

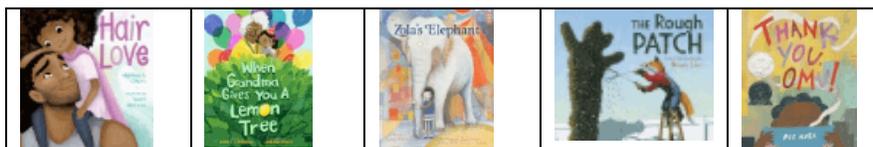
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Picture Books



- Agee, Jon The Wall in the Middle of the Book
A young knight thinks that he is perfectly safe as long as he stays on his side of the wall.
- Atwater, Barbara J. How the Raven Got His Crooked Nose
An Alaskan Dena'ina Fable about how the Raven got his distinctive beak.
- Blackall, Sophie Hello Lighthouse
Lovely illustrations grace the pages of this story that captures the quiet, the beauty, the excitement and the devotion of being a lighthouse keeper.
- Clarke, Maxine Beneba The Patchwork Bike
With illustrations that are works of art, this is the story of three siblings that, despite being short on resources, creatively manage to make a bike.
- Cherry, Matthew Hair Love
A celebration of natural hair and the special relationship between a father and daughter.
- Deenihan, Jamie L. B. When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree
The best possible advice for anyone that might get a lemon tree from their grandmother.
- De La Pena, Matt Carmela Full of Wishes
A story about the relationship between a girl and her older brother and how some wishes may not come true quite the way that you expect them to.
- De Seve, Randall Zola's Elephant
After a young girl gets a new neighbor, will her worries about making a friend keep her from actually making a friend?
- Dubuc, Marianne Up the Mountain Path
Mrs. Badger quietly teaches a young cat how to listen, observe nature and to appreciate the wisdom that comes from a friend.
- Fan Brothers Ocean Meets Sky
A beautifully illustrated story about a boy that wants to find the faraway place his grandfather talked about in his stories.
- Gordon, Gus The Last Peach
Two bugs see an absolutely spectacular peach. What should they do with it?
- Herrera, Juan Felipe Imagine
By sharing the details of his life that helped him to become a U.S. Poet Laureate, the author invites readers to imagine their own journey and what they can become.
- Higgins, Ryan T. We Don't Eat Our Classmates
Penelope Rex learns that eating one's classmates is probably not the best way to make friends.
- Howell, Troy Whale in a Fishbowl
A quiet story about a whale that knows that "home" lies someplace beyond her fishbowl.
- Kensky, Jessica Rescue & Jessica
Based on true events, this is the story of Jessica, a double amputee, and her service dog, Rescue, and how they formed a powerful bond with one another.
- Kheiriyeh, Rashin Saffron Ice Cream
During her first trip to Coney Island, Rashin reminisces about the trips that she took with her family to the Caspian Sea in Iran.

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Keller, Laurie	<u>Potato Pants!</u> What must a potato go through in order to get a pair of pants?
Le, Minh	<u>Drawn Together</u> A grandfather and grandson cannot speak the same language with each other. But their ability to communicate changes once they sit down and draw together.
Lies, Brian	<u>The Rough Patch</u> A gorgeously illustrated story that sensitively captures the grief, heartache and hope that Fox experiences after losing his best friend, Dog.
Lin, Grace	<u>A Big Mooncake for Little Star</u> Little Star loves eating the mooncakes that her mother makes. This is an original tale that explains the many phases of the moon.
Lyons, Kelly Starling	<u>Going Down Home with Daddy</u> The whole family is together for a reunion and every child has a way to pay tribute to their family history - everyone, that is, except Lil' Alan. What will he do?
Mallery, Sydra	<u>A Most Unusual Day</u> Caroline is out of sorts all day long - it is the day that she will become a big sister.
Maier, Brenda	<u>The Little Red Fort</u> Ruby is resourceful and determined to find a way to build a fort with or without the help of her brothers.
Mora,	<u>Thank You Omu!</u> Omu generously gives everyone in the neighborhood a taste of her stew. But what will she have when it is all gone?
Morales, Yuyi	<u>Dreamers</u> A story about how the author and her son made a home for themselves in a new place.
Phumiruk, Dow	<u>Mela and the Elephant</u> Set in Thailand, a little girl learns a valuable lesson about kindness from an elephant.
Raul the Third	<u>iVamos!</u> A bilingual book that takes readers on a journey through a bustling Mexican town.
Reynolds, Shauna LaVoy	<u>Poetree</u> After writing a poem and tying it to a tree, Sylvia is surprised to find a poem waiting for her when she returns.
Sarcone-Roach, Julia	<u>There Are No Bears in This Bakery</u> Muffin, the cat who guards the bakery, has to figure out what to do when a bear cub shows up with a growling stomach.
Uegaki, Chieri	<u>Ojiichan's Gift</u> When Mayumi's grandfather can no longer tend to the rock garden that meant so much to them both, Mayumi comes up with a way to keep the memory of the garden alive.
Underwood, Deborah	<u>The Panda Problem</u> The narrator of this story tells Panda (the main character) that he needs a problem because every story needs a problem. But what if Panda does not have a problem?
Walsh, Liam Francis	<u>Make a Wish, Henry Bear</u> Making a wish about your parents can lead to some rather unexpected consequences.
Walker, Anna	<u>Florette</u> After moving to the city, Mae misses her garden. But can she have one in the city?
Willems, Mo	<u>Because</u> There are so many events in a girl's life that help make her dreams come true.
Yang, Belle	<u>Angel in Beijing</u> This is a sweet story about a girl, a stray cat, and an unexpected friendship.

