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Addy, Sharon Hart. Lucky Jake, illustrated by Wade Zahares. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. ISBN: 9780618472864
While panning for gold with his Pa, Jake adopts a pig that he names Dog. RL 2.2

Agee, Jon, et al. Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road? Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0803730942
Various award-winning artists present their own versions of the classic joke, from Marla Frazee's chicken who is searching for a luxury "coop," to Mo Willems' chicken who confesses his motives to a police officer. RL 2.3

Armstrong, Jennifer. Once Upon a Banana, illustrated by David Small. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0689842511
Everyday signs serve as captions for this pictorial tale of what happens after a man tosses a banana peel into the garbage can and misses. Wordless book. *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Arnold, Marsha Diane. Roar of a Snore, illustrated by Pierre Pratt. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0803729367
Disturbed by a deafening snore, Jack wakes up the family and animals one by one in search of the noisy culprit. RL 1.8

Arnosky, Jim. Grandfather Buffalo. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006. ISBN: 0399241698
When Grandfather Buffalo, the oldest bull of the herd, trails behind the group, he finds that he is joined by a newborn calf. RL 3.9

Artell, Mike. Three Little Cajun Pigs, illustrated by Jim Harris. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0803728158
In this rhyming version of the familiar folktale, a big bad gator comes after the three pig brothers, Ulysse, Thibodeaux, and Trosclair, in the Louisiana bayou. RL 2.5

Ashman, Linda. Mama's Day, illustrated by Jan Ormerod. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN 9780689834752
In rhyming text, mothers and their babies are described sharing in a variety of activities, from playing at the ocean to reading books and taking a bath. RL 3.1

Aston, Dianna Hutts. A Seed Is Sleepy, illustrated by Sylvia Long. Chronicle Books, 2007. ISBN: 0811855201
An informative, and beautiful, introduction to seeds. RL 3.3

Bailey, Linda. Stanley's Wild Ride, illustrated by Bill Slavin. Kids Can Press, 2006. ISBN: 9781553379607
Stanley leads a pack of dogs who escape their boring yards to have an adventure chasing tomcats, tasting garbage, and soaking fire hydrants. RL 1.5

Bang, Molly. In My Heart. Little, Brown, 2006. ISBN: 0316796174
Parents describe how their child is always in their hearts, no matter where they are or what they are doing. RL 2.7

Banks, Kate. Fox, illustrated by Georg Hallensleben. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. ISBN: 9780374399672

A baby fox anticipates the time when he can go out alone, but first his parents must teach him the ways of the wilderness. RL 2.0

Banks, Kate. Max's Words, illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Frances Foster Books, 2006. ISBN: 0374399492

When Max cuts out words from magazines and newspapers, collecting them the way his brothers collect stamps and coins, they all learn about words, sentences, and storytelling. RL 3.2

Bardoe, Cheryl. Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas, illustrated by Joseph A. Smith. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0810954753

The story of genetics pioneer Gregor Mendel and his experiments with peas. RL 5.1 *Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children Honor book, 2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Barretta, Gene. Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin. Henry Holt, 2006. ISBN: 0805079173

Looks at some of the many things invented by Benjamin Franklin that are still in use in the twenty-first century. RL 2.1

Base, Graeme. Uno's Garden. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2006.

ISBN: 0810954737

Uno builds a home and garden in the magnificent forest among the playful puddlebutts and feathered frinklepods, but as the place becomes more and more popular, it is overtaken by tourists and buildings until the forest and animals seem to disappear altogether. RL 3.7

Bateman, Teresa. Keeper of Soles. Holiday House, 2006. ISBN: 0823417344

A shoemaker repeatedly outwits a black-robed figure who knocks on the shoemaker's door and demands his soul. RL 3.6 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Baynes, Pauline, illus. The Elephant's Ball. Eerdmans, 2007. ISBN: 9780802853165

A rhyming story about a grand party in the forest, given by the elephant and attended by all the animals. RL 3.4

Baynes, Pauline. Questionable Creatures. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2006.

ISBN: 9780802852847

An example of a bestiary, books written about every creature thought to exist in the medieval world, including all manner of fish, fowl, and mythological beast, however far-fetched. RL 8.1

Beaumont, Karen. Move Over, Rover, illustrated by Jane Dyer. Harcourt, 2006.

ISBN: 0152019790

When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself but finds that various other animals, including a skunk, come to join him. It's raining cats and dogs! Good thing Rover is snuggled safe and dry inside his doghouse--until, one by one, a soggy menagerie of creatures shows up looking for a cozy place to sit out the storm. But who's the very unwelcome surprise visitor? Skunk, of course. Suddenly that doghouse isn't quite so crowded after all! RL 1.9 *Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor book, 2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Best, Cari. Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen, illustrated by Christine Davenier. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. ISBN: 9780374363864

When Sally Jean outgrows her beloved bicycle, Flash, she experiments with various ideas for acquiring a new, bigger one. RL 3.1

Borden, Louise. Across the Blue Pacific: A World War II Story, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618339221

A woman reminisces about her neighbor's son who was the object of a letter writing campaign by some fourth-graders when he went away to war in 1943. RL 5.5

Brooks, Gwendolyn. Bronzeville Boys and Girls, illustrated by Faith Ringgold.

Amistad/HarperCollinsPublishers, 2007. ISBN: 0060295058

A collection of poems, first published in 1956 and now newly illustrated, that celebrate the joy, beauty, imagination, and freedom of childhood. RL 3.4

Brown, Jeff. Flat Stanley, illustrated by Scott Nash. HarperCollins, 2006.

ISBN: 0061129046

A picture book version of the story in which a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, and he finds that being flat has its advantages. RL 2.2

Bryan, Ashley. Let It Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 0689847327

Colorful illustrations and simple text introduce versions of three well-known spirituals along with a brief music score and a short history of slave songs before the Civil War. RL 1.6

Buehner, Caralyn. Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007.

ISBN: 9780803729391

In this variation on the classic folktale, a rhyming, rope-skipping, little girl rudely helps herself to the belongings of a genteel family of bears. RL 3.3

Bunting, Eve. Hurry! Hurry!, illustrated by Jeff Mack. Orlando : Harcourt, c2007.

ISBN: 9780152054106

All the animals of the barnyard community hurry to greet their newest member, who is just pecking his way out of an egg.

Bunting, Eve. One Green Apple, illustrated by Ted Lewin. Clarion Books, 2006.

ISBN: 0618434771

While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples. RL 2.4

Bunting, Eve. Pop's Bridge, illustrated by C.F. Payne. Harcourt, 2006.

ISBN: 0152047735

Robert and his friend Charlie are proud of their fathers, who are working on the construction of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. RL 2.3

Burleigh, Robert. Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson, Against the Odds, illustrated by Mike Wimmer. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 0689862768

Presents a brief biography of legendary baseball player for the old Brooklyn Dodgers, Jackie Robinson, who, in 1947, became the first African-American to play in major league baseball. RL 3.9

Busse, Sarah Martin. Banjo Granny, illustrated by Barry Root. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618336036

Baby Owen's grandmother learns that he is wiggly, jiggly, and all-around giggly for bluegrass music, so with her banjo, she travels by curious means to visit and play for him. RL 2.4

Butterworth, Chris. Sea Horse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea. Candlewick, 2006.

