

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's C.V. Starr Library & Learning Center

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020
Early Childhood: Nursery,
Junior Kindergarten and
Senior Kindergarten

TIPS FOR PARENTS

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."

— *Kate DiCamillo, Newbery author of *Because of Winn-Dixie**

Here is a selection of books for you and your family to enjoy over the summer months and a few simple tips to help parents and caregivers nurture a child's love of reading.

Make it a family value. Children are expert observers. Whether you prefer to read books, blogs, manuals or magazines, let your child see your enjoyment of your own reading.

Make it a shared activity. Talk with your child about what she or he is reading, or what you have read together. Discussing and retelling stories is a way to broaden your child's understanding of the world. It also improves reading skills, builds vocabulary and fosters parent-child bonding.

Make it part of your summer routine. Try to share at least one book a day with your child. You can make reading a part of your child's bedtime routine, or perhaps a breakfast read-aloud works better for your family. The goal is to encourage your child to pick up the habit of reading.

Many of these titles can be found at your local public library and may also be available in eBook or audiobook formats. You and your child may also want to refer to this list throughout the year when borrowing books from the school library.

SUGGESTED LIBRARIES AND CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORES

**St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's
C. V. Starr Library & Learning Center** (5th Floor)
Librarian: Angela Perna
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The New York Public Library
www.nypl.org

Book Culture
<https://www.bookculture.com>

Bank Street Bookstore
<http://www.bankstreetbooks.com>

Books of Wonder
<http://booksofwonder.com>

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2020 CHILDREN’S LITERARY AWARD WINNERS

Award-winning titles are referenced throughout and noted by color-coded star or symbol. Awarded by the American Library Association, the 2020 children’s book awards include:

American Indian Youth Literature Award (★winner ★honor)	Randolph Caldecott Medal (★winner ★honor)
Asian/Pacific American Award (★winner ★honor)	Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award (★winner ★honor)
Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award (★winner ★honor)	Schneider Family Book Award (★winner ★honor)
John Newbery Medal (★honor)	Stonewall Book Award (★honor)
Pura Belpré Illustrator Award (★winner ★honor)	The Sydney Taylor Book Award (★honor)
	Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal (★winner ★honor)

Additional young people’s literary awards:

- ✧Freeman Book Award given by The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia at Columbia University
- ❖2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children’s books with feminist themes)
- ∞ Best S.T.E.M. book awarded by National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- ✚Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)

NEW AND NOTABLE PICTURE BOOKS

Listed throughout and noted with an asterisks (*) preceding the title.

ABCs AND 123s: ALPHABET, NUMBERS, AND CONCEPT BOOKS

A B C: A Family Alphabet Book – Bobbie Combs

Celebrates family diversity as it teaches young children the alphabet.

***Bear Is Awake!: An Alphabet Story** – Hannah E. Harrison

An alphabet book in which a bear wakes unexpectedly in the middle of winter, and meets a young girl who tries to figure out what he is supposed to be doing.

***Colors** – Shelley Rotner

A red fire truck races, orange pumpkins glow, and purple flowers bloom in vivid pictures of familiar things that inspire children to look more carefully at their environment.

***Did You Burp?: How to Ask Questions...or Not!** – April Pulley Sayre

Teaches kids what a question is, when to ask one, and how to form one. Friendly tips and pointers help kids keep their questions appropriate and on point. Above all, the book encourages readers to keep on asking questions—the beginning of learning about the world.

***Everyone Counts** – Judy Sierra

Count along with tiger cub Takoda as he and his friends convert a tumbledown mall into a fabulous zoo. (SHSH eBook)

***Fact vs. Opinion vs. Robots** – Adam Rex

Robots try to figure out the difference between facts and opinions.

***How Many?: A Different Kind of Counting Book** – Christopher Danielson

This innovative book encourages critical thinking and sparks memorable mathematical conversations. You and your child decide what to count on each page. You have many choices, and the longer you look, the more possibilities you'll notice.

***Little Juniper Makes It BIG** – Aidan Cassie

Juniper finds everything at her house too big, but after a visit to a small friend's home, it becomes just right—almost. (SHSH eBook)

***Not a Bean** – Claudia Guadalupe Martinez

With Spanish vocabulary and a clever counting concept, this poetic story shares the life cycle of a Mexican jumping bean.

***One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller** – Kate Read

"One famished fox with two sly eyes is on the prowl . . . three plump hens had better watch out!" The rich, close-up illustrations take the reader to the heart of the drama in this exciting story set in a moonlit farmyard.

One Minute – Somin Ahn

What can you do in one minute? A little girl discovers that time can make a difference.

***Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown Mouse** – Jane Godwin

In this rhyming story, a young mouse makes her way around the world, introducing colors. (SHSH eBook)

***Roar Like a Dandelion** – Ruth Krauss

This alphabet book charms with its unusual way of referring to initial letters.

These Colors Are Bananas – Tamara Shopsin and Jason Fulford

What color is a banana? It can be at least 25 different shades, according to this artful swatch book of versatile subjects. An inversion of the way we typically look at color, this book challenges readers' predispositions towards using a particular crayon for a particular object.

***Up Down Inside Out** – JooHee Yoon

Everyday sayings are visually and imaginatively explained.

Up, Down & Other Opposites – Ellsworth Kelly

Introduces readers to the concept of opposites using artwork by Ellsworth Kelly.

When's My Birthday? – Julie Fogliano

Children excitedly discuss the details of their upcoming birthdays. (SHSH eBook)

AUDIOBOOKS AND EBOOKS

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's Digital Library

<https://soraapp.com/>

SHSH Digital Library can also be found by downloading the Sora app. on your digital device. When signing into SHSH's Digital Library, students will be asked to log in with their library card number. Contact Ms. Perna, librarian, at aperna@sthildas.org for your child's library card number. Some of the titles on this list are part of SHSH's eBook collection and is noted in the annotations.

