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While panning for gold with his Pa, Jake adopts a pig that he names Dog.  RL 2.2

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

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*

Disturbed by a deafening snore, Jack wakes up the family and animals one by one in search of the noisy culprit.  RL 1.8

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

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

An informative, and beautiful, introduction to seeds.  RL 3.3

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

Parents describe how their child is always in their hearts, no matter where they are or what they are doing.  RL 2.7
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

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

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

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

Uno builds a home and garden in the magnificent forest among the playful puddlebuts 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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
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

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

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!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Examines the history of the design of tall buildings.  RL 8.7

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

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

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
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.

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

A circular tale in which each new book character is reading about the next, beginning and ending with Charlie Cook.  RL 3.0

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

This poetic picture book introduces young children to the world of science.  RL 1.9

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

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

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

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
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.  2007 ALA Notable Children's Book

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

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

ISBN: 9780152053727
Twenty whimsical poems about space.  RL 3.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Explores concepts of color, shape, and food using only five simple words, as a bear juggles and plays.

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

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*

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 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

A selection of haikus by the Japanese master.  RL 3.9

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

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

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

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

A retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk" which features a Texas cowgirl, a magic cornstalk, and a giant cowboy in the clouds.
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 2007 ALA Notable Children’s Book

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

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

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

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

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

In this wordless picture book, a boy finds a mysterious key which leads him on an
adventure one rainy day.

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
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

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
Account of the practical joke that fooled American radio listeners and made Orson Welles
famous. RL 3.6  *2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

While Hondo the dog stays home and enjoys his usual pursuits, Fabian the cat escapes out
the window and has many adventures. RL

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

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

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

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

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

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

ISBN: 9780763625481  
Simple text and color illustrations present the life of Coco Chanel.  RL 4.2

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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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.  RL 0.7  2007 ALA Notable Children’s Book

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

An illustrated collection of poems for children about various sports activities.  RL 4.4

A collection of short poems about winter.  RL 2.5


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

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

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

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

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

Learn the alphabet by looking at very unusual sculptures. RL 3.3

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

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

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

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

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

A collection of poems about different bird personalities. RL 2.7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The story of how "Circus polka," a dance of 50 elephants and 50 ballerinas, choreographed by George Balanchine, was created. RL 3.8

Three easy-to-read stories reveal the close friendship between Dog and Bear. RL 1.3

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*

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

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  2007 ALA Notable Children’s Book

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

Jesse Owen's life and triumphs at the 1936 Olympics. RL 4.9

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

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

Fifteen felines find themselves marooned on an island and are not sure what to do. RL 2.6

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

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

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam. Wordless book
*2007 Caldecott Award, 2007 ALA Notable Children’s Book*

**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

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

While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen. RL 1.2

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

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

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*

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

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
Every Friday a father and his child share a special ritual.  RL

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

A little boy named JeJe explores a magical library with his friend, a little red fish.  RL 2.8

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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