

Pick of the Decade 2000-2010
The Best Books for Children Grades K-2

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Picture Books for Kindergarten

Anderson, Derek. **Gladys Goes out to Lunch**, 2005.

Gladys the gorilla who loves bananas, ventures out of the zoo to discover the source of the tantalizing new aroma.

Appelt, Kathi. **Bubba and Beau, Best Friends**, 2002.

In Texas, brand-new baby boy Bubba and brand-new puppy Beau, are best friends enjoying a variety of adventures together. (Sequels: **Bubba and Beau Go Night-Night** and **Bubba and Beau Meet the Relatives**.)

Asch, Frank. **The Sun Is My Favorite Star**, 2000.

A young boy's day begins when the sun wakes him in the morning and as the hours pass by, the boy appreciates all the ways of his favorite star.

Ashburn, Boni. **Over at the Castle**, 2010.

In this variation on the folk song "Over the Meadow," the occupants of a medieval castle spend their day spinning, cleaning, cooking, and dancing, until they receive a special surprise from their dragon neighbors.

Aylesworth, Jim. **Little Bitty Mousie**, 2007.

Little Bitty Mousie sneaks into a house one night and discovers many tantalizing new things, as well as one very scary thing.

Averbeck, Jim. **In a Blue Room**, 2008.

Alice is wide, wide awake. Mama brings flowers, tea, a quilt, even lullaby bells to help her sleep. But none of these things are blue, and Alice can sleep only in a blue room. Yet when the light goes out, a bit of magic is stirred up. Pale blue moonlight swirls into her bedroom window. Then the night swirls out, around the moon and into the universe, leaving Alice fast asleep in a most celestial blue room.

Baker, Keith. **Just How Long Can a String Be?** 2009.

One day Ant encounters a great big ball of string, and can't see his way over or through it. Fortunately, when he asks his friend Bird "How long is a string?" Bird wisely shows him all the wonderful ways a string can be cut up and used, to the delight of both friends.

Baker, Keith. **LMNO Peas**, 2010.

Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.

Barton, Chris. **Shark Vs. Train**, 2010.

A shark and a train compete in a series of contests on a seesaw, in hot air balloons, bowling, shooting baskets, playing hide-and-seek, and more.

Base, Graeme. **The Water Hole**, 2001.

Ten different animals from ten different countries come to drink at the water hole, which diminishes with each set of visitors, until a single drop of water begins the cycle all over again.

Beaumont, Karen. **Move over, Rover**, 2006.

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.

Beaumont, Karen. **Doggone Dogs**, 2008.

Ten unruly dogs get loose at obedience school, and when they are captured by the dog-catcher, they work together to effect their escape and return home.

Bell, Cece. **Itty Bitty**, 2009.

Finding an enormous bone, tiny Itty Bitty the dog works hard to make it a special place to call his own, but after cutting out windows and a door, he finds it just too empty and so now must locate the appropriately sized decorations to fit inside his special home.

Bergman, Mara. **Snip Snap! What's That?** 2005.

Three siblings are frightened by the wide mouth, long teeth, and strong jaws of the alligator that has crept up the stairs--until they decide they have had enough. (Sequel: **Yum, Yum! What Fun!**)

Bloom, Suzanne. **A Splendid Friend Indeed**, 2005. (SP)

When a studious polar bear meets an inquisitive goose, they learn to be friends. (Sequels: **Treasure and What about Bear?**)

Borden, Louise. **Off to First Grade**, 2008.

Each member of a first grade class, as well as their teacher, principal, and a bus driver, expresses excitement, worry, or hope as the first day of school begins in alphabetical order.

Bramsen, Kirsten. **The Yellow Tutu**, 2009.

When Margo gets a sunny yellow tutu for her birthday it is exactly what she wants, and she wears it to school--on her head.

Bunting, Eve. **Little Bear's Little Boat**, 2003.

Little bear has fun going out on the lake in his little boat that is just the right size for him. One day he finds the boat is too small and he must make a decision about its future.

Bunting, Eve. **Whales Passing**, 2003.

A young boy and his father stand on a cliff and watch a pod of orcas swimming by. As they go the boy imagines the conversations the whales could be having.

Buzzeo, Toni. **Dawdle Duckling**, 2003.

Dawdle Duckling delights in daydreaming, exploring and playing, even though Mama Duck keeps trying to get him to follow along with his siblings. (Sequel: **Ready or Not Dawdle Duckling.**)

Buzzeo, Toni. **Adventure Annie Goes to Work**, 2009.

When she goes to work with her mother on a Saturday, Adventure Annie uses her own special methods to help find a missing report. (Sequel: **Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten**)

Carle, Eric. **"Slowly, Slowly, Slowly," Said the Sloth**, 2002.

A procession of rainforest animals chides the sloth for being lazy, but the sloth extols the benefits of taking his time. (See also: **The Very Hungry Caterpillar; The Very Busy Spider; The Grouchy Ladybug; The Very Quiet Cricket; From Head to Toe; and Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?**)

Carle, Eric. **10 Little Rubber Ducks**, 2005. (SP)

A brand-new batch of rubber ducks is loaded onto a ship and sent off to be delivered to children everywhere. But when a storm strikes, 10 little ducks are tossed into the sea and swept away in 10 different directions -- with some wonderfully unexpected adventures along the way.

Chodos-Irvine, Margaret. **Ella Sarah Gets Dressed**, 2003.

Ella Sarah asserts her independence by selecting a striking outfit of her own.

Christelow, Eileen. **Letters from a Desperate Dog**, 2006.

Feeling misunderstood and unappreciated by her owner George, Emma the dog asks for advice from the local canine advice columnist and soon makes herself useful by becoming a successful stage actor with a traveling theater company. (Sequel: **Desperate Dog Writes Again**)

Cooke, Trish. **Full, Full, Full of Love**, 2002.

Jay Jay, an African-American boy, spends Sunday at his grandmother's house.

Daly, Niki. **Welcome to Zanzibar Road**. Clarion, 2006.

In a collection of five short stories, Mama Jumbo tells what life is like in her African community as she walks the busy street of Zanzibar Road into town, meeting a cast of colorful animal characters of all professions, shapes, and sizes along the way.

De Paola, Tomie. **Meet the Barkers**, 2002.

Twin pups Moffie and Morgie are excited to be starting school. Once there, they discover they are each good at different things. (Sequels: **A New Barker in the House** and **Trouble in the Barkers' Class**.)

Dillon, Leo and Diane. **Rap a Tap Tap**, 2002.

This jazzy tribute to African-American tap dancer, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, taps out a rhythm all over town.

Donaldson, Julia. **What the Ladybug Heard**, 2010.

Although much quieter than the farm animals that moo, cluck, or oink, a gentle ladybug is instrumental in foiling a plan to steal the farm's prize-winning cow.

Durango, Julia. **Cha-Cha-Chimps**, 2006.

Counting and dancing go hand in hand at Mambo Jamba's, the place where hippos hokey-pokey and meerkats macarena and ten little chimps do the cha-cha-cha, until Mama Chip says, "Time for bed!" (Companion title: **Go-Go Gorillas**)

Ehlert, Lois. **Waiting for Wings**, 2001.

Simple verses that describe the life cycle of the butterfly are accompanied by illustrations saturated with color. (See also: **Top Cat**; **Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf**; **Feathers for Lunch**; **Eating the Alphabet**; and **Planting a Rainbow**.)

Ehlert, Lois. **Oodles of Animals**, 2008.

Short, easy to read rhymes reveal what is unique about various animals, from ape to wolf.

Emmett, Jonathan. **Someone Bigger**, 2004.

Sam is ready to fly his new kite, but Dad says it should be someone bigger. Each big person gets swept away until Sam takes control.

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. **The Gingerbread Girl**, 2006.

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.

Falconer, Ian. **Olivia**, 2000.

Olivia, a precocious pig, whirls through every activity with boundless energy. (Sequels: **Olivia Saves the Circus**; **Olivia—and the Missing Toy**; **Olivia Forms a Band**; **Olivia Helps with Christmas**; **Olivia Goes to Venice**.)

Falwell, Cathryn. **Scoot**, 2008.

Six silent turtles sit still on a log, while energetic movement by the other animals in the pond leap, creep, flicker, flutter, swirl, and lurch all around them.

Falwell, Cathryn. **Mystery Vine: A Pumpkin Surprise**, 2009.

When a mysterious vine appears in their carefully tended garden, the brother and sister patiently watch and wait to see what it becomes in a story that includes gardening activities and pumpkin recipes.

Fleming, Candace. **Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!** 2002. (SP)

Mr. McGreely finally plants the vegetable garden he's always wanted but then he must find a way to stop hungry critters from nibbling it all away. (Sequel: **Tippy-Tippy-Tippy, Hide!**)

Fleming, Denise. **Buster**, 2003.

Buster the dog thinks that everything is perfect at home until his owner brings home Betty, a fluffy white kitten. (Sequel: **Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp**. See also: **Mama Cat Has Three Kittens**.)

Fleming, Denise. **The First Day of Winter**, 2005.

Following the pattern of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a snowman lists all the gifts its young human brings.

Fleming, Denise. **The Cow Who Clucked**, 2006.

When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it. (See also: **The Everything Book; Alphabet Under Construction; Pumpkin Eye; and Time to Sleep**.)

Foreman, Jack. **Say Hello**, 2008.

Joining in a game of ball with the local kids, a little dog notices a lonely boy on the sidelines looking sad and so begins to wonder which one of his new playmates will invite the little boy to play with them.

Fox, Mem. **The Magic Hat**, 2002.

A wizard's wandering headpiece adorns head after head, transforming each grown-up to one animal or another until the wizard appears. (See also: **Hattie and the Fox** and **Possum Magic**.)

Frazee, Marla. **Roller Coaster**, 2002.

Among the people lining up for a ride on the roller coaster is a child who's never ridden before. All embark for an exhilarating ride, which whisks readers along in all the dips and dives, leaving everyone ready to ride again.

Fucile, Tony. **Let's Do Nothing**, 2009.

Believing they have done all there is to do, two bored boys come up with a strange new activity to keep them occupied and discover an entirely new way to pass the time by doing--nothing.

Gay, Marie-Louise. **Stella, Fairy of the Forest**, 2002. (SP)

Stella, who discovers delight wherever she goes, leads her brother through the forest, providing fanciful answers to all of his questions. (See also: **Stella, Star of the Sea; Stella, Queen of the Snow; Good Night, Sam; Good Morning, Sam; What Are You Doing Sam?; Stella, the Princess of the Sky; and When Stella Was Very, Very Small**.)

Gall, Chris. **Dinotrux**, 2009.

Millions of years ago, the prehistoric ancestors of today's trucks, such as garbageadon, dozeratops, and craneosaurus, roamed the Earth until they rusted out and became extinct.

Glenn, Sharlee. **Just What Mama Needs**, 2008.

Abby transforms her household chores into magical activities as she, by playing dress-up each day of the week, becomes exactly what Mama needs.

Goldfinger, Jennifer. **My Dog Lyle**, 2008.

A child provides an ever-increasing list of characteristics that make Lyle a very special dog, despite appearances.

Gravett, Emily. **The Odd Egg**, 2009.

When Duck finds an egg of his own he's delighted because he thinks it's the most beautiful egg in the world, but all the other birds think it's a very odd egg indeed and everyone's in for a big surprise when the egg hatches.

Gravett, Emily. **Dogs**, 2010.

Various types of dogs illustrate the concept of opposites, with such examples as dogs that are big and small, tough and soft, hairy and bald, and slow and fast.

Hall, Michael. **My Heart Is Like a Zoo**, 2009.

Depicts in rhyming text how love can be many different things, such as eager as a beaver, steady as a yak, or silly as a seal.

Hamilton, Kersten. **Red Truck**, 2008.

When a school bus gets stuck in the mud, Red Truck the tow truck saves the day by pulling it out.

Helakoski, Leslie. **Big Chickens**, 2006.

While trying to escape from a wolf, four frightened chickens keep getting themselves into the very predicaments they are trying to avoid. (Sequels: **Big Chickens Fly the Coop** and **Big Chickens Go to Town**)

Henkes, Kevin. **Wemberly Worried**, 2000. (SP)

Wemberly worries about everything but her biggest worry concerns her first day of school.

