

**HAI SLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2020**  
**PreSchool, PreKindergarten, Kindergarten**

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- Agee, Jon. ***It's Only Stanley***. Dial Books, 2015. The very strange noises that keep awakening the Wimbledon family one night have an even stranger source.
- Antony, Steve. ***I'll Wait, Mr. Panda***. Scholastic, 2016. Mr. Panda is making something, and all of his animal friends are interested—but only Penguin is willing to wait to see what it is. *Series*
- Arnosky, Jim. ***Rabbits & Raindrops***. Puffin, 1997. Five baby rabbits follow their mother as she takes them out of their nest, but when it begins to rain they retreat to their home, accompanied by other creatures who need shelter.
- Bates, Amy June and Juniper Bates. ***The Big Umbrella***. Simon & Schuster, 2018. A spacious umbrella welcomes anyone and everyone who needs shelter from the rain.
- Beaty, Andrea. ***Doctor Ted***. McElderry Books, 2008. After bumping his knee one morning, Ted decides to become a doctor, but he has only one problem – he has no patients.
- Bee, William. ***Stanley's Garage***. Peachtree, 2014. Friends bring their cars with problems to Stanley, and he knows just how to fix them. *Series*
- Berger, Samantha. ***I Love My Glam-ma!*** Orchard Books, 2019. Grandmothers go by many different names, but they are all glamorous and special to the children that they love and who love them.
- Berkner, Laurie. ***Monster Boogie***. Simon & Schuster, 2018. A simple song about monsters and how they like to dance is presented.
- Bloom, Suzanne. ***Oh! What a Surprise!*** Boyds Mills, 2012. Fox is curious when she sees her friends Goose and Bear making presents and hopes that one of them might be for her, but then she worries that they might not be making anything for her and decides to make her own gifts for them. *Series*
- Boudreau, Helene. ***I Dare You Not to Yawn***. Candlewick, 2013. A comical cautionary tale for bedtime-resistant youngsters which challenges them to avoid yawning.
- Burach, Ross. ***I Am Not a Chair!*** HarperCollins, 2017. A giraffe's day goes from bad to worse when every animal he encounters mistakes him for a chair!
- Campbell, Scott. ***Hug Machine***. Atheneum, 2014. The hug machine is available to hug anyone, any time, whether they are square or long, spiky or soft.
- Cherry, Matthew A. ***Hair Love***. Penguin Random House, 2019. A little girl's daddy helps her arrange her wild hair in a natural, beautiful way.

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- Chriscoe, Sharon. ***Bulldozer Dreams***. Running Press Kids, 2017. After a long day at work, a bulldozer is tired and ready for bed, but first he must park his machine, take a bath, eat some supper, and choose a bedtime story.
- Christelow, Eileen. ***Five Little Monkeys Wash the Car***. Clarion, 2000. Five little monkeys wash the family car before trying to sell it, but that is only the beginning of their adventures with the old heap. *Series*
- Collier, Bryan. ***It's Shoe Time!*** Hyperion, 2017. If you choose to wear unmatched shoes, can they still be a pair? *Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series*
- Cooper, Elisha. ***8: An Animal Alphabet***. Orchard Books, 2015. Discover hundreds of animals, from aardvark to zebu, and find out why for each letter of the alphabet one animal is shown eight times.
- Cousins, Lucy. ***Maisy Goes to the Library***. Candlewick, 2005. Maisy goes to the library in search of a book about fish and a quiet place in which to read it.
- Davis, Katie. ***Who Hops?*** Harcourt, 1998. Creatures that hop, fly, slither, swim, and crawl are listed, inviting kids to learn how different animals move about.
- Dean, Kim. ***Pete the Kitty's First Day of PreSchool***. HarperFestival, 2019. Pete the Kitty has his first day of preschool, where he meets the teacher, sings fun songs, and paints a picture.
- Delaney, Celeste. ***ABC Ready for School: An Alphabet of Social Skills***. Free Spirit, 2018. Social skills needed in school are described from A to Z.
- Dewdney, Anna. ***Llama Llama Time to Share***. Viking, 2012. Llama finds out it is better to share after playing with a friend leads to tears and broken toys.
- Dunlap, Cirocco. ***Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur***. Random House, 2018. A shy brontosaurus would like to play but needs some encouragement in this book that subtly provides lessons in friend-making.
- Duquenois, Jacques. ***Opposites***. Twirl, 2018. Best friends Zoe and Zack have a good time learning all about opposites. *Board book*
- Dyckman, Ame. ***Tea Party Rules***. Viking, 2013. A little girl bosses a bear cub at her tea party, making him follow all the rules before she will let him eat any of the cookies.
- Ehlert, Lois. ***Leaf Man***. Harcourt, 2005. Featuring die-cut pages, this is the story of a man made of leaves who blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him.
- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***La Madre Goose: Nursery Rhymes for Los Niños***. Putnam's, 2016. This collection of classic nursery rhymes is laced with Spanish words mixed in with sentences in English.

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- Emberley, Ed. ***Nighty Night, Little Green Monster***. Little, Brown, 2013. With the turn of each page, see Little Green Monster begin to disappear and then reappear as the stars come out and it is time to say good night.
- Falconer, Ian. ***Olivia...and the Missing Toy***. Atheneum, 2003. When her best toy mysteriously disappears, Olivia the feisty pig is determined to find out who is responsible. *Series*
- Fearing, Mark. ***Giant Pants***. Candlewick, 2017. After searching high and low for his missing pants, Belbum the giant asks his friends if he can borrow their trousers, but when none of the clothes fit him he realizes there is only one thing to do—walk to the tailor in town with no pants on.
- Ferry, Beth. ***The Scarecrow***. Harper, 2019. The comforting power of friendship and the joy of helping others are celebrated.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Tippy-tippy-tippy-hide!*** Atheneum, 2007. Mr. McGreeley shared his carrots with three little bunnies during the summer, but he has no intention of letting them share his house during the winter.
- Fleming, Denise. ***Mama Cat Has Three Kittens***. Holt, 1998. While two kittens copy everything their mother does, their brother naps.
- Fox, Mem. ***Good Night, Sleep Tight***. Orchard Books, 2013. In this book with rhyming text, Bonnie and Ben’s favorite babysitter reads them nursery rhymes before putting them to bed.
- Foxworthy, Jeff. ***Dirt on My Shirt: Selected Poems***. Harper, 2013. In this hilarious collection of poems, comedian Jeff Foxworthy creates a neighborhood filled with fun, friends, family, and more.
- Frost, Robert. ***The Road Not Taken***. Familius, 2019. Beautiful illustrations inspired by this well-known poem show a young boy who must make a choice between two paths, something he must do at each intersection of his life.
- Gibson, Ginger Foglesong. ***Tiptoe Joe***. Greenwillow, 2013. A bear invites all of the animals to follow him through the trees, on tiptoe, to see a special surprise.
- Gravett, Emily. ***Tidy***. Simon & Schuster, 2017. When a badger tries to tidy up the forest too much, he finds that the unintended consequences can lead to disaster.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***My Garden***. Greenwillow, 2010. After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls.
- Higgins, Ryan T. ***Bruce’s Big Move***. Disney-Hyperion, 2017. Bruce does not want to share his den with the four geese and three mice who have crowded in, so he decides it’s time to look for a new home. *Series*