ISBN: 0763629898

Readers will discover the secrets of the endangered sea horse, one of nature's most mysterious fish, through clear, engaging text and intricate engravings by the award winning illustrator of *This Little Chick*. RL 3.6

Buzzeo, Toni. Our Librarian Won't Tell Us Anything! Upstart Books, 2006.

ISBN: 1932146733

According to Carmen, a fourth-grader at Liberty Elementary, her school's librarian won't tell students ANYTHING! Fortunately, her classmate Robert doesn't believe Carmen and marches right over to ask Mrs. Skorupski question after question. Mrs. Skorupski's eyes twinkle and her rhinestone glasses sparkle as she leads Robert to the tools he needs to find the answers. Carmen scowls as she watches Robert become a Library Success Story, but eventually comes around as she realizes that Mrs. Skorupski can teach them ANYTHING!

Carlson, Nancy. First Grade, Here I Come! Viking, 2006. ISBN: 9780670061273

Henry tells his mother that he did not like his first day of first grade, but as he describes what he did and learned, he begins to realize that he might enjoy it after all. RL 1.6

Charlip, Remy. A Perfect Day. Greenwillow Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780060519728

A parent and child spend a perfect day together, from sunrise to nightfall. RL 2.0

Cheney, Lynne. Our 50 States: A Family Adventure across America, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0689867174

Each of the fifty states is represented by important people, ideas, and events in the history of the United States. RL 6.4

Child, Lauren. Snow Is My Favorite and My Best. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006.

ISBN: 0803731744

Charlie and his little sister, Lola, play in the snow and consider what it would be like if it snowed everyday. RL 2.6

Chin-Lee, Cynthia. Akira to Zoltan: Twenty-Six Men Who Changed the World.

Charlesbridge, 2006. ISBN: 1570915792

Learn about some men who overcame obstacles to make the world a better place. RL 7.4

Cook, Sally. Hey Batta Batta Swing!: The Wild Old Days of Baseball, illustrated by Ross MacDonald. M.K. McElderry Books, 2007. ISBN: 9781416912071

A look at the game of baseball from its beginnings to today. RL 6.2

Cowell, Cressida. That Little Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown, illustrated by Neal Layton. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. ISBN: 9781423106456

Emily defends her stuffed rabbit from the naughty queen who is determined to acquire it any way she can. RL 2.3

Crews, Nina. Below. Henry Holt, 2006. ISBN: 9780805077285

Jack has adventures and rescues with his action-figure, Guy. RL 2.1 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Cronin, Doreen. Dooby Dooby Moo, illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 9780689845079
While Farmer Brown sleeps, his animals prepare for a talent show at the county fair. RL 2.1

Crowther, Robert. Trains: A Pop-up Railroad Book. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 0763630829.
Train book filled with lots of fun facts and pop-up surprises. Look inside a steam engine to see how it works, pull the tabs to race trains over bridges and through tunnels, and open the last page to discover a three-dimensional pop-up model of a train station. RL 7.0

Crummel, Susan Stevens. Ten-Gallon Bart, illustrated by Dorothy Donohue. Marshall Cavendish, 2006. ISBN: 076145246X
On the day he is supposed to retire as sheriff of Dog City, Ten-Gallon Bart learns that Billy the Kid--the roughest, toughest, gruffest goat in the country--is on his way into town. RL 2.0

Crunk, Tony. Railroad John and the Red Rock Run, illustrated by Michael Austin. Peachtree, 2006. ISBN: 1561453633
Lonesome Bob and Granny Apple Fritter have to get to Red Rock by two o'clock or Lonesome will miss his wedding, but Railroad John has never been late so nothing will keep him from pulling the train in by 1:59. RL 2.3

Curlee, Lynn. Skyscraper. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780689844898
Examines the history of the design of tall buildings. RL 8.7

Danneberg, Julie. Cowboy Slim. Charlesbridge, 2006. ISBN: 1580890458
Untalented at riding, roping, and cracking a whip, Slim the cowboy calms a stampeding herd of cattle with his poetry. RL 2.4

Davies, Nicola. Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth, illustrated by Neal Layton. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 0763630675
Animals adapt to their surroundings for survival. Learn how they survive in conditions that humans never would. Are you ready for the competition? From the persevering emperor penguins of the South Pole to the brave bacteria inside bubbling volcanoes, from the hardy reptiles of the driest deserts to the squash-proof creatures of the deepest seabeds, animals have adapted to survive in conditions that would kill a human faster than you can say "coffin." Discover how they do it in this amazing natural history book from a celebrated team - and find out who wins the title of the toughest animal of them all! RL 6.8

DeFelice, Cynthia. One Potato, Two Potato, illustrated by Andrea U'Ren. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2006. ISBN: 0374356408
A very poor, humble couple live so simple a life they share everything, until the husband discovers a pot with magical powers buried under the very last potato in the garden. Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady are so poor they have just one of everything to share - one potato a day, one chair, one blanket full of holes, and one gold coin for a rainy day. After digging up the last potato in their patch, Mr. O'Grady comes upon a big black object. It's a pot - no ordinary pot, for what they soon discover is that whatever goes into it comes out doubled! Suddenly the O'Gradys aren't destitute anymore. RL 4.4

deMauro, Lisa. Presidents of the United States. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 006081554X
Learn about the President's childhoods, careers, accomplishments in office and life after the White House. Famous quotes, a brief history of the presidency and its origins, an overview of the three branches of government, and a history of America's First Ladies are all included. Highlights of the White House and the nation's capital are shown, and time line runs throughout the book to put historical events in context.

DiCamillo, Kate. Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780763623326
Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel. RL 2.7 *Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor book, 2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Donaldson, Julia. Charlie Cook's Favorite Book, illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0803731426
A circular tale in which each new book character is reading about the next, beginning and ending with Charlie Cook. RL 3.0

Donaldson, Julia. One Ted Falls Out of Bed. H. Holt, 2006. ISBN: 0805077871
When a teddy bear falls out of bed, he has an exciting playtime before finally managing to get back where he started. RL 1.7

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. What Is Science?. Henry Holt, 2006. ISBN: 0805073949
This poetic picture book introduces young children to the world of science. RL 1.9

Egan, Tim. Roasted Peanuts. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618337180
Sam the horse gets picked to be on the local baseball team, but unfortunately his friend Jackson the cat, despite being a good thrower, is not selected. RL 2.8

Eilenberg, Max. Beauty and the Beast, illustrated by Angela Barrett. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780763631604
Through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast. RL 7.3

Elya, Susan Middleton. Bebé Goes Shopping, illustrated by Steven Salerno. Harcourt, 2006. ISBN: 015205426X
Rhyming text describes a trip to the grocery store for a mamá and her baby boy. Includes Spanish words. RL 1.8

Engelbreit, Mary. Mary Engelbreit's A Merry Little Christmas: Celebrate from A to Z. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 0060741589
In this rhyming alphabet book, a mouse family celebrates all the wonderful things about Christmas in their new woodland home. RL 2.6