Henkes, Kevin. **Kitten's First Full Moon**, 2004. (SP)

Kitten mistakes the moon for a saucer of milk and embarks on an outdoor adventure to try to reach it.

Henkes, Kevin. **Old Bear**, 2008.

When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again, enjoying each of the four seasons.

Henkes, Kevin. **Birds**, 2009.

Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.

Henkes, Kevin. **My Garden**, 2010.

After helping her mother weed, water and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits and tomatoes the size of beach balls.

Himmelman, John. **Katie Loves the Kittens**, 2008.

When Sara Ann brings home three little kittens, Katie the dog's enthusiasm frightens the kittens away, until she learns that a quiet patience is sometimes needed to begin a friendship.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **Whose Garden Is It?** 2004.

When Mrs. McGee passes through a beautiful garden asking whose it is, the gardener is the first to claim it, followed by all of the garden's inhabitants plus the sun and the rain, who also claim it as their own.

Jeffers, Oliver. **Lost and Found**. 2005. (SP)

A penguin turns up on his doorstep and a young boy, believing the bird is lost, is determined to return him to the South Pole. When they arrive, he discovers his feathered friend wasn't lost, just lonely.

Kasza, Keiko. **The Mightiest**, 2001.

Bear, Lion and Elephant strive to prove which of them is the mightiest, but a little old lady surprises them all. (See also: **The Wolf's Chicken Stew**; **The Pigs' Picnic**; **When the Elephant Walks**; and **A Mother for Choco**.)

Kasza, Keiko. **Ready for Anything**, 2009.

Raccoon is nervous about all of the things that could spoil a picnic, from bees to dragons, until Duck convinces him that surprises can be fun.

Keller, Holly. **Farfallina and Marcel**, 2002.

Marcel, a gosling, and Farfallina, a caterpillar, become fast friends. When they are reunited after a separation, at first they do not recognize each other.

Kirk, Daniel. **Keisha Ann Can**, 2008.

Keisha Ann is proud of all the things she can do during her day at school.

Kurtz, Jane. **Water Hole Waiting**, 2002.

In the African savannah, a baby monkey waits impatiently for his turn while an assortment of animals drinks their fill.

Kurtz, Jane. **Rain Romp**, 2002.

When a young girl awakens to a gray and dreary day, she is beyond grouchy until she ventures outside with her family to play in the rain.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **The Other Dog**, 2001.

The family poodle is feeling put out when the mistress brings home the "new dog," which is, in fact, the new baby.

Lawrence, John. **This Little Chick**, 2002.

A little chick travels around the barnyard, conversing with his friends in their own languages.

Lester, Helen. **Tacky Goes to Camp**, 2009.

Enjoying his time at summer camp in the Nice Icy Land, Tacky and his fellow penguin friends are having the best vacation ever, but when a spooky event takes place at night after a round of scary story telling, heroic Tacky quickly jumps into action in order to stop his frightened pals, Goodly, Lovely, Perfect, and the others, from running away. Previous titles: **Tacky the Penguin; Three Cheers for Tacky; Tacky and the Emperor; Tackylocks and the Three Bears; Tacky and the Winter Games, Tacky in Trouble**; Newest title: **Tacky's Christmas**. (See also: **A Porcupine Named Fluffy; Score One for the Sloths**; and **Something Might Happen**.)

Leuck, Laura. **I Love My Papa Pirate**, 2007.

A pirate's son shares the things he loves about his father, including climbing the mast together to yell "Land ho" and sharing the booty when they find buried treasure.

Lillegard, Dee. **Sitting in My Box**, 2010.

In this re-release, the box in which all the animals are sitting gets more and more crowded until a hungry flea comes along. (See also: **The Big Bug Ball, Tortoise Brings the Mail, and Tiger, Tiger**.)

Lin, Grace. **Dim Sum for Everyone**, 2001.

When a family visits a restaurant in Chinatown, they each enjoy a variety of "little dishes." (See also: **The Ugly Vegetables, Fortune Cookie Fortunes, Kite Flying, and Our Seasons**.)

Lin, Grace. **Bringing in the New Year**, 2008.

A Chinese American family prepares for and celebrates the Lunar New Year, in a book that includes endnotes discussing the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year. (See also: **Thanking the Moon: Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival**)

London, Jonathan. **Froggy's Best Babysitter**, 2009.

Froggy wreaks havoc when a new babysitter comes to stay overnight with him and his sister Pollywogilina. (Previous titles: **Froggy Gets Dressed; Let's Go Froggy, Froggy Learns to Swim, Froggy Goes to School, Froggy's First Kiss, Froggy's Halloween, Froggy Plays Soccer, Froggy's Best Christmas, Froggy Goes to Bed, Froggy Eats Out, Froggy Plays in the Band, Froggy Goes to the Doctor, Froggy's Baby Sister, Froggy's Day**)

with Dad, Froggy Rides a Bike, Froggy Plays T-Ball, Froggy Goes to Camp, Froggy's Best Babysitter, and Froggy Goes to Hawaii.)

Look, Lenore. **Henry's First-Moon Birthday**, 2001.

Jenny and her grandmother prepare to celebrate her little brother's first moon with a traditional Chinese party, even though Jenny thinks the one-month-old doesn't deserve it. All he does is eat, sleep and cry. (See also: **Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding**.)

Lujan, Jorge. **Rooster**, 2004. (SP)

The Rooster's song begins the day in this poetic text which is in English and Spanish.

Lund, Deb. **Dinosailors**, 2003.

After spending time sailing, some seasick dinosaurs decide they have had enough of the high seas. (Sequels: **All Aboard the Dinotrain** and **Dinosaoring**.)

Mannis, Celeste Davidson. **One Leaf Rides the Wind: Counting in a Japanese Garden**, 2002.

A counting book done in traditional haiku, follows young girl as she explores a Japanese garden.

Martin, Bill. **Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?** 2003.

Panda Bear observes a procession of endangered animals. (See also: **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**; **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?**; **White Dynamite & Curly Kidd**; and **Knots on a Counting Rope**.)

Martin, Bill. **Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?** 2007.

Illustrations and rhyming text portray a young bear searching for its mother and meeting many North American animals along the way.

Martin, Bill. **Chicka Chicka 1,2,3**, 2004.

101 rambunctious digits have a rollicking time climbing an apple tree. (See also: **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**.)

McAllister, Angela. **Take a Kiss to School**, 2006.

Worried about going back to attend his second day of school, Digby's mother loads up his pockets with handfuls of kisses in the hopes of giving him all the reassurance he needs for his busy day ahead.

McCarty, Peter. **Hondo and Fabian**, 2002.

A day in the life of family pets, Hondo and Fabian, is depicted, as Hondo the dog spends time at the beach and Fabian the cat eludes a toddler at home. (Sequel: **Fabian Escapes**. See also: **T Is for Terrible**.)

McCarty, Peter. **Jeremy Draws a Monster**, 2009.

A young boy who spends most of his time alone in his bedroom makes new friends after the monster in his drawing becomes a monstrous nuisance.

McDermott, Gerald. **Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawai'i**, 2009.

Despite being hairy and dirty, Pig-Boy is clever, quick-witted, and skillful enough to maneuver his way out of any tricky situation that comes his way in this exciting tale of mischief and mayhem set on a tropical island. (See also: **Anansi the Spider**; **Arrow to the Sun**; **Tim O'Toole and the Wee Folk**; **Zomo the Rabbit**; **Raven**; **Coyote**; and **Jabuti the Tortoise**.)

McFarland, Lyn. **Widget**, 2001.

Widget, a small stray dog, has been adopted into a home with lots of cats. Adapting to the ways of the felines, he shows them in the end that being a dog can be a good thing too. (Sequel: **Widget and the Puppy**.)

McMullan, Kate. **I Stink!** 2002.

A gleeful garbage truck extols the joys of collecting the trash. (See also: **I'm Mighty, I'm Dirty, and I'm Bad.**)

McMullan, Kate. **I'm Big!** 2010

A young Sauropod dinosaur encounters both friends and foes while searching for his pack, who left him while he overslept.

McNaughton, Colin. **Not Last Night, but the Night Before**, 2009.

Nursery rhyme characters burst into a young boy's home one night, including the man in the moon, Little Miss Muffet, and three blind mice, to celebrate his birthday.

McPhail, David. **Big Brown Bear's Birthday Surprise**, 2007.

Excited about giving his friend Big Brown Bear a special picnic on the riverbank for his birthday surprise, Rat ends up getting the biggest surprise of all when Big Brown Bear sees an empty boat passing by and decides that the two should take a ride down the river! (Previous titles: **Big Brown Bear** and **Big Brown Bear Goes to Town**. See also: **Something Special**; **Tinker and Tom** and **the Star Baby**; and **Mole Music**.)

Meddaugh, Susan. **Perfectly Martha**, 2004.

Martha, the dog who can talk because of eating alphabet soup, discovers how the Perfect Pup Institute turns dogs into obedient robots and then does something about it. (Previous titles: **Martha Speaks**; **Martha Calling**; **Martha Blah, Blah**; **Martha Walks the Dog**.)

Mitton, Tony. **Down by the Cool of the Pool**, 2002.

Buoyant verse describes the antics of frog and his farmyard friends as they frolic in the cool of the pool.

Mora, Pat. **Dona Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart**, 2005. (SP)

Doña Flor, a giant lady with a big heart, sets off to protect her neighbors from what they think is a dangerous animal, but soon discovers the tiny secret behind the huge noise.

Newbery, Linda. **Posy**, 2008.

Posy the kitten has lots of adventures catching spiders, swiping crayons, tangling yarn, and cuddling.

Niemann, Christoph. **Police Cloud**, 2007.

A small cloud that has always dreamed of becoming a police officer discovers that he might not be suited to the job.

Numeroff, Laura. **If You Take a Mouse to School**, 2002.

If you take a mouse to school, watch out. Not only will he ask you for your lunch box, but also he will then want a sandwich to go in it and that's only the beginning. (See also: **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**, **If You Give a Moose a Muffin**, **If You Give a Pig a Pancake**, **If You Take a Mouse to the Movies**, **If You Give a Pig a Party**, **If You Give a Bear a Brownie**, **If You Give a Cat a Cupcake** and **If You Give a Dog a Donut**.)

Parr, Todd. **It's Okay to Be Different**, 2001. (SP)

Neon colored illustrations accompany a text that encourages an appreciation of diversity. (See also **Peace Book** and **The Feel Good Book**.)

Pattou, Edith. **Mrs. Spitzer's Garden**, 2002.

Mrs. Spitzer lovingly tends her garden all summer long, just as she nurtures her students during the school year.

Peters, Lisa Westberg. **Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck**, 2000.

A duck arrives at her pond to find that it is still frozen, but when she concentrates on spring, the ice begins to melt.

Pinkney, Jerry (retold and illustrated by). **The Little Red Hen**, 2006.

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.

Pinkney, Jerry. **The Three Little Kittens**, 2010.

Presents the classic tale of three youngsters who are careless with their mittens, but who turn out to be good little kittens after all.

Plourde, Lynn. **Dino Pets**, 2007.

A boy brings home various dinosaurs from the pet store, but discovers that neither the biggest nor the smallest, the softest nor the scariest, makes an ideal pet. (Sequel: **Dino Pets Go to School**, forthcoming 7/11.)

Polacco, Patricia. **Emma Kate**, 2005.

Emma Kate and her best friend share many activities, such as homework and soccer practice, and even have their tonsils out at the same time, all the things best friends do. But there is more to this best friend than meets the eye.

Portis, Antoinette. **Kindergarten Diary**, 2010.

Annalina's diary entries reflect her up-and-down feelings and experiences as she goes from being afraid to go to kindergarten to loving it during her first month of school.

Raschka, Christopher. **Five for a Little One**, 2006.

A young rabbit explores the world using his five senses.

Ransom, Candice. **The Old Blue Pick-Up Truck**, 2009.

As a girl and her father run errands in their old blue pickup, she discovers how many different ways they can use their truck.

Ray, Mary Lyn. **Red Rubber Boot Day**, 2000.

A young boy delights in playing in the rain wearing his red rubber boots.