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- Hill, Melanie Heuser. ***Around the Table That Grandad Built***. Candlewick, 2019. In this cumulative tale, a multi-ethnic family adds to the table everything they need for a joyous celebration, with gratitude for the bounty served and for everyone who has gathered there.
- Hudson, Katy. ***The Runaway Egg***. Random House, 2017. Following Mama Hen's request, Chick reluctantly babysits his brother-to-be, an energetic egg.
- Idle, Molly. ***Flora and the Chicks***. Chronicle Books, 2017. In this counting board book with interactive flaps, Flora, a young dancer, attempts to keep up as more and more friendly chicks emerge from their nest.
- James, Simon. ***Mr. Scruff***. Candlewick, 2019. Jim finds a scruffy-looking dog in the rescue shelter and even though they don't seem like a good match, they manage to form a strong friendship.
- Jarvis, Peter. ***Alan's Big, Scary Teeth***. Candlewick, 2016. Alan like to scare others with his big sharp teeth, but he has a big secret that is not so scary.
- Javernick, Ellen. ***What If Everybody Did That?*** Two Lions, 2010. A child learns that there are consequences for thoughtless behavior, from feeding popcorn to a bear at the zoo to dropping an empty can out of a car window.
- Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page. ***Who Am I?: An Animal Guessing Game***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. Readers are given colorful clues and asked to guess the animal they will see when they turn the page.
- Kang, Anna. ***We Are (Not) Friends***. Two Lions, 2019. Two fuzzy friends have a decision to make when a third creature comes along and wants to join the fun.
- Keats, Ezra Jack. ***The Snowy Day***. Viking, 1962. The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day are described. *Caldecott Medal 1963*
- Kent, Derek Taylor. ***El Perro con Sombrero: A Bilingual Doggy Tale***. Holt, 2015. Although Pepe achieves fame and fortune as a movie star dog, much to the chagrin of a movie star cat, Pepe longs for a family.
- Klausmeier, Jesse. ***Open This Little Book***. Chronicle Books, 2013. Pages of decreasing, then increasing, size open to reveal different animals, each opening a book of a different color and reading about the next.
- Light, Steve. ***Swap!*** Candlewick, 2016. A peg-legged youngster uses his bartering skills to trade for sails, an anchor, a ship's wheel, and other necessary supplies to fix his ship and makes a new friend in the process.
- Limentani, Alison. ***How Much Does a Ladybug Weigh?*** Boxer Books, 2016. In this counting book about weight, the size of different animals is compared and the reader can see and learn, for example, that three rabbits weigh the same as one fox cub.

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- Lin, Grace. ***A Big Bed for Little Snow***. Little, Brown, 2019. When winter comes, Mommy makes a soft bed for Little Snow to sleep on, but each night he cannot resist jumping on the bed, causing tiny feathers to fly down.
- Llenas, Anna. ***The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions***. Little, Brown, 2018. Emotions are explained through the use of different colors, helping an adorable monster to sort and define his feelings in order to arrive at self-awareness and peace.
- Low, William. ***Trucks to the Rescue!*** Holt, 2017. Great artwork depicts different kinds of trucks coming to the rescue to solve problems, such as a fire engine, a dump truck, a tow truck, and more.
- Lyons, Shelly. ***Signs in My Neighborhood***. Capstone, 2013. Neighborhood signs such as stop signs, traffic signals, street signs, and crosswalks are described with explanations about why they are important.
- Markes, Julie. ***Shhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping***. HarperCollins, 2005. A young child is encouraged to go to sleep by the thought of everyone else sleeping, from teacher to baker to postman.
- Martin, Emily Winfield. ***The Wonderful Things You Will Be***. Random House, 2015. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal a parent's musings about what a child will become, knowing that the child's kindness, cleverness, and boldness will shine through no matter what, as will the love they share.
- Marzollo, Jean. ***Pierre the Penguin: A True Story***. Sleeping Bear Press, 2010. Rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe the effort of aquatic biologist Pam to help an African penguin in California when he begins to go bald.
- Mazo, Margarita del. ***My Big Bear, My Little Bear, and Me***. NubeOcho, 2019. In this translation of *Mio Oso Grande, Mi Oso Pequeno y Yo*, a young child is happy to have a big bear to take care of her and a small teddy to share her adventures with friends.
- McCarthy, Meghan. ***Astronaut Handbook***. Knopf, 2008. Astronaut school explains what is involved in becoming an astronaut and what living in outer space is like.
- McNulty, Faith. ***If You Decide to Go to the Moon***. Scholastic, 2005. Instructions are given to anyone who wants to go to the moon, including the important information about how to return home!
- McPhail, David. ***The Searcher and Old Tree***. Charlesbridge, 2008. A raccoon forages for food at night and at dawn returns to its home in a strong, old tree which safely shelters the raccoon through wild winds and ferocious rain so that it can go out searching for food again.
- Miller, Pat Zietlow. ***Remarkably You***. Harper, 2019. Rhyming text encourages young readers to discover what they are good at and use it to make a difference in big ways or in small ones.

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- Miller, Sharee. ***Princess Hair***. Little, Brown, 2017. Little girls pretending to be princesses celebrate the different shapes, textures, and styles of their black hair.
- Moore, Eva. ***Lucky Ducklings***. Orchard Books, 2013. While following their mother through town, five little ducklings fall into a storm drain.
- Mora, Oge. ***Saturday***. Little, Brown, 2019. When all of their special Saturday plans go awry, Ava and her mother still find a way to appreciate one another and their time together.
- Morris, Ann. ***Houses and Homes***. HarperCollins, 1992. Colorful photographs show different kinds of houses around the world, and simple text explains what makes them homes.
- Murphy, Stuart J. ***Double the Ducks***. HarperCollins, 2003. Simple multiplication is used in this story of a boy who cares for five ducks, but when each duck brings home a friend, his work doubles. *MathStart series*
- Odgers, Sally. ***Good Night, Truck***. Feiwel and Friends, 2016. Trucks and other vehicles say good night to each other in this soothing bedtime book.
- Parr, Todd. ***The Earth Book***. Little, Brown, 2010. Easy ways to take care of planet Earth and conserve resources are explained with simple text and colorful illustrations.
- Pinkney, Jerry. ***The Lion & the Mouse***. Little, Brown, 2009. In this wordless retelling of the Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle. *Caldecott Medal 2010*.
- Pizzoli, Greg. ***The Watermelon Seed***. Disney-Hyperion, 2013. After swallowing a watermelon seed, a crocodile imagines a scary outcome.
- Portis, Antoinette. ***Wait***. Roaring Brook, 2015. A simple, sweet picture book about the joys of waiting and taking in what is around you.
- Razi, Michael. ***Frank the Seven-Legged Spider***. Little Bigfoot, 2017. Frank loves making beautiful webs, scaring humans, running, and scurrying, but after waking up one morning missing a leg, he wonders if he is still a spider.
- Reidy, Jean. ***Truman***. Atheneum, 2019. He may be slow but Truman the turtle is determined to find his girl Sarah, who has boarded a city bus on her way to preschool.
- Rinker, Sherri Duskey. ***Steam Train, Dream Train***. Chronicle Books, 2013. In this book with rhyming text, the dream train pulls into the station and all the different cars are loaded by the animal workers, each with the appropriate cargo.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***Yes Day!*** HarperCollins, 2009. A little boy gets everything he asks for on Yes Day, a special day that only comes once a year.

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- Salmieri, Daniel. ***Bear and Wolf***. Enchanted Lion Books, 2018. Bear and Wolf meet each other and enjoy walks in the forest together, enjoying the sights, sounds, and smells in winter and then again in spring.
- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Thank You, Earth: A Love Letter to Our Planet***. Greenwillow, 2018. A love letter to the Earth which helps us understand all the things that our world provides us and for which we should be thankful.
- Schertle, Alice. ***Little Blue Truck Leads the Way***. Harcourt, 2009. A country truck feels out of place in the speedy, noisy city until he comes to the rescue during a giant traffic jam.
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Round***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. With text from poet Joyce Sidman and beautiful artwork by Taeun Yoo, readers are invited to look for round objects in nature.
- Slobodkina, Esphyr. ***Caps for Sale and the Mindful Monkeys***. Harper, 2017. As the peddler sells his caps the playful monkeys become troublesome by following his every move, but just when he thinks they are no good, the monkeys surprise him.
- Smith, Lane. ***A Perfect Day***. Roaring Brook, 2017. The animals in Bert's backyard discover that a perfect day means something different for each of them.
- Stainton, Sue. ***I Love Dogs***. Katherine Tegen, 2014. The many types of dogs and the different shapes, sizes, textures, and temperaments they can have are celebrated.
- Stewart, Melissa. ***Under the Snow***. Peachtree, 2019. This book describes a journey through the fields, forests, ponds and wetlands to see how animals survive in the snowy winter months, and when the sun's rays grow stronger, we see them get ready for springtime.
- Strasser, Susanne. ***So Light, So Heavy***. Charlesbridge, 2018. With an elephant on one end of the teeter-totter, it takes a lot of animals on the other side—and one child—before the teeter-totter will start to move up and down. *Board book*
- Sturges, Philemon. ***I Love Bugs!*** HarperCollins, 2005. A boy extols the various characteristics of bugs, all of whom he loves.
- Teckentrup, Britta. ***Bee: A Peek-Through Picture Book***. Doubleday, 2016. With holes to peek through, children can see how honeybees go about their busy day helping to pollinate beautiful flowers and contributing to the health of the environment.
- Thomas, Jan. ***Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy***. Beach Lane Books, 2012. Brave Cowboy tries to sing his young calf pals to sleep on a dark, dark night, with humorous results.
- Vestergaard, Hope. ***Digger, Dozer, Dumper***. Candlewick, 2013. In this book of sixteen poems, young readers meet their favorite trucks and vehicles face-to-face.
- Wan, Joyce. ***The Bear in My Bed***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2018. A child faces the challenging task of putting a bear to bed.