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. The Gingerbread Girl. Dutton Children's Books, 2006. ISBN: 0525476679
Like her older brother, the Gingerbread Boy, who was eventually devoured by a fox, the Gingerbread Girl eludes the many people who would like to eat her but also has a plan to escape her sibling's fate. RL 3.9

Falconer, Ian. Olivia Forms a Band. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN 141692454X

Olivia the pig is upset because there wasn't going to be a band at the fireworks show, so she decided to form her own. RL 2.1

Faller, Regis. The Adventures of Polo. Roaring Brook, 2006. ISBN: 1596431601

In this wordless books, Polo the dog sets out from his home and enjoys many adventures, including sailing his boat on top of a whale, roasting hot dogs over a volcano, and taking a ride in a spaceship built from a mushroom. *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Finchler, Judy. Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind, illustrated by Kevin O'Malley. Walker & Company, 2006. ISBN: 0802780849

Miss Malarkey vows to find each of her students a book to love by the end of the school year, but one video-game loving boy proves to be a challenge. RL 3.5

Fleming, Denise. The Cow Who Clucked. H. Holt, 2006. ISBN: 9780805072655

When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it. RL 0.9

Florian, Douglas. Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars. Harcourt, 2007.

ISBN: 9780152053727

Twenty whimsical poems about space. RL 3.1

Florian, Douglas. Handsprings. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060092807

A celebration of spring through poems and color paintings. RL 1.9

Foley, Greg. Thank You Bear. Viking, 2007. ISBN: 9780670061655

Despite the criticism of others, a bear finds the perfect gift for his mouse friend. RL 1.4

Frampton, David. Mr. Ferlinghetti's Poem, story and woodcuts by David Frampton; original poem by Lawrence Ferlinghetti. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2006.

ISBN: 0802852904

Mr. Ferlinghetti writes a poem about his remembrances of summer in Brooklyn, New York. RL 2.9

Gall, Chris. Dear Fish. Little, Brown, 2006. ISBN: 0316058475

One afternoon at the beach, a small boy puts an invitation to the fish to come for a visit in a bottle and throws it into the ocean, and the results are unprecedented. RL 4.3

Gerstein, Mordicai. The White Ram: A Story of Abraham and Isaac. Holiday House, 2006. ISBN: 0823418979

A white ram, made on the sixth day of creation, waits patiently in the garden of Eden until the time is right, then runs to save a certain child in fulfillment of God's plan. RL 1.9

Gibbons, Gail. Ice Cream: The Full Scoop. Holiday House, 2006. ISBN: 0823420000

Gail Gibbons describes the earliest hand-cranked ice-cream maker, the origins of the ice-cream cone, and how a modern ice-cream factory works. RL 2.4

Godkin, Celia. Fire! The Renewal of a Forest. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006.

ISBN: 1550418890

The life cycle of a forest is examined, from the devastation of a fire to its gradual renewal as a vital ecosystem. RL 2.2

Goode, Diane. The Most Perfect Spot. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 0060726970
Jack tries to have a perfect picnic with his mother, but things do not turn out as they expected. RL 2.7

Gorbachev, Valeri. Red Red Red. Philomel Books, 2007. ISBN: 0399246282
As Turtle rushes through town, in a hurry to see something "red, red, red," his neighbors wonder what it could be and hurry after him to find out. RL 2.6

Graham, Bob. Dimity Dumpty: The Story of Humpty's Little Sister. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780763630782
Humpty Dumpty's little sister is too shy to be part of her family's circus act, but she finds courage when her brother needs her help. RL 3.5

Gravett, Emily. Orange Pear Apple Bear. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9781416939993
Explores concepts of color, shape, and food using only five simple words, as a bear juggles and plays.

Greenfield, Eloise. The Friendly Four, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist. HarperCollins/Amistad, 2006. ISBN: 0060007591
Meet Drum, Dorene, Louis, and Rae as they share one special summer of discovery and creative play together. Through individual poems and poems for multiple voices, these four young people explore the bonds of friendship, family, and community. RL 1.6

Grey, Mini. The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. ISBN: 0375836918
Having run away together, the Dish and the Spoon from the nursery rhyme "The Cat and the Fiddle" become vaudeville stars before turning to a life of crime. RL 2.3 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Harper, Jamie. Miss Mingo and the First Day of School. Candlewick, 2006. ISBN: 0763624101
Miss Mingo helps all of the animal students in her class overcome their shyness on the first day of school by encouraging them to share something special about themselves. Includes facts about animals. RL 2.3

Harrington, Janice N. The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County, illustrated by Shelley Jackson. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. ISBN: 9780374312510
A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways. Meet one smart chicken chaser. She can catch any chicken on her grandmother's farm except one - the elusive Miss Hen. In a hilarious battle of wits, the spirited narrator regales readers with her campaign to catch Miss Hen, but this chicken is "fast as a mosquito buzzing and quick as a fleabite." Our chicken chaser has her mind set on winning, until she discovers that sometimes it's just as satisfying not to catch chickens as it is to catch them. RL 2.2

Harris, Robie H. It's Not the Stork!: A Book about Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families, and Friends, illustrated by Michael Emberley. Candlewick, 2006. ISBN: 0763600474
A book for younger children about their bodies, this is a resource that parents, teachers, librarians, health care providers, and clergy can use with ease and confidence. Young children are curious about almost everything, especially their bodies. And young children are not afraid to ask questions. What makes me a girl? What makes me a boy? Why are some parts of girls' and boys' bodies the same and why are some parts different? How was I

made? Where do babies come from? Is it true that a stork brings babies to mommies and daddies? IT'S NOT THE STORK! helps answer these endless and perfectly normal questions that preschool, kindergarten, and early elementary school children ask about how they began. RL 3.8 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Hatkoff, Isabella. Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship. Scholastic, 2006. ISBN: 0439829739

This is the true story of two great friends ; a baby hippopotamus named Owen and a 130-year-old giant tortoise named Mzee. RL 6.0 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Helfer, Ralph. The World's Greatest Elephant, illustrated by Ted Lewin. Philomel Books, 2006. ISBN: 0399241906

Born on the same day in the same German town, Bram and his elephant, Modoc, grew up side by side. Their circus act brought them wide fame, but their incredible bond would also lead to a series of adventures with danger at every turn. RL 2.7

Henderson, Kathy. Look at You! A Baby Body Book, illustrated by Paul Howard.

Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780763627454

Poems and artwork capture babies' delight at exploring their own abilities and the world around them. RL 1.7

Henkes, Kevin. A Good Day. Greenwillow Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780061140181

A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome minor setbacks to have a very good day. RL 2.1

Hennessy, B.G. Mr. Ouchy's First Day, illustrated by Paul Meisel. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2006. ISBN 0399242481

Mr. Ouchy, a new teacher, is nervous about his first day of school, but when he teaches the class about time and counting, they all enjoy the experience. RL 2.2

Hillenbrand, Jane. What a Treasure!, illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. Holiday House, 2006. ISBN: 0823418960

Mole digs with his new shovel, finding useful things for the other animals and a new friend for himself. RL 2.0

Hills, Tad. Duck and Goose. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2006. ISBN: 037583611X

Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball, which they think is an egg. RL 1.1 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Hills, Tad. Duck, Duck, Goose. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780375840685

Duck and Goose face a challenge to their friendship when an enthusiastic young duck moves into their neighborhood who wants to play--and win--all sorts of games. RL 2.3

Himmelman, John. Chickens to the Rescue. Henry Holt, 2006. ISBN: 0805079513

Six days a week the chickens help the Greenstalk family and their animals recover from mishaps that occur on the farm, but they need one day to rest. RL 1.4

Hindley, Judy. Baby Talk: A Book of First Words and Phrases, illustrated by Brita Granström. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 0763629715

Rhyming text describes the the activities in a baby's day and the words he says while going to the playground, eating dinner, and taking a bath. RL 1.3

Hopkins, Jackie Mims. The Gold Miner's Daughter: A Melodramatic Fairy Tale, illustrated by Jon Goodell. Peachtree, 2006. ISBN: 1561453625

Gracie Pearl has until sundown to find some gold to pay the rent to Mr. Bigglebottom, or he will take back the family gold mine and force her to marry him. RL 2.9

Hutchins, Hazel. A Second Is a Hiccup, illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780439831062

Explains units of time in terms every child will recognize. RL 1.7

Issa, Kobayashi. Today and Today, illustrated by G. Brian Karas. Scholastic Press, 2007. ISBN: 9780439590785

A selection of haikus by the Japanese master. RL 3.9

Jeffers, Oliver. Lost and Found. Philomel Books, 2006. ISBN: 0399245030

While trying his best to help a penguin that has shown up at his door, a boy journeys all the way to the South Pole, only to realize that the penguin was never lost. RL 2.9

Jenkins, Steve. Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals. HarperCollins, 2006.

ISBN: 0060535989

Profiles animal species around the world that have gone extinct within human history, or that are at risk for extinction. RL 4.2

Jenkins, Steve. Dogs and Cats. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. ISBN: 9780618507672

Two related works, one about dogs with some comparisons to cats and one about cats with some comparisons to dogs. RL 4.2

Jenkins, Steve. Move! Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN 061864637X

Vivid illustrations and playful text introduce a variety of animals that swing, walk, dive, swim, leap, slither, climb, fly, run, dance, float, slide, and waddle. Includes facts on each animal at the back of the book. RL 2.1

Kanevsky, Polly. Sleepy Boy. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006.

ISBN: 0689867352

Unable to fall asleep, a little boy lying next to his father experiences the various sensations of his body and remembers a lion cub he saw that day at the zoo. RL 1.5

Keating, Frank. Theodore, illustrated by Mike Wimmer. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0689865325.

A simple biography, with emphasis on his childhood, of the twenty-sixth president of the United States. RL 2.2

Keller, Holly. Nosy Rosie. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060787589

Rosie the fox's excellent sense of smell is good for finding things, but she stops using it after everyone begins to call her "Nosy Rosie." RL 1.6

Kettelman, Helen. Waynetta and the Cornstalk: A Texas Fairy Tale, illustrated by Diane Greenseid. Albert Whitman, 2007. ISBN: 9780807586877

A retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk" which features a Texas cowgirl, a magic cornstalk, and a giant cowboy in the clouds.

Klise, Kate. Why Do You Cry? Not a Sob Story, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise. Henry Holt, 2006. ISBN: 0805073191

As his fifth birthday party approaches, Little Rabbit decides to invite only those friends who are also too old to cry until he learns that others of all ages weep for all sorts of reasons. RL 2.0

Knudsen, Michelle. Library Lion, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Candlewick, 2006. ISBN: 0763622621

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries both to obey the rules and to help his librarian friend. RL 3.2

Kontis, Alethea. Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 0763627283

Chaos ensues when Z thinks that its time for him to go first in the alphabet for a change. RL 1.6

Krensky, Stephen. Hanukkah at Valley Forge, illustrated by Greg Harlin. Dutton Children's Books, 2006. ISBN: 0525477381

During the Revolutionary War, a Jewish soldier from Poland lights the menorah on the first night of Hanukkah and tells General George Washington the story of the Maccabees and the miracle that Hanukkah celebrates. Based on factual events. RL 2.7

Kurlansky, Mark. The Story of Salt, illustrated by S.D. Schindler. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006. ISBN: 0399239987

The story of the only rock we eat, including its origin, the other discoveries made because of it, and tales of salt and the people who have been involved with it through the ages. RL 3.8
2007 ALA Notable Children's Book

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780763626891

In three short stories, two fox sisters run away from home, bury a time capsule, and take advantage of some creative juice. RL 2.9 *Theodor Seuss Geisel Award book, 2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

LaMarche, Jim. Up. Chronicle Books, 2006. ISBN: 0811844455

Tired of being called Mouse and staying home while his brother helps on their father's fishing boat, Daniel proves himself when a problem arises that he can solve using his newly-developed, extraordinary talent. RL 2.8

Larios, Julie. Yellow Elephant, illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Harcourt, 2006. ISBN: 0152054227

Presents a collection of illustrated poems about animals that encourage the reader to see each animal in a new way. RL 1.7 *Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor book*

Lasky, Kathryn. John Muir: America's First Environmentalist illustrated by Stan Fellows. Candlewick, 2006. ISBN: 0763619574.

A biography of John Muir, naturalist and founder of the Sierra Club, whose travels, speeches and writings led directly to the creation of the Yosemite National Park in 1890 and other national parks that followed. From the meadows of Scotland to the farms of Wisconsin, from the swamps of Florida to the Alaskan tundra, John Muir loved the land. Born in 1838, he was a writer, a scholar, an inventor, a shepherd, a farmer, and an explorer, but above all, he was a naturalist. John Muir was particularly devoted to the high cliffs, waterfalls, and ancient giant sequoia trees that, through his careful influence, were set aside as the first national park in America - Yosemite. Here is the life story of the man who, moved by a

commitment to wilderness everywhere, founded the Sierra Club in 1892, a conservation group that carries on his crucial work to this day. RL 2.9 *Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children Honor book*

Lehman, Barbara. Museum Trip. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618581251
In this wordless picture book, a boy imagines himself inside some of the exhibits when he goes on a field trip to a museum. Wordless book

Lehman, Barbara. Rainstorm. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. ISBN: 9780618756391
In this wordless picture book, a boy finds a mysterious key which leads him on an adventure one rainy day.

Lehman, Barbara. Trainstop. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. ISBN: 9780618756407
In this wordless picture book, a young girl takes a train and makes a stop at a most unusual place where she has an important task to perform.

Lehmann, Charles. God Made It for You!: The Story of Creation, illustrated by Kathleen Kemly. Concordia, 2006. ISBN: 9780758612878
A retelling of the story of creation, stressing that God made it all for us.