Rosen, Michael. **Bear's Day Out**, 2008.

When Bear decides to visit the city, he becomes overwhelmed with all the noise, but luckily some helpful children guide him on his way home again.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **Little Hoot**, 2007.

Little Hoot wants to go to bed early, like all of his friends do, and he is hopping mad when Mama and Papa Owl insist that he stay up late and play. (See also: **Little Pea** and **Little Oink**).

Ross, Tony. **Centipede's 100 Shoes**, 2003.

When centipede stubs a toe, he decides shoes are the way to go, but the footwear proves more difficult than he thought.

Roth, Carol. **The Little School Bus**, 2002.

An assortment of animals, including a goat in a coat, a quick chick, and a hairy bear, ride the bus to and from school.

Russo, Marisabina. **A Very Big Bunny**, 2010.

Amelia is so big that she is always last in line at school and none of the other students will play with her, but a special new classmate teaches her that size is not always the most important thing.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Snow**, 2008.

Donning their coats and mittens, a young girl, her friend, and grandmother partake in an array of fun activities during a crisp winter's day as snow falls from the sky, lands on the trees, covers the ground, and coats their whole world in a brilliant sheet of glistening white.

Salley, Coleen. **Epossumondas**, 2002.

In a variant of a classic tale, a young possum is constantly muddling his mama's instructions. (Sequels: **Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on His Tail**, **Epossumondas Saves the Day**, and **Epossumondas Plays Possum**.)

Schaefer, Carole. **Dragon Dancing**, 2006.

After learning about dragons at school and making their own out of colored paper and feathers, the classmates are suddenly whisked away to a magical world where they collectively become a dragon, flying over snowcapped mountains and swooping through vast meadows. (Sequel: **Kids Like Us**; See also: **Someone Says**.)

Scieszka, Jon. **Smash! Crash!** 2008.

Getting dirty and being loud are what is expected of Jack Truck and Dump Truck Dan as they set out to do the jobs they were meant to do and have some fun along the way in Trucktown. (Sequels: **Melvin Might?** and **Truckery Rhymes**.)

Schulman, Janet. **A Bunny for All Seasons**, 2003.

With each new season a brown bunny takes delight in his garden.

Seeger, Laura. **Dog and Bear**, 2007.

Three easy-to-read stories reveal the close friendship between Dog and Bear. (Sequels: **Dog and Bear: Two's Company** and **Dog and Bear: Three to Get Ready**.)

Shannon, David. **Duck on a Bike**, 2002. (SP)

Duck teaches himself to ride a bike and inspires all the farmyard animals to do likewise.

Shannon, David. **Good Boy, Fergus**, 2006. (SP)

Except for his bath, Fergus experiences the perfect doggy day, from chasing cats and motorcycles to being scratched on his favorite tickle spot.

Shannon, David. **David Goes to School** 1999. (SP)

David finds that school can be great fun after he takes control of his own activities, but the teachers don't think his kind of entertainment is amusing and so try to stay one step ahead of him in order to put a stop to his wild ways. (Sequels: **No David!**; **David Gets in Trouble**; and **It's Christmas, David**.)

Shannon, David. **Too Many Toys!** 2008. (SP)

Although he finally agrees that he has too many toys and needs to give them away, there is one toy that Spencer absolutely cannot part with.

Shannon, George. **Tippy-Toe Chick, Go!**, 2003.

Mother hen and her chicks go to the garden every day, but when a loud dog suddenly blocks their path, it is the littlest chick that comes up with a way to save them all.

Shulman, Lisa. **Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop**, 2002.

Ms. MacDonald, a ewe who is completely comfortable with her tool belt on, has her friend and neighbors join her in constructing her special project.

Sierra, Judy. **Wild About Books**, 2004. (SP)

When librarian Molly McGrew mistakenly drives the book mobile to the zoo, she entices the animals to a love of books by reading aloud her rollicking rhymes. (See also: **The House That Drac Built**.)

Slate, Joseph. **Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the Last Day of Kindergarten**, 2006.

Miss Bindergarten, a black and white canine, and her class celebrate the last day of kindergarten with a party and good wishes. (Previous titles: **Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten**; **Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten**; **Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten**; **Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten**; **Miss Bindergarten Plans a Circus with Kindergarten**; and **Miss Bindergarten Has a Wild Day in Kindergarten**.)

Smith, Maggie. **Paisley**, 2004.

When a stuffed elephant the same pattern as his name accidentally ends up in the trash, he turns his abandonment into a successful search for his perfect match.

Stein, David Ezra. **Leaves**, 2008.

When he is unable to reattach the fallen leaves to the trees during a crisp autumn day, a young bear decides to give up and take a nap, yet when he finally awakes, an entire season has passed as he opens his eyes to a beautiful spring day and a new bounty of green leaves hanging on the branches above.

Stein, David Ezra. **Pouch!** 2009.

A baby kangaroo takes his first tentative hops outside of his mama's pouch, meeting other creatures and growing bolder each time.

Stevens, April. **Waking up Wendell**, 2007.

Early in the morning, a bird begins to sing at #1 Fish Street, waking the man next door and his dog, and before long, as one noise leads to another, everyone on the street is awake!

Stoeke, Janet. **Minerva Louise on Christmas Eve**, 2007.

Minerva, a curious chicken, embarks on a rollicking Christmas Eve adventure when she spies a rather plump man in a red suit on the roof and decides to follow him down the chimney. (Previous titles: **Minerva Louise; A Hat for Minerva Louise; Minerva Louise at School; A Friend for Minerva Louise; Minerva Louise and Her Farmyard Friends; Minerva Louise at the Fair; Minerva Louise and the Red Truck; and Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs**. Newest title: **Minerva Louise on Halloween**.)

Swanson, Susan. **The House in the Night**, 2008.

Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light.

Taylor, Sean. **When a Monster Is Born**, 2007. (SP)

Explores the options available to a monster from the time it is born, such as becoming the scary monster under someone's bed or playing on the school basketball team.

Thompson, Lauren. **Polar Bear Night**, 2004.

After wandering out at night to watch a magical star shower, a polar bear cub returns home to snuggle with her mother in their warm den.

Thompson, Lauren. **Wee Little Chick**, 2008.

When the other barnyard animals comment on how tiny the littlest chick is, the proud little one peeps louder, stands taller, and runs faster than any of them. (Companion: **Wee Little Bunny**.)

Underwood, Deborah. **The Quiet Book**, 2010.

From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day. (Companion book: **The Loud Book**, forthcoming 4/2011.)

Viorst, Judith. **Nobody Here but Me**, 2008.

With his mother on the phone, his father checking e-mail, and his sister playing with her friends, a little boy feels as if he is all alone in the house, and no matter how badly he behaves, no one comes to stop him.

Vrombaut, An. **Clarabella's Teeth**, 2003.

Clarabella wants to go and play with her friends, but first she must brush her teeth. Unfortunately, that takes quite awhile since crocodiles have a lot of teeth, but her friends come up with a workable solution.

Waddell, Martin. **Tiny's Big Adventure**, 2004.

Katy Mouse teaches her younger brother, Tiny, the names of some of the things they see, including a boot, a snail, and a pheasant, when they go to the cornfield to play games. (See also: **The Pig in the Pond; Owl Babies**;

Farmer Duck; **Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?**; **Let's Go Home, Little Bear**; **You and Me, Little Bear**; **Good Job, Little Bear**; **Snow Bears**; and **Hi, Harry!**)

Waddell, Martin. **The Super Hungry Dinosaur**, 2009.

Hal and his little dog Billy calmly deal with a dinosaur's monstrous temper tantrum.

Wellington, Monica. **Apple Farmer Annie**, 2001. (SP)

Annie owns her own apple orchard and makes a myriad of apple-related items from her homegrown fruit. (See also: **Zinnia's Flower Garden**.)

Wells, Rosemary. **Yoko Writes Her Name**, 2008.

Two of Yoko's classmates tell her that she will not be able to graduate from kindergarten, since she can only read and write in Japanese, until she proves them wrong. (Sequel to: **Yoko**. Sequel: **Yoko's Show-and-Tell**. See also: **My Kindergarten**, **Emily's First 100 Days of School**, **Timothy Goes to School**, **Shy Charles**, and **Bunny Cakes**.)

Weston, Tamson. **Hey, Pancakes!**, 2003.

Three ambitious children make morning more palatable by whipping up a batch of pancakes.

Wheeler, Lisa. **Ugly Pie**, 2010.

After baking a scrumptious Ugly Pie, made from ingredients donated by his neighbors, Ol' Bear invites everyone over for a slice. Includes pie recipe.

Willems, Mo. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus**, 2003.

When the bus driver takes a break he instructs readers not to let the pigeon drive the bus but the pigeon doesn't give up easily. (Sequel: **The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog**, **Don't Let the Pigeon Stay up Late**, and **The Pigeon Wants a Puppy**.)

Willems, Mo. **Leonardo, the Terrible Monster**, 2005.

As hard as he tries to be scary, Leonardo is terrible at being a monster. He searches until he finds someone that he can scare, but when he finds the perfect, nervous little boy, will he be able to scare him?

Willems, Mo. **Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct**, 2006.

Edwina is well-known in her neighborhood, she plays with kids, she 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?

Wiesner, David. **The Three Pigs**, 2001.

The three pigs escape the big bad wolf by jumping into other stories.

Wilson, Karma. **Bear Snores On**, 2002.

The winter wind is blowing but Bear's animal friends have gathered for a party in his cave while he is sound asleep. (Sequels: **Bear Wants More**, **Bear Stays up for Christmas**, **Bear's New Friend**, **Bear Feels Sick**., and **Bear Feels Scared**.)

Winter, Jeanette. **Angelina's Island**, 2007.

Every day, Angelina dreams of her home in Jamaica and imagines she is there, until her mother finds a wonderful way to convince her that New York is now their home.

Yolen, Jane. **How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?** 2000. (SP)

Different dinosaurs demonstrate ways to say good night and ways not to say it. (Sequels: **How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?**; **How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?**; **How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?**; and **How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?**)

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Addy, Sharon. **When Wishes Were Horses**, 2002.

On his way home, Zeb wishes for a horse. Much to his amazement his wish is granted, but soon things gallop out of control.

Ahlberg, Allan. **The Baby in the Hat**, 2008.

Catching a baby in his hat sets off a series of adventures for a young nineteenth-century English boy as he becomes a sea captain and finds a surprising mate.

Alter, Anna. **Disappearing Desmond**, 2010.

Desmond is so skilled at disappearing that sometimes even his teacher cannot find him but when he meets Gloria, a new student at school, his attitude slowly changes.

Anderson, Peggy. **Chuck's Truck**, 2006.

When too many barnyard friends climb in "Old Blue" to go to town, Chuck's truck breaks down, but Handyman Hugh knows just what to do to get them up and running again. (Sequel: **Chuck's Band**.)

Auch, Mary Jane. **Souperchicken**, 2003.

When Henrietta becomes the first chicken in her coop to learn how to read, she uses her skills to save her aunts from becoming chicken soup. (See also: **Hen Lake, Peeping Beauty, Eggs Mark the Spot, Bantam of the Opera, Nutquacker, Poultrygeist, The Princess and the Pizza**, and **Chickerella**. Sequel: **The Plot Chickens**.)

Bachelet, Gilles. **My Cat, the Silliest Cat in the World**, 2006. (SP)

An artist describes his "cat," who can usually be found either sleeping or eating. (Sequel: **When the Silliest Cat Was Small**.)

Banks, Kate. **Max's Words**, 2006.

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. (Sequel: **Max's Dragon**.)

Bar-el, Dan. **Such a Prince**, 2007.

Libby Gaborchik, a highly unusual fairy, helps Marvin, a poor peasant, win the hand of the beautiful but love-starved Princess Vera.

Barrett, Judi. **Never Take a Shark to the Dentist**, 2008.

Goats roaming through libraries, giraffes sitting in movie theaters, and porcupines riding in subways are some of the silly things featured in this amusing tale. (See also: **Things That Are Most in the World, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatball** and **Pickles to Pittsburgh**.)

Bauer, Marion Dane. **If Frogs Made Weather**, 2005.

A young child ruminates on the favorite weather of ten different animals.

