



Picture Books

The picture books on this list are meant for an adult to read to a child ages 3-5

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NEW PICTURE BOOKS/READ-ALOUDS

Picture books use minimal text and lots of illustrations to convey a story. They are an excellent way to introduce new vocabulary and concepts in a fun and engaging way!

Austin, Mike. **MONSTERS LOVE CUPCAKES**
When monsters bake cupcakes the main ingredient is fun!



Barrows, Annie. **LIKE**
Compare and contrast yourself to many things.

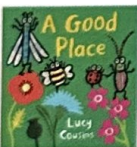
Bernstrom, Daniel.

A BEAR, A BEE, AND A HONEY TREE
A hungry, fuzzy bear and a hive of angry bees come face to face.

Blackall, Sophie. **FARMHOUSE**
Peek into an 1800s farmhouse and the imagined life of the family that lives there. Detailed illustrations to pore over.

Brun-Cosme, Nadine. **RABBIT, DUCK, AND BIG BEAR**
Best friends learn the value of doing things by themselves.

Carzoo, Breanna. **LOU**
Fire hydrant Lou has an important job.



Cousins, Lucy. **A GOOD PLACE**
Four insect friends look for a good place to live.

Denise, Christopher. **KNIGHT OWL**
Owl dreams of becoming a real knight, but is he brave enough?

Dominguez, Angela.
I'M HUNGRY! / ¡TENGO HAMBRE!
Bird tries many suggestions, but Dinosaur is a picky eater!

Ericson, Nora. **TOO EARLY**
Celebrating the morning in all its glory.

Fairbank, Sorche. **TRUCKS ON TRUCKS**
Perfect for any truck lover.

Gravett, Emily. **10 CATS**
A group of playful cats turn a mess of color into an engaging display of art and text.



Henkes, Kevin. **LITTLE HOUSES**
Celebrating the beach and all its small wonders.

Henrichs, Marjoke. **READY! SAID RABBIT**
Will Dad and Rabbit ever be ready to go to the park?

Kraegel, Kenneth. **MUSHROOM LULLABY**
A cozy bedtime story featuring your very own mushroom house to end the day.

Litwin, Megan. **TWINKLE, TWINKLE, WINTER NIGHT**
A twist on a beloved nursery rhyme celebrates winter.

Molk, Laurel. **KNITTING FOR DOGS**
Turns out knitting a sweater is harder than you think.



Morrison, Frank. **KICK PUSH: BE YOUR EPIC SELF**
Epic learns to navigate a new neighborhood by being true to himself.

Myers, Maya. **NOT LITTLE**
Dot may be small, but she's not little.

Obuhanych, Karen. **THIS LITTLE KITTY**
Follow the little kitties throughout their day.

Parry, Rosanne. **BIG TRUCK DAY**
It's "Big Truck Day" at the public library!

Petty, Dev.
DON'T EAT BEES: LIFE LESSONS FROM CHIP THE DOG
Chip has many valuable lessons to share.



Pinkney, Andrea Davis.
BRIGHT BROWN BABY: A TREASURY
A celebration of babies and the endless love shared between parent and child.

Read, Kate. **THE LITTLEST ELEPHANT**
Ellie, the littlest elephant in the jungle, learns to respect other animals' personal space.

Ringler, Matt. **STROLLERCOASTER**
A wild ride through the neighborhood!

Salati, Doug. **HOT DOG**
Dog's owner knows how to cool off on a hot day.

Sheth, Sheetal. **ALWAYS ANJALI**
Anjali doesn't understand why she can't change her name so she won't be teased by the bullies in school.

Sicuro, Aimée. **IF YOU FIND A LEAF**
Celebrate fall with colorful autumn leaves.

Stein, David Ezra. **DON'T WORRY, MURRAY**
Can Murray be brave and let go of his fears?

Sterling, Michelle. **WHEN LOLA VISITS**
Summer starts when Grandmother arrives for her annual visit from the Philippines.

Stevens, Janet. **LITTLE GOOD WOLF**
HOW can the son of the Big Bad Wolf be so good?



Straub, Emma. **VERY GOOD HATS**
Anything can be a hat, if you believe it is!

Tabor, Corey R. **MEL FELL**
Baby bird Mel takes a leap of faith out of the nest.

Willems, Mo.
THE PIGEON WILL RIDE THE ROLLER COASTER!
Will Pigeon have the courage to ride?

Wu, Helen. **TOFU TAKES TIME**
Homemade tofu takes time, patience and a universe of ingredients!