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- Ward, Jennifer. ***Mama Built a Little Nest***. Beach Lane Books, 2014. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce different kinds of birds' nests, from the scrapes falcons build on high craggy ledges to the underground nests burrowing owls dig. Included are brief facts about each kind of bird.
- Wellington, Monica. ***Pizza at Sally's***. Dutton, 2006. Using vegetables from her own garden and other fresh ingredients, Sally mixes them all together and bakes hot and bubbly pizzas for her customers to take home or eat in her pizzeria.
- Wells, Rosemary. ***Use Your Words, Sophie***. Viking, 2015. When her new sister won't stop crying, only two-year-old Sophie can communicate with her using the right words to stop her crying and also choose her name. *Series*
- Willems, Mo. ***The Thank You Book***. Hyperion, 2016. Gerald is afraid Piggie will forget someone when he finds out she is determined to thank everyone she knows. *Series*
- Wilson, Karma. ***Bear Can't Sleep***. McElderry Books, 2018. Bear can't seem to get to sleep so that he can hibernate through the winter until his friends join together to help him. *Series*
- Wilson-Max, Ken. ***Astro Girl***. Candlewick, 2019. After Astrid tells her father that she wants to be an astronaut, he tells her of all the things that astronauts have to do.
- Yolen, Jane. ***How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?*** Blue Sky Press, 2003. This colorful book describes all the things that young dinosaurs should do in order to quickly get over being sick. *Series*
- Yuly, Toni. ***Night Owl***. Feiwel and Friends, 2015. A baby owl flies through the night, listening carefully for different sounds as he tries to find Mommy Owl.

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### Grade 1 and Grade 2

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- Adderson, Caroline. ***Not in Love***. Kids Can Press, 2014. Jasper John Dooley is not happy to be paired with Isabel, who really likes him, for a reading partner, but when he goes to her house and plays on the trampoline, he begins to change his mind. *Series*
- Adler, David A. ***Don't Throw it to Mo***. Penguin Press, 2015. Although Mo, the youngest kid on the Robins football team, is being teased, his coach has a plan to turn things around.
- Alexander, Kwame. ***Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band***. Sleeping Bear Press, 2011. Acoustic Rooster forms a jazz band with Duck Ellington, Bee Holliday, and Pepe Ernesto Cruz to compete in the annual Barnyard Talent Show against such greats as Thelonius Monkey, Mules Davis, and Ella Finchgerald. Includes glossary, notes on the characters and songs, and jazz timeline.
- Appelt, Kathi. ***Mogie: The Heart of the House***. Atheneum, 2014. A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla***. Clarion, 2014. This picture book is an introduction to the true story of Ivan, the shopping mall gorilla that inspired the Newbery-winning novel ***The One and Only Ivan***.
- Archer, Micha. ***Daniel Finds a Poem***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. When Daniel sees a sign for poetry in the park on Sunday, he spends the week asking animals he encounters in the park, "What is poetry?" and has his poem to share on Sunday.
- Arnold, Tedd. ***Fly Guy Presents: Bats***. Scholastic, 2015. Learn all about bats with Fly Guy! *Series*
- Asim, Jabari. ***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington***. Little, Brown, 2012. This illustrated picture book follows young Booker T. Washington as he desires and perseveres to go to college and earn a degree.
- Aureliani, Franco. ***Dino-Mike and the Lunar Showdown***. Stone Arch Books, 2016. Mike and Shannon take to space to face off against their archnemesis, Mr. Bones, in a lunar showdown of dino-sized proportions, finally realizing that Mr. Bones isn't at all what he seems to be! *Series*
- Banks, Kate. ***Max's Math***. Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max is looking for problems to solve on this fun adventure in math that culminates in a rocket launch.
- Barnett, Mac. ***The Important Thing about Margaret Wise Brown***. Balzer + Bray, 2019. This picture book biography of the children's book author shares insights into her life and enduring literary influence.

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- Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *Series*
- Beaty, Andrea. ***Ada Twist, Scientist***. Abrams Books, 2016. Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.
- Bell, Cece. ***Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit***. Candlewick, 2016. Rabbit is excited to surprise Robot with a visit, but Robot already has his friend Ribbit over to play, and Rabbit is not so sure about Ribbit. *Series*
- Bell, Cece. ***Smell My Foot!*** Candlewick, 2019. Shares the interactions of the rule-following Chick and the absent-minded Brain, whose friendship is tested by miscommunications and misunderstandings about good manners.
- Blabey, Aaron. ***The Bad Guys***. Scholastic, 2016. In this illustrated chapter book series, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is to free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry. *Series*
- Blabey, Aaron. ***Thelma the Unicorn***. Scholastic, 2017. Told in rhyme, Thelma the pony wants to be a unicorn--but when her wish comes true she discovers that there is a downside to fame and realizes that she was happier at home with her friend.
- Bottner, Barbara. ***Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. A first-grade girl--who does not like to read--stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.
- Broach, Elise. ***The Miniature World of Marvin & James***. Henry Holt, 2015. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. *Series*
- Brown, Don. ***A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Introduces young children to the life and inventions of Thomas Edison.
- Burks, James. ***Bird & Squirrel On the Edge!*** Graphix, 2015. Laughter ensues in Burks' third graphic novel featuring Bird and Squirrel. Amnesia, crossing a mountain, and rescuing a baby bear keep this Bird and Squirrel adventure laughter filled. *Series*
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***King and Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code***. Peachtree, 2017. When a mysterious letter written in code arrives at King's house for his human, Kayla, he follows the trail of the person who left it. *Series*
- Chabon, Michael. ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man***. Balzer + Bray, 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

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- Chin, Jason. **Gravity.** Roaring Brook, 2014. Minimal text and enthralling illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and explain what would happen without gravity. Additionally, specific and easy to understand information is included in the afterward.
- Churnin, Nancy. **The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game.** Whitman, 2016. When deaf professional baseball player William Hoy asks an umpire to use hand signals for calls, it changes the way the game is played forever.
- Clanton, Ben. **Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt.** Tundra Books, 2017. Join Narwhal and his best friend Jelly on three new undersea adventures told in graphic novel format. *Series*
- Clinton, Chelsea. **She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World.** Philomel, 2018. A nonfiction picture book compilation of the stories of thirteen American women who persisted in overcoming obstacles and changing the world.
- Coleman, Evelyn. **White Socks Only.** Whitman, 1996. Grandma tells the story about her first trip alone into town during the days when segregation still existed in Mississippi.
- Cornwall, Gaia. **Jabari Jumps.** Candlewick, 2017. With his father's support and encouragement, Jabari overcomes his fear, musters up his courage, and jumps off the swimming pool diving board.
- Coy, John. **Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.** Carolrhoda Books, 2013. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cummings, Troy. **Rise of the Balloon Goons.** Scholastic, 2013. Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but because the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue where he finds a notebook full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. *Series*
- Davies, Nicola. **Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes.** Candlewick, 2014. This engaging introduction to microbes explains how some of the smallest things on Earth have really big jobs.
- Davis, Jill. **Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts from an Animal Photographer.** Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- Daywalt, Drew. **The Day the Crayons Came Home.** Philomel, 2015. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of whom has run away or been left behind, and all of whom want to come home.