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Early Readers



- Arnold, Tedd Noodleheads Find Something Fishy
Over-the-top silliness abounds as the two noodlehead brothers try to learn how to fish.
- Daywalt, Drew What is Inside THIS Box?
Best friends, Monkey and Cake, cannot agree on what is inside the box.
- Howe James Houndsley and Catina and Cousin Wagster
Houndsley worries about his friendship with Catina when his cousin Wagster comes for a visit and gets all of the attention.
- Kirsch, Vincent X. Can You Find Pup?
Tate and his pup like to see different places. And wherever they go, Tate like to draw what he sees. But to pup's dismay, Tate never seems to include him in his drawings.
- Ruzzier, Sergio The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories
Three adventures with Fox and Chick - two friends that see the world very differently, but still manage to always see each other as friends.
- Santant, Dan Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! Harold & Hog Pretend For Real!
Real life Harold and Hog want to pretend that they are the book characters, Elephant & Piggie.
- Snyder, Laurel Charlie & Mouse Even Better
Two brothers, Charlie and Mouse, want to plan a really special birthday celebration for their mother. Of course, things aren't perfect, but maybe that is even better than they planned.
- Tabor, Corey R. Fox the Tiger
Fox wishes he was a tiger and so that is what he becomes.
- Willems, Mo The Itchy Book
The rule is, Dinosaurs do not scratch. So what is a dinosaur to do if they have an itch?

Graphic Novels



- Aboutet, Marguerite Akissi: Tales of Mischief
This is a collection of silly, mischievous, and sometimes uncomfortable stories that are based on the author's childhood growing up in the Ivory Coast. Reviewed for ages 6-9.
- Aldridge, Ethan M. Estranged
A human boy and a changeling that were switched at birth must unite to fight an evil sorceress. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Burks, James Bird & Squirrel: All Tangled Up
Bird, Squirrel and Birdie set off to find "Bigfeet" in the forest. Reviewed for ages 7 -10.
- Brooks, Molly Sanity & Tallulah
Sanity and Tallulah are best friends who do almost everything together - including trying to save Sanity's three-headed kitten creation and their space station home. Reviewed for ages 9 -12.