Zimmerman, Andrea. **FIREFIGHTER FLO!**
(BIG JOBS BOLD WOMEN)*
Rhyming text shows Firefighter Flo and her crew answering a call.



INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Brown-Wood, JaNay. **MIGUEL'S COMMUNITY GARDEN***
Can Miguel find a sunflower in time for his garden party?

Crow, Katrine. **COATS (WHOSE IS IT?)***
Guess the animal by its coat.
(Board Book)



Fleming, Candace.
HONEYBEE: THE BUSY LIFE OF APIS MELLIFERA
The life and ultimately death of a worker bee with beautiful, up-close illustrations of honeybees.

Percival, Kari. **HOW TO SAY HELLO TO A WORM?:**
A FIRST GUIDE TO OUTSIDE
Explore the outdoors!

Pizzoli, Greg.
PIZZA!: A SLICE OF HISTORY
Travel through time and around the globe to learn the history of pizza!



White, Dianne. **LOOK AND LISTEN:**
WHO'S IN THE GARDEN, MEADOW, BROOK?*
Guess who? A nature walk reveals sights and sounds to wonder about.

Whittingham, Jane.
BEAR HAS A BELLY (BIG, LITTLE CONCEPTS)*
Cute animals and kids have the same body parts!





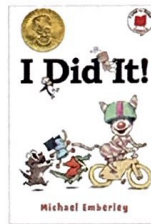
Easy Readers

This booklist is for your child if they are starting to recognize “sight” words and decoding text

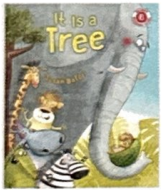
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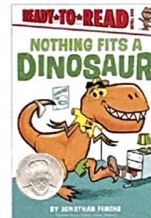
Adler, David
SPIKE IT, MO!*



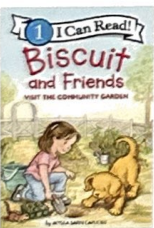
Emberley, Michael
I DID IT!



Batori, Susan
IT IS A TREE



Fenske, Jonathan
NOTHING FITS A DINOSAUR



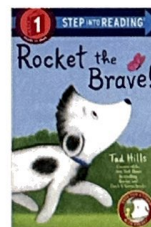
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
BISCUIT AND FRIENDS VISIT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN*



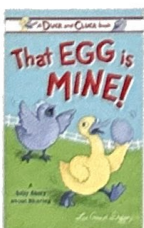
Hale, Bruce
CLARK THE SHARK AND THE SCHOOL SING*



Dean, Kimberly
PETE THE KITTY'S OUTDOOR ART PROJECT*



Hills, Tad
ROCKET THE BRAVE*



Dubois, Liz Goulet
THAT EGG IS MINE!



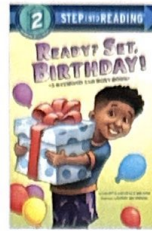
Iwai, Melissa
GIGI AND OJIJI*

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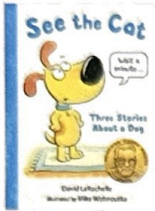
Easy Reader levels vary widely from publisher to publisher. They range from reading with help to beginning to read alone. In general, the lower the level, the easier it is to read in that series of books.



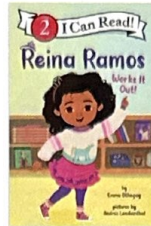
Kann, Victoria
**MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
(PINKALICIOUS*)**



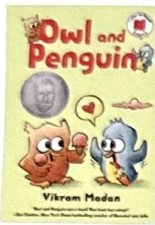
Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux
**READY? SET. BIRTHDAY!
(RAYMOND AND ROXY*)**



LaRoche, David
SEE THE CAT



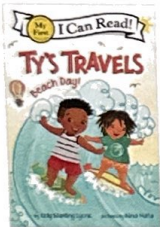
Otheguy, Emma
**REINA RAMOS WORKS
IT OUT***