Becker, Bonny. **A Visitor for Bear**, 2008.

Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse. (Sequels: **A Birthday for Bear** and **Bedtime for Bear**.)

Beil, Karen. **Jack's House**, 2008.

Cumulative text reveals who was really responsible for the house that Jack claims to have built, and all of the trucks involved, from the bulldozer used to clear the land to the van that brought a hammock for the back yard.

Berger, Joe. **Bridget Fidget and the Most Perfect Pet!** 2009.

Bridget has always wanted a pet unicorn named Thunderhooves, so when a box is delivered to her door she is sure that is what is inside.

Billingsley, Franny. **Big, Bad Bunny**, 2008.

At home, in the Mouse House, Baby Boo-Boo gets no respect, so she head off into the woods to strut her stuff.

Birdsall, Jeanne. **Flora's Very Windy Day**, 2010.

When a big wind blows away her annoying little brother Crispin, Flora decides to save him despite the many tempting offers she gets for him from, among others, a cloud, an eagle, the man in the moon and the wind itself.

Bluemle, Elizabeth. **Dogs on the Bed**, 2008.

A mother and father try to read to their two children before bedtime, but the family's six dogs create havoc when they insist on climbing into the bed and crowding everyone else out.

Bottner, Barbara. **Wallace's Lists**, 2004.

Devoted to making lists about everything in his life, Wallace the mouse discovers the joys of spontaneity and adventure when he becomes friends with his neighbor Albert.

Bottner, Barbara. **Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)**, 2010.

A first-grade girl who does not like to read stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.

Bowen, Anne. **What Do Teachers Do (After YOU Leave School)?** 2006. (SP)

Rhyming text reveals the surprising ways that teachers behave when their students are not at school.

Bowen, Anne. **I Know an Old Teacher**, 2008.

In this take on the well-known cumulative rhyme, a teacher inadvertently swallows a flea, then follows it with an assortment of classroom pets while her students look on in surprise.

Brallier, Jess. **Tess's Tree**, 2009.

When nine-year-old Tess invites her friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate her beloved maple tree's life before it must be cut down, she learns that it has meant a lot to other people, as well.

Brett, Jan. **Honey, Honey Lion**, 2005.

After working together to obtain honey, the African honey badger always shares it with his partner, the honeyguide bird, until one day when the honey badger becomes greedy and his feathered friend decides to teach him a lesson. (See also: **Berlioz the Bear**, **Comet's Nine Lives**, **Hedgie's Surprise**, **The Hat**, and **Daisy Comes Home**.)

Broach, Elise. **When Dinosaurs Came with Everything**, 2007.

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.

Broach, Elise. **Gumption!** 2010.

Accompanying his famous explorer uncle on an expedition in the African jungle, Peter finds himself testing the limits of his resourcefulness in the face of dangerous wildlife and threatening elements.

Browne, Anthony. **Little Beauty**, 2008.

When a gorilla who knows sign language tells his keepers that he is lonely because there are no other gorillas in the zoo, they bring him a very special friend--a tiny kitten.

Bruel, Nick. **Bad Kitty!** 2005.

When only an alphabetic variety of vegetables remain in the house for Kitty to eat, she responds by unleashing a veritable A to Z of woe upon her owners. (Sequel: **Bad Kitty Gets a Bath.**)

Bruel, Nick. **Who Is Melvin Bubble?** 2006.

An introduction to six-year-old Melvin Bubble as presented by his family, friends, and others. (See also: **Boing!**)

Carle, Eric. **Mister Seahorse**, 2004.

After Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs on Mr. Seahorse's belly, he drifts through the water, greeting other fish fathers who are taking care of their eggs.

Carlson, Nancy. **First Grade, Here I Come.** Viking, 2006.

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. (Previous titles: **Look out Kindergarten, Here I Come.** Sequels: **Henry's Amazing Imagination**, **Henry and the Valentine Surprise**, and **Henry and the Bully.**)

Choldenko, Gennifer. **Louder Lili**, 2007.

The quietest kid in her class, Lili is so shy that her voice is never heard in class until the day a good friend needs her help.

Christelow, Eileen. **Where's the Big Bad Wolf?**, 2002.

Detective Doggedly persistently attempts to track down the Big Bad Wolf. (See also: **Olive and the Magic Hat**, **Jerome Camps Out**, **The Great Pig Escape**, and **The Great Pig Search.**)

Cole, Henry. **On Meadowview Street**, 2007.

Upon moving to a new house, young Caroline and her parents encourage wildflowers to grow and birds and animals to stay in their yard, which soon has the whole suburban street living up to its name.

Cotten, Cynthia. **Rain Play**, 2008.

Most people leave the park when rain begins to fall, while others enjoy the sights, sounds, and feel of the cool water--until thunder and lightening come near.

Cronin, Doreen. **Click, Clack Moo: Cows That Type**, 2000.

Farmer Brown hears a clickety-clack coming from the barn and discovers that his cows are typing him messages demanding better working conditions. (Sequels: **Giggle, Giggle Quack**, **Duck for President**, **Dooby, Dooby Moo**, and **Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure.**)

Cronin, Doreen. **Diary of a Worm**, 2003.

A worm adorned in a baseball cap, relates the ups and downs of his daily life. (See also: **Diary of a Spider** and **Diary of a Fly.**)

Cummings, Troy. **The Eensy Weensy Spider Freaks Out! (Big Time!)**, 2010.

Frightened after the scary waterspout incident, the Eensy Weensy Spider needs some encouragement from her friend the ladybug before she will try climbing again.

Cuyler, Margery. **Groundhog Stays up Late.** 2005.

Groundhog doesn't want to hibernate, so he frolics through the fall but ends up cold, hungry and lonely in the winter. He tricks his friends by declaring the arrival of spring early so they will share their feast with him, but when they discover it, they prepare a trick for him as well.

Daly, Niki. **A Song for Jamela**, 2010.

It is summer vacation and Jamela is bored, until her Aunt Beauty asks her to come and help her get her hair salon ready for a special client, who turns out to be "Afro-Idols" contestant Miss Bambi Chaka Chaka. (See also:

Papa Lucky's Shadow. Previous titles: **Jamela's Dress; What's Cooking Jamela?; Where's Jamela, and Happy Birthday, Jamela!**)

Danneberg, Julie. **First Day Jitters**, 2000. (SP)

Sarah Jane has some worries about the first day of school but when she finally makes it, readers are in for a surprise. (Sequels: **First Year Letters** and **Last Day Blues**.)

DiCamillo, Kate. **Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken**, 2008.

Longing for adventure, intrepid Louise leaves her comfortable nest and ventures out into the great, wide world where she encounters a vast array of colorful characters.

Dodd, Emma. **I Don't Want a Posh Dog**, 2009.

Taking her search to find the perfect dog very seriously, a little girl visits many shops and meets many potential pooches of all shapes, sizes, and colors before finally picking out just the right one to call her very own. (Companion story: **I Don't Want a Cool Cat**.)

Donaldson, Julia. **Room on the Broom**, 2001.

A witch makes room for an assortment of animals on her broom but when a frog accidentally snaps it in two, the animals must rescue the witch.

Dorros, Arthur. **Papa and Me**, 2008.

A bilingual boy and his father, who only speaks Spanish, spend a day together sharing stories, laughter, adventure, and hugs. (Companion: **Mama and Me**, forthcoming 3/11.)

Emberley, Rebecca. **There Was an Old Monster**, 2009.

In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a monster swallows ants, a lizard, a bat, and other creatures to try to cure a stomach ache than began when he swallowed a tick.

Finchler, Judy. **Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind**, 2006.

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. (Previous titles: **Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10, Miss Malarkey Won't Be in Today, Testing Miss Malarkey, You're a Good Sport Miss Malarke, and Miss Malarkey's Field Trip**. Sequel: **Congratulations, Miss Malarkey!**)

Fleming, Candace. **Boxes for Katje**, 2003.

In post World War II Holland, Katje receives a relief box from Rosie in the US, and this begins the sending of supplies that helps the townspeople survive the winter (based on a true story).

Fraser, Mary Ann. **I. Q. Goes to School**, 2002.

I.Q. is the class rodent that Mrs. Furber brings to school in September. He is not content to simply be the class pet, he wants to be a star pupil. (Sequels: **I. Q. Goes to the Library; I. Q., It's Time; and I. Q. Gets Fit**.)

Frazee, Marla. **A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever**, 2008.

When James and Eamon go to Nature Camp and stay at Eamon's grandparents' house, they are much more interested in eating waffles and playing video games than in nature until something unexpected happens to change their minds.

French, Jackie. **Diary of a Wombat**, 2003.

A wombat relates her week of antics as she becomes chummy with her human neighbors.

French, Simon and Donna Rawlins. **Guess the Baby**, 2002.

A visit from Sam's baby brother to Mr. Judd's class prompts all of the children to bring in their baby pictures and share them with the class, and when they see Mr. Judd's baby picture, they realize that everyone starts out as a baby!

Funke, Cornelia. **The Wildest Brother**, 2006.

Wanting to keep his sister safe from all the elements that could do her harm, like monsters and beasts, young Ben fearlessly takes on all the challenges of the day to complete his task and live up to his courageous reputation.

Gershator, Phillis. **Listen, Listen!** 2007.

Illustrations and rhyming text explore the sights and sounds of nature in each season of the year.

Graham, Bob. **How to Heal a Broken Wing**, 2008.

When Will is the only one who notices a bird with a broken wing in a city full of hurried people, he takes it home and cares for it, hoping in time it will be able to return to the sky.

Harper, Charise Mericle. **When Randolph Turned Rotten**, 2007.

Best friends Randolph, a beaver, and Ivy, a goose, do everything together until Ivy is invited to a girls-only birthday sleepover party and Randolph, full of bad feelings, tries to spoil her fun.

Harper, Jamie. **Miss Mingo and the First Day of School**, 2006.

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. (Sequel: **Miss Mingo and the Fire Drill**.)

Henkes, Kevin. **Lilly's Big Day**, 2006. (SP)

When her teacher announces that he is getting married, Lilly the mouse sets her heart on being the flower girl at his wedding. (Previous title: **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse**. See also: **A Weekend with Wendell**; **Sheila Rae, the Brave**; **Chester's Way**; **Jessica**; **Julius, the Baby of the World**; **Chrysanthemum**; **Wemberly Worried**; and **Owen**.)

Henkes, Kevin. **So Happy!** 2005.

There once was a boy, a rabbit, a magic seed, and a book. The boy, who was bored, went looking for something to do. The rabbit, who was curious, explored until he was lost. The seed was thirsty, but soon it grew and grew and grew.

Hest, Amy. **The Dog Who Belonged to No One**, 2008.

The hard-working daughter of two bakers and a perfectly nice stray dog live lonely lives in the same town, until they meet one very stormy day.

Hest, Amy. **Little Chick**, 2009.

Little Chick wants her carrot to grow big, her kite to fly, and her special star to come close enough that she can catch it, but things do not happen the way that she wants them to.

Heide, Florence Parry. **Princess Hyacinth**, 2009.

Having a daughter who floats, the king and queen use stones and a heavy crown to keep her weighted down to the ground, but when she gets her hands on a balloon one afternoon and then takes off her heavy accessories, the young royal gets the ride of her life!

Hills, Tad. **Duck & Goose**. 2006.

Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball, which they think is an egg. (Sequel: **Duck, Duck, Goose**.)

Himmelman, John. **Chickens to the Rescue**, 2006.

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. (Sequel: **Pigs to the Rescue**.)

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together**, 2001.

Thirteen short stories feature text that is engagingly designed for an adult and child to read together. (Sequels: **Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together**, **Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together**, **Very Short Scary Stories to Read Together**, and **Very Short Fables to Read Together**.)

Howe, James. **Brontorina**, 2010.

Despite her size and not having the proper footwear, a determined dinosaur pursues her dream of becoming a ballerina. (See also: **Horace and Morris, but Mostly Dolores**, **Horace and Morris Join the Chorus (But What About Dolores?** and **Horace and Morris Say Cheese (Which Makes Dolores Sneeze!)**)

Hughes, Ted. **My Brother Bert**, 2009.

