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RECOMMENDATIONS



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Recommended Reads Binder

This binder was created to help you discover the perfect book, with handpicked reading suggestions chosen by our very own librarians. Titles are thoughtfully organized by interest and theme. These themes can be found on the Contents page.

You'll also find a link to Lexile recommendations to help match books to your reading level.

Lists are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name and include picture books, beginning readers, and toddler board books. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of our collection. Our recommendations will continue to grow and change as new books arrive, so be sure to check back often, or write a suggestion in the back of the binder!

Jenna Pawlak
Juvenile Services Librarian
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Lexile Recommendation Resources


For book recommendations organized by Lexile level for grades 1st through 6th, visit [The Best Children's Books](#), a resource created by educators to support reading development. These lists offer a helpful starting point for finding books that match your reading level and interests, though Lexile levels are approximate and some titles may vary in difficulty or content. Please note that not all books listed may be available in our collection, but if there's a title you'd like to read that we don't have, you're welcome to request it through a purchase order at the front desk. We're always happy to help you discover your next great read!

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Top 25 of 2025 - Picture Books

* Titles are determined by books with the highest checkouts of the year by patrons. A list curated for you, by you!

1. The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?
2. The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!
3. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
4. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!
5. Dragons Love Tacos
6. The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!
7. Where's Waldo> Santa Spotlight Search
8. Where's Waldo? Spooky Spotlight Search
9. The Day the Crayons Quit
10. Richard Scarry's Best Word Book Ever
11. Swim School
12. Bluey: Grannies and other stories.
13. Go, dog. Go!
14. I'm Dirty!
15. Where's Waldo? A-maze-ing journeys
16. Shadowlands.
17. Pawsome Puppy Adventures!
18. Queens.
19. How to Catch a Mermaid
20. How to Catch a Unicorn
21. Mum School.
22. The Very Busy Spider
23. Barky Boats.
24. Hickory Dickory Dock
25. Love from Bluey



BR Box Books

Amelia Bedelia

Barbie

Berenstain Bears

Biscuit

Clifford

Curious George

Dinosaurs

Disney

Fancy Nancy

Flyguy

Horses

Katie Woo

Lego

Mo Willems

My Little Pony

Nickleodean

Pete the Cat

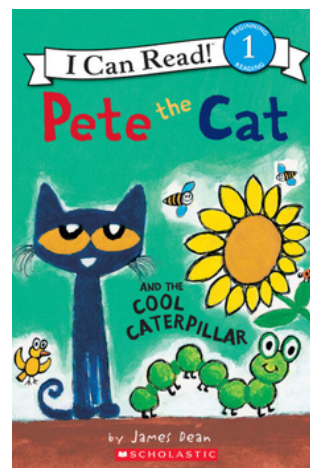
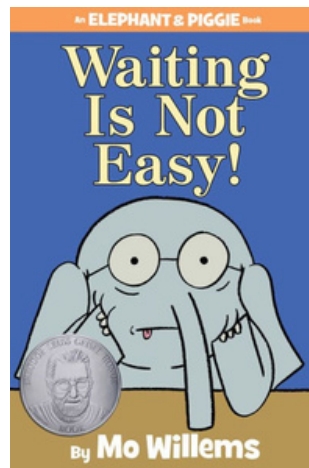
Religion

Starwars

Superheroes

Thomas

Vehicles



Adventure & Imagination

* Books with (BR) or (T) can be found in our Beginning Readers or Toddler sections

Peter Pan: An Adventure Primer by Jennifer Adams (T)

A Way to the Stars by David Almond

The Invisible Parade by Leigh Bardugo

Journey by Aaron Becker

Bizzy Bear: Pirate Adventure - BIZ (T)

Imagine that! By Tom Burlison

This is a Window by Lauren Conrad

Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination by Kim Dean

Pete the Cat: Sir Pete the Brave by James Dean (BR)

The Curious Why by Angela DiTerlizzi

Let's Be Bees by Shawn Harris

Tell Me Your Dreams by Amanda Kloots

The Bakery Dragon by Devin Kurtz

Built to Last by Minh Le

Ty's Travels: All Aboard! By Kelly Lyons (BR)

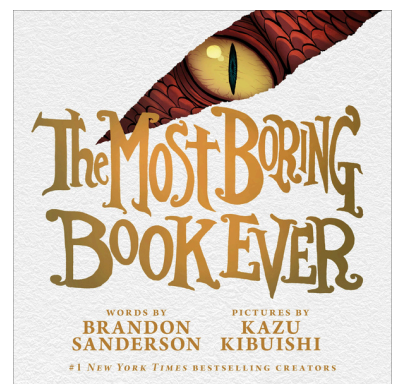
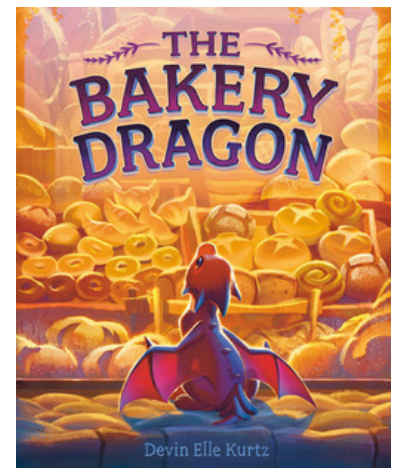
Ty's Travels: Super Ty! By Kelly Lyons (BR)