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- Deedy, Carmen Agra. ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!*** Scholastic, 2017. When the mayor of a noisy village passes harsh rules about singing, a persistent rooster inspires the villagers to rebel and bring back singing.
- Dempsey, Kristy. ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream.*** Philomel, 2014. A young girl growing up in Harlem in the 1950s dreams of becoming a prima ballerina one day and is thrilled to see a performance by Janet Collins, the first "colored" prima ballerina.
- DePaola, Tomie. ***When Andy Met Sandy.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. Andy has the playground to himself until a new girl, Sandy, arrives. *Series*
- Diggs, Taye. ***Mixed Me!*** Feiwel and Friends, 2015. Mike, a mixed-race boy, answers all the questions about being mixed with lots of energy and joy.
- Dutcher, Jim and Jamie. ***A Friend for Lakota: The Incredible True Story of a Wolf Who Braved Bullying.*** National Geographic, 2015. Lakota, the shy wolf pup, is picked on by the other wolves until Matsi blocks the others' nips, and Lakota learns to be more courageous.
- Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in Tokyo.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again, Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series*
- Elliott, Rebecca. ***Eva's Treetop Festival.*** Scholastic, 2015. Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea - but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help. *Series*
- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***Little Roja Riding Hood.*** Putnam's, 2014. A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale in which a little girl saves her grandmother from a wolf. Includes a glossary of Spanish words.
- Feder, Sandra V. ***Daisy's Big Night.*** Kids Can Press, 2014. Daisy loves poetry, and she must find a way to use it as her special talent in her school's talent show.
- Florian, Douglas. ***UnBEElievables: Honeybee Poems and Paintings.*** Beach Lane, 2012. Fourteen funny, fact-filled poems inform the reader about the wonderful life of bees and their role in our ecosystem.
- Green, Poppy. ***A New Friend.*** Little Simon, 2015. Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student-a snake-and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard that snakes are awful. *Series*
- Gutman, Dan. ***My Weird School: Teamwork Trouble.*** Harper, 2018. Ryan wants to form a curling team at school with A.J. and Andrea, but soon trouble amongst his teammates threatens to end their season early. *Series*

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- Haas, Jessie. ***Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl***. Candlewick, 2012. Maggie, a little girl who longs for a horse of her own, finds her match in Bramble, a horse who has grown tired of riding lessons and walking in circles. *Series*
- Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black Takes a Vacation***. Candlewick, 2016. Even monster-battling princesses get tired sometimes, but a peaceful time away is hard to find! *Series*.
- Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory***. Dial Books, 2014. Dory, the youngest in the family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts. *Series*
- Heos, Bridget. ***I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are***. Holt, 2015. In this fact-filled narrative, Fly explains why his species is cooler than butterflies, who seem to get all the attention.
- Hernandez, Laurie. ***She's Got This***. Harper, 2018. This is a beautiful story of a young girl who learns that hard work and perseverance are worth it, especially when accompanied by the encouragement and support of her family.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart***. Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.
- Holm, Jennifer. ***Super Amoeba***. Random House, 2011. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school to save his friends, and the world, from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***The Great Pet Escape***. Holt, 2016. A young graphic novel chapter book about the escape escapades of class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Apex Predators: The World's Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. Award-winning author/illustrator Steve Jenkins shares amazing facts about extinct and modern-day apex (animals at the top of the food chain) predators.
- John, Jory. ***The Good Egg***. HarperCollins, 2019. When the other eggs in his carton behave badly, the good egg feels like he needs to be perfect.
- Kaplan, Michael. ***Betty Bunny Wants a Goal***. Dial Books, 2014. When a young rabbit quits soccer after a disappointing first game, her family encourages her to keep trying. *Series*
- Kelly, Scott. ***My Journey to the Stars***. Crown, 2017. A picture book memoir about NASA astronaut Scott Kelly that takes readers on a journey through his ordinary childhood to his record-breaking year commanding the International Space Station.

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- Klise, Kate. **Stay: A Girl, A Dog, A Bucket List.** Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Eli the dog has been with Astrid since she was a baby, and now that Eli is getting older and slowing down, Astrid wants to make fun memories with him, but she knows what is most important to Eli is the time he spends with Astrid.
- Levine, Sara. **Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Chompers.** Millbrook, 2016. This nonfiction book explains the similarities and differences of teeth in humans and animals. It includes more information about mammals, a glossary, further reading suggestions, and websites.
- Lin, Grace. **Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly.** Little, Brown, 2014. Identical twins Ling and Ting like to be silly, tell jokes, and laugh together. *Series*
- Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad Are Friends.** First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Mallery, Sydra. **A Most Unusual Day.** Greenwillow, 2018. Something is unusual about today, from the time Caroline wakes up, throughout her day at school, until her parents greet her with an unusually perfect surprise.
- Marko, Cyndi. **Let's Get Cracking!** Scholastic, 2014. Gordon Blue and his brother, Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens' feathers to fall off. *Series*
- Marshall, James. **Fox On the Job.** Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- Mattick, Lindsay. **Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear.** Little, Brown, 2015. A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.
- McCleery, Peter. **Bob and Joss Get Lost.** HarperCollins, 2016. Two best friends get more than they bargained for in this funny adventure when they are shipwrecked on what may or may not be a deserted island.
- McDonald, Megan. **Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown.** Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for Unsatisfactory) in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*
- McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer.** Penguin Press, 2012. Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean's first grade class, worry about their new teacher being "mean" until something surprising changes their minds... *Series*
- Medina, Juana. **Juana and Lucas.** Candlewick, 2016. Juana lives in Bogota, Colombia, and loves drawing and her dog, Lucas, but she does not love having to learn English. When her abuelos plan a trip - one that will require speaking in English - she reconsiders. *Pura Belpré Award 2017*

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- Mosca, Julia Finley. ***The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath.*** Innovation Press, 2017. As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath dreamed of becoming a doctor, and not only did she fulfill that dream, but she also invented a procedure to remove cataracts and became the first African American female doctor to hold a medical patent.
- Murray, Carol. ***Cricket in the Thicket.*** Holt, 2017. Over 30 common insects are described in a variety of amusing poems combined with interesting facts and collage illustrations.
- Nees, Susan. ***Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe Picture Day.*** Scholastic, 2013. After her mother helps with her outfit, Missy is afraid her school picture will not be special this year. *Series*
- O'Ryan, Ray. ***Hello, Nebulon!*** Little Simon, 2013. Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Galaxy Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people. *Series*
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business.*** Greenwillow, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike, so Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*
- Petty, Dev. ***I Don't Want to be a Frog.*** Doubleday, 2015. A frog who yearns to be any animal that is cute and warm discovers that being wet, slimy, and full of bugs has its advantages.
- Potter, Alicia. ***Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats.*** Albert A. Knopf, 2015. Miss Hazeltine opens her home to cats needing courage, and their new learned skills are put to use when she finds herself in trouble.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Niko Draws a Feeling.*** Carolrhoda Books, 2017. A young boy draws his feelings, but no one seems to understand what he is drawing until he meets Iris, the new girl who moves in next door.
- Rex, Adam. ***XO, OX: A Love Story.*** Roaring Brook, 2017. This is the hilarious tale of an ox who is in love with a gazelle, told in series of letters.
- Reynolds, Peter H. ***The Dot.*** Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.
- Robbins, Dean. ***Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2017. Pursuing her childhood passion for mathematics and astronomy, Margaret Hamilton becomes a pioneer in computer programming and a hero in the Apollo 11 mission.
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***The Old Woman Who Named Things.*** Harcourt, 1996. An old woman who has outlived all her friends is reluctant to become too attached to the stray dog that visits her each day.