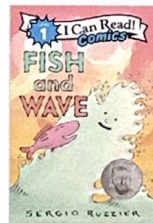
Madan, Vikram
OWL AND PENGUIN*



Romero, Libby
ANIMAL DOCTORS*



Lyons, Kelly Starling
**BEACH DAY!
(TY'S TRAVELS*)**



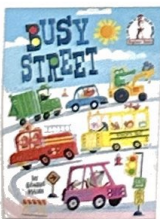
Ruzzier, Sergio
FISH AND WAVE*



Meisel, Paul
SEE ME GO

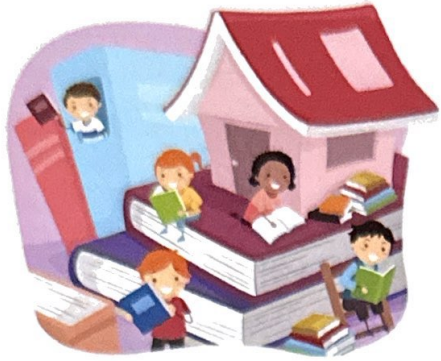


Tabor, Corey R.
FOX AT NIGHT*



Miller, Edward
BUSY STREET

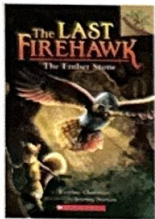




Beginning Chapter Books

This booklist is for the child who is ready to read independently and can take on a more challenging vocabulary

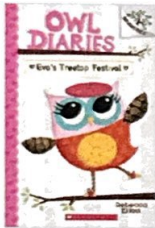
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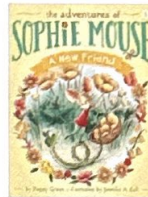
Charman, Katrina
THE LAST FIREHAWK



Grant, Shauna J.
MIMI



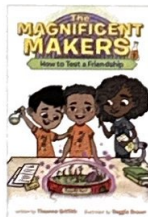
Elliott, Rebecca
OWL DIARIES



Green, Poppy
THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE



Fang, Vicky
LAYLA AND THE BOTS



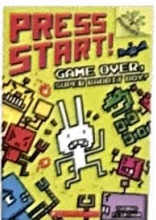
Griffith, Theanne
THE MAGNIFICENT MAKERS



Faruqi, Saadia
YASMIN



Jones, Noah Z.
PRINCESS PINK AND THE LAND OF FAKE-BELIEVE



Flintham, Thomas
PRESS START!

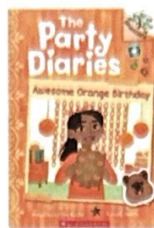


Lyons, Kelly Starling
JADA JONES

The books are listed by their series name. A series is a great way to help your child get comfortable with the characters and can help them understand the story. These books can help "bridge" the transition from "easy readers" to "chapter books."



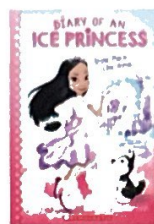
Lyons, Kelly Starling
MILES LEWIS



Ruths, Mitali Banerjee
THE PARTY DIARIES



Maker, Martha
CRAFTILY EVER AFTER



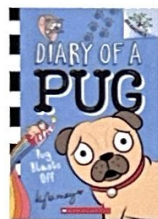
Soontornvat, Christina
DIARY OF AN ICE PRINCESS



Mass, Wendy
TIME JUMPERS



West, Kara
MIA MAYHEM



May, Kyla
DIARY OF A PUG



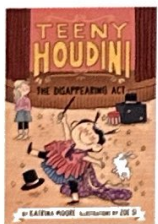
West, Tracey
DRAGON MASTERS



McDonald, Megan
**JUDY MOODY
AND FRIENDS**



Winston, Sherri
WEDNESDAY & WOOF



Moore, Katrina
TEENY HOUDINI





BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS

Grade 2

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PICTURE BOOKS/READ-ALOUDS

Camper, Cathy. **TEN WAYS TO HEAR SNOW**
Captures the magic and wonder of snow, and how there is beauty in everything.

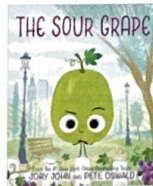


Gorman, Amanda. **SOMETHING, SOMEDAY**
With encouraging text and striking illustrations, a look at how even the smallest gesture can have a lasting impact.

Higgins, Carter. **BIG AND SMALL AND IN-BETWEEN**
Captures a whole new way of seeing the world.

Higgins, Ryan T. **HEY, BRUCE!***
Readers are guided on a quest for a fun reading experience, with Bruce the ever-reluctant star.

John, Jory. **THE SOUR GRAPE***
The Sour Grape holds grudges for any reason. Could forgiveness turn a sour grape sweet?



Scanlon, Liz Garton.
THE WORLD'S BEST CLASS PLANT
Students in Room 109 envy all the other classroom pets. All they have is a plant. It's so boring ... or is it?