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- Cammuso, Frank Edison Beaker Creature Seeker: The Night Door
Edison Beaker learns that his family's "Pest" control business is really a monster control business. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Craft, Jerry New Kid
Jordan has quite a few challenges ahead of him as he tries to navigate his first year of seventh grade at a prestigious private school that he did not want to attend, and where there are very few students of color like himself. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Clanton, Ben Narwhal's Otter Friend
Can Narwhal and Jelly's friendship survive if Otter becomes a third friend? Reviewed for ages 6-9.
- Coudray, Philippe Bigby Bear
A collection of clever, imaginative and silly vignettes starring Bigby Bear and his friend rabbit. Reviewed for ages 6-10.
- Dunn, Georgia Lupin Leaps In
Based on the author's pet cats, this comic collection features three cat reporters that deliver breaking news about what is happening in their world. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Gersein, Mordicai I am Hermes: Mischeif-Making Messenger of the Gods
A humorous account of the many adventures of Hermes, the Messenger of the Gods.
- Hearn, Sam Sherlock Holmes and the Disappearing Diamond
While attending the Baker Street Academy, a young Sherlock Holmes, John Watson and their friend Martha, try to solve the mystery of a stolen jewel. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Miller, Kayla Click
Being friends with everyone in fifth grade is a problem - Olive is not in an act for the school variety show because she is not best friends with anyone. So what will Olive do so that she can participate? Reviewed for ages 8 – 12 yrs.
- Nguyen, Mai K. Pilu of the Woods
When Willow meets a lost tree spirit in the woods near her home, they become friends. But when Pilu does not want to return home, Willow becomes angry and her anger puts them both in danger. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- O'Neill, Katie Aquicorn Cove
A young girl tries to protect a colony of magical sea creatures while visiting the seaside town where she used to live before it was hit by a terrible storm. Reviewed for ages 7-11.
- Ostertag, Molly Knox The Witch Boy
All of the females in Aster's family are witches. Aster, a boy, is expected to be a shape-shifter. So what will it take for Aster to become a witch? Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Scott, Mairghread The City of the Other Side
A young girl breeches an invisible barrier in San Francisco and gets involved in a war between two fairy kingdoms. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Tetri, Emily Tiger vs. Nightmare
Tiger has a monster living under her bed - a helpful monster that scares away Tiger's bad dreams. But when a truly bad nightmare shows up, will monster be able to protect tiger and scare the nightmare away on his own? Reviewed for ages 6-10.
- Jun, Nie My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder
Set in a small Beijing neighborhood, these stories focus on the relationship between Yu'er, a young girl with a disability, and her Grandfather. The stories explore hopes, dreams, coping with bullies, friendship, love and a bit of magic. Reviewed for ages 7-12.
- Steinke, Aron Nels Mr. Wolf's Class
It is Mr. Wolf's first day teaching 4th grade and he wants it to be a success. What could possibly go wrong? Reviewed for ages 7-10 .
- Winick, Judd Hilo: Then Everything Went Wrong
Hilo, a space boy, wants to take a dangerous trip back to his home planet. But everything he understood about his previous home seems to be all wrong. Reviewed for ages 8-12.

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Early Chapter Books



- Angleberger, Tom Didi Dodo Future Spy: Recipe for Disaster
Didi Dodo is on the job (her first spy case ever) and she is determined to solve the case of the missing secret fudge sauce using her own wacky methods. Reviewed for 6 – 9 years.
- Barnett, Mac Mac B. Kid Spy: Mac Undercover
Mac B. might be the smartest kid in his class, but it is still a surprise when the Queen of England calls to request that he find the stolen Crown Jewels. Reviewed for ages 7 -10.
- Butler, Emily Freya & Zoose
Freya, a proper Penguin, and Zoose, a mouse from the mean streets of London, are not happy to be shipmates on a balloon expedition to the North Pole. They both intend to leave the other behind. But that may be easier said than done. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Cole, Henry Another Quest for Celeste
Celeste is a mouse that is lost hundreds of miles away from home. Fortunately she finds her way into the pocket of a boy. The year is 1822 and the boy is a Abraham Lincoln. This is a stand-alone sequel to *A Nest for Celeste*. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Falatko, Julie Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School
Sassy and Waldo are two dogs that take the job of looking after their human boy very seriously. So when Stewart comes home from school seeming unhappy, Sassy and Waldo decide to save Stewart by dressing up in a trench coat and joining him at that Bea Arthur Elementary School. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Faruqi, Saadia Meet Yasmin!
Join in on the fun as Pakistani American, second grader Yasmin learns, creates, and explores. Reviewed for ages 5-8.
- Griffin, Adele The Becket List
Becket is moving to the country with her brother, sister and parents. They will be living on her grandmother’s farm and her life is going to be quite different than the one she had living in Brooklyn, NY. Reviewed for ages 7 -11.
- Kuipers Alice Polly Diamond and the Magic Book: Book 1
On the same day that Polly is going to get a new sibling, she is given a blank journal that is magic– it has the power to make whatever she writes in the journal come true. Reviewed for ages 6-8.
- Pearce, Jackson Ellie, Engineer
Ellie loves to build things. After overhearing that her best friend will be getting a dog for her birthday, Ellie is inspired to build a really impressive doghouse. So impressive that she needs the help form friends and neighbors. But how does she keep it a secret and how does she get the neighborhood boys and crafty girls to get along? Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Selfors, Suzanne Wedgie & Gizmo vs. the Toof
Meet Wedgie, a rather clueless Corgi, and Gizmo, the evil genius, computer savvy, guinea pig that is trying to take over the world. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Viorst, Judith Lulu is Getting a Sister
Lulu is not happy to learn that she will be getting a new sister. Lulu’s parents hope that big sister camp might help her to embrace the new sibling, but of course, Lulu has other ideas. Reviewed for ages 6-10.
- West, Kara Mia Mayhem is a Superhero
Mia has just found out some good news – she is an actual superhero. There will be work of course, such as how to keep her superhero status a secret. Reviewed for ages 5- 9.

