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Children’s Book Update for 2007

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

ISBN: 9780786837229
When Baby Owl takes his stuffed Owly out for a walk in the moonlit woods, he insists that he is not afraid of the other animals that keep popping up and making them jump. RL 1.5

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

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

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

Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.

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

When Bad Kitty won’t play with him, Poor Puppy has to amuse himself with an alphabetical list of toys and dreams of playing in an alphabetical list of countries. RL 1.6

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

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

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

Little Apple Goat's love of apples, cherries, and pears helps her plant an orchard for the animals on the farm. RL 3.2

A haiku poem about a loveable dog. RL 2.6

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

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

Louis Cyr astounded audiences throughout North America and Europe with his amazing feats and mammoth proportions. Discover the life and times of this extraordinary hero in this picture book biography. RL 4.9

Twenty whimsical poems about space. RL 3.1

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

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

Explores concepts of color, shape, and food using only five simple words, as a bear juggles and plays.
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 bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome minor setbacks to have a very good day.  RL 2.1

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

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

A selection of haikus by the Japanese master.  RL 3.9

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

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

A retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk" which features a Texas cowgirl, a magic cornstalk, and a giant cowboy in the clouds.  RL 3.0

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

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

In this wordless picture book, a boy finds a mysterious key which leads him on an adventure one rainy day.
Fearing at first that her family is going on vacation without her, Nini the cat ends up traveling with her owners to their new home.  RL 1.4

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

While Hondo the dog stays home and enjoys his usual pursuits, Fabian the cat escapes out the window and has many adventures.  RL 1.5

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

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

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

Izzy finds many things to be excited about on the first day of school.

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

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

After they all agree to ignore the story of "The Farmer in the Dell," the rat, cat, dog, child, farmer, and his wife have a party featuring the tempting hunk of cheese.  RL 2.7

An imaginative young child has a wonderful time playing with a box he receives for his birthday. What’s better than getting a brand-new toy as a birthday gift? Playing with the box it came in!  RL 1.8
The experiences of people coming to the United States from many different lands are conveyed in the words of a contemporary young girl visiting Ellis Island and of a girl who immigrated in about 1910, as well as by quotes from early twentieth century immigrants and Ellis Island officials.  RL 5.0

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

Third grade improves dramatically for a boy after he makes up his mind to win the upcoming yo-yo tournament.  RL 3.0

When her beloved Ginger, a piano-playing socialite and very snappy dresser, makes a last-minute trip to London not knowing her housesitter has cancelled, Petunia the pig does more than fend for herself; she becomes Ginger.  RL 3.7

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


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

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

A boy who claims there is nothing to do spends his day being anything but bored.

A collection of poems about different bird personalities.  RL 2.7
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

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

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

A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean—almost. RL 1.9

A curious bear observes how leaves change throughout the seasons. RL 2.4

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

See how using (or not using) an apostrophe can change the meaning of a sentence. RL 3.2

A young girl describes her special relationship with her grandmother, both before and after Grandma contracts Alzheimer’s Disease. RL 3.0

After many years of watching the solemn lighting of seven candles at Rosh Hashanah, Eli finally learns how those candles represent his family’s connection to the Holocaust in Lithuania. RL 5.4

Three mice make a variety of things out of different shapes as they hide from a scary cat. RL 1.8

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

ISBN: 9781423106876
Piggie is invited to her first party. But what will she wear? Gerald, the party expert, knows just how to help... or does he? RL 1.2

ISBN: 9781423102977
When Gerald the Elephant is sad, Piggie is determined cheer him up, but finds after many tries that it only takes the simplest thing to change Gerald's mood. RL 1.2

ISBN: 9781423102953
While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen. RL 1.2

Two young Afghan girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers. RL 3.0

Rhyming text and illustrations present a recipe for how to bake a pie from all the things that make America great. RL 3.3

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 2.0

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

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