Bert's little sister knows that he loves to bring home pets and hide them in his room, and her curiosity about what is going on in there has been building. She cannot wait any longer to check it out for herself. Inside, she discovers a zoo-worthy collection of animals tucked into every nook and cranny.

Ichikawa, Satomi. **Come Fly with Me**, 2008.

Deciding to venture out of their toy box and go to the land of Somewhere, stuffed dog Woggy and his pal wooden airplane, Cosmos, take to the skies, flying over rooftops and traveling to a land high above where they meet the Cloud Monster and end up in an adventure of a lifetime!

Isadora, Rachel. **Bring on That Beat**, 2002.

A trio of jazz musicians wake the neighborhood with music in 1930's Harlem.

James, Simon. **Little One Step**, 2003. (SP)

When three ducklings wander far from home, the older two convince the youngest to play, "one step," to make it home safely.

James, Simon. **Baby Brains**, 2004.

Even before Baby Brains is born, Mr. and Mrs. Brains spent a great deal of time reading, singing, and instructing their unborn child in the hopes of giving it a good start in the world, but once their child was born, the Brain family got much more than they had expected when Baby Brains turned out to be the smartest baby in all the world! (Sequels: **Baby Brains Superstar** and **Baby Brains and Robomom**.)

Jeffers, Oliver. **The Way Back Home**, 2008.

Stranded on the moon after his extraordinary airplane takes him into outer space, a boy meets a marooned young Martian with a broken spacecraft, and the two new friends work together to return to their respective homes.

Johnson, Angela. **Lily Brown's Painting**, 2007.

Using her great imagination to paint in her very unique style, Lily Brown creates a magical world like no other as trees don hats, people walk upside down, and apples begin to sing!

Juster, Norton. **The Hello Goodbye Window**, 2005.

A little girl tells about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going. (Sequel: **Sourpuss and Sweetie Pie**.)

Karas, G. Brian. **The Village Garage**, 2010.

Throughout the seasons the workers at the Village Garage are busy taking care of the town and its residents, from cleaning the streets and fixing the potholes to spraying the roads with sand and salt during the winter.

Kasza, Keiko. **The Dog Who Cried Wolf**, 2005. (SP)

Moko the dog loves his life with Michelle until she reads him a book about wolves. Then he decides it would be better to be wild and free. He runs away but learns that maybe being on his own in the wild isn't the place for him.

Kaszo, Keiko. **Badger's Fancy Meal**, 2007.

Bored with eating apples, worms, and roots, hungry Badger pronounces that he is so hungry he could "eat a horse," yet when his words are overheard by a nearby horse, Badger knows he will have to set the record straight to put his four-legged friend's mind at ease.

Kellogg, Steven. **The Missing Mitten Mystery**, 2000.

After playing in the snow all day, Annie realizes that she's lost a mitten and sets off to locate it.

Kelley, Ellen. **My Life as a Chicken**, 2007.

Realizing that she will be the next chicken chosen for the special of the day at the Cock-a-Doodle-Do café, Pauline Poulet makes a run for it the minute the cage is open and squawks for her life as she is chased, dunked, and spun around while attempting to make her big escape!

Kinerk, Robert. **Clorinda**, 2003.

When Clorinda the cow discovers ballet, she dreams of becoming a bovine ballerina. (Sequel: **Clorinda Takes Flight**.)

Kirk, Daniel. **Library Mouse**, 2007.

Sam, a mouse who lives in the library, leaves his stories in different parts of the library for humans to find. (Sequels: **A Friend's Tale** and **World's to Explore**.)

Knudsen, Michelle. **Library Lion**, 2006. (SP)

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.

Kontis, Alethea. **Alpha Oops: The Day the Z Went First**, 2006.

Chaos ensues when Z thinks that its time for him to go first in the alphabet for a change. (Sequel: **H Is for Halloween**.)

Krensky, Stephen. **The Youngest Fairy Godmother Ever**, 2000.

Mavis wants to be the person who makes wishes come true. She practices waving a magic wand and winking in the mirror until she meets Cindy, the new girl in school who could really use her help.

Krosoczka, Jarrett. **Punk Farm**, 2005.

At the end of the day, while Farmer Joe gets ready for bed, his animals tune their instruments to perform in a big concert as a rock band called Punk Farm. (Sequel: **Punk Farm Tour**.)

Kuskin, Karla. **A Boy Had a Mother Who Bought Him a Hat**, 2010.

After a boy's mother buys him a hat, she buys him a mouse, shoes, boots, skis, mask, cello, and an elephant--none of which he is ever without.

Lazo, Caroline. **Someday When My Cat Can Talk**, 2008.

A girl imagines what her cat would tell her about its exotic travels to such places as the foggy English coast, Spanish bullfights, and an art gallery in Montmartre, France.

Levine, Gail Carson. **Betsy Who Cried Wolf**, 2002.

Betsy tries valiantly to protect her sheep but a wolf tricks her into blowing her whistle for help. When, eventually, no help comes, Betsy discovers another way to solve her difficulties.

Levine, Gail Carson. **Betsy Red Hoodie**, 2010.

In a variation of "Little Red Riding Hood," Betsy Red Hoodie goes to visit her grandma with her friend Zimmo the wolf and her flock of sheep, but Zimmo, her mother and her grandma have a surprise planned.

Lies, Brian. **Bats at the Beach**, 2006.

On a night when the moon can grow no fatter, bats pack their moon-tan lotion and baskets of treats and fly off for some fun on the beach. (Sequels: **Bats in the Library** and **Bats at the Ballgame**.)

Lin, Grace. **Lissy's Friends**, 2007.

Being the new girl at school and not knowing anyone, Lissy decides to make a collection of paper friends, but when the origami birds and animals come to life and venture out into the world, Lissy knows it is time to find real friends of her own.

Long, Melinda. **How I Became a Pirate**, 2003. (SP)

Jeremy becomes a buccaneer and discovers the ups and downs of being a pirate. When he decides it's time to head for home he convinces the pirates to bury their treasure in his backyard and makes it home it time for soccer practice. (Sequel: **Pirates Don't Change Diapers.**)

Lord, Cynthia. **Hot Rod Hamster**, 2010.

A hamster, with the help of a canine junkyard dealer and his mouse assistants, builds a hot rod and drives it in a race against some very large dogs. By the author of the Newbery Honor book, *Rules*.

Mahy, Margaret. **Down the Back of the Chair**, 2006.

A poor family is searching down the back of a chair for Dad's lost car keys and, miraculously in the mess of things back there, their financial problems are solved. (See also: **Dashing Dog** and **The Rattlebang Picnic.**)

Mahy, Margaret. **Bubble Trouble**, 2009.

Mabel blows a bubble that captures Baby and wafts him away, resulting in a wild chase that involves the whole neighborhood.

Madison, Alan. **Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly**, 2007.

Velma starts first grade in the shadow of her memorable older sisters, and while her newfound interest in butterflies helps her to stand out, it also leads to an interesting complication.

McClintock, Barbara. **Dahlia**, 2002.

In Victorian England, Charlotte likes to take her teddy bear and play in the mud or climb trees, and she takes her new porcelain doll, Dahlia, with her.

McGhee, Alison. **Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth**, 2004.

A first grader is frightened on her first day of school after hearing a rumor that her teacher is a 300-year-old alien with a purple tongue who steals baby teeth from her students.

McPhail, David. **Sylvie & True**, 2007.

Best friends and roommates Sylvie the rabbit and True the water snake live happily in their apartment in the big city and, despite their differences, find ways to share in the interests they have in common, like bowling and going out to eat. (See also: **Santa's Book of Names**, **Edward and the Pirates** and **Edward in the Jungle.**)

Meddaugh, Susan. **Just Teenie**, 2006.

Justine is so small, everyone calls her "Just Teenie," but one day she receives a plant that grows so tall, it gives her a different perspective.

Meng, Cece. **Tough Chicks**, 2009.

Three independent chicks who dare to be different are reprimanded by the other barnyard residents for not being quiet and docile, until the smart, fearless trio takes on a runaway tractor.

Millman, Isaac. **Moses Sees a Play**, 2004.

Moses and his classmates, who are deaf or hard of hearing, attend a play at their school by the Little Theatre of the Deaf, and Moses makes a new friend from another school. (Previous titles: **Moses Goes to a Concert**, **Moses Goes to School**, and **Moses Goes to the Circus.**)

Nielsen, Laura. **Mrs. Muddle's Holidays**, 2008.

When her neighbor, Mrs. Muddle, creates a unique--and fun--holiday for each month, Katie comes up with a special holiday of her own that leads to the biggest celebration her neighborhood has ever seen.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Kate and the Beanstalk**, 2000.

Kate encounters an old woman at the top of the beanstalk who tells her she must recover the treasures the giant stole and return them to their rightful owner.

Palatini, Margie. **Bad Boys**, 2003.

Willy and Wally, two big bad wolves, disguise themselves as sheep to catch their dinner, but Betty Mutton and Meryl Sheep aren't as easy to deceive as the wolves hope. (Sequels: **Bad Boys Get Cookie!** and **Bad Boys Get Henpecked!**)

Palatini, Margie. **Three Silly Billies**, 2005.

Three billy goats, unable to cross a bridge because they cannot pay the toll, form a car pool with The Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, and Jack of beanstalk fame to get past the rude Troll. (See also: **Mary Had a Little Ham**, **The Perfect Pet**, **Earthquack**, and **Moo Who?**)

Palatini, Margie. **The Cheese**, 2007.

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.

Paul, Ann Whitford. **Count on Culebra: Go from 1 to 10 in Spanish**, 2008.

When Iguana stubs her toe and cannot make her popular candies known as cactus butter dulces, Culebra the rattlesnake finds a cure that introduces the Spanish words for the numbers from one to ten. (Previous titles: **Maana Iguana** and **Fiesta Fiasco**.)

Paye, Won-Ldy. **Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile**, 2003.

When the crocodile captures Mrs. Chicken, she concocts a story to convince him to let her go.

Plourde, Lynn. **Pajama Day**, 2005.

Drew A. Blank forgets to bring to school the things he needs for pajama day and uses his imagination to come up with inventive substitutions. (See also: **School Picture Day**, **Teacher Appreciation Day**, **Book Fair Day**, **Science Fair Day**, **Book Fair Day**, and **Field Trip Day**.)

Poydar, Nancy. **Zip, Zip...Homework**, 2008.

Violet has a great new backpack with wheels and zippers, but when the many pockets distract and cause her to misplace her homework she tells a lie to cover it up, so the teacher gives her an even harder assignment.

Preller, James. **Pirate's Guide to First Grade**, 2010.

AHOY MATEYS! The first day of first grade is FUN for a boy accompanied by a band of pirates.

Pullen, Zachary. **Friday My Radio Flyer Flew**, 2008.

A father and son find an old Radio Flyer wagon when cleaning out the attic and, through the course of a week, turn it back into a wonderful toy.

Raschka, Christopher. **Little Black Crow**, 2010.

A boy thinks about the life of a little black crow that he sees, wondering where it goes in the snow, where it sleeps and whether or not it worries like he does.

Rawlinson, Julia. **Fletcher and the Falling Leaves**, 2006.

When his favorite tree begins to lose its leaves in the autumn, Fletcher the fox worries that it is sick, but instead a magical sight is in store for him. (Sequels: **Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms** and **Fletcher and the Snowflake Christmas**.)

Reynolds, Aaron. **Chicks and Salsa**, 2005.

Farmer Nuthatch's chickens grow bored with their ordinary feed. Their rooster, who has been watching cooking shows, comes to the rescue with some Southwestern cuisine. (Sequel: **Buffalo Wings**.)

Robbins, Jacqui. **The New Girl and Me**, 2006.

Two girls named 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. (Sequel: **Two of a Kind**.)

Rohmann, Eric. **A Kitten Tale**, 2008.

As four kittens who have never seen winter watch the seasons pass, three of them declare the reasons they will dislike snow when it arrives, while the fourth cannot wait to experience it for himself.

Roome, Diana Reynolds. **The Elephant's Pillow**, 2003. (SP)

When the emperor in ancient Peking dies, the imperial elephant is inconsolable. Sing Lo emerges from his selfishness to try to bring comfort to the royal creature.

Root, Phyllis. **Kiss the Cow**, 2000.