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Chapter Books



- Allen, Elise Twinchantment
Princesses Flissara and Sara are twin sisters in Kaloan, a place where both magic and twins have been outlawed. And so, the two have spent their whole lives pretending to be one person. But now there is evil magic afoot in the kingdom and the twins may have to break the rules if they hope to save their mother who has been cursed. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Applegate, Katherine The Endling
Byx is a young dairne, a doglike species that has nearly been hunted to extinction. After her siblings are killed, Byx fears that she may be the very last of her species. So she sets out on a quest to find other dairne. Along the way she meets strangers, makes allies and discovers a dark secret. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Auxier, Jonathan Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster
The story of Nan, an orphaned chimney sweep, the monster that saves her life and how she will do almost anything to save him despite the heartache and danger she will face. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Bondor-Stone, Annabeth Jaclyn Hyde
Eighth grader Jaclyn tries to be really good at a lot of things; baking, acting, creating a science project. So when Jaclyn finds a recipe for "perfection potion," she decides that being almost perfect is not perfect enough. But from the potion, we get Jackie, a monster that is perfectly horrible (and over-the-top). Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Cervantes, Angela Lety Out Loud
While attending a summer camp that is sponsored by the Furry Friends Animal Shelter, Lety meets Spike, a dog that has not found a forever home because he is too "wild." MLety is not sure how she is going to do it, but she is determined to give Spike a forever home. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Cline-Ransome, Lesa Finding Langston
In this quiet historical fiction story, Langston and his father move from Alabama to Chicago after his mother dies. Living in a new city in a small apartment makes Langston miss home that much more. But then he discovers the Chicago Public Library, it ends up being a discovery of so much more than he could have hoped. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Creech, Sharon Saving Winslow
Even though Louie is not always lucky when taking care of animals and even though he is really missing his older brother that enlisted in the military, when his father brings home a sick newborn donkey, Louie decides that he is going to try to save its life no matter what. A story of family, friendship, and finding strength. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Doyle, Catherine The Storm Keepers Island
Fionn Boyle and his sister are going to Arranmore Island to stay with the grandfather Fionn has never met. He is the Island's Storm Keeper- a person that has the power to keep the island's magic safe - a position that goes to someone new once every generation and right now, there are five families that want the job. Reviewed for ages 9 -12.
- Fleming, Candace Strongheart
Based on real events, this illustrated story is about a dog that, as a puppy, was trained to be a police dog in Berlin, only to be discovered by a film producer from Hollywood and end up as a star in the movies. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Ginns, Russell Samantha Spinner
After the disappearance of her uncle, Samantha is not concerned that her sister received a lot of money or her brother got the New York Yankees baseball team while all she got was an old umbrella. No, what concerns Samantha is that her uncle is in danger and she needs to solve a secret message if she is going to save him. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.