Long, Melinda. Pirates Don't Change Diapers, illustrated by David Shannon. ISBN: 9780152053536
Braid Beard and his pirate crew return to retrieve the treasure they buried in Jeremy Jacob's backyard, but first they must help calm his baby sister, Bonney Anne, whom they awoke from her nap. Sequel to How I Became a Pirate. RL 2.9

Lorbiecki, Marybeth. Jackie's Bat. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0689841027
Joey, the batboy for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, learns a hard lesson about respect for people of different races after Jackie Robinson joins the team. RL 2.3

McCarthy, Meghan. Aliens Are Coming! The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast. Knopf, 2006. ISBN: 0375835180
Account of the practical joke that fooled American radio listeners and made Orson Welles famous. RL 3.6 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

McCarty, Peter. Fabian Escapes. Henry Holt, 2007. ISBN: 9780805077131
While Hondo the dog stays home and enjoys his usual pursuits, Fabian the cat escapes out the window and has many adventures. RL

McCarty, Peter. Moon Plane. Henry Holt, 2006. ISBN: 0805079432
A young boy looks at a plane in the sky and imagines flying one all the way to the moon. RL 1.3

McCaughrean, Geraldine. Father and Son: A Nativity Story, illustrated by Fabian Negrin. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. ISBN: 1423103440
A new telling of the Christmas story imagines how Joseph might have felt that first night with his very special son. RL 3.8

McClintock, Barbara. Adèle & Simon. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. ISBN: 0374380449
When Adele walks her little brother Simon home from school he loses one more thing at every stop: his drawing of a cat at the grocer's shop, his books at the park, his crayons at the art museum, and more. When Simon's older sister, Adele, picks him up from school, he

has his hat and gloves and scarf and sweater, his coat and knapsack and books and crayons, and a drawing of a cat he made that morning. Adele makes Simon promise to try not to lose anything. But as they make their way home, distractions cause Simon to leave something behind at every stop. What will they tell their mother? Detailed pen-and-ink drawings - filled with soft watercolors - make a game of this unforgettable tour through the streets and scenes of early-twentieth-century Paris. Illustrated endpapers extend the fun by replicating a 1907 Baedeker map of Paris. RL 1.7 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

McCully, Emily Arnold. Marvelous Mattie. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2006.
ISBN: 0374348103

Mattie Knight loved to make things ranging from a foot warmer for her mother or toys for her older brothers. Or, when she was 12, a metal guard to prevent shuttles from shooting off looms and hurting workers. Later, Mattie invented a machine that could cut and glue the square-bottomed paper bags we still use today. Meet the woman known as "the Lady Edison." RL 3.1

McLimans, David. Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet. Walker, 2006.
ISBN: 0802795633

Presents the alphabet in capital letters designed to look like endangered animals, and lists facts on each species, covering their habitats, geographic ranges, threats to survival, and statuses. *Caldecott Honor book, 2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

McMullan, Kate. I'm Dirty!, illustrated by Jim McMullan Joanna Cotler Books, 2006.
ISBN: 0060092939

A busy backhoe loader describes all the items it hauls off a lot and all the fun it has getting dirty while doing so. RL 1.8

Markle, Sandra. Little Lost Bat, illustrated by Alan Marks. Charlesbridge, 2006.
ISBN: 157091656X

Chronicles the early life of an orphaned Mexican free-tailed bat, from its birth to its adoption by a new mother. Includes back matter about bats. RL 3.7

Matthews, Elizabeth. Different Like Coco. Candlewick Press, 2007.
ISBN: 9780763625481

Simple text and color illustrations present the life of Coco Chanel. RL 4.2

Melling, David. The Scallywags. Barron's, 2006. ISBN: 9780764159916

The Scallywags, a family of lazy, shiftless, mischief-making wolves, annoy all the other animals to the point where they quit getting invited to eat, play, or join in other activities, but when the wolves decide to improve themselves, they go too far in the other direction--until a full moon appears. RL 3.5

Milgrim, David. Another Day in the Milky Way. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007.
ISBN: 0399245480

A young boy wakes up on a strange planet and encounters a variety of odd characters as he tries to find his way home. RL 2.8

Miller, Debbie S. Big Alaska: Journey Across America's Most Amazing State, illustrated by Jon Van Zyle. Walker & Company, 2006. ISBN: 0802780695

Explores the Alaskan wilderness through the eyes of the bald eagle, as he journeys across the largest state. RL 5.9

Moore, Clement Clarke. The Night Before Christmas, illustrated by Will Moses. Philomel Books, 2006. ISBN: 0399237453

The famous poem about an important Christmas Eve visitor. RL 3.2

Moore, Clement Clarke. The Night Before Christmas, illustrated by Gennady Spirin. Marshall Cavendish, 2006. ISBN: 0761452982

The famous poem about an important Christmas Eve visitor. RL 3.2

Morrison, Taylor. Wildfire. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618509003

Every summer, wildfires spread through the forests of the western United States, threatening homes and entire communities in their paths. Hundreds of firefighters work tirelessly to control this extremely powerful and unpredictable force of nature. But despite the seemingly devastating effects of wildfires, they also play an essential role in forest ecosystems. RL 7.5

Myers, Walter Dean. Jazz, illustrated by Christopher Myers. Holiday House, 2006. ISBN: 0823415457

Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate the roots of jazz music. RL 4.4 *Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Honor book, 2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Nadimi, Suzan. The Rich Man and the Parrot, illustrated by Ande Cook. Albert Whitman and Sons, 2007. ISBN: 9780807550595

In this retelling of a tale by Rumi, a 13th century Persian poet, a parrot tricks a wealthy merchant into setting him free. RL 3.7

Nesbit, E. Jack and the Beanstalk, illustrated by Matt Tavares. Candlewick, 2006. ISBN: 0763621242

After climbing to the top of a huge beanstalk, a boy uses his quick wits to outsmart a giant and gain a fortune for himself and his mother. RL 2.6

Neubecker, Robert. Wow! America! New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2006. ISBN: 0786838167

Take a trip across the United States with Izzy and Jo and learn many interesting facts. RL 4.3

Nevius, Carol. Building with Dad, illustrated by Bill Thomson. Marshall Cavendish, 2006. ISBN: 0761453121

A father and his young child watch the construction of the new school, from the bulldozing of earth and mixing of the concrete for the foundation to the hanging of the new sign. RL 1.9

Numeroff, Laura. The Best Mouse Cookie. Laura Geringer Books, 2006. ISBN: 006113760X

Mouse bakes his own cookies in his little mouse house. RL 1.9

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser, HarperCollins Publishers, 2007. ISBN: 9780060542139

Nancy wants to adopt a special puppy so that she is no longer the only fancy member of her family, but after a day of puppysitting a papillon, she realizes that being fancy is not always the most important thing. RL 1.7

O'Connor, Jane. The Snow Globe Family, illustrated by S.D. Schindler. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006. ISBN: 0399242422

Two families--a large one that lives in a house and the other a tiny one that lives in a snow globe, look forward to a big snowstorm. RL 3.4

Offill, Jenny and Nancy Carpenter. 17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore.

Schwartz & Wade Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780375835964

A young girl lists the seventeen things she is not allowed to do anymore, including not being able to make ice after freezing a fly in one of the cubes. RL 3.9

Olmon, Kyle. Castle: Medieval Days and Knights, illustrated by Tracy Sabin. Orchard Books, 2006. ISBN 043954324X

Learn about a medieval castle with this remarkable pop-up book from the Sabuda/Reinhart studio. More than a dozen intricate pop-ups accompany the fascinating text, guiding readers through a busy day within the castle walls. RL 5.0

Osborne, Mary Pope. Pompeii: Lost and Found, illustrations by Bonnie Christensen.

Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. ISBN: 0375828893

The famous eruption of Mount Vesuvius that snuffed out life in Pompeii and buried the town has long been a fascinating moment in history for children. This book presents that dramatic story with brief text and with frescoes created by Bonnie Christensen, using the same colors, style, and technique as the ancient frescoes unearthed at Pompeii. In addition to the destruction of Pompeii and the rediscovery of the ruins nearly 1,700 years later, the book shows what daily life was like in this prosperous Roman town in the year 79 A.D. RL 5.4

Palatini, Margie. Shelly, illustrated by Guy Francis. Dutton Children's Books, 2006.

ISBN: 9780525475651

Shelly's older sisters wait impatiently for him to be ready for all sorts of activities, like they are, but he is determined to do things on his own schedule. RL 2.1

Perkins, Lynne Rae. Pictures from Our Vacation. Greenwillow Books, 2007.

ISBN: 9780060850975

Given a camera that takes and prints tiny pictures just before leaving for the family farm in Canada, a young girl records a vacation that gets off to a slow start, but winds up being a family reunion filled with good memories. RL 2.7

Pigni, Guido. The Story of Giraffe, illustrated by Guido Pigni. Front Street, 2006. ISBN: 9781932425871

After learning that he cannot board Noah's ark until he finds a girl giraffe to go with him, Giraffe asks other creatures for help but, while they teach him valuable lessons, none can help with the main problem. RL 2.0

Pinkney, Brian. Hush, Little Baby. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060559934

An illustrated version of the traditional folk song in which a father promises the world to his restless baby daughter. RL 2.2

Pinkney, Jerry. The Little Red Hen. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0803729359

A newly illustrated edition of the classic fable of the hen who is forced to do all the work of baking bread and of the animals who learn a bitter lesson from it. RL 2.2 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Pitzer, Susanna. Not Afraid of Dogs, illustrated by Larry Day. Walker & Co., 2006.

ISBN: 0802780679

Young Daniel must confront his fear of dogs when his mom dog sits his aunt's pet. RL 2.2

Polacco, Patricia. Ginger and Petunia. Philomel Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780399245398
When her beloved Ginger, a piano-playing socialite and very snappy dresser, makes a last-minute trip to London not knowing her housesitter has cancelled, Petunia the pig does more than fend for herself, she becomes Ginger.

Portis, Antoinette. Not a Box. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 9780061123221
To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box. RL 0.7 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Prelutsky, Jack. Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant: and Other Poems. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060543175
An illustrated collection of humorous poems on a variety of topics. RL 3.2

Prelutsky, Jack. Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More, illustrated by Chris Raschka. Alfred A. Knopf, 2007. ISBN: 9780375837005
An illustrated collection of poems for children about various sports activities. RL 4.4

Prelutsky, Jack. It's Snowing! It's Snowing!: Winter Poems, illustrated by Yossi Abolafia. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 0060537159
A collection of short poems about winter. RL 2.5

Prelutsky, Jack. Me I Am!, illustrated by Christine Davenier. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007.
An illustrated poem which celebrates children who enjoy doing all kinds of activities. This poem originally appeared in The Random House book of poetry for children, published in 1983. RL 2.9

Prelutsky, Jack. What a Day It Was at School!, illustrated by Doug Cushman. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060823356.
Read some funny poems written by animals about school. RL 1.6

Prince, April Jones. What Do Wheels Do All Day?, illustrated by Giles Laroche. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618563075
Illustrations and rhyming text present examples of many things that wheels do, from whizzing and whirring to racing and towing, depicting several different items with wheels, including cars, bikes, skateboards, and planes. RL 1.9

Pulver, Robin. Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day, illustrated by Lynn Rowe Reed. Holiday House, 2006. ISBN: 0823419827
When the children in Mr. Wright's class have a field day, nouns and verbs in the classroom make their own fun. RL 2.2

Rappaport, Doreen. Nobody Gonna Turn Me 'Round, illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780763619275
Chronicling the struggles of the black civil rights movement from the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott up until the 1965 Voting Rights Bill, this anthology weaves together songs, poems, memoirs, letters and court testimonies of those active in the movement, along with a meticulously researched historical narrative. It tells the stories of as yet uncelebrated heroes, alongside more familiar figures like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks and creates a powerful and moving account of what it means to be free - and what it is to be human. RL 4.8

Raschka, Chris. The Purple Balloon. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2007.

ISBN: 9780375841460

Easy-to-read text reveals that dying is hard work, for the old and especially the young, and how good it is that so many people help when a person dies, from medical staff to clergy and friends to family members. RL 4.3

Raczka, Bob. 3-D ABC: A Sculptural Alphabet. Millbrook Press, 2007. ISBN: 0761394567
Learn the alphabet by looking at very unusual sculptures. RL 3.3

Reinhart, Matthew. The Jungle Book. Simon & Schuster, 2006. ISBN: 1416918248
In this pop-up retelling of a classic book, honor is tested, battles of good over evil are waged, and the importance of family reigns supreme. True to Rudyard Kipling's original story, tree branches literally draw the reader in to this tale of Mowgli the Man Cub exploring the ruins of the Lost City, riding atop thundering elephants, and facing a fierce tiger attack!

Reiser, Lynn. Hardworking Puppies. Harcourt, 2006. ISBN: 0152054049
One by one, ten energetic puppies find important jobs as dogs who help people in different ways, including by pulling sleds and saving swimmers. RL 2.2

Reiss, Mike. Merry UnChristmas, illustrated by David Catrow. HarperCollins, 2006.
ISBN: 0060591269
For Noelle and her friends Holly, Carol, and Claus, the most wonderful day of the year is Un-Christmas. It's the only day of the year that they actually go to school. And the mail gets delivered. But the best thing about Un-Christmas Day is that they don't have to open any presents! RL 3.2

Rex, Adam. Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich. Harcourt, 2006. ISBN: 0152057668
Stories in verse about the monster-sized problems Dracula, Wolfman, Bigfoot and other monsters have. RL 3.4

Rex, Adam. Tree Ring Circus. Harcourt, 2006. ISBN: 0152053638
In this cumulative tale, a tree becomes a hiding place for various animals, a runaway circus clown, and even an elephant. RL 3.0

Ries, Lori. Aggie and Ben: Three Stories. Charlesbridge, 2006. ISBN: 9781570915949
After choosing a new dog, Ben describes what the pet Aggie can do and should not do around the house. RL 1.5

Robbins, Jacqui. The New Girl...and Me, illustrated by Matt Phelan. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 068986468X
Two girls, Shakeeta and Mia, become friends when Shakeeta boasts that she has a pet iguana and Mia learns how to help Shakeeta "feel at home" even when she is in school. On her first day of school, who will be her friend? RL 2.2

Robbins, Ken. Pumpkins. Roaring Brook Press, 2006. ISBN: 1596431849
This book describes the growing cycle of the pumpkin, from seed, to sprout, to flower, to fully fledged fruit, and back again. Instructions are given on how to carve your own jack-o'-lantern. RL 3.4

Rocco, John. Wolf! Wolf! Hyperion Books for Children, 2007. ISBN: 9781423100126
A crafty old wolf finds a peaceful way to satisfy his hunger in this alternate version of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," told from the wolf's point of view and set in Asia. RL 3.7