The Museum of Everything by Lynne Perkins

It's Not a Bed, It's a Time Machine by Mickey Rapkin

All At Once Upon a Time by Mara Rockliff

The Most Boring Book Ever by Brandon Sanderson



The Queen in the Cave by Julia Sarda

A Sundae with Everything On It by Kyle Scheele

Alice in Wonderland by Jon Scieszka

The Make-Believers by Ryan Seacrest

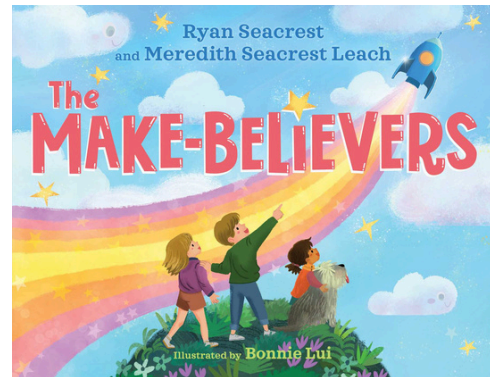
Cookie Time by Jessie Sima

Endlessly Ever After by Laurel Snyder

Forts by Katie Venit

Poppy Pickle by Emma Yarlett

What to do with a box by Jane Yolen



Animals

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Little Tiger by Julie Abery (T)

Clydeo Takes a Bite Out of Life by Jennifer Aniston

Squirrel and Bird by Laura Baker

Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey

If We Were Dogs by Sophie Blackall

This is a Taco! By Andrew Cangelose

Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli (BR)

The Library Fish by Alyssa Capucilli

Fiona the Hippo by Richard Cowdrey

Sleepy Sheepy by Lucy Cummins

Pete the Cat by James Dean (BR)

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen

The Peddler of Puddles by Beth Ferry

Corduroy by Don Freeman

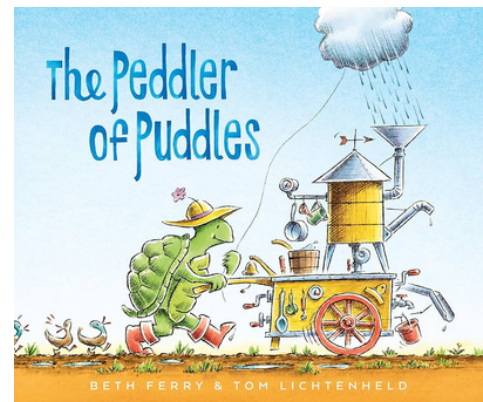
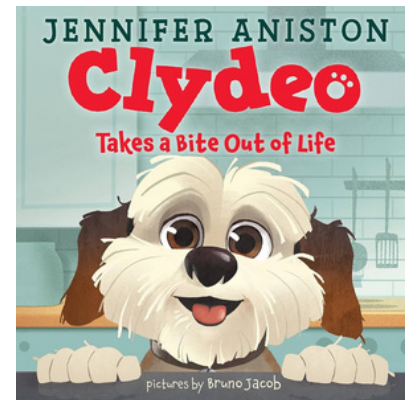
Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

Spot Goes to the Farm by Eric Hill (T)

Duck & Goose by Tad Hills

Axolotl and Axolittle by Jess Hitchman

The Golden Acorn by Katy Hudson



Spencer and Vincent, the Jellyfish Brothers by Tony Johnston

Buffalo Fluffalo and Puffalo by Bess Kalb

Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang

Monet's Cat by Lily Murray

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Escargot by Dashka Slater

Kind Crocodile by Leo Timmers (T)

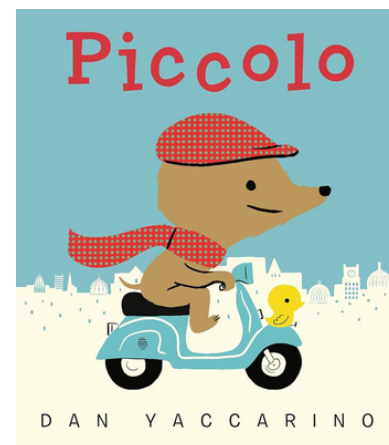
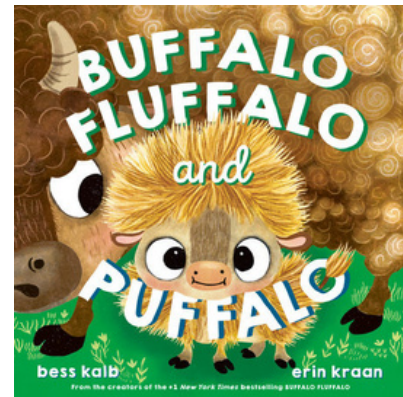
Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt