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- Santat, Dan. ***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again.*** Roaring Brook, 2017. After his famous fall, Humpty Dumpty summons his courage to get back up and is rewarded with something amazing.
- Santat, Dan. ***Harold & Hog Pretend for Real!*** Hyperion, 2019. Can the friendship of best friends Harold and Hog, a carefree elephant and a careful hog, survive a game of pretending to be Mo Willems's Elephant and Piggie?
- Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***Princess Cora and the Crocodile.*** Candlewick, 2017. Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons, exercising in the dungeon gym, and especially taking three baths a day. But when she writes to her fairy godmother for help, she doesn't expect that help to come in the form of a crocodile--a crocodile who does not behave properly.
- Selznick, Brian, and David Serlin. ***Baby Monkey, Private Eye.*** Scholastic Press, 2018. Baby Monkey, private eye, will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries – if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman, and Mitchell Sharmat. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.*** Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives.  
*Series*
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. An illustrated exploration of various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.
- Snyder, Laurel. ***Charlie and Mouse.*** Chronicle Books, 2017. Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks.
- Sotomayor, Sonia. ***Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You.*** Philomel Books, 2019. A group of children with different abilities and strengths come together to build a community garden. *Schneider Family Book Award 2020*
- Spires, Ashley. ***The Most Magnificent Thing.*** Kids Can Press, 2014. A little girl has creative ideas to build the 'most magnificent thing,' and despite set-backs and problems, she perseveres and is very pleased with the finished product.
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.*** First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again!  
*Caldecott Medal 1970*
- Stein, David Ezra. ***Because Amelia Smiled.*** Candlewick, 2012. As she skips down the street in New York, a little girl's smile inspires a neighbor to send cookies to her grandson in Mexico, and the goodwill soon spreads around the world.
- Stevens, Janet. ***The Donkey Egg.*** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019. After fast-talking Fox leaves him with a large, green egg, Bear spends minutes, hours, days, and weeks lovingly caring for it with the help of his neighbor, Hare.

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- Stewart, Melissa. ***Feathers: Not Just for Flying.*** Charlesbridge, 2014. This is a beautifully illustrated description of the many kinds of feathers and their uses.
- Stockdale, Susan. ***Stripes of All Types.*** Peachtree, 2013. Using vivid illustrations and snappy verse, nineteen animals with stripes are described to show the importance of animals' stripes.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell.*** Holt, 2013. This engaging and delightfully illustrated book brings to life Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.
- Tabor, Corey R. ***Fox the Tiger.*** Balzer + Bray, 2018. Fox decides to become a tiger because they are fast and sneaky, and soon, his other animal friends are joining in the fun.
- Vail, Rachel. ***A is for Elizabeth.*** Feiwel and Friends, 2019. Elizabeth, the second-grade sister of Justin Case, is excited about her first homework assignment, but it leads her to start a protest of alphabetical order. *Series*
- Vere, Ed. ***Max and Bird.*** Sourcebooks, 2017. Max, a kitten, and Bird, a very young bird, want to be friends, but Max also wants to eat Bird, so they strike a deal. *Series*
- Vernick, Audrey. ***First Grade Dropout.*** Clarion, 2015. Humor and empathy abound when an embarrassed first grader decides to quit school.
- Watkins, Rowboat. ***Rude Cakes.*** Chronicle Books, 2015. A rude cake learns a valuable lesson from a Cyclops in a simple story of etiquette and kindness found in the most unlikely place.
- West, Tracey. ***Rise of the Earth Dragon.*** Scholastic, 2014. Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffiths that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo - and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers. *Series*
- Winter, Jeanette. ***Henri's Scissors.*** Beach Lane Books, 2013. When he became an old man confined to a wheelchair, artist Henri Matisse continued to make spectacular art, but not using paint and canvas - he used scissors to create enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***The Day You Begin.*** Nancy Paulsen, 2018. Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself, but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.
- Woollvin, Bethan. ***Little Red.*** Peachtree, 2016. A visually striking retelling of the classic Little Red Riding Hood story, complete with a brave and confident heroine.
- Yamada, Kobi. ***What Do You Do With a Chance?*** Compendium, 2017. Feeling disappointed and unhappy after not taking a chance, a child overcomes fears and ultimately takes a chance. *Series*

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Young, Amy. ***A Unicorn Named Sparkle***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. Lucy wants a unicorn, and although when he arrives he is not at all what she imagined, she warms up to him and realizes he is special after all.

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*Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.*

- Alexander, Kwame. ***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets.*** Candlewick, 2017. From Maya Angelou to Naomi Shihab Nye, Robert Frost to Walter Dean Myers – this multicultural collection of original poems celebrates renowned poets from across the globe and across centuries of shared stories.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Endling: The Last.*** Harper, 2018. Byx, believed to be the last dairne, goes on a quest to search for more of her species and is joined by various allies as they uncover many secrets in this exciting series opener. *Series*
- Arnold, Elana K. ***A Boy Called Bat.*** Walden Pond Press, 2017. When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bat, who has autism, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.
- Aston, Dianna Hutts. ***A Beetle Is Shy.*** Chronicle Books, 2016. From flea beetles to bombardier beetles, an incredible variety of these beloved bugs are showcased in this carefully researched, visually striking book that is poetic in voice and elegant in design, perfect for sparking children's imaginations.
- Barton, Chris. ***What Do You Do with a Voice Like That?*** Beach Lane Books, 2018. A picture book biography about the life of Houston native Barbara Jordan, who was best known for her work as a lawyer, politician and civil rights leader.
- Becker, Helaine. ***Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13.*** Holt, 2018. From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, this is the story of a groundbreaking American woman who not only calculated the course of moon landings but, in turn, saved lives and made enormous contributions to history.
- Boothby, Ian. ***Sparks!*** Graphix, 2018. Two cats, August and Charlie, wear a dog suit and attempt to save humans while their arch nemesis, Princess, tries to conquer the world. *Graphic novel*
- Brooks, Molly. ***Sanity & Tallulah.*** Hyperion, 2018. In this rollicking graphic novel, Sanity and Tallulah, who live in a space station, search the galaxy for Sanity's three-headed kitten. *Graphic novel*
- Brown, Don. ***Older Than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2017. In this one-of-a-kind, wild, but true history of Earth, Sibert Honor medalist Don Brown takes on big concepts with humor and ease.
- Brown, Jeffrey. ***Lucy and Andy Neanderthal.*** Crown, 2016. Lucy and her brother Andy, two Neanderthal siblings living 40,000 years ago, take on a wandering baby sibling, bossy teens, cave paintings and a mammoth hunt, but the real adventure begins when they encounter a group of humans. *Series*

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- Bryan, Ashley. ***Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life***. Atheneum, 2016. Using original slave auction and plantation estate documents and his own bold and vivid illustrations, the author creatively contrasts the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away.
- Cleary, Beverly. ***Beezus and Ramona***. HarperTrophy, 2006. Four-year old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus. *Series*
- Clements, Andrew. ***The Losers Club***. Random House, 2017. Alec, a sixth grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club solely to have a place to read and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.
- Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Before She Was Harriet: The Story of Harriet Tubman***. Holiday House, 2018. An evocative poem and opulent watercolors come together to honor a woman of humble origins whose courage and compassion make her larger than life.
- Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Finding Langston***. Holiday House, 2018. Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.
- Colfer, Chris. ***The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell***. Little, Brown, 2012. Through the mysterious power of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy-tale characters they grew up reading about. *Series*
- Creech, Susan. ***Saving Winslow***. HarperCollins, 2018. When Louis' dad brings home a scrawny and sickly newborn donkey, their connection is instant; while the adults around him say that Winslow might not survive, Louis finds the faith and courage to believe in his donkey and himself.
- Dahl, Roald. ***The BFG***. Farrar, Straus, Giroux. First published in 1982. Sophie is kidnaped from her orphanage by a BFG--Big Friendly Giant--and the two set out to save the world.
- Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade War***. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade, and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. *Series*