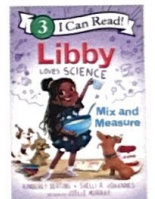
Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah.
YOUR NAME IS A SONG
A celebration to remind us all about the beauty, history, and magic behind names.

CHAPTER BOOKS/EARLY READERS

Bailey, Jenn. **HENRY, LIKE ALWAYS***
Henry, a first grader on the autism spectrum, likes school until his teacher tells him about the class parade.

Chang, Maggie P.
GERALDINE PU AND HER LUNCHBOX, TOO!*
Geraldine Pu's favorite part of school is lunch. Then one day, Geraldine gets stinky tofu...and an unexpected surprise. GN

Derting, Kimberly.
LIBBY LOVES SCIENCE: MIX AND MEASURE*
Libby and her friend Rosa learn about mixing and measuring to bake a delicious treat for a puppy party.



Kelly, Erin Entrada. **SURELY SURELY MARISOL RAINEY***
Celebrates the small but mighty Marisol, the joys of friendship, the power of being different, and the triumph of persevering.

Lowery, Mike. **BUG SCOUTS: OUT IN THE WILD!***
Will the bug scouts be able to earn their badge while trying to avoid getting eaten by a clever frog? GN

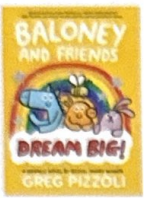
McDonald, Megan.
STINK, SUPERHERO SUPERFAN*
When Stink finds a mysterious note signed "Super Gecko," he starts investigating and turns super sleuth in an adventure that honors classic superheroes and mystery-solving.



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GN—Graphic Novel



Song, Mika. **DONUT FEED THE SQUIRRELS**
Two squirrel best friends meet their match:
a donut food truck! GN



Pizzoli, Greg.
BALONEY AND FRIENDS: DREAM BIG!*
These lovable characters know how to dream
big, but not without some funny obstacles
along the way! GN

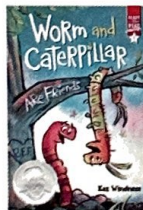
Quigley, Dawn.
JO JO MAKOOKS: THE USED-TO-BE BEST FRIEND*
Celebrates a spunky young Ojibwe girl who loves who
she is!

Tabor, Corey. **FOX HAS A PROBLEM***
Fox has a problem. Can he work together with his friends to
fix things before it's too late?

Watson, Tom. **STICK DOG TAKES OUT SUSHI***
Stick Dog must navigate obstacles if he's ever going to get
some sushi for his drooling friends.

West, Tracey. **CURSE OF THE SHADOW DRAGON***
Will the Dragon Masters stop the sky-shadow? Is evil magic
to blame for all this chaos or will the world fall into
complete darkness?

Windness, Kaz.
WORM AND CATERPILLAR ARE FRIENDS
Can Worm and Caterpillar stay friends after
some big changes occur?



INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Arnold, Tedd. **FLY GUY PRESENTS: DOGS***
Join Buzz and Fly Guy on this adventure as they explore a
dog show and learn about man's best friend!

Beckerman, Nell Cross. **CAVES**
A masterful exploration of one of nature's most curious
ecosystems.

McAnulty, Stacy. **PLUTO!***
In this playful book, dwarf planet Pluto takes the stage to
properly reintroduce itself and tell its out-of-this world,
one-of-a-kind story.

Pallotta, Jerry. **ULTIMATE REPTILE RUMBLE***
Learn fun facts about 16 fierce reptiles as they fight it out
to see who would win in a fictitious battle.

Riley, Scott. **THE FLOATING FIELD**
On the island of Koh Panyee, Thailand in a
village built on stilts, there is no open space.
How will a group of boys play soccer?



Sorell, Traci. **CLASSIFIED: THE SECRET CAREER OF
MARY GOLDA ROSS, CHEROKEE AEROSPACE ENGINEER**
Find out how Mary Golda Ross's passion for math and
the Cherokee values she was raised with shaped her life
and work.

Stewart, Melissa.
SUMMERTIME SLEEPERS: ANIMALS THAT ESTIVATE
Everyone knows about animals that hibernate in the
winter. But it's time to discover animals that sleep all
summer long!

CHALLENGING READS

Barnett, Mac. **MAC SAVES THE WORLD***
Mac B. is on another secret mission where our hero finds
himself trapped in East Germany. How will he escape?

Brown, Peter. **THE WILD ROBOT PROTECTS***
The Wild Robot series returns, taking Roz on an
action-packed under-the-ocean journey to save her
beloved island!