2020 Audie Award Winner (🏆) and Finalists

🏆 **The Pigeon Has to Go to School** written by Mo Willems, narrated by Mo Willems, published by Weston Woods

How to Read a Book, written and narrated by Kwame Alexander, published by HarperAudio

The Lion King by Elizabeth Rudnick and Disney Press, narrated by Janina Edwards, published by Blackstone Publishing



Rumple Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging, and Being Yourself, written and narrated by Matthew Gray Gubler, published by Penguin Random House Audio

★ **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** by Traci Sorell, narrated by Lauren Hummingbird, Agalisiga (Choogie) Mackey, Ryan Mackey, Traci Sorell, and Tonia Weavel, published by Live Oak Media

BEGINNING READERS

The Adventures of Otto: See Pip Flap – David Milgrim

With help from his friend Otto the robot, Pip the mouse tries to fly.

★ **The Book Hog** – Greg Pizzoli

The Book Hog loves books—the way they look, the way they feel, the way they smell—and he'll grab whatever he can find. There's only one problem: he can't read!

Books by **Dr. Seuss**

Nonsensical romp through a gallery of imaginary creatures reinforces a variety of rhyming letter combinations.

★ **Flubby Is Not a Good Pet!** – J. E. Morris

Although Flubby the cat refuses to do pet tricks, he proves his pet worthiness during a scary situation. (SHSH eBook)

★ **Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot!** – Cece Bell

An offbeat storybook for beginner readers that will have little ones in fits of giggles. (SHSH eBook)

***The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories** (Fox and Chick series) – Sergio Ruzzier

Two very different personalities encounter three separate situations, and their reactions generate laughter and empathy.

★ **Stop! Bot!** – James Yang

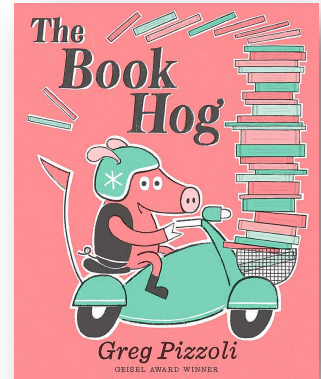
Rear Window meets Wes Anderson meets Richard Scarry in this fun picture book follow-up to *Bus! Stop!*

***This Is My Fort!** (Monkey & Cake series) – Drew Daywalt

Cake builds a “no-monkey” fort, but Monkey has an idea about how to reunite with Cake. Wry political overtones.

***Where Is Mommy?** (I Like to Read series) – Pat Cummings

A young girl loses her mother in the house. Where can she be?



CHAPTER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD TO YOUNG LISTENERS

Anna Hibiscus! – Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!

Beezus and Ramona – Beverly Cleary

Ramona invites her whole kindergarten class to a party at her home without first mentioning it to her mother. (SHSH eBook)

The Mouse and the Motorcycle – Beverly Cleary

Join Ralph for dangerous and exciting mouse adventures on his motorcycle.

My Father's Dragon – Ruth Stiles Gannett

The boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and especially St. George the dragon killer that there is no cause for concern?

Stuart Little – E. B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

***The Very, Very Far North** – Dan Bar-el

Duane is a sweet and curious young bear who makes friends with everyone he meets—whether they're bossy, like Major Puff the puffin, or a bit vain, like Handsome the musk ox, or very, very shy, like Boo the caribou. For these arctic friends, every day is a new adventure! (SHSH eBook)

CHARACTER EDUCATION: LEARNING ABOUT VALUES AND RESILIENCY

★ **Bear Came Along** – Richard T. Morris

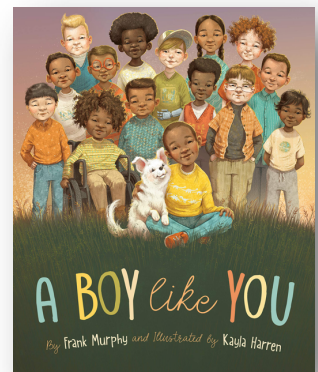
An assortment of animals living separate lives discover they need each other when they have a chance encounter on a river. (SHSH eBook)

❖ **Big Boys Cry** – Jonty Howley

As they walk to his new school, a frightened Levi and his father learn that it is okay for big boys to cry.

❖ **A Boy Like You** – Frank Murphy

The world needs a boy like you: thoughtful, kind, curious, smart, helpful, loving, and brave!



The Day You Begin – Jacqueline Woodson

This lyrical celebration of diversity offers children, however different they may feel from their classmates, the promise of friendship and discovery.

Giraffe Problems – Jory John

Edward the giraffe doesn't like his too-long, bendy neck. Cyrus the turtle doesn't like his too-short neck. Soon, a friendship ensues.

***How Do You Dance?** – Thyra Heder

Dancing is a creative, intergenerational, diverse activity, but does everyone need to join in?

***It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity** – Theresa Thorn

A picture book that introduces the concept of gender identity to the youngest reader.

Jabari Jumps – Gaia Cornwall

Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is almost absolutely ready to make a giant splash.

★Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You – Sonia Sotomayor

A group of children with different abilities and strengths come together to build a community garden.

***Just Like Me** – Vanessa Brantley Newton

There are all kinds of girls! Girls who feel happy, sad, scared, powerful; girls who love their bodies and girls who don't; country girls, city girls; girls who love their mom and girls who wish they had a daddy. With bright portraits in vibrant colors and unique patterns and fabrics, this book invites you to find yourself within its pages.