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- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Grandma and the Great Gourd: A Bengali Folk Tale***. Roaring Brook, 2013. On her way to visit her daughter on the other side of the jungle, Grandma encounters a hungry fox, bear, and tiger, and although she convinces them to wait for her return trip, she still must find a way to outwit them all.
- Eggers, Dave. ***Her Right Foot***. Chronicle Books, 2017. This beautifully illustrated book looks at the significance of the Statue of Liberty's right foot.
- Engle, Margarita. ***The Flying Girl: How Aida de Acosta Learned to Soar***. Atheneum, 2018. This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the inspirational story of Aida de Acosta, the first woman to fly a motorized aircraft.
- Eszterhas, Suzi. ***Sea Otter Rescue***. Owlkids, 2016. A visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center explores, through engaging text and striking photography, how sea otters have become orphaned or hurt by a range of threats and how the dedicated teams at the clinic help them heal and rehabilitate.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Ben Franklin's in My Bathroom***. Schwartz & Wade, 2017. When ten-year-old Nolan and his little sister, Olive, find Ben Franklin in their kitchen, they do their best to guide Ben through the new world he helped form. *Series*
- Fleming, Candace. ***Giant Squid***. Roaring Brook, 2016. A nonfiction picture book exploring the mysterious life of the elusive giant squid.
- Florence, Debbi Michiko. ***Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017. Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, eight, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's. *Series*
- Gibbs, Stuart. ***Spaced Out***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. In 2041 twelve-year-old Dashiell Gibson is a resident of Moon Base Alpha, and at the moment he is faced with a number of problems: coping with the nasty Sjoberg twins, finding out how the commander of the base has managed to disappear from a facility no bigger than a soccer field, and dealing with the alien Zan who communicates with him telepathically from afar--and who is hiding a secret which may threaten the whole Earth. *Series*
- Grabenstein, Chris. ***Home Sweet Motel: Welcome to Wonderland***. Random House, 2016. P.T. and his friend Gloria must solve a mystery at the world's wackiest motel: The Wonderland. *Series*
- Gratz, Alan. ***Ban This Book***. Tom Doherty, 2017. Amy Anne, who never gets in trouble, finds herself in the battle of a lifetime when a concerned parent in her school has her favorite book taken off the library shelf.

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- Griffiths, Andy. ***The 13-Story Treehouse***. Feiwel and Friends, 2013. Under pressure by their publisher to finish their next book, two young authors graphically describe all the extraordinary distractions they face living in their 13-story treehouse. *Series*
- Guglielmo, Amy, and Jacqueline Tourville. ***How to Build a Hug: Temple Grandin and Her Amazing Squeeze Machine***. Atheneum, 2018. Presents the story of Grandin's 'squeeze machine,' describing her childhood love of building and design, as well as her sensitivities.
- Hale, Nathan. ***Alamo All-Stars***. Amulet Books, 2016. Hale recounts the story of the Alamo, featuring the exploits of historical legends Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett. *Graphic novel series*
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***The Amazing Crafty Cat***. First Second, 2017. A new graphic novel trilogy for elementary-age readers about a little girl who can craft her way out of any situation. Each volume includes fun and simple instructions for do-it-yourself crafting activities. *Series*
- Harris, Chris. ***I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups***. Little, Brown, 2017. In the vein of Shel Silverstein, this collection of poems is filled with humor, nonsensical language, rhyme, wordplay, and even codes to crack.
- Henry, Marguerite. ***Misty of Chincoteague***. Aladdin, 1947. Paul's and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.
- Holub, Joan. ***Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom***. Aladdin, 2012. When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magic thunderbolt. *Series*
- Humphrey, Anna. ***Megabat***. Tundra Books, 2018. When Daniel moves into a new house in a new town, he thinks it might be haunted, but he is surprised to find a new friend who happens to be a fruit bat in need of some help to make the long journey back home. *Series*
- Jenkins, Steve. ***The Frog Book***. Harcourt, 2019. An introduction to an assortment of the world's frog species, discussing a myriad of topics such as their colors, shapes and sizes to their various habitats to how they find food, escape danger and attract a mate.
- Johannes, Shelley. ***Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker***. Disney-Hyperion, 2017. When third grade begins, Beatrice fears she is losing her best friend, so she uses her topsy-turvy ways of thinking to get things looking up. *Series*

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- Khan, Hena. ***Power Forward***. Salaam Press, 2018. Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team, but when he skips orchestra rehearsals to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball related, and tryouts are coming soon. *Series*
- Lamothe, Matt. ***This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World***. Chronicle Books, 2017. An illustrated take on how seven real kids from different countries go about a typical day.
- Latham, Irene, and Charles Waters. ***Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship***. Carolrhoda Books, 2018. Two students, one black and one white, learn to communicate, relate, and celebrate differences in this collection of poems in conversation.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***The Truth of Me: About a Boy, His Grandmother, and a Very Good Dog***. Katherine Tegen, 2013. Robbie and his dog, Ellie, spend the summer at his grandmother Maddy's house, where Robbie learns many things about his emotionally distant parents and himself.
- McCarthy, Meghan. ***The Wildest Race Ever: The Story of the 1904 Olympic Marathon***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. The exciting and bizarre true story of the 1904 Olympic marathon, which took place at the St. Louis World's Fair.
- McMullan, Kate. ***Have a Hot Time, Hades!*** Stone Arch Books, 2012. In this story with a modern twist, Hades tells his own version of how he became King of the Underworld and Zeus became King of the Gods. *Series*
- McNamara, Margaret. ***The Dinosaur Expert***. Schwartz & Wade, 2018. When a classmate tells Kimmy, who dreams of being a paleontologist, that "girls aren't scientists," their teacher Mr. Tiffin teaches them otherwise.
- Newman, Lesléa. ***Gittel's Journey: An Ellis Island Story***. Abrams Books, 2019. When it's time for nine-year-old Gittel and her mother to leave their homeland and immigrate to America to start a new life, a health inspection forces Gittel to find the courage within to leave her family behind; based on true stories told by the author's grandmother.
- Nobleman, Marc Tyler. ***Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story***. Houghton Mifflin, 2018. In this important and moving true story of reconciliation after war, beautifully illustrated in watercolor, a Japanese pilot bombs the continental U.S. during WWII—the only enemy ever to do so—and comes back 20 years later to apologize.
- Nolan, Janet. ***Seven and a Half Tons of Steel***. Peachtree, 2016. This powerful story reveals how seven and a half tons of steel that had once been a beam in the World Trade Center became a navy ship's bow showing how something remarkable can emerge from a devastating event.

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- Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. ***Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond.*** Walker, 2012. Explains the many ways that dogs are used in the military and describes how they are cared for and trained.
- Patterson, James. ***Jacky Ha-Ha.*** Little, Brown, 2016. Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking--and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter. *Series*
- Pearson, Luke. ***Hilda and the Stone Forest.*** Nobrow, 2016. Hilda is hardly at home anymore, seeking days filled with excitement, and her mother can't help but worry... In a moment of tension, the pair find themselves flung far away into a mysterious, dark forest--the land of the trolls! Can they work together to escape the clutches of these sinister stone creatures? *Graphic novel series*
- Phelan, Matt. ***Knights vs. Dinosaurs.*** Greenwillow, 2018. Merlin sends the Knights of the Round Table on their most exciting and dangerous quest to date -- to face dinosaurs! *Series*
- Pipe, Jim. ***You Wouldn't Want to Be Cleopatra! : An Egyptian Ruler You'd Rather Not Be.*** Franklin Watts, 2017. Humorous illustrations and facts combine to provide a portrait of what life might be like as Cleopatra in Ancient Egypt. *Series*
- Pizzoli, Greg. ***The Quest For Z: The True Story of Explorer Percy Fawcett and a Lost City in the Amazon.*** Viking, 2017. The true story of the British explorer Percy Fawcett, an adventurer who set out on a doomed expedition to find a lost city in the Amazon jungle.
- Probst, Jeff, and Chris Tebbetts. ***Stranded.*** Puffin, 2013. Jane, Buzz, Carter, and Vanessa, ages nine to thirteen, are on a sailing trip in the South Pacific intended to help them bond in their newly-blended family when a massive storm strands them on a deserted island. *Series*
- Raczka, Bob. ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems.*** Roaring Brook, 2016. A collection of concrete poetry written and shaped in surprising ways.
- Robinson, Sharon. ***The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend.*** Scholastic, 2017. Eight-year-old Steve Satlow is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not, and when Steve actually meets his hero he is even more excited--and worried that a misunderstanding over a Christmas tree could damage his new friendship.
- Rockliff, Mara. ***Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic.*** Candlewick, 2016. Traces the story of dancer-turned-magician's assistant Adelaide Herrmann, placing her achievements against a backdrop of period conventions about women in the arts and her determination to continue her work after the death of her husband.