Haldar, Raj.
WORLD TRAVELERS AND THE TAJ MAHAL MYSTERY*
Two best friends race to different parts of the world to
solve mysteries and uncover lost treasures!

Soontornvat, Christina. **THE GUARDIAN TEST***
Plum needs to embrace her inner animal form
soon, otherwise she will be forced to leave
school, and lose the first group of real friends
she's ever known.





BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS

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FICTION

Angleberger, Tom. **TWO-HEADED CHICKEN***

Imagine a universe where you were one head of a two-headed chicken and you were being chased by a hungry moose.



Arnold, Elana K. **JUST HARRIET***

While spending the summer with her grandma, Harriet finds a mysterious key that will lead her to learn more about her dad.

Atinuke. **TOO SMALL TOLA AND THE THREE FINE GIRLS***

Tola and her siblings have to try to figure out what to do when a special earring goes missing and their grandmother gets sick.

Barnett, Mac. **THE FIRST CAT IN SPACE ATE PIZZA***

Can a super cat in a cyber spacesuit save the world and stop rats from eating the moon? GN

Blabey, Aaron. **CAT ON THE RUN IN CAT OF DEATH!***

The most famous cat video star is accused of a crime she didn't commit and now she's on the run, but she is the most recognizable cat on the planet! GN

Davies, Jacqueline.

SYDNEY & TAYLOR AND THE GREAT FRIEND EXPEDITION*

Best friends Sydney and Taylor wonder how to make new friends. They embark on an adventure but face unexpected challenges.



Denson, Abby. **KITTY SWEET TOOTH***

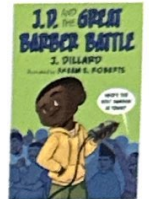
Kitty, a purple sweets-loving movie buff, is determined to save her beloved Pop Pop's movie theater. GN

DiCamillo, Kate. **THE PUPPETS OF SPELHORST***

Trapped in a trunk, five puppets long for adventure on their own even though they have been told they are part of a larger story.

Dillard, J. **J.D. AND THE GREAT BARBER BATTLE***

J.D. turns his history of bad haircuts into a bustling business when he learns he has a knack for cutting hair.



Donovan, Gail. **SPARROW BEING SPARROW**

Sparrow is a lively 9-year-old who is on a mission to find new homes for her neighbor's cats.



Galbraith, Bree.

WEDNESDAY WILSON CONNECTS THE DOTS*

Can Wednesday and Charlie start a successful freckle beauty business?

Khan, Hena.

ZARA'S RULES FOR RECORD-BREAKING FUN*

Zara is used to setting the rules for the neighborhood kids, but the new girl has different ideas.

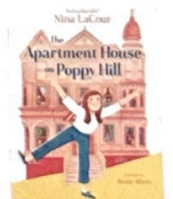
Klassen, Jon. **THE SKULL: A TYROLEAN FOLKTALE**

Otilla meets a skull who needs to be rescued from a headless skeleton.

LaCour, Nina.

THE APARTMENT HOUSE ON POPPY HILL

Ella lives with her two moms in an adorable pink Victorian house. She knows everyone in the building except for the reclusive neighbors.



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GN—Graphic Novel





Lloyd, Megan Wagner. **SUPER PANCAKE***
After accidentally becoming a super pancake, Peggy Pancake must defeat Dr. Breakfast Sandwich and his two Henchtosts. GN

Mlynowski, Sarah & Christina Soontornvat.

TIME AFTER TIME*

What would you wish for if you received a magic bracelet that grants wishes?

Phelan, Matt. **LEAVE IT TO PLUM!**

Plum, a plucky peacock at the Athensville Zoo, meets and greets guests but not everyone is happy with this arrangement.



Reddy, Swapna. **THE NEW CLASS***

With a little help from the Ballet Bunnies who secretly live in the studio, Millie is determined to learn the proper positions even when a bully makes it hard.

Rex, Adam. **THE STORY OF GUMLUCK THE WIZARD***

Helvetica the Raven tells the story of Gumluck, a tiny clueless wizard who grants wishes to the ungrateful townspeople in the hopes that he will be crowned Harvest Hero.

Ruths, Mitali Banerjee. **AWESOME ORANGE BIRTHDAY***

Diary-style entries tell the story of Priya who is launching a party planning business.



Shepard, Sara. **PENNY DRAWS A BEST FRIEND***
Drawing helps Penny deal with her worries and anxiety about starting fifth grade.