When Annalisa refuses to kiss the cow, the cow refuses to give milk.

Ruzzier, Sergio. **Amandina**, 2008.

Determined to get over her shyness, multi-talented Amandina prepares for her own big show by renting a theater, setting up the stage, and sending out the invitations, but when it appears that no one has shown on the big night, Amandina carries on like a pro and gets quite a surprise in the end.

Rylant, Cynthia. **The Great Gracie Chase**, 2001.

Puppy Gracie Rose is not happy when noisy painters disturb her peaceful home, so when they put her outside for barking, she decides to dash through the open gate, causing the whole town to run after her. (See also: **The Relatives Came**, **Night in the Country**, **Mr. Griggs' Work**, **The Bookshop Dog**, **The Ticky-Tacky Doll**, and **The Whale**.)

Scanlon, Elizabeth. **All the World**, 2009.

Following a circle of family and friends through the course of a day from morning until night, this book affirms the importance of all things great and small in the world, from the tiniest shell on the beach, to warm family connections, to the widest sunset sky.

Schachner, Judith Byron. **Skippyjon Jones**, 2003.

Skippyjon Jones, a Siamese kitten, imagines he is a doggy Zorro with chaotic results. (Sequels: **Skippyjon Jones in the Dog House**, **Skippyjon Jones in Mummy Trouble**, **Skippyjohn Jones and the Big Dig**, **Skippyjon Jones and the Big Bones**; and **Skippyjon Jones, Class Act**, forthcoming 7/11. See also: **Grannyman**.)

Schwartz, Amy. **Tiny and Hercules**, 2009.

Despite being completely opposite in every way, Tiny, a giant elephant with a fear of ice-skating, and Hercules, a small mouse with a passion for the arts, are the best of friends and can always find a way to have a good time whenever they are together.

Scotton, Rob. **Splat the Cat**, 2008.

On Splat the cat's first day of school, he brings along his pet mouse, Seymour, just in case he doesn't make any new friends, but when Seymour escapes from Splat's lunchbox and chaos ensues. (Sequels: **Love Splat** and **Scaredy-Cat Splat**.)

Sierra, Judy. **Thelonus Monster's Sky-High Fly Pie**, 2006.

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.

Sierra, Judy. **Mind Your Manners B. B. Wolf**, 2007.

When B.B. Wolf, who now lives in the Villain Villa Retirement Residence, is invited to the library for a storybook tea, he is careful to follow the advice of his crocodile friend and impresses everyone with how polite he can be. (Sequel: **Tell the Truth, B. B. Wolf**.)

Shannon, David. **The Rain Came Down**, 2000.

An unexpected rain shower causes quarreling among the members of a small community, until finally the sun comes out, and everyone in town ends up smiling and lending one another a hand. (See also: **A Bad Case of Stripes**.)

Shields, Carol Diggory. **Wombat Walkabout**, 2009.

When six brave little wombats decide to take a walk in the Australian outback, they must be careful when they encounter other native animals along the way, including a hungry dingo, golden wattles, billabongs, and others,

Simont, Marc. **Stray Dog**, 2001. (SP)

While picnicking a family befriends a charming pup and when they return to the same spot a week later, they decide to adopt him, saving him from the dogcatcher. (See also: **The Goose That Almost Got Cooked**.)

Smith, Linda. **Mrs. Biddlebox**, 2002.

Mrs. Biddlebox wakes up on the wrong side of the bunk, but with a little bit of magic cookery, she transforms the day.

Spinelli, Jerry. **I Can Be Anything**, 2010.

A little boy exuberantly explores a wide variety of fantastical things he may want to be when he grows up, from a paper plane folder and a puppy dog holder to a snowball smoother and a baby sis soother.

Stanley, Diane. **Goldie and the Three Bears**, 2003.

Goldie, who likes everything to be just right, is really looking for a friend when she wanders into the house of the three bears.

Stevens, Janet. **The Great Fuzz Frenzy**, 2005.

A tennis ball lands in a prairie dog hole and they all want a share of the fuzz. (See also: **Tops and Bottoms**.)

Stringer, Lauren. **Winter Is the Warmest Season**, 2006.

A child describes pleasant ways to stay warm during the winter, from sipping hot chocolate and eating grilled cheese sandwiches to wearing wooly sweaters and sitting near a glowing fireplace.

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie. **Babu's Song**, 2003. (SP)

In Tanzania, Bernardi's mute grandfather makes him a wonderful music box and then helps him realize his dream of owning a soccer ball and going to school. (Previous titles: **Elizabeti's Doll**, **Elizabeti's School**, and **Mama Elizabeti**.)

Tafolla, Carmen. **What Can You Do with a Rebozo?** (SP)

A spunky young girl explains the many uses of her mother's red rebozo, a traditional Mexican woven shawl.

Tafolla, Carmen. **What Can You Do With a Paleta?** (SP)

A young Mexican American girl celebrates the paleta, an icy fruit popsicle, and the many roles it plays in her lively barrio.

Tankard, Jeremy. **Me Hungry!** 2008.

Since his parents are too busy, a little prehistoric boy decides to take matters into his own hands and hunt for his own food, and makes a new friend in the process.

Taylor, Sean. **The Ring Went Zing!** 2010.

A frog, in love with a chicken, buys her a golden ring, but when the ring falls and skips away, they begin to chase after it, joined along the way by a jogging swan, a motorcycling sausage dog, and other helpful creatures.

U'Ren, Andrea. **Mary Smith**, 2003.

Before alarm clocks were invented, people were paid to be "knocker-ups," and this is Mary Smith's job. Early in the morning she makes her way from house to house, shooting dried peas at windows to wake the inhabitants (based on a true story).

Weaver, Tess. **Cat Jumped In**, 2007.

An inquisitive feline walks through the rooms of a house, jumping into one mess after another, before landing in the loving arms of its owner.

Weeks, Sarah. **Woof: A Love Story**, 2009.

Despite a language barrier, a dog and cat fall in love with the help of a buried trombone.

Wheeler, Lisa. **Old Cricket**, 2003.

Old Cricket gets out of his chores by pretending to be ailing but when Old Crow tries to snap him up for dinner, his injuries are real enough. (See also: **Turk and Runt**; **Sailor Moo**; and **Porcupining**.)

Wheeler, Lisa. **Castaway Cats**, 2006.

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

Wheeler, Lisa. **Dino-Hockey**, 2007.

The meat-eating dinosaurs challenge the plant-eating dinosaurs to a hockey match. (Sequels: **Dino-Soccer** and **Dino-Baseball**.)

Willems, Mo. **Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed**, 2009.

Wilbur is the only naked mole rat in his colony who enjoys wearing clothes, and when Grandpah, the oldest and most naked mole rat, discovers his secret, Wilbur fears he will be ostracized from the colony.

Wiesner, David. **Art & Max**, 2010.

Max and Arthur are friends who share an interest in painting. Arthur is an accomplished painter; Max is a beginner. Max's first attempt at using a paintbrush sends the two friends on a whirlwind trip through various artistic media, which turn out to have unexpected pitfalls. Although Max is inexperienced, he's courageous—and a quick learner. His energy and enthusiasm bring the adventure to its triumphant conclusion. Beginners everywhere will take heart.

Willey, Margaret. **Clever Beatrice**, 2001.

In this folktale, the spirited Beatrice outwits the giant to help her family. (Sequels: **Clever Beatrice and the Best Little Pony** and **A Clever Beatrice Christmas**.)

Winters, Kay. **This School Year Will Be the Best**, 2010.

Asked to describe their hopes for the new school year, a group of classmates share such ambitions as looking presentable for class pictures, mastering skateboarding tricks and having fun with creative class pets. (See also: **My Teacher for President**.)

Yaccarino, Dan. **The Lima Bean Monster**, 2001.

Sammy hates lima beans and buries them in a vacant lot to avoid eating them. Soon all the neighborhood children do likewise with their unwanted vegetables, but unbeknownst to them, they are creating a monster.

Yarrow, Peter. **Puff the Magic Dragon**, 2007.

The adventures of a boy and his dragon friend are recounted in this classic song from the 1960s.

Easy Readers

Arnold, Tedd. **Hi! Fly Guy!** 2005.

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong. (Sequels: **Super Fly Guy**; **Shoo Fly Guy!**; **There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy**; **Fly High, Fly Guy!**; **Hooray for Fly Guy!**; **I Spy Fly Guy**; **Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl**; and **Buzz Boy and Fly Guy**.)

Bauer, Marion Dane. **Snow**, 2003.

The delights of snow, and information about it, are both well covered as a child and dog energetically explore the wonders of winter. (See also: **Clouds** and **Wind**.)

Capucilli, Alyssa. **Biscuit Takes a Walk**, 2009.

Although having a great time on his walk to Grandpa's house, Biscuit the adorable pup can't wait to reach his destination so he can invite Grandpa to join in on the fun! (Newest title in the series that begins with **Biscuit**.)

Grant, Judyann Ackerman. **Chicken Said, "Cluck!"** 2008.

Earl and Pearl do not want Chicken's help in the garden, especially since she always gets in the way, until a swarm of grasshoppers arrives and her true talent shines.

McNamara, Margaret. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, 2007.

Mrs. Connor's students at Robin Hill School share their dreams for the future after learning about the day that celebrates the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Newest in the **Robin Hill School** series.)

McPhail, David. **Jack and Rick**, 2002.

Jack and Rick, a rabbit and a bear, work together to find a way to cross the stream that is separating them. With just one sentence per page, this is perfect for just beginning readers. (Sequel: **Rick Is Sick**.)

McPhail, David. **Big Pig and Little Pig**, 2001.

McPhail's wonderful illustrations bring to life this very simple story of two pigs who celebrate that they are friends even though they are very different.

Meister, Cari. **Tiny on the Farm**, 2008.

Eliot and his big dog, Tiny, visit a farm and help Eliot's uncle find a missing litter of kittens. (Newest in a series that begins with **When Tiny Was Tiny**.)

Milgrim, David. **My Dog, Buddy**, 2008.

Mom, Dad, and brother Pete all try to get Buddy to obey, but only one family member understands how to communicate with the mischievous canine.

Moran, Alex. **Boots for Beth**, 2002.

Beth has outgrown her red cowgirl boots and each of her friends tries to help the pig find a new pair.

Pierce, Terry. **Tae Kwon Do!** 2006

Easy-to-read, rhyming text describes a Tae kwon do class, at which children learn to kick, punch, and spin, as well as to cooperate and have fun.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Puppy Mudge Wants to Play**, 2005.

Henry wants to read his book but frisky puppy Mudge wants to play. (Newest in a series that begins with **Puppy Mudge Has a Snack**.)

Schaefer, Lola. **Mittens**, 2006.

Nick helps Mittens the kitten adjust to life in a new home. (Sequels: **Follow Me, Mittens; What's That, Mittens?; Happy Halloween, Mittens**)

Shaw, Nancy. **Sheep Blast Off**, 2008.

Upon finding a spaceship, sheep climb aboard and bumble around until they blast off into orbit. (Newest in the series that begins with **Sheep in a Jeep**.)

Weeks, Sarah. **Mac and Cheese**, 2010

Macaroni and Cheese--two cats who are as different as night and day--are nevertheless best friends, as Cheese proves when a gust of wind plays havoc with Mac's favorite hat. (See also: **Splish, Splash** and **Baa Choo!**)

Willems, Mo. **Cat the Cat, Who Is That?** 2010.

An exuberant cat introduces readers to her friends. (Sequels: **Let's Say Hi to Friends Who Fly!; What's Your Sound, Hound the Hound?; Time to Sleep, Sheep the Sheep!**)

Picture Books and Easy Readers for Second Grade

Picture Books

Ahlberg, Allan. **The Pencil**, 2008.

A lonely pencil timidly draws a boy, a dog, and other items but soon faces a problem as his creations begin demanding changes, and when he draws an eraser to make them happy, the real trouble begins.

Alter, Anna. **Abigail Spells**, 2009.

George helps his best friend Abigail practice for the city spelling bee, then cheers her up when she makes a mistake.

Arnosky, Jim. **Dolphins on the Sand**, 2008.