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- Ruurs, Margriet. ***The Elephant Keeper: Caring for Orphaned Elephants in Zambia.*** Kids Can Press, 2017. Documents the story of a devoted advocate for elephant conservation who, as a child in Zambia, rescued a baby elephant and reevaluated his beliefs about elephants as violent predators while visiting a wildlife sanctuary.
- Sachar, Louis. ***Sideways Stories from Wayside School.*** HarperTrophy. Originally published in 1978. Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. *Series*
- Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.
- Silverstein, Shel. ***A Light in the Attic.*** HarperCollins, 1981. A collection of poems and drawings by American poet and humorist Shel Silverstein, including "Backward Bill," "Day After Halloween," "Gumey Ball," "Nailbiter," "Sour Face Ann," and many others.
- Stabler, David. ***Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends.*** Quirk Books, 2015. Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how Tiger Woods, Gabby Douglas, Bruce Lee, Billie Jean King, and other budding sports champions faced kid-sized challenges growing up. *Series*
- Stanley, Diane. ***Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. This is the story of how an important but little-known woman – a brilliant scientist and mathematician - envisioned the computer-driven world we know today.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented.*** Holt, 2018. This exciting nonfiction picture book tells the bold and fascinating story behind one of the world's most beloved board games.
- Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937.*** Scholastic, 2016. Eleven year-old Hugo, his parents, and his sister Gertie are making the thrilling four thousand mile journey across the Atlantic in a zeppelin as big as the Titanic when disaster strikes and fire consumes the ship. *Series*
- Tavares, Matt. ***Crossing Niagara: The Death-Defying Tightrope Adventures of the Great Blondin.*** Candlewick, 2016. An illustrated account of the daredevil of Niagara Falls, the Great Blondin, who walked from America to Canada across the Niagara River on a rope.
- Temple, Bob. ***The Golden Age of Pirates: An Interactive History Adventure.*** Capstone, 2016. Describes the people and events of the Golden Age of Piracy. The reader's choices reveal historical details from the perspectives of a pirate, a navy sailor, and a merchant ship crewmember. *Series*

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- Turnage, Sheila. ***Three Times Lucky***. Dial Books, 2012. Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with the café's hostess, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder. *Series*
- Vande Velde, Vivian. ***Three Good Deeds***. Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself, and he can only become human again by performing three good deeds.
- Vernick, Audrey. ***The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton***. Clarion, 2016. A historical picture book about Edith Houghton, a female baseball phenomenon who joined the professional women's team the Bobbies in 1922 at the age of 10.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Earth Verse: Haiku from the Ground Up***. Candlewick, 2018. A collection of haiku poems that celebrates the planet Earth, including such topics as rocks, earthquakes, fossils, volcanoes and the water cycle. Factual information about each topic is included.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh***. Holt, 2015. This is the true story of a bear named Winnie who was left behind at the London Zoo while her keeper went away fighting in World War I and became the inspiration for the fictional character Winnie-the-Pooh.
- Wallace, Sandra Neil. ***Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery***. Simon & Schuster, 2018. The true story of NFL star Ernie Barnes, a man who pursued his lifelong dream of being an artist after his football career ended.
- Wang, Jen. ***Stargazing***. First Second, 2019. "Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness." *Graphic novel*
- Weeks, Sarah, and Gita Varadarajan. ***Save Me a Seat***. Scholastic, 2016. Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class. Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems. When their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade, they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.
- Winick, Judd. ***Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth***. Random House, 2016. When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world. *Series*

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- Winter, Jonah. ***Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965***. Schwartz & Wade, 2015. As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of the courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then remembers the long fight that led to her right--and determination--to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote.
- Woods, Brenda. ***Zoe in Wonderland***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. Because Zoe has such an active imagination, she does not think that her real life will ever be as interesting as her make-believe life.
- Yep, Laurence. ***A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans***. Crown, 2015. Feisty dragon Miss Drake's new pet human, precocious ten-year-old Winnie, not only thinks Miss Drake is her pet, she accidentally brings to life her "sketchlings" of mysterious and fantastic creatures hidden in San Francisco, causing mayhem among its residents. *Series*

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*Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.*

- Appelt, Kathi. ***The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp***. Atheneum, 2013. In this hilarious tall tale from a Texas swamp, twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, the ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Wishtree***. Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Red, the neighborhood “wishtree,” and her crow friend, Bongo, comfort an immigrant family who is threatened by others.
- Auxier, Jonathan. ***Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard: A Peter Nimble Adventure***. Amulet Books, 2016. Twelve-year-old Sophie knows little beyond the four walls of her father’s bookshop, where she repairs old books and dreams of escaping the confines of her dull life, when she finds herself pulled into an adventure beyond anything she has ever read. *Series*
- Barr, Jennifer R. ***Goodbye, Mr. Spalding***. Calkins Creek, 2019. In 1930’s Philadelphia, best friends, and loyal Philadelphia Athletics fans, Jimmy Frank and Lola try to keep the owners of Shibe Park from building the “Spite Wall” to preserve the neighborhood’s view of the baseball stadium from their rooftops, but their schemes go awry and their friendship is put to the test.
- Behar, Ruth. ***Lucky Broken Girl***. Nancy Paulsen, 2017. It’s 1960 and Ruthie, a recent Cuban immigrant, is finally showing confidence in her English and hopscotch abilities when a horrific car accident shrinks her world, causing her to rely on her inner strength, the love of family and neighbors, and a new love of art.
- Bell, Cece. ***El Deafo***. Amulet Books, 2014. This empowering graphic novel memoir of the author/illustrator’s childhood struggle with being accepted and finding friends with her severe deafness received a 2015 Newbery Honor. *Graphic novel*
- Brown, Peter. ***The Wild Robot***. Little, Brown, 2016. Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try and learn about her new environment from the island’s hostile inhabitants. *Series*
- Calejo, Ryan. ***Charlie Hernández & the League of Shadows***. Aladdin, 2018. The chase is on after Charlie Hernández wakes up mysteriously sporting horns and feathers which leads him to reexamine his *abuela’s* “tall tales” of Latin American ghouls and monsters in order to solve an ancient mystery that might be at the heart of his parents’ disappearance. *Series*

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- Chanani, Nidhi. ***Pashmina***. First Second, 2017. Eager to learn more about her cultural identity and family history, teenaged Priyanka, a budding cartoon artist, is transported to India after finding a magical scarf. *Graphic novel*
- Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Finding Langston***. Holiday House, 2018. Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.
- Cowell, Cressida. ***The Wizards of Once***. Little, Brown, 2017. Young wizard prince Xar, who has no magic, and warrior princess Wish, an outcast, team up on an adventure that brings them to witches long believed to be extinct. *Series*
- Craft, Jerry. ***New Kid***. Harper, 2019. In this Newbery Medal winner, Jordan Banks navigates his way through seventh grade as a new African American student at a prestigious, non-diverse school, making friends along the way. *Graphic novel*
- DeKeyser, Stacy. ***The Rhino in Right Field***. McElderry Books, 2018. Twelve-year-old Nick wants to win the 1948 Batboy Contest for the local Milwaukee minor league team, but the contest is on Saturday when he works in his father's shop, and he's lost confidence in his fielding ability ever since he had to retrieve his missed ball that went into Tank's (the 2,000-pound rhino) pen—what is Nick going to do to save face and uphold his responsibilities?
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***Beverly, Right Here***. Candlewick, 2019. Resolved to leave her home for good, a young runaway finds a job and a place to live before forming connections that alter her perspectives about life and herself.
- Draper, Sharon. ***Stella by Starlight***. Atheneum, 2015. When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.
- Flanagan, John. ***A New Beginning***. Puffin, 2018. The popular *Ranger's Apprentice* series ends and an exciting new adventure begins when Ranger Will Treaty, devastated by previous events and struggling for acceptance, takes on an unexpected – and difficult – apprentice of his own. Formerly published as *The Royal Ranger*, *Ranger's Apprentice* series, book 12. *Series*
- Fletcher, Susan. ***Journey of the Pale Bear***. McElderry Books, 2018. Twelve-year-old Arthur forms a bond with a polar bear given by King Haakon IV of Norway to King Henry III of England in 1252 while traveling as her handler.
- Gemeinhart, Dan. ***Some Kind of Courage***. Scholastic, 2016. Fun, touching, adventurous story of an orphan boy's search for his beloved horse, sold without his knowledge.