Torres, Jennifer. **CATALINA INCOGNITO***

Catalina must find out how stolen rubies and a magical needle and thread are connected.

Watson, Renée. **WAYS TO BUILD DREAMS***

After learning more about her ancestors and local Black pioneers for Black History Month, Ryan starts to think about who and what she wants to become.

Watson, Tom. **THE CANDY CAPER***

Molly's compulsive tendencies lead her and her two best friends to come up with a plan to secretly figure out how many skittles are in the candy jar on the principal's desk.

Winston, Sherri. **CATASTROPHE***

When a beloved kitty goes missing, Walia "Wednesday" Nadir and her trusty service dog Woof are on the case.

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Brew-Hammond, Nana Eku. **BLUE: A HISTORY OF THE COLOR AS DEEP AS THE SEA AND AS WIDE AS THE SKY**

Ignotofsky, Rachel. **WHAT'S INSIDE A CATERPILLAR COCOON? AND OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT MOTHS AND BUTTERFLIES***

Kimmelman, Leslie. **READY, SET, RUN!: THE AMAZING NEW YORK CITY MARATHON**

Lanan, Jessica. **JUMPER: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BACKYARD JUMPING SPIDER**

Montgomery, Sy. **THE BOOK OF TURTLES**

Walker, Cameron. **NATIONAL MONUMENTS OF THE U.S.A.**

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **HOW DO YOU SPELL UNFAIR?: MACNOLIA COX AND THE NATIONAL SPELLING BEE**

CHALLENGING READS

Ewing, Eve L. **MAYA AND THE ROBOT**

Maya hopes that the robot she finds and brings to life will help her adjust to fifth grade without her two best friends.

Magoon, Kekla. **CHESTER KEENE CRACKS THE CODE**

Spy-in-training Chester hopes that cracking the code will bring him closer to his absent father.



Reynolds, Justin A.

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AND I'M IN MY BATHING SUIT

After Eddie's mother finds his huge laundry pile, he is forbidden to go to the Beach Bash. But when the power goes out and with no parents in sight, can Eddie along with a group of friends survive?



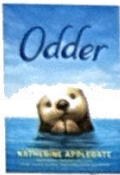
BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS

Grade 4

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FICTION



Applegate, Katherine. **ODDER**
Follow the story of Odder a curious and storytelling otter, who is released back into the ocean after being separated from her mother.

Annable, Graham.

EERIE TALES FROM THE SCHOOL OF SCREAMS

Ms. Nomed's latest assignment is for her students to share spooky stories with the class. GN

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **BEING CLEM***

Explore 1940's Chicago with Clem who lives with his mother and two older sisters navigating life after the Port Chicago Disaster.

Colfer, Eoin. **THREE TASKS FOR A DRAGON**

Prince Lir is next in line to be King, but his stepmother has other plans by sending him on an impossible journey.

Craft, Jerry. **SCHOOL TRIP***

Join Drew, their friends, and the class bully as they go on a class trip to Paris, France. GN



Elliott, Zetta.
THE WITCH'S APPRENTICE*
In the third installment of this series, Jax must use his magic to assist a phoenix to save everyone in New York from a sleeping sickness.

Escabasse, Sophie. **SPELL OF A TIME***

After a beach clean up on Coney Island, Effie finds a mermaid looking for her lost sister. GN

Faruqi, Saadia. **SAVING SUNSHINE**

These twin tweens have to put aside their sibling rivalry to help save the day and a turtle. GN

Gino, Alex. **GREEN***

Green and friends of the Rainbow Spectrum group are excited to try-out for their school's gender neutral production of 'The Wizard of Oz'.

Grabenstein, Chris.

ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY

A graphic novel adaptation of the popular title. GN



Green, John Patrick.

INVESTIGATORS: ALL TIDE UP*

The InvestiGators are back and this time they are at sea trying to solve a new mystery. GN

Lê, Minh. **ENLIGHTEN ME**

After standing up to bullies about his Vietnamese heritage, Binh spends time with his family at a silent retreat and thinks. GN

Lee, Yoon Ha. **TIGER HONOR***

Sebrin must set out to clear his uncle's name but everything seems to go wrong in this fast-paced space adventure.

