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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

Allen, Jonathan. "I'm Not Scared!". Hyperion Books for Children, 2007. ISBN: 9780786837229
When Baby Owl takes his stuffed Owlly out for a walk in the moonlit woods, he insists that he is not afraid of the other animals that keep popping up and making them jump. RL 1.5

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

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

Baynes, Pauline, illus. The Elephant's Ball. Eerdman's, 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

Broach, Elise. When Dinosaurs Came with Everything, illustrated by David Small. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780689869228
Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.

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

Bruel, Nick. Poor Puppy. Roaring Brooke Press, 2007. ISBN: 9781596432703
When Bad Kitty won't play with him, Poor Puppy has to amuse himself with an alphabetical list of toys and dreams of playing in an alphabetical list of countries. RL 1.6

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.

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

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

Church, Caroline Jayne. Little Apple Goat. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2007.
ISBN: 9780802853202
Little Apple Goat's love of apples, cherries, and pears helps her plant an orchard for the animals on the farm. RL 3.2

Clements, Andrew. Dogku, illustrated by Tim Bowers. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780689858239
A haiku poem about a loveable dog. RL 2.6

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

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

Debon, Nicolas. The Strongest Man in the World: Louis Cyr. Groundwood Books; Distributed by Publishers Group West, 2007. ISBN: 9780888997319
Louis Cyr astounded audiences throughout North America and Europe with his amazing feats and mammoth proportions. Discover the life and times of this extraordinary hero in this picture book biography. RL 4.9

Florian, Douglas. Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars. Harcourt, 2007.
ISBN: 9780152053727
Twenty whimsical poems about space. RL 3.1

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Keller, Ruby. Help! A Story of Friendship. Greenwillow Books, 2007.

ISBN: 9780061239137

Mouse hears a rumor that snakes do not like mice and while trying to avoid his former friend, Snake, he falls into a hole from which neither Hedgehog, Squirrel, nor Rabbit can help him out.

Ketteman, 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. RL 3.0

Krauss, Ruth. The Growing Story, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. HarperCollins, 2007.

ISBN: 9780060247164

A little boy worries throughout the summer that he's not getting bigger, but at the end of the season he tries on his winter clothes and realizes that he has grown. RL 1.6

Lane, Leena. Angels Among Us. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2007.

ISBN: 9780802853219

A book of stories about angels in the Bible. Some bring messages revealing God's purposes, others provide strength and courage, and others praise and worship God.

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.

Lobel, Anita. Nini Here and There. Greenwillow Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780060787677
Fearing at first that her family is going on vacation without her, Nini the cat ends up traveling with her owners to their new home. RL 1.4

Long, Melinda. Pirates Don't Change Diapers, illustrated by David Shannon. Harcourt, 2007. 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

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 1.5

Matthews, Elizabeth. Different Like Coco. Candlewick Press, 2007.
ISBN: 9780763625481
Simple text and color illustrations present the life of Coco Chanel. RL 4.2

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

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

Neubecker, Robert. Wow! School! Hyperion Books for Children, 2007.
ISBN: 9780786838967
Izzy finds many things to be excited about on the first day of school.

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

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

Palatini, Margie. The Cheese. Katherine Tegen Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780060526306
After they all agree to ignore the story of "The Farmer in the Dell," the rat, cat, dog, child, farmer, and his wife have a party featuring the tempting hunk of cheese. RL 2.7

Patricelli, Leslie. The Birthday Box. Candlewick Press, 2007. ISBN: 9780763628253
An imaginative young child has a wonderful time playing with a box he receives for his birthday. What's better than getting a brand-new toy as a birthday gift? Playing with the box it came in! RL 1.8

Peacock, Louise. At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices, illustrated by Walter Lyon Krudop. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780689830266
The experiences of people coming to the United States from many different lands are conveyed in the words of a contemporary young girl visiting Ellis Island and of a girl who immigrated in about 1910, as well as by quotes from early twentieth century immigrants and Ellis Island officials. RL 5.0

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

Pinkwater, Daniel. Yo-Yo Man, illustrated by Jack E. Davis. HarperCollins, 2007. ISBN: 9780060555030
Third grade improves dramatically for a boy after he makes up his mind to win the upcoming yo-yo tournament. RL 3.0

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. RL 3.7

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. 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

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

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

Rosenthal, Marc. Phooey! Joanna Cotler Books, 2007. ISBN: 9780060752484
A boy who claims there is nothing to do spends his day being anything but bored.

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.** 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Stein, David Ezra.** Leaves. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007. ISBN: 9780399246364
A curious bear observes how leaves change throughout the seasons. RL 2.4
- 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
- Truss, Lynne.** The Girl's Like Spaghetti: Why, You Can't Manage without Apostrophes!, illustrated by Bonnie Timmons. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007. ISBN: 9781596432703
See how using (or not using) an apostrophe can change the meaning of a sentence. RL 3.2
- Van den Abeele, Véronique.** Still My Grandma. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780802853233
A young girl describes her special relationship with her grandmother, both before and after Grandma contracts Alzheimer's Disease. RL 3.0
- Vander Zee, Ruth.** Eli Remembers. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780802853097
After many years of watching the solemn lighting of seven candles at Rosh Hashanah, Eli finally learns how those candles represent his family's connection to the Holocaust in Lithuania. RL 5.4
- Walsh, Ellen Stoll.** Mouse Shapes. Harcourt, 2007. ISBN: 9780152060916
Three mice make a variety of things out of different shapes as they hide from a scary cat. RL 1.8
- 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

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

Willems, Mo. I Am Invited to a Party! Hyperion Books for Children, 2007.
ISBN: 9781423106876
Piggie is invited to her first party. But what will she wear? Gerald, the party expert, knows just how to help. . .or does he? RL 1.2

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

Williams, Karen Lynn. Four Feet, Two Sandals. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2007. ISBN: 9780802852960
Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers. RL 3.0

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

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 2.0

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

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