***Lali's Feather** – Farhana Zia

Lali finds a little feather in the field. Is it lost? Lali sets out to find feather a home, but one bird after another rejects it. Once Lali decides to keep the little feather and discovers all the things she can do with it, the other birds begin to recognize its value.

❖Mira's Curly Hair – Maryam Al Serka

Mira attempts to make her curly hair straight like her mother's but makes a discovery that changes both of their perceptions.

The Rabbit Listened – Cori Doerrfeld

When Taylor's block structure collapses, all he needs is a good listener. Vibrant digital art captures varieties of emotions, including empathy.

★Sulwe – Lupita Nyong'o

When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but a shooting star's tale of the sisters Night and Day helps her understand there is beauty and worth in every shade.

CLASSIC PICTURE BOOKS EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day – Judith Viorst

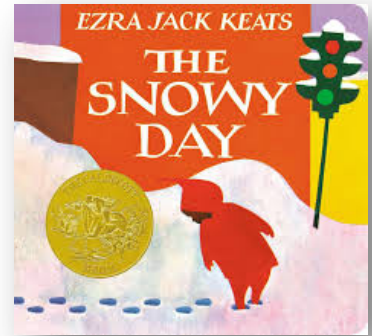
On the worst of days, kids can take solace in the fact that everyone has terrible times.

Bread and Jam for Francis – Russell Hoban

Frances decides she likes to eat only bread and jam at every meal until to her surprise her parents grant her wish.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? – Eric Carle

This cheerful introduction to colors comes alive through wonderful illustrations and rhyming text.



Caps for Sale – Esphyr Slobodkina

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.

The Carrot Seed – Ruth Krauss

A young boy plants a carrot seed and, although the adults tell him that nothing will happen, he just knows it will come up.

A Chair for My Mother – Vera B. Williams

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

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom – Bill Martin, Jr.

Twenty-six lively and brightly colored letters decide to scale the nearest coconut tree, but will there be enough room for all of them?

A Color of His Own – Leo Lionni

Share this tribute to friendship and self-identity with your own child, who simultaneously seeks comfort and independence.

Corduroy – Don Freeman

A lost button leads to lovable adventures for a bear that longs for a home.

Froggy Gets Dressed – Jonathan London

Froggy hops out into the snow for a winter frolic but is called back by his mother to put on some necessary articles of clothing.

Goodnight Moon – Margaret W. Brown

A little bunny says goodnight to all the familiar things in his little room.

Harold and the Purple Crayon – Crockett Johnson

Harold goes for a walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon and created many fantastic adventures.

Knuffle Bunny – Mo Willems

At the Laundromat, Trixie, who is too young to speak, realizes that something is missing and struggles to explain the problem to her father.

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile – Bernard Waber

Lyle, the helpful, happy crocodile living on East 88th causes a neighborhood feud.

Madeline – Ludwig Bemelmans

The rhymes in which the tale is told make it one that children will enjoy repeating.

Make Way for Ducklings – Robert McCloskey

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard found a quiet place to raise their babies then took them to the pond in the Boston Public Garden where there were peanuts to eat.

The Polar Express – Chris Van Allsburg

A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus.

Snowy Day – Ezra Jack Keats

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf

The story of a bull that would rather sit quietly under a tree than fight.

Strega Nona – Tomie De Paola

A retelling of an old Italian tale about what happens when Strega Nona leaves her apprentice alone with her magic pasta pot, and he is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble – William Steig

In a moment of fright Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.

Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak

After Max was sent to bed for misbehaving, he escapes by imagining that he sails away to a wild land full of monsters.

FABLES, FAIRY TALES, FOLKLORE AND NURSERY RHYMES

Abiyoyo – Pete Seeger

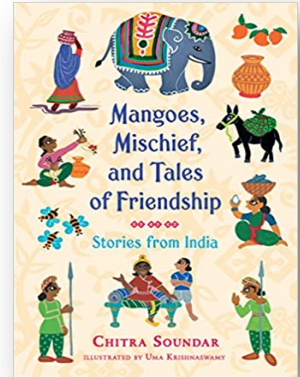
Banished from the town for making mischief, a little boy and his father are welcomed back when they find a way to make the dreaded giant Abiyoyo disappear.

Anansi and the Magic Stick – Eric A. Kimmel

A West African folk tale about a lovable spider that steals Hyena's magic stick so he can clean up his own rickety house.

Beauty and the Beast – retold by H. Chuku Lee

A lonely creature and a caring girl create a tender and gentle retelling. Close inspection of the African-inspired brilliant watercolor and gouache painting reveals pertinent details.



The Elephant's Friend and Other Tales from Ancient India – Marcia Williams

Draws eight stories from well-known collections of Indian folktales—Hitopadesha tales, Jataka tales, and Panchantra tales.

The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes – Ying Chang Compestine

This retelling of a classic fairy tale is inspired by the ban on Western literature during the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

Grasshopper and the Ants – Jerry Pinkney

A playful grasshopper wonders why the busy ants around him won't join in his merrymaking as the seasons pass by.

Henny-Penny – Jane Wattenberg

A cumulative tale about Henny-Penny and her barnyard friends who were literally outfoxed on their journey to tell the king the sky was falling.

Here Comes Mother Goose – edited by Iona Opie

More than sixty traditional nursery rhymes.

***Let's Scare Bear** – Yuko Katakawa

In a humorous story influenced by Japanese oral tradition, four small animals take a turn trying to scare a big bear.

Lon Po Po: A Red-riding Hood Story from China – Ed Young

An Asian retelling of the Little Red Riding Hood story.

***Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: Stories from India** – Chitra Soundar

In these original stories based on Indian folklore, a young prince and his friend cleverly solve disputes brought before the royal court.

Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale – Carmen Agra Deedy

In this humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale, a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters – John Steptoe

Featuring stunning illustrations, this African Cinderella story proves that beauty is only skin deep.

Nursery Tales Around the World – Judy Sierra

Compare and contrast 18 easy-to-tell stories.

The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes – Duncan Tonatiuh

The legend of Popocatepetl and Iztaccíhuatl, the two majestic volcanoes that overlook Mexico City, is retold and enhanced with rich, Aztec-style mixed-media collages.

Rapunzel – Brothers Grimm and retold by Alix Berenzy

A witch imprisons a beautiful girl with extraordinarily long hair in a lonely tower.

★ **Raven Makes the Aleutians: Adapted from a Traditional Native Story** – Pauline Duncan

Raven the Trickster is found in oral traditions throughout North America and elsewhere in the world and teaches people how to exist in society.

Stone Soup – Jon Muth

Three wise monks trick a poor, frightened community into finding happiness by teaching them the magic of generosity.

A Story, A Story – Gail E. Haley

Recounts how most African folk tales came to be called spider stories.

Sugar and Snails – Sarah Tsiang

Girls and boys are made of a lot more than just sugar, spice, snips, and snails! (SHSH eBook)

The Three Billy Goats Gruff – P. C. Asbørnsen

Three clever billy goats outwit a big, ugly troll who lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain.

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse – Helen Ward

A retelling of Aesop's well-known fable in which a country mouse visits a town mouse and they find they each prefer a very different way of life. Set in 1930s New York at Christmas.

The Turtle Ship – Helena Ku Rhee

An adaptation of the legend of Sunsin Yi, a young boy in sixteenth-century Korea, who, inspired by his pet turtle, designs one of the greatest battleships in history and fulfills his dream of sailing the world.

The Village of Round and Square Houses – Ann Grifalconi

A grandmother explains to her listeners why in their village on the side of a volcano the men live in square houses and the women in round ones.

The Ugly Duckling – Hans Christian Anderson and adapted by Jerry Pinkney

An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.

Where’s Halmoni? – Julie Kim

Searching for their missing grandmother, two Korean children follow tracks into a fantastic world filled with beings from folklore who speak in Korean.

FAMILY LIFE AND OTHER ADVENTURES

★ **Across the Bay** – Carlos Aponte

Carlitos lives in a happy home with his mother, his abuela, and Coco the cat. Life in his hometown is cozy as can be, but the call of the capital city pulls Carlitos across the bay in search of his father.



All Kinds of Families – Mary Ann Hoberman

In fabulous rhyme, Mary Ann Hoberman shows readers that families, large and small, are all around us.

Alma and How She Got Her Name – written and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

When Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.

* **Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao** – Kat Zhang

Amy is determined to make a perfect dumpling like her parents and grandmother do, but hers are always too empty, too full, or not pinched together properly.

★❖ **At the Mountain’s Base** – Traci Sorell

At the mountain's base sits a cabin under an old hickory tree. And in that cabin lives a family—loving, weaving, cooking, and singing. The strength in their song sustains them through trials on the ground and in the sky, as they wait for their loved one, a pilot, to return from war.

* **Ball & Balloon** – Rob Sanders

Colorful, spare illustrations accompany this poignant tale of two objects who are envious of one another. When a child comes along, they each finally learn their own worth.

★ **Bilal Cooks Daal** – Aisha Seed

Bilal and his father invite his friends to help make his favorite dish, daal, then all must wait patiently for it to be done. (SHSH eBook)

A Big Mooncake for Little Star – Grace Lin

Reimagines the cycles of the moon as a mother bakes a Big Moon cake and, despite Mama's request to wait, Little Star begins nibbling at it every night.

★ **Birdsong** – Julie Flett

Acclaimed author and artist Julie Flett's textured images of birds, flowers, art, and landscapes bring vibrancy and warmth to this powerful story, which highlights the fulfillment of intergenerational relationships and shared passions.

* **Black Is a Rainbow Color** – Angela Joy

A child reflects on the meaning of being Black in this anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy that lives on.

★ **Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjige-niimi'idim** – Brenda J. Child

This playful story by Brenda Child is accompanied by a companion retelling in Ojibwe by Gordon Jourdain and brought to life by Jonathan Thunder's vibrant dreamscapes. The result is a powwow tale for the ages.

* **Camp Tiger** – Susan Choi

Brilliant, vivid illustrations draw readers into a magical camping trip where a young boy comes to terms with his fears of first grade.

* **Chirri & Chirra: Under the Sea** – Kaya Doi

Chirri and Chirra bicycle beneath the waves, discovering the beauty of coral and the deliciousness of marine edibles.

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut – Derrick Barnes

Captures the confidence, pride, and magic black and brown boys feel the moment they get a new haircut and admire their own beautiful reflections in the mirror.

A Family is a Family is a Family – Sara O'Leary

When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways—but the same in the one way that matters the most.

Festival of Colors – Kabir Sehgal

Siblings Chintoo and Mintoo collect flowers and press the petals into a fine powder as they prepare for Holi, the Indian springtime Festival of Colors.

★ **A Friend for Henry** – Jenn Bailey

Henry would like to find a friend at school, but for a boy on the autism spectrum, making friends can be difficult, as his efforts are sometimes misinterpreted, or things just go wrong—but Henry keeps trying, and in the end he finds a friend he can play with.

★★**Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** – Kevin Noble Maillard

Using illustrations that show the diversity in Native America and spare poetic text that emphasizes fry bread in terms of provenance, this volume tells the story of a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families all across the North American continent.

★**Going Down Home with Daddy** – Kelly Starling Lyons

Alan looks forward to the annual family reunion at the farm where Daddy grew up, but everyone is supposed to share something special and Alan worries about arriving with empty hands.