Lloyd, Megan Wagner. **SQUISHED**

Avery comes up with a plan to try and get her own room in a house with 6 other siblings. GN

Miller, Sharee. **CURLFRIENDS: NEW IN TOWN**

Charlie is looking for friendship again after another move but this time she wants these friendships to last. GN



Oh, Ellen. **YOU ARE HERE: CONNECTING FLIGHTS**

12 different stories by 12 different Asian-American kids takes you through an incident leaving them all stranded at the airport in Chicago.

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Ortega, Claribel A. **WITCHLINGS***
Seven and two other Witchlings are not placed in a coven and are labeled 'spares'. Can they overcome an impossible task and form their own coven?

Parry, Rosanne. **A HORSE NAMED SKY***
Sky must make his way through rough terrain and challenges to rejoin his family.

Rodriguez, Stephanie.
DOODLES FROM THE BOOGIE DOWN
Steph forms a plan to avoid telling her mother about applying to a music and performing arts school. GN



Stead, Rebecca. **THE LOST LIBRARY**
A mysterious little free library guarded by a giant orange cat sparks the town's interest in solving the mystery of the fire that destroyed the town library years ago.

Timberlake, Amy. **EGG MARKS THE SPOT***
Skunk and Badger are back and this time they set off on a rock-hunting expedition.

Xu, Wendy. **TIDESONG**
Sophie is a young witch in training who falls victim to a trap set by a water dragon who promises her power. GN

Yi, Susie. **A SKY OF PAPER STARS**
After folding 1,000 paper stars, Yuna's wish to return to Korea and fit in does not go as planned. GN

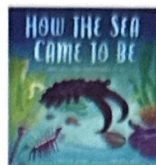
Yogis, Jaimal.
THE AWAKENING STORM*
When a mysterious dragon egg hatches, Grace must protect it from people who want to use its new powers. GN



INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Alexander, Kwame. **AN AMERICAN STORY**
A picture book that opens a discussion about the history and impact of slavery.

Barton, Chris. **GLITTER EVERYWHERE!**
Loved by kids-hated by parents, find out the history of this sparkly craft supply.



Berne, Jennifer. **HOW THE SEA CAME TO BE: AND ALL THE CREATURES IN IT**
Explore how the ocean was shaped and the creatures in it, past and present.

Clemesha, Chase.
PEOPLE OF PRIDE: 25 GREAT LGBTQ AMERICANS

Faruqi, Saadia. **THE WONDERS WE SEEK: THIRTY INCREDIBLE MUSLIMS WHO HELPED SHAPE THE WORLD**

Hirahara, Naomi. **WE ARE HERE: 30 INSPIRING ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS WHO HAVE SHAPED THE UNITED STATES**

Menéndez, Juliet.
LATINITAS: CELEBRATING 40 BIG DREAMERS

CHALLENGING READS

Elliott, Victoria Grace. **YUMMY: A HISTORY OF DESSERTS***
Travel the world with Peri and learn about the history of some of your favorite sweets. GN

Gow, Robin. **DEAR MOTHMAN**
Autistic, transgender Noah starts to write letters to their favorite cryptic, the Mothman, after the death of his best friend.



Higuera, Donna Barba. **THE LAST CUENTISTA**
After the Earth was destroyed by a comet and the Collective wipes the memories of all the other humans, Petra is on her way to a new planet with all of her memories intact.

Hopson, Nasuq Rainey. **EAGLE DRUMS**
Part folklore, part origin myth, Piqa must follow the eagle god Savik back to the home of the eagle gods.

Levithan, David. **ANSWERS IN THE PAGES**
A classroom book challenge leaves 5th grader Donovan and his classmates to question why this is happening.

Schmidt, Gary D. **THE LABORS OF HERCULES BEAL**
Mourning the loss of both his parents, Hercules is having trouble living up to his mythical hero's namesake.



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FICTION

Cho, John. **TROUBLEMAKER**

Korean-American Jordan navigates the rioting streets of Los Angeles in search of his father.



Christmas, Johnnie. **SWIM TEAM**

Bree learns to conquer her fear with help from her elderly neighbor, a former swim team captain. GN

Connor, Leslie. **ANYBODY HERE SEEN FRENCHIE?**

When Aurora's nonvocal friend Frenchie goes missing, she must deal with her guilt of then drifting apart and use her voice to aid the town's search for him.

Costner, Arianne. **CONFESSIONS OF A CLASS CLOWN**

Jack Reynolds needs to make new friends who will help him with his comedy videos.

Faruqi, Saadia. **YUSUF AZEEM IS NOT A HERO**

Yusuf Azeem must find a way to stand up to prejudice and racism during the twentieth anniversary of September 11.