Bitsy Bat, School Star by Kaz Windness

Quackers by Liz Wong

Bear in the Air by Allison Wortche

Piccolo by Dan Yaccarino



Award Winners

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The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

Madeline's Rescue by Ludwig Bemelmans

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

Locomotive by Brian Floca

Aloha Everything by Kaylin George

Big by Vashti Harrison

Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes

The Snowy Day by Ezra Keats

This is not my hat by Jon Klassen

We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

Frederick by Leo Lionni

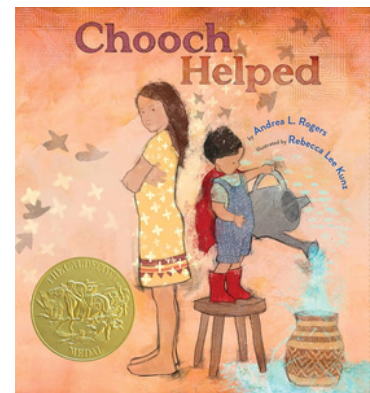
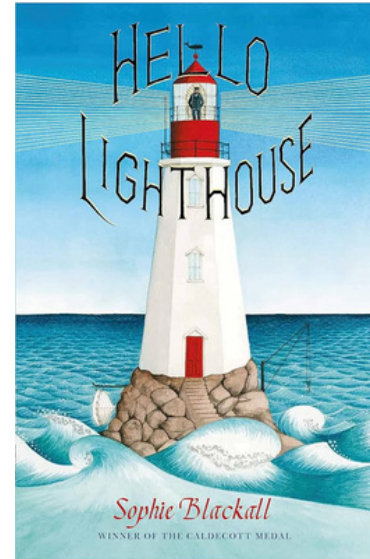
Fry bread: a Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard

The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

A Ball for Daisy by Christopher Raschka

Chooch Helped by Andrea L. Rogers

Hot Dog by Doug Salati



The Adventures of Beekle: the unimaginary friend by Dan Santat

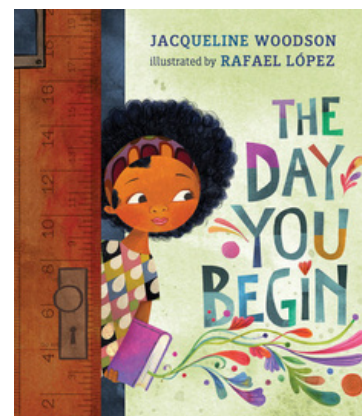
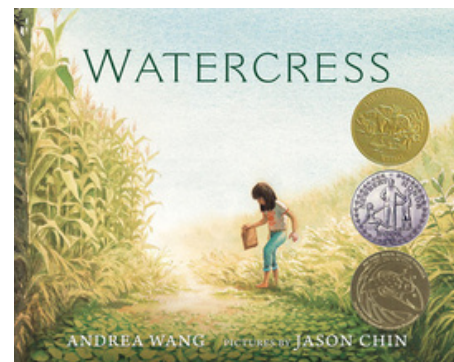
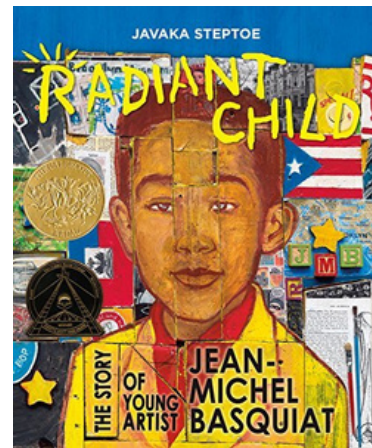
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback

Watercress by Andrea Wang

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson



Bedtime

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Bedtime Treasury - BED (T)

Shhh... Good Night by Nicky Benson

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Brown

Goodnight Little One by Margaret Brown (T)

Sleepytime by Joe Brumm

Tiptoe Tiger by Jane Clarke

Time for Bed, Pete the Kitty by James Dean (T)

Good Night with The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Gabriella DeGennaro

Night Night, Groot by Brendan Deneen (T)

Llama, Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Dinosaur, Dinosaur, Say Goodnight - DIN (T)

The Pout-Pout Fish and the Can't-Sleep Blues by Deborah Dieson

Good Night, Oliver Wizard by Rebecca Dotlich

Down the Sleepy River by Emma Drage

Good Night, World by Nicola Edwards

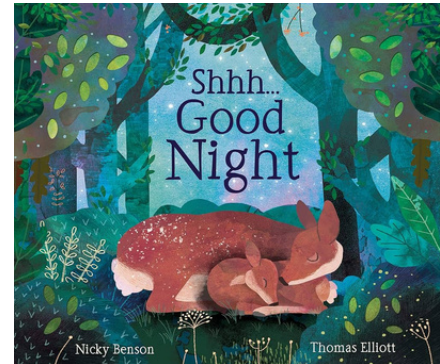
There's a Bear in Your Book by Tom Fletcher