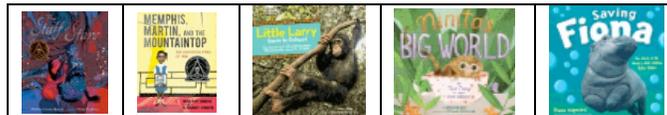
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- Hadix, Margaret Peterson Greystone Secrets #1: The Strangers
In this sci-fi thriller, the three Greystone siblings have a loving and secure life with their mother. But after a report on the news about three missing children that share the exact same birthdays as themselves, and after seeing how their mother reacts to this news, the Greystone siblings realize that something is very wrong – and they had better figure things out soon if they hope to find their now missing mother. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis The Lost Boys Gift
Nine-year-old Daniel is not happy about moving after his parents divorce. He is sure that he will never feel at home in a new house. But this is only because he has not yet met the really unique neighbors of While-a-way Lane. Reviewed for ages 8 -11.
- Kelly, Lynne Song for a Whale
As the only deaf child in her school, twelve-year-old Iris does not feel connected to the people around her, especially since losing her grandfather. But when Iris learns about Blue 55, a whale that does not seem able to speak with other whales, Iris feels an instant connection and wants more than anything to “sing” for him. Reviewed for ages 8-12.
- Lee , Yoon Ha Dragon Pearl
In this Korean mythology inspired sci-fi story, Min, who comes from a long line of fox spirits, hears that her brother Jun is suspected of having left his post in the Space Forces to go in search of the Dragon Pearl. But Min knows that he would never do that and so she sets out to find him and clear his name, no matter the risk. Reviewed for ages 9-12.
- Leonardo, Cory The Simple Art of Flying
Alistair and Aggie are two African Grey Parrots that were born in a pet store. When Fritz, a boy that works in the pet store, saves up his money to buy Aggie, Alistair grows even more desperate to escape and find home. That is until a very interesting old woman changes Alistair’s idea what “home” can be. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Lord, Cynthia Because of the Rabbit
Emma, who has always been homeschooled, will be starting public school and is worried about fitting in. Then, on the night before her first day of school, her dad rescues a rabbit – this gives Emma something to talk about with Jack on her first day. But Jack is a boy who does not fit in. Should Emma be friends with Jack if he causes her to stand out? And more importantly, can Emma keep the rabbit ? Reviewed for ages 8 – 12.
- Magaziner, Lauren Wizardmatch
The Prime Wizard de Pomporromp has decided to retire and all of his grandchildren are going to compete in the Wizardmatch to see who will inherit his title and magical powers. Twelve year old Lenny would really like to win, but how far is she willing to go? Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Magoon, Kekla The Season of Styx Malone
Caleb and his brother Bobby Gene are looking for summer excitement when they meet Styx Malone, a much older boy who has plans. Styx ropes Malone and Bobby Gene into an Escalator Trade – trading something small and working your way up to something big. But trading all the way up to a motorbike might not work out as smoothly or as problem free as the boys hope. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Magras, Diane The Mad Wolf’s Daughter
In this medieval adventure set in Scotland, Drest is the only one that can rescue her father and brothers, members of a fearsome war-band, from the castle prison. This is an exciting, but sometimes dark story of treachery, friendship, loyalty and betrayal. Reviewed for ages 9 -12.
- Moriarty, Jaclyn The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone
Bronte Mettlestone’s parents have dictated strict instructions for Bronte in their Will (they have recently been killed by pirates). Bronte is to visit ten aunts in ten kingdoms and bring a particular gift to each one. Along the way, Bronte has a sneaking suspicion that there is more to the journey than her parents have revealed. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Parr, Maria Astrid the Unstoppable
Astrid is a mischievous and loud nine-year-old living in Norway. As the only child living in Glimmerdal, Astrid is certain that she knows everything. But when some strangers arrive in her village, Astrid finds out that even people you know quite well may have secrets. Reviewed for ages 7-10.

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- Respicio, Mae [The House that Lou Built](#)
Lou has grown up with her close-knit Filipino family. But as much as she loves them, she dreams of having a place for her and her mom one day. Luckily she inherited land from her father who died before she was born and plans to build a tiny house there. Building the house is going to be challenging enough, but what is she going to do now that she has may be losing her land? Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Ursu, Anne [The Lost Girl](#)
Iris and Lark are twins that have always been together, but when they go into fifth grade, they are split up into two different classrooms and nothing is quite the same after that. In fact, not only do their personalities start to change, but things around the city begin to get a little strange too – things are going missing without a trace. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Uss, Christina [The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle](#)
Raised in a “Mostly Silent Monastery” since she was little, Bicycle is not big on friendship or talking, but she is big on cycling. And so when Sister Wanda tries to send her to friendship camp, Bicycle has other ideas about how to spend her vacation – she will set out on a cross-country trip to meet her idol, a famous cyclist. This is a story that is full of adventure, some mystery, and quite a few unexpected friendships. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- West, Jacqueline [The Collectors](#)
When Van sees a girl stealing pennies from a fountain in the park he embarks on a journey that leads to an underground world of wish collectors – people who protect us from the thoughtless and unkind wishes that people make. Unfortunately, they are not the only ones keeping track of all of the wishes. Reviewed for ages 8 -12.
- Yank, Kelly [Front Desk](#)
Being immigrants from China presents quite a few challenges for 10-year-old Mia and her parents and working for the really mean owner of a motel makes it even harder. Mia, however, has a plan. Although a very positive story about perseverance, family, friendship and empathy, this story also deals with some rather serious issues such as racism, exploitation and abuse. Reviewed for ages 8-12.