Galligan, Gale. **FREESTYLE**

Breakdancer Cory feels the pressure when he tries to balance school, his dance crew, and new friends. GN



Griffith, Evan. **MANATEE SUMMER**

Two friends discover a hurt manatee during their summer vacation.

Lamotte, Lily. **MEASURING UP**

A Taiwanese immigrant enters a cooking competition in order to win money for her grandmother's plane ticket to Seattle. GN

Lerner, Jarrett. **A WORK IN PROGRESS**

Ever since a bully cruelly called him fat, Will's negative self-image threatens to take over his life but meeting Markus helps boost his self-esteem and helps him heal.

Lincoln, Beth.

THE SWIFTS: A DICTIONARY OF SCOUNDRELS

Little sister "Shenanigan Swift," labeled a troublemaker, defies expectations by pursuing her own identity and solving a murder mystery at the family reunion.



Lugman-Dawson, Amina. **FREEWATER**

Two slave children run away from the Southerland Plantation and discover refuge in the secretive community of Freewater, where they help protect its community.

Lukoff, Kyle. **TOO BRIGHT TO SEE**

While trying to solve the mystery surrounding her haunted house, Bug learns about her own gender identity.

Mandanna, Sangu.

KIKI KALLIRA BREAKS A KINGDOM*

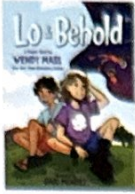
Kiki Kallira, a chronic worrier, finds solace in drawing until her sketches bring mythological beings to life, leading her into a dangerous adventure.



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Mass, Wendy. **LO AND BEHOLD**
When her father's summer job takes her across the county, Addie gets caught up in an exciting project involving a virtual reality headset that allows her to see the world in a new way. GN

Ortega, Claribel A. **FRIZZY**
Marlene learns to embrace her naturally curly hair. GN

Randall, Julian.
PILAR RAMIREZ AND THE ESCAPE FROM ZAFRA*
A young girl is transported to an island occupied by characters and creatures from Dominican myths.

Sax, Sarah. **PICTURE DAY***
When 7th grader Viv cuts off her braid and changes her style she becomes a social media influencer overnight. GN

Sumner, Jamie. **TUNE IT OUT**
Lou Montgomery, who is diagnosed with sensory processing disorder, uses music to find her own voice.



Tang, Betty. **PARACHUTE KIDS**
Taiwanese siblings must adjust to their new lives in Los Angeles when their parents leave them and go back to their home country. GN



Winston, Sherri.
LOTUS BLOOM AND THE AFRO REVOLUTION
Talented violinist Lotus Bloom fights back against her middle school's racist dress code.

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Bybee, Veeda.
SHINING A LIGHT: CELEBRATING 40 ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD
A collective biography celebrating the many accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have changed the world in many ways.

Grandin, Temple. **THE OUTDOOR SCIENTIST: THE WONDER OF OBSERVING THE NATURAL WORLD**
Scientist and autism spokesperson Temple Grandin encourages young scientists to ask questions about their natural world and how to find the answers.

Levi, Lia.
JUST A GIRL: A TRUE STORY OF WORLD WAR II
A young Italian girl grows up hidden away in a convent during World War II.



Lin, Grace. **CHINESE MENU**
Discover the stories and myths surrounding popular Chinese dishes.

CHALLENGING READS

Barone, Rebecca E.F. **UNBREAKABLE: THE SPIES WHO CRACKED THE NAZI'S SECRET CODE**
Codebreaker and spies come together to decipher cryptic messages from German forces during World War II.

Cherry-Paul, Sonja.
STAMPED (FOR KIDS): RACISM, ANTIRACISM, AND YOU
Learn about racism, its impact on America today, and how to combat it.

Grimes, Nikki.
LEGACY: WOMEN POETS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE
A celebration of lesser-known women poets of the Harlem Renaissance, paired with one-of-a-kind art by female African-American illustrators.

Marrero, Letisha. **SALSA MAGIC**
After Maya's estranged aunt comes to visit, she discovers that she feels connected to her and the magic she may possess.



Marsh, Katherine. **THE LOST YEAR**
When a young boy and his mother join his Ukrainian great-grandmother to isolate from the COVID-19 pandemic, he discovers a previously unknown past.

Valenti, Karla Arenacs. **LOTERÍA**
Clara must learn to choose her own path after learning that Life and Death are dealing out Lotería cards with her name on them.