When a pod of dolphins becomes beached on the sand and ends up in distress, a group of devoted dolphin rescuers intervenes to give them the care and comfort they need to regain their strength so that they can return to their home in open waters.

Arnosky, Jim. **Slow Down for Manatees**, 2010.

Injured by a passing motorboat, a pregnant manatee is rescued and taken to an aquarium to recover and have her baby in a safe environment.

Auch, Mary Jane. **Beauty and the Beaks**, 2007.

When Lance, a very pretentious turkey, arrives on the farm and boasts that he is the only bird invited to a special feast, no hen is impressed, but when Beauty learns that Lance is the main course, she convinces the others to save him.

Best, Cari. **Goose's Story**, 2002.

Each spring, a girl and her dog watch the Canadian geese return. One year she notices that a goose is missing a foot and does her best to help it. (See also: **Shrinking Violet** and **Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen**.)

Bertrand, Lynne. **Granite Baby**, 2005.

Back when folks first discovered granite, five burly sisters ruled the mountains of New Hampshire. No problem was too big for those women. But when one sister carves a live baby out of granite, a problem appears that might be too small.

Biedrzycki, David. **Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective**, 2005.

When Motham City's Queenie Bee is kidnapped, Ace Lacewing is on the case, delving into the underside of the bug world to rescue her. (Sequels: **Bad Bugs Are My Business** and **The Big Swat**.)

Bloch, Serge. **Butterflies in My Stomach and Other School Hazards**, 2008.

On the first day of school, a student is confused by many of the phrases that are used, such as when the librarian says not to open a can of worms, or when the teacher says he expects the class to be busy bees doing their homework.

Boswell, Addie. **The Rain Stomper**, 2008.

When it begins to rain and storm on the day of her big parade, Jazmin stomps, shouts, and does all she can think of to drive the rain away.

Breen, Steve. **Violet the Pilot**, 2008.

Young Violet's only friend is her dog, Orville, until one of her homemade flying machines takes her to the rescue of a Boy Scout troop in trouble.

Brett, Jan. **The Three Snow Bears**, 2007.

Retells the story of Goldilocks, set in an Inuit village and featuring a family of polar bears.

Brown, Peter. **The Curious Garden**, 2009.

While out exploring one day, a little boy named Liam discovers a struggling garden and decides to take care of it. As time passes, the garden spreads throughout the dark, gray city, transforming it into a lush, green world.

Brown, Marc. **Arthur's Teacher Moves In**, 2000.

One of the myriad of "Arthur" stories, here, Arthur thinks that having his teacher stay at his house will be a horrible experience. (One of the **Arthur** series which begins with **Arthur's Nose**.)

Clark, Emma Chichester. **Piper**, 2007.

When Piper the dog's grim new master treats him badly, he is terrified and runs away to the big city where his courage and desire to please makes him a hero and finds him a new, loving home.

Cunnane, Kelly. **For You Are a Kenyan Child**. 2006.

Spend a day in a Kenyan village as a boy puts off his chores in order to explore more interesting things.

Daly, Niki. **Once Upon a Time**, 2003.

Sarie, who lives in South Africa, has trouble reading, until practicing with her Aunt Anna gives her confidence. (See also: **Ruby Sings the Blues**.)

Daly, Niki. **Welcome to Zanzibar Road**, 2006.

After moving into the house on Zanzibar Road that her neighbors helped her build, Mama Jumbo decides to share it with Little Chico.

Daly, Niki. **Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa**, 2007.

In this version of "Little Red Riding Hood," set in Ghana, a young girl fails to heed Granny's warning about the dangers of talking to strangers.

De Paola, Tomie. **Strega Nona Takes a Vacation**, 2000.

When Strega Nona sets off for the seashore for a much needed vacation, she leaves her assistants, Big Anthony and Bambolona in charge and that can only lead to trouble. (Previous titles: **Strega Nona**; **Big Anthony and the Magic Ring**; **Strega Nona's Magic Lessons**; **Merry Christmas, Strega Nona**; **Strega Nona Meets Her Match**; **Strega Nona: Her Story**; and **Big Anthony: His Story**. Newest title: **Strega Nona's Harvest**.)

De Seve, Randall. **Toy Boat**, 2007. (SP)

A toy boat gets separated from its owner and has an adventure on the high seas.

Diakite, Penda. **I Lost My Tooth in Africa**, 2006.

While on vacation with her family in Mali, Amina's tooth first becomes loose and then pops out. She follows village tradition and leaves her tooth under a gourd, hoping she will indeed get a chicken from the African Tooth Fairy.

Donaldson, Julia. **Tyrannosaurus Drip**, 2008.

A duckbilled dinosaur, accidentally raised by fierce tyrannosaurus who would eat duckbills if only they could reach them, tries to be like his "family" but finally gives up, runs away, and finds a real home with others of his kind.

Dorros, Arthur. **Papa and Me**, 2008.

A bilingual boy and his father, who only speaks Spanish, spend a day together sharing stories, laughter, adventure, and hugs.

Elya, Susan Middleton. **Eight Animals on the Town**, 2000.

Eight animals go to market, to supper, and to dance, introducing the numbers from one to eight and vocabulary in English and Spanish. (Sequels: **Eight Animals Bake a Cake** and **Eight Animals Play Ball**.)

English, Karen. **Hot Day on Abbott Avenue**, 2004.

After having a fight, two friends spend the day ignoring each other, until the lure of a game of jump rope helps them to forget about being mad.

Evans, Cambira. **Bone Soup**, 2008.

A skeleton traveller tricks a town's witches, ghouls, and zombies into helping him make soup.

Fern, Tracey E. **Buffalo Music**, 2008.

After hunters kill off the buffalo around her Texas ranch, a woman begins raising orphan buffalo calves and eventually ships four members of her small herd to Yellowstone National Park, in a story based on the life of Mary Ann Goodnight and her husband Charles.

Fleming, Candace. **Clever Jack Takes the Cake**, 2010.

Baking a cake for the princess's 10th birthday party when he doesn't have enough money to buy a present, clever Jack is challenged to bring the cake to the castle in one piece.

Foley, Greg. **Willoughby & the Lion**, 2009.

When Willoughby moves to a new house far away from his friends, he meets an enchanted lion who shows him what is truly important in life.

Funke, Cornelia. **The Princess Knight**, 2003.

Princess Violetta learns the same knightly skills as her brothers, but when they tease her, she practices at night until she becomes better than they are.

Funke, Cornelia. **Pirate Girl**, 2006.

Ferocious Captain Firebeard thinks that he and his band of ruthless pirates rule the high seas, but Firebeard's crew meet their match when they kidnap a girl named Molly.

Funke, Cornelia. **Princess Pigsty**, 2007.

Tired of being a princess, the youngest of three sisters throws her crown out the window and finds happiness working in the royal kitchen and pigsty.

Gall, Chris. **There's Nothing to Do on Mars**, 2008.

After moving to Mars with his family, Davey complains of being bored until he begins exploring the planet with his dog Polaris and uncovers a most unusual "treasure."

Grey, Mini. **The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon**, 2006.

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.

Grey, Mini. **Ginger Bear**, 2007.

Despite being baked to perfection, Ginger Bear the cookie decides that he does not want to become one child's tasty treat and so heads for the hills in an attempt to avoid his culinary destiny.

Haseley, Dennis. **The Invisible Moose**, 2006.

When his beloved is captured by Steel McSteal, a shy moose summons his courage and, with the help of an invisibility potion, sets off to rescue her in New York City.

Hoffman, Mary. **Princess Grace**, 2008.

Grace wants to participate in her community festival's princess float, but first she must decide what sort of a princess she wants to be--from an African princess in kente cloth robes to a floaty pink fairy tale princess. (Previous titles: **Amazing Grace** and **Boundless Grace**.)

Holt, Kimberly Willis. **Skinny Brown Dog**, 2007.

Although he keeps telling everyone that the stray pooch on his doorstep does not belong to him, Benny the baker's customers become amused by the determined pooch and name him Brownie, thus when an unexpected

incident happens and Brownie comes to Benny's rescue, Benny realizes that having a dog like Brownie isn't such a bad thing after all!

Hughes, Shirley. **Ella's Big Chance: A Jazz-Age Cinderella**, 2004.

In this version of the Cinderella tale set in the 1920s, Ella has two men courting her--the handsome Duke of Arc and Buttons the delivery boy.

Isaacs, Anne. **Pancakes for Supper**, 2006.

In the backwoods of New England, a young girl cleverly fends off the threats of wild animals by trading her clothes for her safety.

Jackson, Alison. **Thea's Tree**, 2008.

Thea plants old bean seeds for a science project and ends up with a magical, gigantic tree that she can hardly handle.

Johnson, David A. **Snow Sounds: An Onomatopoeic Story**, 2006.

A nearly-wordless book in which a young boy, eager to reach a much-anticipated holiday party on time, listens to the sounds of the shovels, snow plow, and other equipment used to clear his way.

Kellogg, Steven. **The Mysterious Tadpole: The 25th Anniversary Edition**, 2002.

Kellogg has updated the illustrations and filled in the plot of his classic story of the special birthday present that he receives from his uncle in Scotland.

Kimmelman, Leslie. **Everybody Bonjours!** 2008.

Describes in rhymed text the many ways to use the greeting "Bonjour" when visiting Paris.

Klise, Kate. **Little Rabbit and the Night Mare**, 2008.

Little Rabbit is so worried about his first school report that his sleep is troubled by a terrifying Night Mare. (Previous titles: **Shall I Knit You a Hat?** and **Why Do You Cry?** Newest title: **Little Rabbit and the Meanest Mother on Earth.**)

Kohara, Kazuno. **Ghosts in the House**, 2008.

Tired of living in a haunted house, a young witch captures, washes, and turns her pesky ghosts into curtains, table linens, and bedding.

Krensky, Stephen. **Big Bad Wolves at School**, 2007.

Rufus, a young wolf, has a hard time fitting in at the Big Bad Wolf Academy where he has been sent to learn to huff and puff until the day he uses his true talent.

Kurtz, Jane. **In the Small, Small Night**, 2005.

Kofi can't sleep in his new home in the United States, so his older sister Abena soothes his fears about life in a different country by telling him two folktales from their native Ghana about the nature of wisdom and perseverance.

Kuskin, Karla. **So, What's It Like to Be a Cat?** 2005.

A cat answers a young child's questions about such things as how much and where it sleeps, and whether or not it likes living with people. . (See also: **The Upstairs Cat**, **The Dallas Titans Get Ready for Bed** and **The Philharmonic Gets Dressed.**)

Lester, Julius. **The Hungry Ghosts**, 2009.

A resourceful young boy tries to help three hungry ghosts find something to eat.

Mayhew, James. **The Knight Who Took All Day**, 2005.

When a knight takes too long to be attired correctly for dragon fighting, the princess tames the dragon in stead.

McClintock, Barbara. **Adele and Simon**, 2006.

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. (Sequel: **Adele and Simon in America**.)

McNaughton, Colin. **We're off to Hunt for Aliens**, 2008.

A wild and wacky book within a book features rocket ships, alien creatures, romantic twists, fun-filled rhymes, and bright illustrations.

Meddaugh, Susan. **The Witch's Walking Stick**, 2005.

When a witch loses her magic walking stick, which has been used over the years to grant hundreds of miserable wishes, she tricks a young girl into finding and returning it, with unexpected results. (See also: **Cinderella's Rat**.)

Melling, David. **The Scallywags**, 2006.

When a family of wolves known as the Scallywags finds itself shunned by the other animals in the community because of its disorderly behavior, the wolves decide to learn some manners.

Miller, Edward. **Fireboy to the Rescue! A Fire Safety Book**, 2010.

By combining fun and facts, a practical guide to fire safety shows young readers what goes on at a fire station, how to help prevent fires and more.

Morales, Yuyi. **Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet**, 2008.

As Senor Calavera prepares for Grandma Beetle's birthday he finds an alphabetical assortment of unusual presents, but with the help of Zelmiro the Ghost, he finds the best gift of all. (Previous title: **Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book**.)

Morgan, Mary. **Dragon Pizzeria**, 2008.

Two dragons, BeBop and Spike, open a pizzeria in Fairy Tale Land and deliver unique pizzas to various fairytale characters.