Nonfiction



- Bauer, Marion Dane [The Stuff of Stars](#)
Stunning illustrations are the backdrop for this poetic account of the birth of the universe.
- Desmond, Jenni [The Elephant](#)
Fact and fiction meet in this beautifully illustrated book that will give readers a greater knowledge and appreciation for this endangered animal.
- Duncan, Alice Faye [Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968](#)
Told in poetry and Prose, this is the story of the Memphis Sanitation Strike told from the perspective of one of the sanitation worker’ daughters – this was the last protest that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was part of before his assassination.
- Edwards, Nicola [What a Wonderful Word](#)
This book provide a wonderful collection of untranslatable words from around the world.
- Ellis, Gerry [Little Larry Goes to School](#)
Little Larry, an orphaned chimpanzee, has to go to forest school so that he can learn how to survive in the wild.
- Hoare, Ben [An Anthology of Intriguing Animals](#)
This visually appealing book provides interesting animal facts about more than 100 animals arranged from largest to smallest.

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Marsh, Sarah Glenn	<u>Ninita's Big World</u> This is the true story of an orphaned, deaf, pygmy marmoset and how she has been given a second chance and a new family.
Maynard, Thane	<u>Saving Fiona: The Story of the World's Most Famous Baby Hippo</u> The story of a baby hippo that was born prematurely at the Cincinnati Zoo and nursed to health by a team of scientists who had to figure things out as they went along.
Messner, Kate	<u>The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs</u> How Ken Nedimyer had the idea to use a hammer, glue, and bits of new coral to save and rebuild coral reefs around the world.
Milner, Charlotte	<u>The Bee Book</u> This book introduces us to the fascinating and impressive life of the honeybee.
Montgomery, Sy	<u>Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home</u> An account of a very clever escape from a New Zealand aquarium that made Inky the Octopus world famous.
Moss, Marissa	<u>The Eye That Never Sleeps: How Detective Pinkerton Saved President Lincoln</u> This is a fascinating account of the very important detective work that was used to save the life of President Lincoln.
Reed, MK and Jonathan Hill	<u>Science Comics: Wild Weather: Storms, Meteorology, and Climate</u> Just about everything you would want to know about the weather in a comic book. Reviewed for ages 9 -13.
Singer, Marylin	<u>Every Month is a New Year: Celebrations Around the World</u> A look at the New Year Celebrations that happen throughout the year around the world and the traditions and customs that go along with those celebrations.
Stone, Tanya Lee	<u>Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly was Invented</u> How a woman named Lizzie Magie was the real inventor of Monopoly in the late 1800s.
Thuras, Dylan	<u>The Atlas Obscura: Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid</u> Travel to 100 beautiful, mysterious, and awe-inspiring attractions around the world.

Biography



Aaronson, Sarah	<u>Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines</u> How Rube Goldberg cleverly combined his knowledge of engineering and cartoons and won the Pulitzer Prize.
Bailey, Linda	<u>Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein</u> The story of how a young and imaginative Mary Shelley had a dream that lead to the creation of one the most well known tales ever written - Frankenstein.
Biebow, Natascha	<u>The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons</u> The amazing story of how Edwin Binney created crayons, one of the first products that allowed children to safely draw in color.
Brown, Elizabeth	<u>Dancing Through Fields of Color: The Story of Helen Frankenthaler</u> How this painter created truly original works of art using unorthodox techniques and made a place for herself in the heavily male dominated art world.
Meadows, Michelle	<u>Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins</u> Written in rhyme, this is the story about how Janet Collins became the first African American principal dancer for the Metropolitan Opera House.