Rodman, Mary Ann. First Grade Stinks!, illustrated by Beth Spiegel. Peachtree, c2006. ISBN: 1561453773

First-grader Haley wishes she were back having fun in kindergarten with her old teacher, until she finds out that first-grade is special, too. RL 1.7

Rodríguez, Rachel. Through Georgia's Eyes, illustrated by Julie Paschkis. H. Holt and Company, 2006. ISBN: 0805077405

Georgia O'Keeffe saw the world differently from most people. She was inspired by the red hills and silent deserts of New Mexico. RL 2.8

Roth, Susan L. Do Re Mi: If You Can Read Music, Thank Guido d'Arezzo. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618465723

For many years, Guido d'Arezzo, a young man from Tuscany, has imagined that his system of lines and spaces can be used as a written language of music and he is determined to make his ideas work. RL 2.3

Root, Phyllis. Looking for a Moose, illustrated by Randy Cecil. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 076362005X

Four children set off into the woods to find a moose. RL 2.1

Ruddell, Deborah. Today at the Bluebird Café: A Branchful of Birds, illustrated by Joan Rankin. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780689871535

A collection of poems about different bird personalities. RL 2.7

Sabuda, Robert. Christmas. Orchard Books, 2006. ISBN: 0439845688

Paper sculptures in celebration of Christmas, each a work of fine art.

Sabuda, Robert. Mega-Beasts. Candlewick Press, 2007. ISBN: 9780763622305

Using pop-up illustrations and fold out pages introduces some of the largest, and smallest, prehistoric animals. Third volume in *Encyclopedia Prehistorica* series. RL 8.2

Sakai, Komako. Emily's Balloon. Chronicle Books, 2003. ISBN: 0811852199

A little girl's new friend is round, lighter than air, and looks like the moon at night. RL 1.4

Samuels, Barbara. Happy Valentine's Day, Dolores. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. ISBN: 0374328447

Dolores has agreed to stop "borrowing" things from her older sister Faye's dresser, but then she discovers a special Valentine's Day necklace there. RL 2.4

Savadier, Elivia. Time to Get Dressed!. Roaring Brook Press, 2006. ISBN: 159643161X

While time flies by on a busy morning, Solomon is determined to dress himself, but his father intervenes and all goes smoothly--for a while. RL 1.4

Schaefer, Lola M. An Island Grows. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0066239311

Lava flows, waves pound, sands mound, and an island is born, and as it grows, life thrives. RL 1.6

Schoenherr, Ian. Pip & Squeak. Greenwillow Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780060872540

After rushing through the snow to get to their friend's birthday party, two mice realize that they forgot to bring the present. RL 1.4

Schotter, Roni. The Boy Who Loved Words, illustrated by Giselle Potter. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2006. ISBN: 0375936017

Selig, who loves words and copies them on pieces of paper that he carries with him, goes on a trip to discover his purpose. RL 2.9

Schotter, Roni. Mama, I'll Give You the World. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2006.
ISBN: 0375836128

At Walter's World of Beauty, Luisa's secret plans are underway to create a very special birthday celebration for her hard-working, single mother who is employed there as a stylist. RL 2.6

Schubert, Leda. Ballet of the Elephants, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker. Roaring Brook Press, 2006. ISBN: 1596430753
The story of how "Circus polka," a dance of 50 elephants and 50 ballerinas, choreographed by George Balanchine, was created. RL 3.8

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories. Roaring Brook Press, 2007. ISBN: 9781596430532
Three easy-to-read stories reveal the close friendship between Dog and Bear. RL 1.3

Seeger, Pete. The Deaf Musicians, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2006. ISBN: 039924316X
Lee, a jazz pianist, has to leave his band when he begins losing his hearing, but he meets a deaf saxophone player in a sign language class and together they form a snazzy new band. RL 2.2 *Schneider Family Book Award*

Shannon, George. Busy in the Garden, illustrated by Sam Williams. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060004649
A collection of short poems and riddles about planting seeds, watching garden vegetables dance, and growing jack-o-lanterns. RL 1.7

Sherry, Kevin. I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780803731929
A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean—almost. RL 1.9

Shulevitz, Uri. So Sleepy Story. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2006. ISBN: 9780374370312
In the quiet of the night, a sleepy sleepy boy awakes to find the dishes, chairs, and clocks enjoying themselves. RL 3.9

Shulevitz, Uri. The Travels of Benjamin of Tudela. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2006. ISBN: 0374377545
A fictionalized account of the travels of Benjamin, a Jewish man from Tudela, Spain, who, in 1159, set out on a fourteen-year-long journey that took him to Italy, Greece, Palestine, Persia, China, Egypt, and Sicily. RL 3.6

Shulman, Mark. Mom and Dad Are Palindromes. Chronicle Books, 2006. ISBN: 9780811843287
When Bob realizes that he is surrounded by palindromes, from his mom, dad, and sis Anna to his dog Otto, he discovers a way to deal with the palindrome puzzle. RL 2.0

Sidman, Joyce. Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow, illustrated by Beth Krommes. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 061856313X

Discover the hidden world of the meadow in this unique combination of poetry riddles and science wisdom. RL 3.7 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Sierra, Judy. *Thelonius Monster's Sky-High Fly Pie*, illustrated by Edward Koren. Knopf, 2006. ISBN: 0375832181

A good-natured monster thinks a pie made out of flies would be a good dessert, and invites all his friends and relatives over to try it. RL 3.2 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Smee, Nicola. *Clip-Clop*. Boxer Books, 2006. ISBN: 1905417098

When Mr. Horse gives a ride to his friends, Cat, Dog, Pig, and Duck, they urge him to go faster and faster. RL 1.4

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *The Moon*, illustrated by Tracey Campbell Pearson. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. ISBN: 0374350469

Pictures of a father and child out in the moonlight illustrate Stevenson's poem from *A Child's Garden of Verses*. RL 1.8

Strauss, Rochelle. *One Well: The Story of Water on Earth*, illustrated by Rosemary Woods. Kids Can Press, 2007.

ISBN: 9781553379546

Water is a necessity of life on earth. Learn ways to protect it while learning water's story. RL 6.8

Tankard, Jeremy. *Grumpy Bird*. Scholastic Press, 2007. ISBN: 0439851475

Feeling too grumpy to fly, Bird begins to walk and finds that his mood changes as other animals join him. RL 1.5

Tingle, Tim. *Crossing Bok Chitto*, illustrated by Jeanne Rorex Bridges. Cinco Puntos Press, 2006. ISBN: 0938317776.

