth's prehistoric creatures.
- Giovanni, Nikki I am Loved
Poetry that explores the love and connectedness between individuals, families, community and the natural world.
- Harris, Chris I'm Just No Good at Rhyming
A wonderfully funny and entertaining collection of poems.
- Harrison, David L. A Place to Start a Family
Poems about the homes that animals build in order to mate and have a family.
- Hesterman, Katie A Round of Robins
A series of sweet and lighthearted poems that chronicle the life of a family of robins.
- Perkins, Useni Eugene Hey Black Child
A beautifully illustrated, inspirational poem that celebrates black children.
- VanDerwater, Amy Ludwig Read! Read! Read!
Poems that capture the joy of reading.
- Weston, Robert Paul Sakura's Cherry Blossoms
A series of Tanka poems about a young girl who faces the challenge of having recently moved from Japan to the United States and is missing her grandmother.
- Wright, Richard Seeing into Tomorrow
A collection of Haiku poems written by the late African American author that celebrates our natural world.