Bedtime by Guido Genechten (T)

Bedtime Bear by Patricia Hegarty (T)

Can't Sleep Without Sheep by Susanna Hill

The Digger and the Dark by Joseph Kuefler



Good Night Little Monsters by Kara LaReau (T)

10 Kisses Before Bedtime Danielle McLean (T)

Sleep, Little Dozer by Diana Murray

Unicorn Night: Sleep Tight by Diana Murray

Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site by Sherri Rinker

Good Night, Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

This Land is a Lullaby by Tonya Simpson

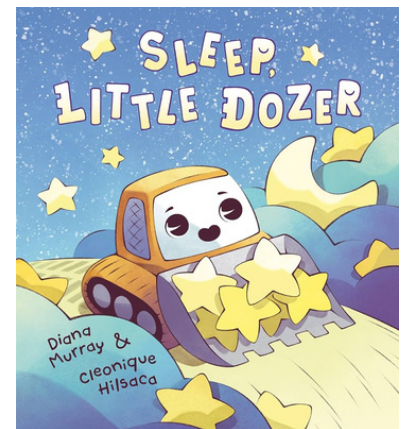
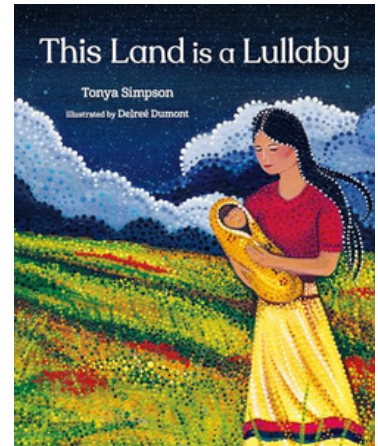
The Goodnight Train by June Sobel

The Good Little Mermaid's Guide to Bedtime by Eija Sumner

Good Night, Bunny by Lauren Thompson

Dino Pajama Party by Laurie Wallmark

A Monstrous Bedtime by Kerilynn Wilson



Classics

Brambly Hedge [series] by Jill Barklem

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

Paddington Bear by Michael Bond

Franklin by Paulette Bourgeois

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Little Red Riding Hood by Trina Hyman

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Curious George by Margret Rey

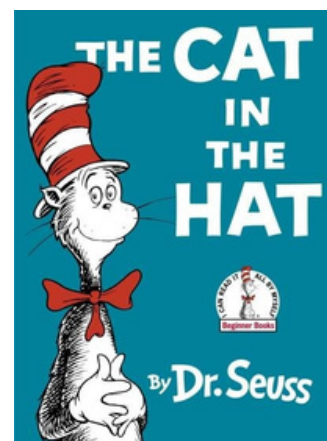
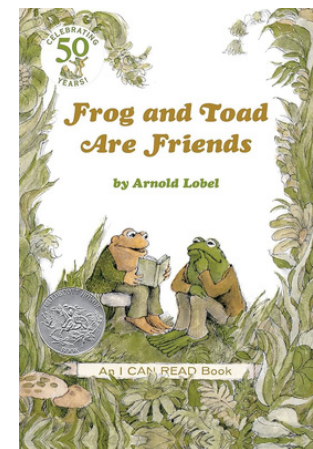
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Eloise by Kay Thompson

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst



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Early Learners

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ABCs & 123s

Millions, Billions & Trillions: Understanding Big Numbers by David A. Adler

The Olphabet: "O" no! An Alphabet Revolt by Jess M. Brallier

Peanut Butter and Jellyfishes: a very silly alphabet book by Brian P. Cleary

I Can Count One Two Three by Lauren Crisp (T)

ABC Ready for School: an Alphabet of Social Skills by Celeste Delaney

Counta Block by Christopher Franceschelli (T)

ABC Helpful Me by Erica Harrison (T)

ABCs of the Bible by Pia Imperial (T)

A Beautiful House for Birds by Grace Lin (T)

Where are the eggs? By Grace Lin (T)

A Little Book About ABCs by Leo Lionni (T)

Chicka chicka 1, 2, 3 by Bill Martin

Bathtime Mathtime by Danica McKellar (T)

One-Osaurus, Two-Osaurus by Kim Norman

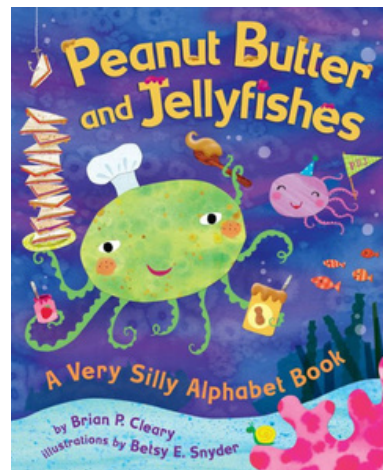
Big Words for Little Geniuses by Sue Patterson

Bigger Words for Little Geniuses by Sue Patterson

10 Little Ninjas by Miranda Paul

Shapes: a question-answer book - SHA (T)