In the 1800s, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with a slave boy from a plantation across the great river, and when she learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom. RL 4.2 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Truss, Lynne. *Eats, Shoots and Leaves: Why, Commas Really Do Make a Difference*, illustrated by Bonnie Timmons. G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2006. ISBN: 0399244913

See how using (or not using) a comma can change the meaning of a sentence. RL 3.7

Urbigkit, Cat. *A Young Shepherd*. Boyds Mills Press, 2006. ISBN: 1590783646

Describes the daily work of a young shepherd on a ranch in Wyoming and how his tasks change with the seasons. RL 2.9

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Probuditi!* Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN: 0618755020

On his birthday, Calvin and his friend Rodney see a magician perform, then copy him by hypnotizing Calvin's little sister, but the joke is on them when they are unable to snap her out of it. RL 2.7

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth. *Prairie Christmas*, illustrated by Ron Himler. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0802852807

On the Nebraska prairie in 1880, eleven-year-old Emma finds a way to celebrate the spirit of Christmas while her mother, a midwife, delivers a baby on Christmas Eve. RL 2.2

Walker, Alice. *There Is a Flower at the Tip of My Nose Smelling Me*, illustrated by Stefano Vitale. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 0060570806

In a beautifully poetic and gently provocative text, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker invites readers young and old to see the world -- and our place in it -- through new

eyes. Glowing colors and radiant images accompany this joyous celebration of the connections and interconnections between self, nature, and creativity. RL 2.3

Ward, Helen. Little Moon Dog, illustrated by Wayne Anderson. Dutton Children's Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780525477273

Little Moon Dog plays with the mischievous fairies who come to tour the moon, but he later realizes that the Man in the Moon is his true friend. RL 3.9

Watts, Mélanie. Scaredy Squirrel. Kids Can Press, 2006. ISBN: 9781553379591
Meet Scaredy Squirrel, a squirrel who never leaves his nut tree because he's afraid of the unknown "out there." But then, something unexpected happens that may just change his outlook. RL 4.2

Weatherford, Carole Boston. Dear Mr. Rosenwald, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Scholastic Press, 2006. ISBN: 0439495229
Young Ovella rejoices as her community comes together to raise money and build a much-needed school in the 1920s, with matching funds from the president of Sears, Roebuck, and Company and support from Professor James of the Normal School. RL 2.4

Weatherford, Carole Boston. Jesse Owens: Fastest Man Alive, illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Walker & Co., 2007. ISBN: 9780802795502
Jesse Owen's life and triumphs at the 1936 Olympics. RL 4.9

Weatherford, Carole Boston. Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her people to Freedom, illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. ISBN: 0786851759
Describes Tubman's spiritual journey as she hears the voice of God guiding her north to freedom on that very first trip to escape the brutal practice of forced servitude. Tubman would make nineteen subsequent trips back south, never being caught, but none as profound as this first one. RL 2.8 *Caldecott Honor book, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award, 2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Weeks, Sarah. Counting Ovejas, illustrated by David Diaz. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0689867506
When increasing numbers of sheep in a rainbow of colors appear in a man's bedroom as he tries to fall asleep, he must resort to more and more elaborate means of removing them. What do you do when you can't sleep? Count sheep in Spanish and English, of course! But what happens when those rascally sheep get a little too close for comfort? Well, if you're anything like the sleepy little hero in this clever tale, you might just tire yourself out trying to get rid of them! RL 1.4

Wheeler, Lisa. Castaway Cats, illustrated by Pnnder Goembel. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0689862326
Fifteen felines find themselves marooned on an island and are not sure what to do. RL 2.6

Wheeler, Lisa. Mammoths on the Move, illustrated by Kurt Cyrus. Harcourt, 2006. ISBN 015204700X
Rhyming text describes the trek of a herd of mammoths south for the winter, covering what they eat, how they cope with the cold along the way, and how they protect their young from predators. RL 3.6 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Wick, Walter. Can You See What I See? Once Upon a Time. ISBN: 0439617774
Readers are asked to find things in illustrations of scenes from famous fairy tales. Little Red Riding Hood -- Sleeping Beauty -- Hansel & Gretel -- Beauty & the Beast -- Goldilocks & the

Three Bears -- Little Pigs -- The Little Mermaid -- Rumpelstiltskin -- Puss in Boots -- Aladdin & the wonderful lamp -- Cinderella -- Ever after. Reading level 2.6

Wiesner, David. Flotsam. Clarion Books, c2006. ISBN: 0618194576
The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam. Wordless book
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Willems, Mo. Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct. Hyperion, 2006.
ISBN: 0786837489
Edwina is well-known in her neighborhood. She plays with kids, bakes delicious chocolate chip cookies and helps old ladies cross the street. She is well-loved by everyone except for one person: Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie. He knows for a fact that dinosaurs are extinct and tries to convince everyone that they are. What happens when Edwina finds out? RL 2.9

Willems, Mo. My Friend Is Sad. Hyperion Books for Children, 2007.
ISBN: 9781423102977
When Gerald the Elephant is sad, Piggie is determined cheer him up, but finds after many tries that it only takes the simplest thing to change Gerald's mood. RL 1.2

Willems, Mo. Today I Will Fly! Hyperion Books for Children, 2007.
ISBN: 9781423102953
While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen. RL 1.2

Wilson, Karma. How to Bake an American Pie, illustrated by Raúl Colón. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2007. ISBN: 0689865066
Rhyming text and illustrations present a recipe for how to bake a pie from all the things that make America great.. RL 3.3

Winter, Jeanette. Mama : A True Story in which a Baby Hippo Loses His Mama during the Tsunami, but Finds a New Home and a New Mama. Harcourt, 2006. ISBN 0152054952
A true story about a baby hippo who loses his mother during a tsunami, but finds a new home and a new mother. 2006 Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor book. Wordless book

Winter, Jonah. The 39 Apartments of Ludwig van Beethoven, illustrated by Barry Blitt. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2006. ISBN: 9780375836022
Ludwig van Beethoven and his five legless pianos keep having to move from one apartment to another when his neighbors complain about the noise. RL 6.5

Winter, Jonah. Dizzy. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2006. ISBN: 0439507375
This is the story of Dizzy Gillespie, a trumpet player, who created a whole new kind of music: Bebop. RL 3.0 *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

Wormell, Chris. The Wild Girl. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2006.
ISBN: 0802853110.
A young girl and a little brown dog live together, alone in the wilderness, until a big bear tries to share their cave. RL 3.2

Worth, Valerie. Animal Poems, illustrated by Steve Jenkins. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2007.
ISBN: 9780374380571
Twenty-three poems in a posthumous collection by Valerie Worth distinguishes one animal from all other creatures and captures it in all of its wonderful singularity - from wasp to snake to wren. RL 3.3

Yaccarino, Dan. Every Friday. Henry Holt & Co., 2007. ISBN: 9780805077247
Every Friday a father and his child share a special ritual. RL

Yolen, Jane. Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry, illustrated by Polly Dunbar. Candlewick Press, 2007. ISBN: 9780763631413
A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed. "Here's a Little Poem" offers a comprehensive introduction to some remarkable poets, even as it captures a very young child's intense delight in the experiences and rituals of every new day. RL 2.5

Yoo, Taeun. The Little Red Fish. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780803731455
A little boy named JeJe explores a magical library with his friend, a little red fish. RL 2.8

Yorinks, Arthur. Mommy?, illustrated by Maurice Sendak and Matthew Reinhart. Scholastic, 2006. ISBN: 0439880505
In this almost wordless pop-up story with only two words (mommy and baby), a very young child stumbles into a house looking for his mother. He finds, instead, a collection of monsters, including a vampire, mummy, and werewolf before he finds Mommy.

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