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- Denise, Anika Aldamuy Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre
Pura Belpre, the first Puerto Rican Librarian for the New York Public Library system, was instrumental in transforming library services.
- Duncan, Alice Faye A Song for Gwendolyn Brooks
How a young girl from the south side of Chicago grew up to become the first Black author to win the Pulitzer Prize.
- Golio, Gary Smile: How Young Charlie Chaplin Taught the World to Laugh (and Cry)
The story of how Charlie went from being a boy who barely had enough to eat to becoming a world famous entertainer.
- Greenberg, Jan Two Brothers, Four Hands: The Artists Alberto and Diego Giacometti
The story of two brothers that, despite their differences, supported one another to create sculptures that can be found in museums around the world
- Mahin, Michael When Angel's Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana
As a boy, Carlos Santana was drawn to music that his father played. He too wanted to play an instrument. And when he learned the guitar, he knew what sound he wanted to make.
- Mandela, Zazi Grandad Mandela
Nelson Mandela's daughter and two great-grandchildren share the story of his fight for freedom and peace in South Africa.
- Mangal, Melina The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just
The incredible story of an African American scientist that, due to his ability to notice small details, was able to contribute tremendously to our understanding of how cells work.
- Markel, Michelle Out of This World: The Surreal Art of Leonora Carrington
Leonara defied the social pressures of her time that discouraged women from being artists by becoming a world renowned painter.
- Mosca, Julia Finley The Girl With a Mind for Math
The story of how Raye Montague, a woman of color, used her skill with numbers to change how ships are designed.
- Paul, Baptiste and Miranda I am Farmer: Growing and Environmental Movement in Cameroon
How a boy that was teased as a child for being interested in gardening grew up to transform agricultural practices in his native country of Cameroon.
- Rinker, Jessica M. Gloria Takes a Stand: How Gloria Steinem Listened, Wrote, and Changed the World
How a young girl who spoke up when she was little went on to become a champion for women's rights.
- Robinson, Fiona The Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photography
A beautifully illustrated account of how a female botanist and photographer published the very first book of photography.
- Schmidt, Gary D. So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom
From being a slave to becoming a hugely influential leader for African American and women's rights, Sojourner Truth was a woman of strength, determination and courage.
- Stabler, David Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood from Science Superstars (Kid Legends)
Before they were famous scientists, they were kids.
- Wallmark, Laurie Hedy Lamar's Double Life: Hollywood Legend and Brilliant Inventor
In public she was a glamorous movie star, but in private, she was an accomplished inventor.
- Weintraub, Aileen Never Too Young: 50 Unstoppable Kids Who Made a Difference
Both known and lesser known individuals that made positive changes in the world while they were still young.

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Poetry



- Alexander, Kwame The Undefeated
A powerful poem that speaks of the injustice and pain, as well as an ode to and celebration of the strength, courage, genius and achievements of both ordinary and well known Black Americans.
- Crow, Nosy Sing a Song of Seasons
A Beautifully illustrated collection of 366 poems about nature.
- Crow, Nosy Origami and Haiku
This book features art from the British Museum, a collection of haiku poems and the instructions and origami paper for making the corresponding origami figures.
- Florian, Douglas Friends and Foes: Poems about us all
This is a collection of twenty-three poems that explore many aspects of friendship, both good and bad, with humor and honesty.
- Janeczko, Paul B. The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-to Poems
A collection of poems that not only serve as instructions for a wide variety of activities, but provide encouragement, inspiration, and appreciation for so many things.
- Mora, Pat Bookjoy, Wordjoy
A wonderful collection of poems that celebrate words, writing, books and language.
- Ramirez-Christensen, Esperanza My First Book of Haiku Poems
A collection of twenty classic Haiku poems that celebrate the natural world.
- Rosetti, Christina Blooming Beneath the Sun
Eye catching illustrations accompany this collection of Christina Rossetti's poems for children.
- Tuttle, Sarah Grace Hidden City: Poems of Urban Wildlife
These poems highlight the ways in which the natural world manages to thrive in our urban environment.
- Salas, Laura Purdie Lion of the Sky: Haiku for all Seasons
Six Haiku poems for each season that also happen to be riddles.