***Goodnight, Veggies** – Diana Murray

Rhyming text invite the reader to a community garden where potatoes close their eyes, cabbages nod their heads, and corn covers its ears to go to sleep. (SHSH eBook)

***Good Night, World** – Nicola Edwards

Children from all around the world get ready for bedtime and say “good night” in many languages. Strikingly bold illustrations echo the lyrical text.

❖**Hair Love** – Matthew Cherry

Zuri’s father, a novice hairstylist, helps find the perfect hairstyle to help her feel special.

***Home in the Woods** – Eliza Wheeler

During the Great Depression, six-year-old Marvel, her seven siblings, and their mother find a tarpaper shack in the woods and, over the course of a year, turn it into a home. Based on the author's grandmother's childhood; includes historical notes.

Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin – Chieri Uegaki

This terrifically inspiring book offers hope and confidence to all children who are yearning to master something difficult.

***Hike** – Pete Oswald

A father and child head out on a hike, keeping a cherished family tradition alive.

***In Every House, On Every Street** – Jess Hitchman

A biracial family goes about their day with laughter and love in this sweet celebration of home.

***Johnny's Pheasant** – Cheryl Minnema

Johnny spies a pheasant which he believes is sleeping and his Grandma fears is dead, but they learn they were both wrong when the pheasant departs, leaving behind a gift.

Julian Is A Mermaid – Jessica Love

In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world.

***Just in Case You Want to Fly** – Julie Fogliano

A child is lovingly tucked into bed with tea and music, giraffes and butterflies, and umbrellas and a cozy blanket. (SHSH eBook)

★Let's Go to Market – Raúl Gonzalez

Follow Little Lobo and his dog Bernabe on a journey to the market, where they see many friends who sell candy, comic books, and puppets in this enthralling bilingual story. (SHSH eBook)

***Little Guys** – Vera Brosgol

The Little Guys might be small acorns, but together they can conquer anything through teamwork. (SHSH eBook)

Mango, Abuela, and Me – Meg Medina

When a little girl's far-away grandmother comes to stay, love and patience transcend language in a tender story written by acclaimed author Meg Medina.

***The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh** – Supriya Kelkar.

Indian American Singh wears different color patkas to match his mood or occasion of the day.

Mixed Me – Taye Diggs

Told in rhyming text, Mike is a mixed-race boy, completely comfortable with his identity and his parents—and his wild, curly hair.

◇**The Moose of Ewenki** – Gerelchimeg Blackcrane

Richly detailed, painterly illustrations by Chinese fine artist Jiu'er bring authenticity and beauty to this thoughtful book, which illuminates the traditional and vanishing way of life for the Ewenki peoples of Inner Mongolia.

My Dadima Wears A Sari – Kashmira Sheth

Two young sisters raised in America learn about the beauty and art of wearing a sari from their wise Indian grandmother.

***My Grandma and Me** – Mina Javaherbin

Set in Iran, this picture book honors the power of grandmothers as models of tradition, family, and love.

***My Mommy Medicine** – Edwidge Danticat

A little girl and her mother share games, treats, hugs, and bedtime stories in a quiet celebration of love. Digital illustrations portray an African American family

★My Papi Has a Motorcycle – Isabel Quintero

When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known. She also sees a community that is rapidly changing around her. But as the sun sets purple-blue-gold behind Daisy Ramona and her papi, she knows that the love she feels will always be there.

Ninja! – Arree Chung

A ninja must be strong, courageous, and silent! He creeps through the house on a secret mission. There may be obstacles! But have no fear—a true ninja can overcome all challenges.

***Octopus Stew** – Eric Velaquez

Ramsey dons his superhero cape to rescue Grandma from the huge octopus she is trying to cook—or is he simply telling a story? Includes author's note on the story's origin and a recipe for Octopus stew.

The Red Thread: An Adoption Fairy Tale – Grace Lin

A sad king and queen find joy and happiness after a mysterious red thread leads them to a baby waiting to be adopted.

***Saturday** – Oge Mora

Saturdays are when Mom and Ava do special things together, even when they don't go as planned.

***Side by Side: A Celebration of Dads** – Chris Raschka

In exuberant watercolors, fathers and children enjoy and learn from each other. Minimal, poetic text.

Stella Brings the Family – Miriam B. Schiffer

Stella decides to bring her two fathers as well as other family members to a Mother's Day celebration at school. (SHSH eBook)

❖Under My Hijab – Hena Khan

A young girl observes women in her life who each wear the hijab in a unique way, and imagines how she may someday express her personality through her hijab.

★When Aidan Became a Brother – Kyle Lukoff

Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.

POETRY PICKS: 2020 YOUNG PEOPLE'S POET NAOMI SHIHAB NYE

Each month, Young People's Poet Laureate, Naomi Shihab Nye recommends a book of poetry for children. Selections include classics of children's literature, adult collections that are well suited to children, as well as newly published books.

For more information: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/young-peoples-poet-laureate>

S.T.E.M.: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

- ∞ Best S.T.E.M. book awarded by National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- ❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

- ∞ **Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner** – Janice N. Harrington
Discover the power of questioning and the positive impact Charles Henry Turner had on how we observe our natural world.

- ∞ **A Computer Called Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Helped Put America on the Moon** – Suzanne Slade
Katherine Johnson loved counting and math from her earliest years. As an adult, she broke through societal barriers against black women to become an integral part of NASA's successful race the moon.

- ∞ **The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons** – Natascha Biebow
Discover the true story of the creation of Crayola crayons by an inventor who persevered in order to bring vibrant colors to children's fingertips.