100 First Things to Know by Dawn Sirett



The Most Magnificent Makers A to Z by Ahsley Spires
Can U Save the Day? By Shannon Stocker

Language (T)

First words: Spanish

First words: Italian

First words: Japanese

First words: English

First words: Mandarin

Baby Signs First Words

The ABCs of Baby's Needs: Essential Signs to Learn with Baby

Les Miserables: a French Language Primer by Jennifer Adams

Don Quixote: a Spanish Language Primer by Jennifer Adams

Rose Signs Good Morning! By Rose Ayling-Ellis

My first bilingual ABC: English-Spanish by Sarah Davis

Sign Language ABC by Lora Heller



STEAM

Charlotte the Scientist is Squished by Camille Andros

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty

Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty

Oh no! (or, How my science project destroyed the world) by Mac Barnett

A Girl Can Build Anything by e.E. Charlton-Trujillo

Cece Loves Science by Kimberly Derting



Libby Loves Science: States of Matter by Kimberly Derting (BR)

The Curious Why by Angela DiTerlizzi

First Words: Science Around Us - FIR (T)

The Princess and the Petri Dish by Sue Fliess

Your House is Not Just a House by Idris Goodwin

Girls Belong in Space by Ashlee Hashman

The Fix-It Man by Susan Hood

The Rescuer of Tiny Creatures by Curtis Manley

DOLL-E 1.0 by Shanda McCloskey

Small World by Ishta Mercurio

How to do a science experiment by Jean Reagan (BR)

Glacier on the Move by Elizabeth Rusch

Boxitects by Kim Smith

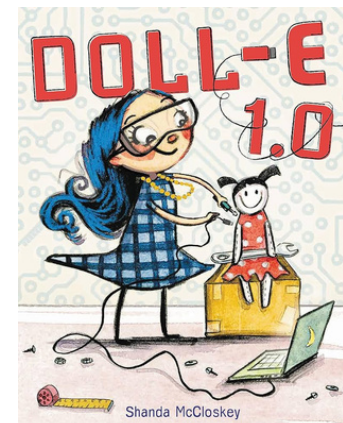
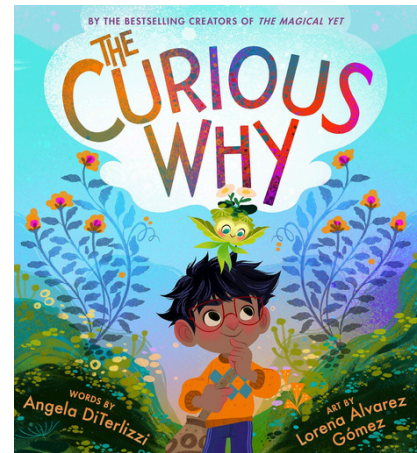
Fairy Science by Ashley Spires

Made by Maxine by Ruth Spiro

Gravity is Bringing Me Down by Wendelin Van Draanen

If I Built a School by Chris Van Dusen

Little Cloud: The Science of a Hurricane by Johanna Wagstaffe



Family

* Books with (BR) or (T) can be found in our Beginning Readers or Toddler sections

The Band in Our Basement by Kelly Baptist

Only for a Little While by Gabriela Belt

Love Comes First by Jenna Hager

Summer is for Cousins by Rajani LaRocca

Love is Magic! - LOV (T)

Family is Everything by Luz M. Mack (BR)

The Rainbow Parade by Emily Neilson

Stella Brings the Family by Miriam Schiffer

My Family is Special by Maggie Testa (BR)

Me and the Family Tree by Carole Weatherford (T)

It's Pride, Baby! by Allen R. Wells



Adoption

Nearly Exactly Almost Like Me by Jennifer Bradbury

Miles Comes Home by Sarah S. Brannen

Sisters by Judith Caseley

We Chose You by Tony Dungy

Ten Days and Nine Nights by Yumi Heo

Over the Moon by Karen Katz

The Story I'll Tell by Nancy Ling

Just Right Family by Silvia Lopez

Wonderful You by Lauren McLaughlin



New Arrival

I Am Helpful by Suzy Capozzi (BR)

It's All About Me! By Nancy Cote

The Littlest Yak and the New Arrival by Lu Fraser

Mission: New Baby by Susan Hood

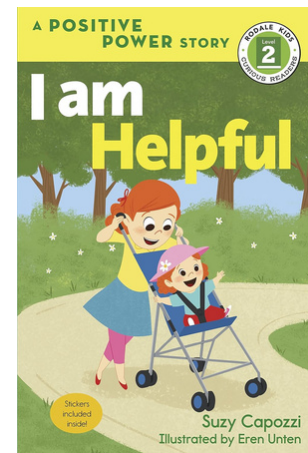
Welcome Little One: A Love Letter to You by Sandra Magsamen (T)

Everything You by Elizabeth McPike (T)

Swallowed with Love by Alessandra Preziosi (T)

