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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 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

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.

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. An Egg Is Quiet, illustrated by Sylvia Long. Chronicle Books, 2006.

ISBN: 9780811844284

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

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

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

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

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

ISBN: 9780802852847

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baby Owen's grandmother learns that he is wiggly, jiggle, and all-around giggle 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

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. The Princess and the Pea. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. ISBN: 0786838868

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

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

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

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

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

Cunnane, Kelly. For You Are a Kenyan Child. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006.

ISBN: 068986194X

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

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

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.

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

Dunrea, Olivier. Hanne's Quest. Philomel, 2006. ISBN: 0399242163

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

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

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.

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.

Fisher, Valorie. How High Can a Dinosaur Count? Schwartz & Wade Books, 2006. 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

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. Handsprings. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060092807

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

Freymann, Saxton. Fast Food. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2006. ISBN: 043911019X

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Henkes, Kevin. Lilly's Big Day. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0060742364
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

Hennessy, B.G. The Boy Who Cried Wolf. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. ISBN: 0689874332
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

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

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

Holt, Kimberly Willis. Waiting for Gregory. Henry Holt and Co., 2006. ISBN: 0805073884
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

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

Hopkinson, Deborah. Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building. Schwartz & Wade, 2006. ISBN:0375836101
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

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. 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

Jurmain, Suzanne Tripp. George Did It. Dutton Children's Books, 2006. ISBN: 0525475605
Biography of George Washington. RL 3.9

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

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

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. 2006 Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor book. RL 1.7

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.

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

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

McCully, Emily Arnold. Marvelous Mattie. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2006.
ISBN: 9780374348106
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

McLeod, Bob. SuperHero ABC. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 0060745142
Humorous SuperHeroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the
alphabet from A to Z. RL 2.7

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

Mahy, Margaret. Down the Back of the Chair. Clarion Books, 2006. ISBN: 0618693955
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

Markes, Julie. Shhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping. Delacorte, 2006. ISBN: 0060537906
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

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

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

Minor, Wendell. Yankee Doodle America: The Spirit of America A to Z. Putnam's, 2006. ISBN: 0399240039
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

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

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.

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. The Snow Globe Family, illustrated by S.D. Schindler. 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

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. Alfrd 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

Pinkney, Jerry. 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

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. 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. 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

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

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

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

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

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 006058081X
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

Sabuda, Robert. Christmas. Orchard Books, 2006. ISBN: 0439845688
Paper sculptures in celebration of Christmas, each a work of fine art.

Sabuda, Robert. Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Sharks and Other Sea Monsters. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 076362229X
This companion volume to Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaur explores the prehistoric underwater world. RL 7.7

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

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

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

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

Scotton, Rob. Russell and the Lost Treasure. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 0060598514
While searching for the lost treasure of Frogsbottom, Russell the sheep discovers treasure of a different sort. RL 3.8

Shannon, David. Good Boy, Fergus! Blue Sky Press, 2006. ISBN: 0439490278
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

Shore, Diane Z. This Is the Dream. HarperCollins, 2006. ISBN: 006055519X
An illustrated poem that describes how nonviolent protests helped end the segregation of schools and public places in the United States. RL 4.3

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

Sidman, Joyce. Meow Ruff: A Story in Concrete Poetry. Houghton Mifflin, 2006.
ISBN: 0618448942
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.

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

Sís, Peter. Play, Mozart, Play. Greenwillow Books, 2006. ISBN: 0061121819
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

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

Smith, Lane. John, Paul, George & Ben. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006.
ISBN: 0786848936
A humorous look at our Founding Fathers. RL 3.5

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Wells, Rosemary. Carry Me! Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. ISBN: 1415662363
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

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

Wiesner, David. Flotsam. Clarion Books, c2006. ISBN: 9780618194575
The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam. Wordless book. 2007 Caldecott Award.

Wick, Walter. Can You See What I See? Once Upon a Time. ISBN: 9780439617772
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
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. 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

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

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.

Young, Ed. My Mei Mei. Philomel, 2006. ISBN: 0399243399
Antonia gets her wish when her parents return to China to bring home a Mei Mei, or younger sister, for her. RL 2.2

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