Nedwidek, John. **Ducks Don't Wear Socks**, 2008.

Emily, a serious girl, meets a duck who helps her see the more humorous side of life.

Nelson, Marilyn. **Snook Alone**, 2010.

Through the power of faith, a monk named Abba Jacob and his loyal rat terrier, Snook, are reunited after being separated by a ferocious storm.

Noble, Trinka Hakes. **Jimmy's Boa and the Bungee Jump Slam Dunk**, 2003.

Jimmy brings his Boa to basketball practice, creating calamity. (Previous titles: **The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash**, **Jimmy's Boa Bounces Back**, and **Jimmy's Boa and the Big Splash Birthday**.)

O'Neill, Catharine. **Annie and Simon**, 2008.

Recounts four adventures of Annie, her big brother Simon, and their dog Hazel.

Polacco, Patricia. **Mr. Lincoln's Way**, 2001.

Mr. Lincoln, an African-American principal, is well loved by most of his students, but "mean Gene," bullies everyone. Instead of berating him, Mr. Lincoln uses Gene's interest in birds to help lead him to a new way of looking at life. (See also: **Thunder Cake**, **Just Plain Fancy**, **Mrs. Katz and Tush**, **Babushka Baba Yaga**, **My Ol' Man**, **Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair**, **The Keeping Quilt**, and **The Graves Family**.)

Polacco, Patricia. **Something About Hensley's**, 2006.

Hensley's, a neighborhood general store, always seems to have what Molly, Kate, and their mother need.

Pulver, Robin. **Punctuation Takes a Vacation**, 2003.

When the punctuation in Mr. Wright's class gets miffed, all of the marks decide to go on a vacation and the students discover that nothing makes sense without them. (Sequel: **Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day** and **Silent Letters Loud and Clear**.)

Pulver, Robin. **Thank You, Miss Doover**, 2010.

Jack learns the value of revision as he practices Miss Doover's lesson on how to write a proper thank-you note.

Ray, Jane. **The Apple Pip Princess**, 2008.

In a land that has stood barren, parched by drought and ravaged by frosts since the Queen's death, the King gives his three daughters the task of making the kingdom bloom again, and discovers that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference.

Recorvits, Helen. **My Name Is Yoon**, 2003. (SP)

Yoon, newly arrived in America, misses her native Korea and struggle to be a part of her new class. She hates the way her name looks in English and tries different words until settling on her own name at last. (Sequel: **Yoon and the Christmas Mitten** and **Yoon and the Jade Bracelet**.)

Regan, Dian Curtis. **Barnyard Slam**, 2009.

Farm animals express themselves at a poetry slam hosted by Yo Mama Goose.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Mice and Beans**, 2001. (SP)

Rosa Maria, a Spanish-speaking grandmother, is making the special preparations for her granddaughter's birthday party, unaware that the mice are making plans for a celebration of their own. (See also: **Nacho and Lolita**.)

Scieszka, Jon. **Robot Zot!** 2009.

On a mission to conquer planet Earth, tiny but fearless Robot Zot and his mechanical sidekick leave a path of destruction as they battle kitchen appliances.

Sierra, Judy. **Ballyhoo Bay**, 2009.

Mira Bella mobilizes her art students, from grandmothers to children, crabs to seagulls, to stop a dastardly plan for turning the beach at Ballyhoo Bay into an exclusive resort, and offers an alternative--leave the beach as it is.

Smith, Lane. **Madam President**, 2008.

A little girl imagines what her day would be like if she were President of the United States.

Soto, Gary. **Chato Goes Cruisin'**, 2005.

Chato, a cat who lives in East Los Angeles, and Novio Boy win a cruise but are disappointed to find that everyone else on board is a dog, and things go from bad to worse when the dogs party themselves sick and it is up to the cats to find help. (Previous titles: **Chato's Kitchen** and **Chato and the Party Animals**.)

Swallow, Pamela Curtis. **Groundhog Gets a Say**, 2005.

Groundhog is tired of being ignored after Feb. 2nd and regales his audience with all the merits of his species.

Sweet, Melissa. **Tupelo Rides the Rails**, 2008.

After being left by the side of a road with nothing but her favorite sock toy, Tupelo meets a pack of dogs led by Garbage Pail Tex as they are wishing for new homes, then joins them as they catch a passing train and share stories of dog heroes.

Teague, Mark. **Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School**, 2002. (SP)

Mrs. LaRue has sent her terrier, Ike, off to obedience school and the pup writes begging to come home. (Sequels: **Detective Larue: Letters From The Investigation**; **LaRue for Mayor: Letters from the Campaign**; and **LaRue Across America: Postcards from the Vacation**, forthcoming 3/11.)

Urbanovic, Jackie. **Duck Soup**, 2008.

Maxwell Duck is trying to invent a soup that everyone will remember him for, but when he goes out to look for the missing ingredient and his friends show up, they think he has fallen into the soup. (Sequel: **Duck and Cover** and **Sitting Duck**. Previous title: **Duck at the Door**. Forcoming: **Ducks in a Row**, 2/11.)

Viorst, Judith. **Just in Case**, 2006.

Always prepared for anything that may come his way, Charlie's organized world is thrown for a loop when his friends decide to give him a surprise birthday party, where he quickly discovers that not being prepared can be quite fun as well! (See also: **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**.)

Watt, Melanie. **Scaredy Squirrel**, 2006.

Scaredy Squirrel is 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. (Sequels: **Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend**, **Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach**, **Scaredy Squirrel at Night** and **Scaredy Squirrel Has a Birthday Party**, forcoming 2/11.)

Wheeler, Lisa. **Boogie Knights**, 2008.

When seven knights of the castle are awakened by the noise from the Madcap Monster Ball, they decide to join the party, along with a little prince and a princess from a picture frame.

Wilson, Karma. **How to Bake an American Pie**, 2007.

Rhyming text and illustrations present a recipe for how to bake a pie from all the things that make America great, such as a dash of purple mountain majesties and cups of courage.

Winters, Kay. **My Teacher for President**, 2004.

When Oliver, a savvy second-grader, learns about the president's job he decides that his teacher would make a perfect commander-in-chief.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Coming on Home Soon**, 2004.

After Mama takes a job in Chicago during World War II, Ada Ruth stays with Grandma but misses her mother who loves her more than rain and snow.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **The Other Side**, 2001.

Two girls, one black and one white, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.

Young, Ed. **I, Doko: The Tale of a Basket**, 2004.

A Nepalese basket tells the story of its use through three generations of a family.

Young, Ed. **Hook**, 2009.

A chick hatched by hens turns out to be an eaglet who must get help from a boy in learning how to fly.

Easy Readers

Brown, Marc. **Arthur in New York**, 2008.

Arthur and his family--and D.W.'s favorite doll, Mary Moo-Cow--take a vacation to New York City. (Newest in an ongoing series that begins with **Arthur's Reading Race**.)

Cazet, Denys. **Minnie and Moo: Minnie and Moo and the Haunted Sweater**, 2007.

Minnie and Moo want to give special presents to the Farmer for his birthday, but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater. (Newest in a series that begins with **Minnie and Moo Go to the Moon**.)

Chaconas, Dori. **Cork and Fuzz**, 2005.

A possum and a muskrat become friends despite their many differences. (Sequels: **Cork and Fuzz: Short and Tall**; **Cork and Fuzz: Good Sports**; **Cork and Fuzz: The Collectors**; **Cork and Fuzz: Finders Keepers**; and **Cork and Fuzz: Swimming Lessons**, forthcoming 5/11.)

Danziger, Paula. **Second Grade Rules, Amber Brown**, 2004.

Amber Brown loves the second grade but wonders if she will ever receive an award from Deskarina, the desk fairy, for keeping her desk clean. (Part of the **A Is for Amber** series.)

De Paola, Tomie. **T-Rex Is Missing**, 2002.

Morgie accuses his best friend of taking his favorite dinosaur toy, and then finds out he must apologize. (Newest in a series that includes **Hide and Seek** and **Boss for a Day**.)

George, Jean Craighead. **Duck and Goose**, 2008.

A young boy becomes the "mother" to a goose, who becomes "mother" to a duck, as they learn about the rhythms of nature together.

Guest, Elissa Haden. **Iris and Walter and the Field Trip**, 2007.

When best friends Iris and Walter go on a field trip to an aquarium, Walter gets lost and a worried Iris helps Miss Cherry look for him. (Newest in a series that begins with **Iris and Walter**.)

Holub, Joan. **The Garden That We Grew**, 2001.

Children enjoy the pumpkins that they planted and watched grow.

Lin, Grace. **Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same**, 2010.

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

Little, Jean. **Emma's Yucky Brother**, 2001.

Emma is excited about her new adopted brother, Max, because she has wanted a little brother for a long time. But when Max has trouble adjusting to the move from his foster home, Emma finds out how hard it is to be a big sister. (Sequels: **Emma's Magic Winter**, **Emma's Strange Pet** and **Emma's Worm Club**, forthcoming 1/11.)

McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends**, 2004.

Friendship isn't easy between Pearl, a hardworking rabbit, and Wagner, a daydreaming mouse. (Sequels: **Pearl and Wagner: Three Secrets**; **Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day**; and **Pearl and Wagner: Four Eyes**.)

Miller, Sara Swan. **Three Stories You Can Read to Your Teddy Bear**, 2003.

Bored with sitting on a shelf day after day, a teddy bear sets out on three adventures and inadvertently gets the family dog and cat in trouble. (Newest in a series that begins with **Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat**.)

Ormerod, Jan. **The Ballet Sisters: The Ugly Duckling and the Swan**, 2007.

Sylvie and her older sister dance their way through make-believe adventures that include princesses, fairy queens, swans, and ducklings. (Sequel: **The Newest Dancer**.)

Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia Bakes Off**, 2010.

Amelia Bedelia inadvertently enters a baking contest and goes from being a smart cookie to a fortune cookie. (Newest in a series that was begun by Peggy Parish with **Amelia Bedelia**.)

Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover**, 2006.

Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. (Newest in an ongoing series that began with **Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures**.)

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Clear the Decks**, 2010.

Feeling restless and longing for yummy orangesicles, Mr. Putter and his orange tabby cat eagerly accept Mrs. Teaberry's offer to go on a sightseeing cruise, a voyage that is challenged when their orangesicle-carrying neighbor also brings her dog. By the Newbery Medal-winning author of *Missing May*.. (Newest in a series that begins with **Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea**.)

Rylant, Cynthia. **Annie and Snowball and the Magical House**, 2010.

Annie takes her rabbit to the home of her new friend, Sarah, to play and enjoys seeing the pretty house full of frilly things, walking in the beautiful garden, and making a tiny garden house for a fairy tea party. (Newest in the series that begins with: **Annie and Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday**.)

Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club**, 2009.

When Rosamond tells them about a monster who eats pages from her books, Nate the Great and his loyal companion, Sludge the dog, join the Ready Readers book club and act as undercover detectives to identify who (or what) is to blame for such mischievous deeds. (Newest in the series that begins with **Nate the Great**.)

Shore, Diane. **How to Drive Your Sister Crazy**, 2008.

A younger brother offers detailed advice on how to annoy older sisters.

Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa**, 2005.

Cowgirl Kate and her cowhorse Cocoa, who is always hungry, count cows, share a story, and help each other fall asleep. (Sequels: **Partners**, **School Days**, **Rain or Shine**, **Horse in the House**, and **Spring Babies**.)

Thomas, Shelley Moore. **Good Night, Good Knight**, 2000.

The good knight helps three little dragons who can't get to sleep. (Sequels: **Get Well, Good Knight**; **Happy Birthday, Good Knight**; and **Take Care, Good Knight**.)

Van Leeuwen, Jean. **Amanda Pig And the Wiggly Tooth**, 2008.

When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. (Newest in the series that begins with **Tales of Amanda Pig**.)

Weeks, Sarah. **Baa-Choo**, 2004.

When Sam the lamb has trouble sneezing, the other animals try to help.

Willems, Mo. **We Are in a Book!** 2010.

When Piggie discovers that she and Gerald are in a book and she can make the reader say a funny word out loud, Gerald is tickled pink, but they being to wonder what will happen when the story is over.. (Newest in the **Elephant and Piggie** series.)