The Baby is Here! By Angela C. Santomero

Spalt and the New Baby by Rob Scotton



Siblings

The Book That Almost Rhymed by Omar Abed

The Moving Book by Lisa Brown

I Heart My Sister with The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Gabriella DeGennaro

The Night Our Parents Went Out by Katie Goodman

Sister Day by Jyoti Gopal

Sisters First by Jenna Hager

My Little Sister and Me by Maple Lam

Sari Sisters by Anitha Rao-Robinson

Good Night, Sister by Katherine Schwarzenegger

May's Big Messy Family by A. T. Woehling (BR)



Friends

* Books with (BR) or (T) can be found in our Beginning Readers or Toddler sections

A Little Princess by Jennifer Adams (T)

A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey

Squirrel and Bird by Laura Baker

The Berenstain Bears Friendship Blessings by Jan Berenstain

Meet Bluey's Friends - BLU (T)

The Buddy Bench by Patty Brozo

Friends by Eric Carle

Best Friends by Margery Cuyler (BR)

You Can Make a Friend Pout-Pout Fish! By Deborah Diesen (BR)

Dill & Bizzy: An Odd Duck and a Strange Bird by Nora Ericson

Friends Beyond Measure by Lalena Fisher

Dear Unicorn by Josh Funk

Duck, Duck, Goose by Tad Hills (T)

Too Many Carrots by Katy Hudson

The Golden Acorn by Katy Hudson

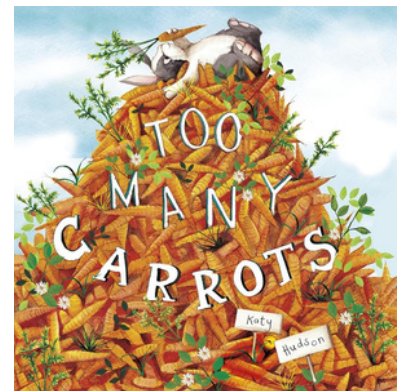
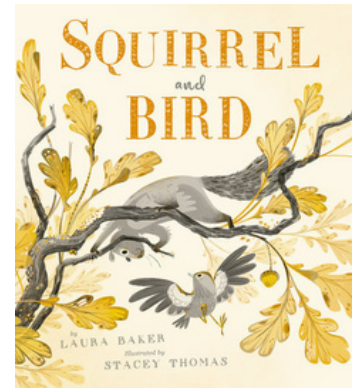
I Walk with Vanessa by Kerascoet

Bear and Bird Lend a Helping Hand by Jonathan Lambert (T)

Fall is for Beginnings by Rajani LaRocca

Playdate by Maryann Macdonald (T)

Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev



Be Kind by Pat Miller

Words to Make a Friend by Donna Napoli

A Book About You and All About the World Too by Jean Reidy

Friends Forever! By Natalie Shaw (BR)

Weather Together by Jessie Sima

Friendsgiving by Nancy Siscoe

Little Ghost Makes a Friend by Maggie Willis

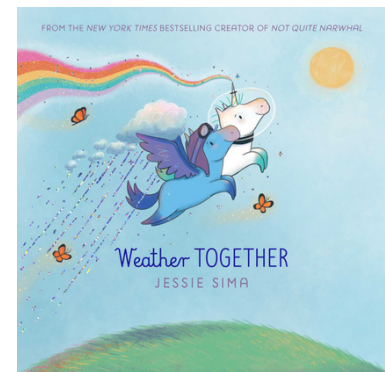
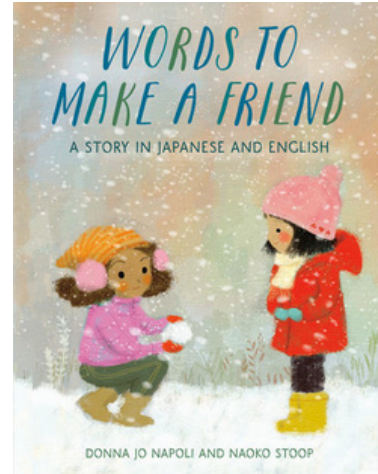
To Catch a Ghost by Rachel Wilson

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

Piccolo by Dan Yaccarino

The Friend Ship by Kat Yeh

How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends by Jane Yolen



Popular Characters

The Berenstain Bears by Mike Berenstain

Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey

Bluey - BLU

Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell

Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel

Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

There Was An Old Lady Who... [series] by Lucille Colandro

Maisy by Lucy Cousins

The Crayons by Drew Daywalt

Pete the Cat by Kim Dean

Llama Llama by Anna Dewdney

Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

Spot by Eric Hill (T)