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- Hiranandani, Veera. ***The Night Diary***. Dial Books, 2018. Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.
- Hood, Susan. ***Lifeboat 12***. Simon & Schuster, 2018. In 1940, a group of British children escaping the bombing of London, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed by the Germans. This novel in verse includes historical notes.
- Janowitz, Jessie. ***The Doughnut Fix***. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2018. When his family moves to tiny Petersville, eleven-year-old Tris stops focusing on his perfect sister, Jeanine, by using his cooking expertise to revive a town tradition of chocolate cream doughnuts. *Series*
- Kane, Karen. ***Charlie & Frog: A Mystery***. Disney-Hyperion, 2018. While staying with his grandparents in Castle-on-the-Hudson, Charlie stumbles upon a mystery but must learn American Sign Language to keep up with Frog, a deaf girl who wants to help solve it.
- Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Hello, Universe***. Greenwillow, 2017. The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him. *Newbery Medal*
- Khan, Hena. ***Amina's Voice***. Salaam Press, 2017. Pakistani-American Amina is torn between her traditional Muslim family's culture and her American friends as she struggles to find her place after a tragedy in the community.
- Lai, Remy. ***Pie in the Sky***. Holt, 2019. Knowing very little English, eleven-year-old Jingwen feels like he was dropped onto an alien planet when his family immigrates to Australia, but copes with loneliness and the loss of his father by baking elaborate cakes. Full of humor and heart, and a little sibling rivalry, this graphic/fiction hybrid will appeal to fans of the *Wimpy Kid* series.
- Marsden, Mariah. ***Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel***. Andrews McMeel, 2017. The indomitable spirit and antics of flame-haired heroine Anne Shirley are delightfully brought back in this graphic adaptation of the classic by L.M. Montgomery. Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. *Graphic novel*
- Marshall, Joseph. ***In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse***. Amulet Books, 2015. Jimmy McClean is a part white and part Native American boy who embarks on a journey with his grandfather to learn more about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Lakota leader and warrior.

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- Mass, Wendy, and Rebecca Stead. **Bob**. Feiwel and Friends, 2018. Visiting her grandmother in Australia, ten-year-old Livy is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.
- Medina, Meg. **Merci Suárez Changes Gears**. Candlewick, 2018. Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suárez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between with moving authenticity and humor. *Newbery Medal*
- Montgomery, Sy. **Amazon Adventure: How Tiny Fish Are Saving the World's Largest Rainforest**. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. Scientific tale of how small fish and humans coexist to create a healthy and thriving ecology in the rainforest.
- Nielsen, Jennifer A. **Words on Fire**. Scholastic, 2019. While Audra is on the run from Cossack soldiers and in search of her missing parents, she realizes the importance of the mission to save the Lithuanian language and culture, and puts herself in danger to become part of the resistance in 1893 Russian-controlled Lithuania.
- O'Connor, George. **Hera, the Goddess and Her Glory**. First Second, 2011. Recounts the stories of the many heroes who sought and won the approval and patronage of Hera, the Queen of the Gods, including the story of Heracles. *Graphic novel, series*
- Palacio, R.J. **Wonder**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
- Pennypacker, Sara. **Pax**. Balzer + Bray, 2016. Driven by love and loss, Peter must travel hundreds of miles through wilderness, impending war, and injury in search of the pet fox he was forced to abandon, while loyal Pax searches for him.
- Reeves, Jordan, and Jen Lee Reeves. **Born Just Right**. Aladdin, 2019. Jordan Reeves may have been born with a “little (left) arm,” yet her positive attitude and determination sparked her invention of a prosthetic arm at a STEM summer camp, and, along with her mother, she has established the Born Just Right foundation to help others like herself to fully engage in life – an inspiring memoir for all.
- Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost**. Atheneum, 2018. Can a talented sprinter from a rough neighborhood push past his troubles to keep his place on an elite track team? *National Book Award Finalist, Series*

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- Riordan, Rick. ***The Lost Hero***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. *Series*
- Rundell, Katherine. ***The Explorer***. Simon & Schuster, 2017. Left stranded in the Amazon jungle when their plane crashes on their way back to England from Manaus, Brazil, four children struggle to survive for days until one of them finds a map that leads them to a ruined city and a secret hidden among the vines.
- Scott, Elaine. ***Our Moon: New Discoveries About Earth's Closest Companion***. Clarion, 2016. Highlighting the latest thrilling discoveries about the moon, this comprehensive book for kids covers the moon's history, scientific findings, and fun facts, interspersed with informative color photos.
- Selznick, Brian. ***Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures***. Scholastic, 2011. Rose and Ben are deaf children living fifty years and worlds apart, yet both marvel and connect with the world around them. The American Museum of Natural History links their separate stories – one narrated in text and the other through cinematic illustrations.
- Silvey, Anita. ***Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall***. National Geographic, 2015. This biography of Jane Goodall highlights her work with chimpanzees and her fight for the protection of the environment so her beloved chimpanzees and other animals can not only survive, but thrive.
- Slader, Erik, and Ben Thompson. ***The Wright Brothers: Nose-Diving into History***. Roaring Book, 2018. Describes the lives of the two American brothers who designed, built, and flew the first heavier-than-air aircraft successfully, detailing the many mishaps and misadventures that preceded it. *Series*
- Sweet, Melissa. ***Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White***. Houghton Mifflin, 2016. This biography of the beloved children's author is an inviting, colorful collage of photos, art, letters, and snippets of E. B. White's writing.
- Tingle, Tim. ***How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story***. RoadRunner, 2013. A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land its people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost—one with the ability to help those he left behind. *Series*
- Townsend, Jessica. ***Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow***. Little, Brown, 2017. Since birth, cursed Morrigan Crow has known she will die the night before her eleventh birthday; however, with only minutes remaining until her impending doom, Morrigan is whisked from her parents' gloomy house by an eccentric man and taken to the magical land of Nevermoor. There she must compete in trials which will determine whether she is allowed to stay in Nevermoor or return home to face her fate. *Series*

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- Turnage, Sheila. ***The Law of Finders Keepers***. Kathy Dawson, 2018. The Desperado Detectives, Mo LoBeau and her best friends Dale and Harm, tackle two huge cases in Tupelo Landing – the hunt for Blackbeard’s buried treasure and the search for Mo’s Upstream Mother – in this heart-warming series conclusion. *Series*
- Valise, Kim Perez. ***The Orca Scientists***. Houghton Mifflin, 2018. Follow the majestic orca whales along with the scientists who tirelessly work to save this species from extinction. *Series*
- Viola, Jason. ***Polar Bears: Survival on the Ice***. First Second, 2019. Through the humorous antics of two inquisitive polar bear cubs learning all they need to know to survive in the Arctic, we learn bear biology and behavior, as well as what all polar bears are facing because of global warming. *Graphic novel, series*
- Wolf, Allan. ***The Day the Universe Exploded My Head: Poems to Take You into Space and Back Again***. Candlewick, 2019. With dynamite illustrations by Anna Raff, and opportunities for readers to perform multi-part poems with peers, this book of clever, funny, informative poetry about our solar system truly sparkles as it puts a variety of poetry forms on display.
- Yang, Kelly. ***Front Desk***. Arthur A. Levine, 2018. Recent immigrants from China and desperate for money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California for skinflint Mr. Yao, whose son is the only other Chinese American in Mia’s class.

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