- ∞ **A Dream of Flight: Alberto Santos-Dumont's Race Around the Eiffel Tower** – Rob Polivka
Take flight atop Airship No. 6 with Alberto Santos-Dumont around the Eiffel Tower. Through a series of attempts, failures and lessons, young Alberto conquered the skies and opened the door for aviation.

- ∞ **The First Dinosaur: How Science Solved the Greatest Mystery on Earth** – Ian Lendler
Read about the time before people discovered dinosaurs. Medical doctors, curiosity collectors, and quarrymen pieced together the puzzle of unfamiliar animal bones to discover the existence of dinosaurs.

- ∞ **Full of Beans: Henry Ford Grows a Car** – Peggy Thomas
Encouraged by his mother to "do something useful," Henry Ford discovers many ways to innovate using the under-appreciated, but highly adaptable, soybean.

- ∞ **Guitar Genius: How Les Paul Engineered the Solid Body Electric Guitar and Rocked the World** – Kim Tomsic
Music will never be the same because of Les Paul's out of the box thinking. Through transformative and inspired modifications, young Paul thinks up great inventions that revolutionized music forever.

- ∞ **The House That Cleaned Itself: The True Story of Frances Gabe's (Mostly) Marvelous Invention** – Laura Dershewitz and Susan Romberg
A delightful story about the clever inventions of Frances Gabe as she worked to create a house that could clean itself.

- ∞ **Samuel Morse, That's Who! The Story of the Telegraph and Morse Code** – Tracy Nelson
Through failures and revisions, Samuel Morse's persistence resulted in changing communications forever – an inspiring story of a great inventor.

- ∞ **Secret Engineer: How Emily Roebling Built the Brooklyn Bridge** – Rachel Dougherty
An incredibly inspiring true story of the young woman who supervised the building of the Brooklyn Bridge after her husband, the chief engineer, became ill during the bridge's construction.

STOMP, STOMP, ROAR: DINOSAUR BOOKS FOR BUDDING PALEONTOLOGISTS

The Dinosaur Expert – Margaret McNamara

Kimmy wants to be a paleontologist, but a class trip to the museum leads her to doubt her ambitions. Can women be dinosaur scientists?

***Dinosaur Feathers** – Dennis Nolan

This tongue-twisting, brightly illustrated poetry book introduces readers to a gaggle of dinosaurs.

Fossil by Fossil: Comparing Dinosaur Bones – Sara Levine

Humans and dinosaurs share many skeletal features, but the dinosaur's bones made them unique.

Lifesize Dinosaurs – Jessica Hann

Step into the book and see how you measure up against some of the world's most amazing dinosaurs.

Rosa Loves Dinosaurs – Jessica Spanyol

Rosa and her friends play with dinosaurs today and have much fun!

STORIES FROM THE REAL WORLD: ARTS, BIOGRAPHY, HISTORY, RELIGION, AND SPORTS

❖2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

✚Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)

***Althea Gibson: The Story of Tennis's Fleet-of-Foot Girl** – Megan Reid

This picture book biography chronicles Althea Gibson's trailblazing athletic journey—and the talent, force of spirit, and energy that made it possible for her to break barriers and ascend to the top of the tennis world.

***The Boy Who Dreamed of Infinity: A Tale of the Genius Ramanujan** – Amy

Alznauer

A young mathematical genius from India searches for the secrets hidden inside numbers, and for someone who understands him, in this heartwarming biography.

***By and By: Charles Tindley, the Father of Gospel Music** – Carole Boston Weatherford

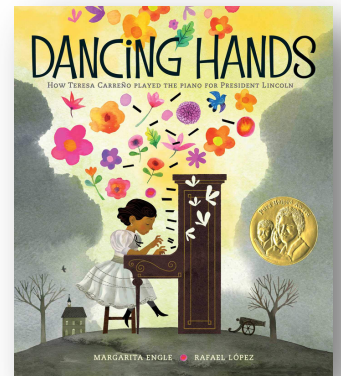
Told in lilting verse with snippets of spirituals and Tindley's own hymns woven throughout, Carole Boston Weatherford's lyrical words and Bryan Collier's luminous pictures celebrate a man whose music and conviction has inspired countless lives

★Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln – Margarita Engle

This empowering, lyrical story of a young girl who fled Venezuela and later became known as the Piano Girl shows the journey that led to her playing for Abraham Lincoln.

❖The Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photographs – Fiona Robinson

Anna Atkins' curiosity about science led her to experiment with the new art of photography, particularly cyanotypes.



★ **Double Bass Blues** – Andrea J. Loney

After school orchestra practice, young Nic carries his double bass through rough neighborhoods to his grandfather's home, where he and Granddaddy Nic play jazz music with friends, delighting the neighbors.

* **Flying High: The Story of Gymnastics Champion Simone Biles** – Michelle Meadows

A lyrical picture book biography of Simone Biles, international gymnastics champion and Olympic superstar.

★ **Hey, Water!** – Antoinette Portis

Splashy illustrations and simple text explore water in its many shapes and forms

❖ **Ho'onani: Hula Warrior** – Heather Gale

An empowering celebration of identity, acceptance and Hawaiian culture based on the true story of a young girl in Hawai'i who dreams of leading the boys-only hula troupe at her school.

* **The Important Thing About Margaret Wise Brown** – Mac Barnett

In 42 inspired pages, this biography artfully plays with form and language to vividly bring to life one of greatest children's book creators who ever lived: Margaret Wise Brown.

✦ **It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way** – Kyo Maclear

This biography for young readers recounts the life of a trailblazing Japanese American picture book artist.

★ **The Key from Spain: Flory Jagoda and Her Music** – Debbie Levy

Just as her ancestors were forced to leave Spain during the Inquisition, Flory flees Europe for a new life in the United States, bringing with her a precious harmoniku and a passion for Ladino music.

