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Picture Book Update for 2006

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Various award-winning artists present their own version of the classic joke, from Marla Frazee's chicken who is searching for a luxury "coop," to Mo Willems's chicken who confesses his motives to a police officer. RL 2.3

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.

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

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

Introduces readers to more than 60 types of eggs and an array of egg facts. RL 2.9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presents a re-telling of the well-known fairy tale of a young girl who feels a pea through twenty mattresses and twenty featherbeds, proving that she is a real princess.  RL 4.5
Charlie and his little sister, Lola, play in the snow and consider what it would be like if it snowed everyday.  RL 2.6

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

Jack has adventures and rescues with his action-figure, Guy.  RL 2.1

While Farmer Brown sleeps, his animals prepare for a talent show at the county fair.  RL 2.1

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

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

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

From rooster crow to bedtime, a Kenyan boy plays and visits neighbors all through his village, even though he is supposed to be watching his grandfather's cows.  RL 1.7

Untalented at riding, roping, and cracking a whip, Slim the cowboy calms a stampeding herd of cattle with his poetry.  RL 2.4

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.

A circular tale in which each new book character is reading about the next, beginning and ending with Charlie Cook.  RL 3.0
On an island off the coast of Scotland, a young hen must prove herself pure, wise, and brave in a quest to help her beloved owner, Mem Pockets, from losing her family’s farm.  RL 4.8

Rhyming text describes a trip to the grocery store for a mamá and her baby boy. Includes Spanish words.  RL 1.8

In this rhyming alphabet book, a mouse family celebrates all the wonderful things about Christmas in their new woodland home.  RL 2.6

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

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.

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.

ISBN: 037583608X
Presents fifteen story problems with wacky elements such as flapjack-flipping frogs, a daisy-chomping dragon, and a laundromat whose washing machines mix frappes.  RL 3.3

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

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

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

Playful rhyming text about different modes of transportation accompanies colorful sculptures of vegetables and fruits on the move.  RL 1.9

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
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

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

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

Jack tries to have a perfect picnic with his mother, but things do not turn out as they expected. RL 2.7

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

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

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

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

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
When her teacher announces that he is getting married, Lilly the mouse sets her heart on being the flower girl at his wedding. RL 2.2

A boy tending sheep on a lonely mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry "wolf" and watch the people come running--and then one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call. RL 2.0

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

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

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

A young girl eagerly awaits the birth of her baby cousin, while growing more and more confused by the way her relatives answer her questions. RL 2.2

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

In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building, is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home. RL 2.6

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

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

Biography of George Washington. RL 3.9
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presents a collection of illustrated poems about animals that encourage the reader to see each animal in a new way.  2006 Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor book.  RL 1.7

In this wordless picture book, a boy imagines himself inside some of the exhibits when he goes on a field trip to a museum.

Account of the practical joke that fooled American radio listeners and made Orson Welles famous.  RL 3.6
A young boy looks at a plane in the sky and imagines flying one all the way to the moon.  RL 1.3

A new telling of the Christmas story imagines how Joseph might have felt that first night with his very special son.  RL 3.8

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

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

Humorous SuperHeroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.  RL 2.7

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

A poor family is searching down the back of a chair for Dad’s lost car keys and, miraculously in the mess of things back there, their financial problems are solved.  Rhyming text.  RL 1.8

A young child is encouraged to go to sleep by the thought of everyone else sleeping, from teacher to baker to postman.  RL 2.3

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

A striking depiction of America's struggle for independence features the Stamp Act, the Sons of Liberty, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other historical figures and documents.  RL 6.9

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

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Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate the roots of jazz music. RL 4.4.  Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Honor book.

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

An illustrated collection of humorous poems on a variety of topics. RL 3.2

A collection of short poems about winter. RL 2.5

Read some funny poems written by animals about school. RL 1.6

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

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!

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

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

Stories in verse about the monster-sized problems Dracula, Wolfman, Bigfoot and other monsters have. RL 3.4

In this cumulative tale, a tree becomes a hiding place for various animals, a runaway circus clown, and even an elephant. RL 3.0
After choosing a new dog, Ben describes what the pet Aggie can do and should not do around the house.  RL 1.5

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

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

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

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

Simple text and illustrations describe lessons in life as a young girl bakes cookies and learns cooperation, patience, pride, compassion, trust, and more.  RL 2.7

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

This companion volume to Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaur explores the prehistoric underwater world.  RL 7.7

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

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

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

The story of how "Circus polka," a dance of 50 elephants and 50 ballerinas, choreographed by George Balanchine, was created.  RL 3.8
While searching for the lost treasure of Frogsbottom, Russell the sheep discovers treasure of a different sort.  RL 3.8

Except for his bath, Fergus experiences the perfect doggy day, from chasing cats and motorcycles to being scratched on his favorite tickle spot.  RL 1.3

An illustrated poem that describes how nonviolent protests helped end the segregation of schools and public places in the United States.  RL 4.3

In the quiet of the night, a sleepy sleepy boy awakes to find the dishes, chairs, and clocks enjoying themselves.  RL 3.9

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

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

Discover the hidden world of the meadow in this unique combination of poetry riddles and science wisdom.  RL 3.7

Presents a collection of brief, illustrated poems that tells the story of a dog who slips out of his house and meets a white cat left alone on the street and together they share adventures.

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

Introduces very young children to the child prodigy, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in a tribute to the beauty of listening, looking, imagining, and, above all, playing.  RL 1.9

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

A humorous look at our Founding Fathers.  RL 3.5
Pictures of a father and child out in the moonlight illustrate Stevenson's poem from *A Child's Garden of Verses*.  RL 1.8

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

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

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

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

**Varon, Sara.**  *Chicken and Cat*.  Scholastic Press, 2006.  ISBN: 0439634067
When Cat feels sad about living in the hustle and bustle of the city, Chicken finds colorful ways to make Cat feel better.  Wordless picture book.

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

Carry me! -- Talk to me! -- Sing to me!. Presents three illustrated rhyming stories for very young children that speak of the love between parents and their children.  RL 1.9

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

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam.  Wordless book. 2007 Caldecott Award.
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

**Willems, Mo.**  *Don’t Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!*  Hyperion Books for Children, 2006.
ISBN: 0786837462
A pigeon fights yawns while coming up with many reasons why it should be allowed to stay up late.  RL 2.1

**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

**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

This is the story of Dizzy Gillespie, a trumpet player, who created a whole new kind of music: Bebop.  RL 3.0

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

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.

Antonia gets her wish when her parents return to China to bring home a Mei Mei, or younger sister, for her.  RL 2.2