Duck & Goose by Tad Hills

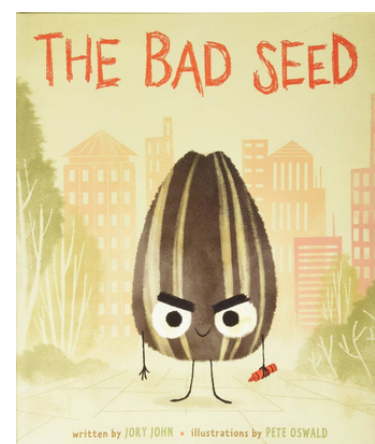
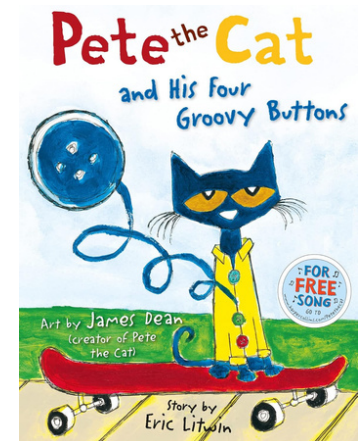
The Bad Seed by Jory John

Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang

Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor



Amelia Bedelia by Herman Parish

Paw Patrol - PAW

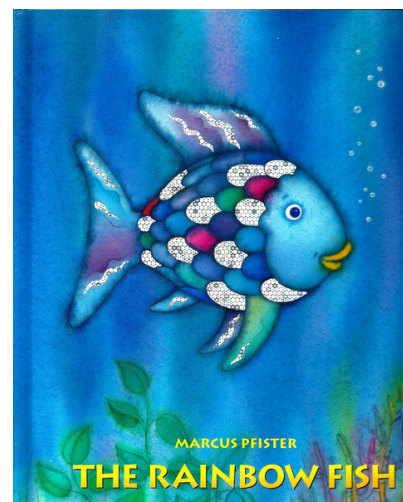
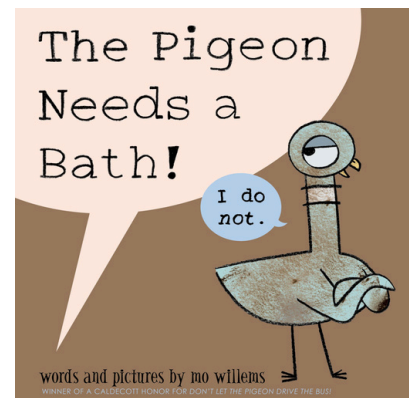
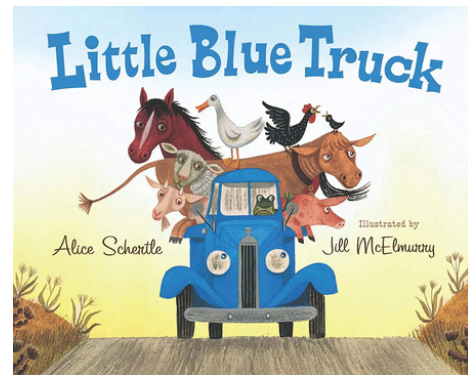
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Curious George by Margret Rey

Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt

The Pigeon [series] by Mo Willems



School

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This Makes Me Anxious: First Day of School by Courtney Carbone (BR)

Yeti is Not Ready for School by Leigh Anne Carter

Hurry, Little Tortoise, Time for School! By Carrie Finison

What if...?: Answers to Calm First-Day-Of-School Jitters by Sonali Fry

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins

School Day by Jill McDonald (T)

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

School's First Day of School by Adam Rex

Giant-sized Butterflies on My First Day of School by Justin Roberts

How to Get Your Octopus to School by Becky Scharnhorst

Time for School, Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

Butterflies on the First Day of School by Annie Silvestro

Preschool

Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney

The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School by Deborah Diesen (T)

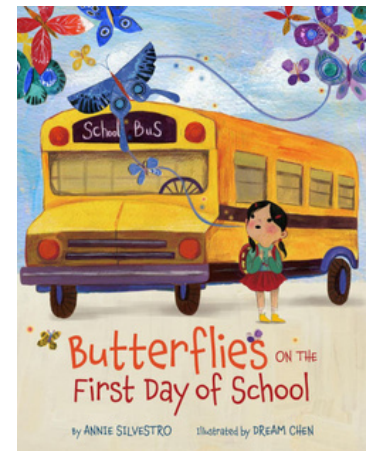
Hurry, Kate, or You'll Be Late! By Janice Harrington

What does little crocodile say? By Eva Montanari

On the First Day of Preschool by Tish Rabe

Preschool, here I come! By David Steinberg

Ming Goes to School by Deirdre Sullivan



Kindergarten

Kindergarten: Where Kindness Matters Every Day by Vera Ahiyya

Look How Much I've Grown in Kindergarten! By Vera Ahiyya

Mr. S by Monica Arnaldo

The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes

Ready for Kindergarten by Bethany V. Freitas

How to Start Kindergarten by Cathy Hapka (BR)

Next Stop: Kindergarten! By Brooke Jordan (T)

Kindergarten Fun by Victoria Kann (BR)