* **Little People, Big Dreams series** – various authors

A series of books that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream.

❖ **Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando** – Andrea Wang

Inspiration struck when Momofuku Ando spotted the long lines for a simple bowl of ramen following World War II. *Magic Ramen* tells the true story behind the creation of one of the world's most popular foods.

* **Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet** – Elizabeth Rusch

The true story of how Mexican-American scientist Mario Molina helped solve the ozone crisis of the 1980s and went on to become a Nobel laureate and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

* **Packs: Strength in Numbers** – Hannah Salyer

A full-color, exquisitely illustrated celebration of animals who live in packs, herds, pods, and more. Packs shows how togetherness and teamwork help many creatures thrive. (SHSH eBook)

- *Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist** – Julie Leung
As a boy, Wong Geng Yeo assumed a fake identity to immigrate to the U.S., eventually becoming a Disney artist.
- +A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation** – Barry Wittenstein
The true story behind the writing of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.
- *Pluto Gets the Call** – Adam Rex
In this creative nonfiction work, just after learning that Earth's scientists no longer consider him a planet, an unhappy Pluto takes a visitor from Earth on a tour of the solar system, sharing facts along the way.
- ★Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom** – Teresa Robeson
This picture book biography follows Wu as she battles sexism at home and racism in the United States of America to become what Newsweek magazine called the "Queen of Physics" for her work on how atoms split. (SHSH eBook)
- *River** – Elisha Cooper
A woman in a canoe takes the reader on a journey down the Hudson River, from its source, a lake in the Adirondack Mountains, to the point where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean at New York City. Includes a note on the history of the Hudson River.
- *Saving the Countryside: The Story of Beatrix Potter and Peter Rabbit** – Linda Elovitz Marshall
This beautiful picture book shines a light on Beatrix Potter's lesser-known history and her desire to do something for the greater good.
- *The Seed of Compassion: Lessons from the Life and Teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama** – His Holiness the Dalai Lama
For the first time ever, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama addresses children directly, sharing lessons of peace and compassion, told through stories of his own childhood.
- *Thurgood** – Jonah Winter
Before Rosa Parks, before Martin Luther King Jr., before the civil rights movement there was Thurgood, fighting for African Americans—and winning. Here is the powerful story of the trailblazer who proved that separate is not equal.
- ✧**When Spring Comes to the DMZ** – Uk-Bae Lee
Grandfather returns each year to the demilitarized zone, the barrier—and accidental nature preserve—that separates families that live in North and South Korea.
- ★★★The Undeclared** – Kwame Alexander
A powerful and important ode to black history: the strength and bravery of everyday people and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest artists, athletes, and activists.

THINGS THAT GO VROOM: CARS, TRUCKS, SPACESHIPS, AND OTHER MACHINES

The Airport Book – Lisa Brown

Traces an airplane journey through the eyes of a family: two parents, a son, and his toddler sister.

***Astro Girl** – Ken Wilson-Max

After Astrid tells her father that she wants to be an astronaut, he tells her of all the things that astronauts have to do.

Boats Are Busy – Sara Gillingham

A first book of boats for the youngest enthusiasts, featuring 15 different boats and a bonus nautical flag per vessel.



The Boy Who Went to Mars – Simon James

Stanley goes to Mars in his space mobile and returns to Earth as a Martian!

***Come Back to Earth, Esther!** – Josée Bisailon

A full-hearted celebration of a fun-loving, space-obsessed girl who wishes, more than anything, to build her own spaceship, liftoff into the sky, and explore the galaxy.

Count on the Subway – Dan Yaccarino

Illustrations and rhythmic text describe the sights and sounds of a subway ride in New York City as a mother and child go uptown, counting their way from one to ten and back again.

Curiosity the Story of a Mars Rover – Markus Motum

Find out the story behind the technological wonder of Curiosity, the NASA rover on Mars, that is working to help answer scientists' questions about the Red Planet.

***Field Trip to the Moon** – John Hare

In this wordless picture book, a girl is accidentally left behind on a class trip to the moon.

***Firefighters' Handbook** – Meghan McCarthy

A picture book exploration of what it takes to be a firefighter, including training and equipment.

How to Train a Train – Jason Carter Eaton

A whimsical guide to training a "pet train" instructs young enthusiasts about important issues including where trains live, what they like to eat, and how to get them to perform the best train tricks.

If My Love Were a Fire Truck: A Daddy's Love Song – Luke Reynolds

An endearing nighttime rhyme celebrates the gargantuan love of a father for his son.

I Stink! – Kate McMullan

What happens to all your rubbish? A smelly rubbish truck with a huge appetite eats it!

Let's Go ABC!: Things That Go, from A to Z – Rhonda Gowler Greene

Rhyming text and bright art are used to reinforce alphabet skills, with 26 unusual modes of transportation.

***Little Taco Truck** – Tanya Valentine

Little Taco Truck is suddenly forced to share the street with other food trucks. A real-life dilemma told simply and sympathetically.

Machines Go to Work in the City – William Low

Elegant illustrations portray a variety of gritty, urban machines in all their burly glory as they work under, through, and above the city.

Poem-Mobiles: Crazy Car Poems – J. Patrick Lewis and Douglas Florian

Presents 13 poems about wacky, imaginative cars, including the Sloppy-Floppy-Nonstop-Jalopy, the Bathtub Limousine, and the High Heel Car.

Rescue Squad No. 9 – Mike Austin

A thrilling rescue at sea with bright compelling paintings and simple graphic words, plus a happy ending, is accompanied by notes on water safety.

Seymour Simon's Book of Trains – Seymour Simon

Photographs and brief text present different kinds of trains and their cars.

Simple Machines (Let's Read-and-Find-Out Science series) – D.J. Ward

Learn about the six basic simple machines—levers, wheels and axels, pulleys, ramps, wedges, and screws.

***This Is the Construction Worker** – Laura Godwin

Challenging gender stereotypes, this portrayal of the workers and work at a busy building site features a female crew member.

***Trucker and Train** – Hannah Stark

A big, tough semi becomes jealous of a bigger, more powerful train. Is it better to be feared or appreciated?

***Two Little Trains** – Margaret Wise Brown

Two little trains head west, traveling through hills and mountains and over rivers and plains.

***Vroom!** – Barbara McClintock

From beloved author and artist Barbara McClintock, a playful picture book following a little girl's imaginative journey in a race car.

Wheels on the Tuk Tuk – Kabir Sehgal

In this twist on the classic song, The Wheels on the Bus, the wheels on the tuk tuk go around and round all over the city in India.

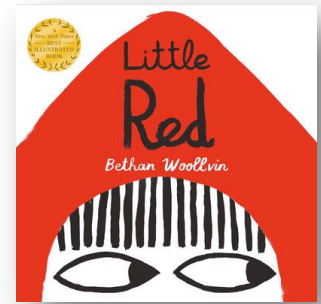
UNCONVENTIONAL PRINCES AND PRINCESSES

The Apple-Pip Princess – Jane Ray

A king sets his three daughters the task of making the kingdom bloom again, and discovers that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference.

La Princesa and the Pea – Susan Middleton Elya

A rhyming twist on a classic fairy tale in which a queen places a pea under a young lady's mattress to see if she is truly a princess. Incorporates Spanish words and includes a glossary.



Little Red – Bethan Woollvin

On her way to Grandma's house, Little Red meets a wolf. Which might scare some little girls. But not this little girl. She knows just what the wolf is up to, and she's not going to let him get away with it.

Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion – Alex T. Smith

An amusing safari riff on Red Riding Hood features a very young girl outwitting a scheming lion.

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink – Jane Yolen

Rhyming text affirms that girls can pursue their many interests, from playing sports to planting flowers in the dirt, without giving up their tiaras.

The Paper Bag Princess – Robert N. Munsch

Princess Elizabeth decides to rescue her fiancé Prince Ronald from a dragon who has burned up all her possessions.

Prince Cinders – Babette Cole

In this delightful retelling of the classic fairy tale, Prince Cinders sets out on an adventure, aided by his very own fairy godmother.

The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas – Tony Wilson

After tiring of the needs of overly demanding princesses, Prince Henrik devises a test to find a girl who's not so sensitive, using a very thin mattress and an entire packet of frozen peas.

Princess Cora and the Crocodile– Laura Amy Schlitz

Unhappy queen-in-training Cora receives a pet crocodile from her fairy godmother, which disrupts her mundane daily routine.

Princess Grace – Mary Hoffman

Grace wants to participate in her community festival's princess float, but first she must decide what sort of a princess she wants to be, from an African princess in kente cloth robes to a fluffy pink fairy tale princess.

Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated – Florence Parry Heide

Princess Hyacinth is bored and unhappy sitting in her palace every day because, unless she is weighed down by specially made clothes, she will float away, but her days are made brighter when kite-flying Boy stops to say hello.

The Princess Knight – Cornelia Funke

Violetta is secretly teaching herself to become the bravest and cleverest knight in the land until she must face the king's best knights in a jousting tournament.

***Reading Beauty** – Deborah Underwood

In this version of Sleeping Beauty, told in verse, the Princess is threatened with a curse which will start with a paper cut; devastated that all her books have been taken away, she sets out with her dog, Prince, to find the fairy who cast the curse and make her reverse it.

The Real Princess: A Mathematical Tale – Brenda Williams

Practice your math skills while enjoying this quirky take on The Princess and the Pea.

Sleeping Bobby – Will and Mary Pope Osborne

A retelling of the Grimm tale featuring a handsome prince who is put into a deep sleep by a curse until he is awakened by the kiss of a brave princess.

The Truly Brave Princesses – Dolores Brown

This eclectic collection of diverse women and girls celebrates the many different princesses in everyday modern life.

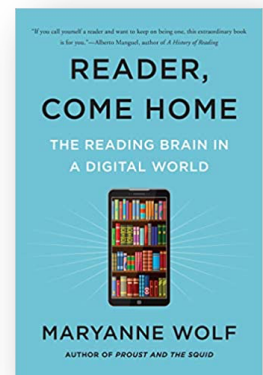
SUGGESTED BOOKS ABOUT READING FOR GROWN UPS

***How to Raise a Reader** – Pamela Paul and Maria Russo

Combining clear, practical advice with inspiration, wisdom, tips, and curated reading lists, *How to Raise a Reader*, from the authors of the original and viral New York Times Books feature, shows you how to instill the joy and time-stopping pleasure of reading.

***Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World** – Maryanne Wolf

Wolf considers the future of the reading brain and our capacity for critical thinking, empathy and reflection as we become increasingly dependent upon digital technologies.



MAGAZINES

Babybug

Each issue is filled with charming characters, games, songs, poems and stories. Infants-3.

Highlights High Five

Promotes reasoning, problem solving and creative self-expression. Ages 2-6.

Ladybug

Filled with enchanting stories and poems. Ages 3-7.

Ranger Rick, Jr

Filled with fun activities, simple stories and wild animals that the little ones love. Ages 3-7.

Zootles

Written for preschoolers, each issue includes wildlife photos, stories, activities and puzzles and animal facts to feed young minds and imaginations. Ages 2-3.