On the First Day of Kindergarten by Tish Rabe

Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten by Lisa Robinson

Narwhal vs. Kindergarten by Vanessa Roeder



Elementary

The Invisible String Backpack by Patrice Karst

A Pirate's Guide to First Grade by James Preller

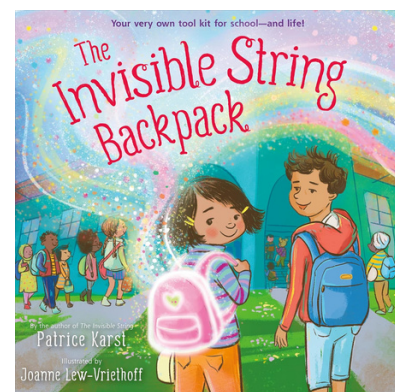
On the First Day of First Grade by Tish Rabe

Things I Learned in Second Grade by Amy Schwartz

The Itty-Bitty Witch by Trisha Shaskan

First day, hooray! By June Sobel

The Night Before Second Grade by Natasha Wing



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SEL

Way Past Worried by Hallee Adelman

This Makes Me Angry by Courtney Carbone (BR)

Ploof by Ben Clanton

Parker's Big Feelings by Parker Curry (BR)

The Crayon's Book of Feelings by Drew Daywalt (T)

Everything Will Be Okay by Anna Dewdney

The Marvelous Now by Angela DiTerlizzi

I Am Well: Mind, Body, Healthy Habits by Lisa Edwards (T)

Stop and Smell the Cookies by Gibson Frazier

ABCs of Love by Patricia Hegarty

Same Love, Different Hug by Sarah Hovorkac

Curiously Calm with Curious George by Dawn Huebner

Fiona's Feelings by John Hutton (T)

Super Heroes Have Feelings Too by Morris Katz (T)

The Boy With Big, Big Feelings by Britney Lee

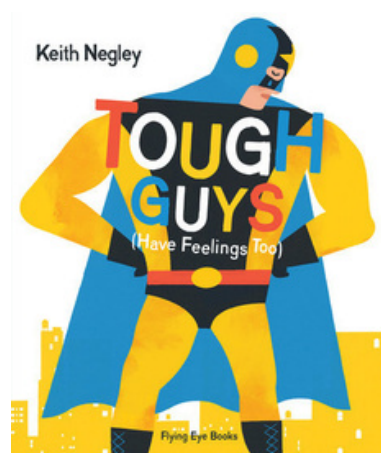
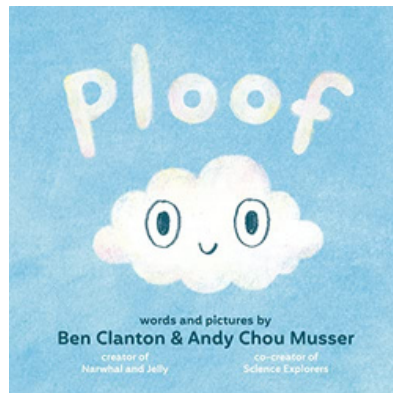
The Color Monster by Anna Llenas

Tough Guys (Have Feelings Too) by Keith Negley

Big Feelings by Alexandra Penfold (T)

Tilda Tries Again by Tom Percival

My Thoughts Have Wings by Maggie Smith



My Brain is Magic: A Sensory-Seeking Celebration by Prasha Sooful

I'm Having a Sky Blue Day! By Maggie Testa

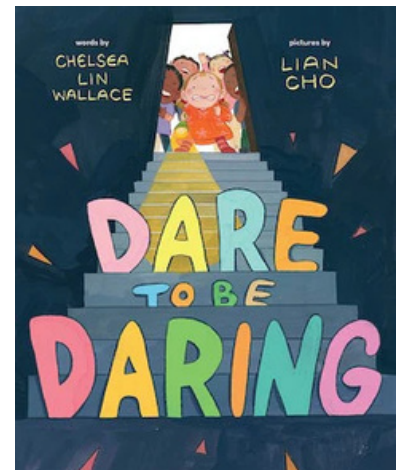
Finley Feels by Joan Waites (T)

Dare to be Daring by Chelsea Wallace

The pigeon has feelings, too! By Mo Willems (T)

Ups and Downs: A Book of Emotions by Mike Wohnoutka

Really Bird, really scared! By Harriet Ziefert (BR)



All About You

I like myself! By Karen Beaumont

We Listen to Our Bodies by Lydia Bowers

Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Wonderful You by Eric Carle

Peaceful Me by Sandra V. Feder

There's Only One You by Kathryn Heling

Eyes that Kiss in the Corner by Joanna Ho

Eyes that Speak to the Stars by Joanna Ho

Some Bodies by Sophie Kennen

My Body by Jill McDonald (T)

A Boy Like You by Frank Murphy

Smiling Eyes by Linda Sue Park

Hello, Beautiful You! By Andrea Pinkney

Just Be You! By Karl Newson

Happy Hair by Mechal Renee Roe

Dear Girl by Amy Rosenthal

The Skin You Live In by Michael Tyler

Gorgeously Me! By Jonathan Van Ness

The Hair Book by LaTonya Yvette

