

FICTION

Alvarado, Jenny. "Pencil & Eraser: We Have a Dull-emma" 2024

Feeling pointless since her tip has dulled, Pencil leaves the comfort of her desk to find a sharpener and brings her (reluctant) bestie Eraser with her. They traverse the classroom, scale a huge desk, navigate the hallway, and elude the janitor to complete their mission.

J GN ALVARADO

Bernstrom, Daniel. "One Day at the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea" 2025

A clever little girl outsmarts a silly hungry shark in this rhyming underwater read-aloud romp.

E BERNSTROM

Coven, Willow. "Lucy Lancaster Has a Secret" 2025

Lucy Lancaster, Heidi Heckelbeck's best friend, discovers her own magic in this first book in a chapter book series full of magical mishaps and everyday childhood adventures.

J FIC COVEN

Dean, Kimberly. "Pete the Kitty and the Mermaid's Sandcastle" 2025

Pete the Kitty and his mermaid friend Jessie work together to build a groovy sandcastle using one shell, two barnacles, three strands of seaweed and more gifts from the sea.

READER DEAN

Ebbeler, Jeffrey. "Wait a Minotaur" 2024

It's the first day of school for Nick, a human, and Gus, a minotaur. They dance along with band practice, bounce in the gym and get lost, so they retrace their steps to find their classroom.

READER EBBELER

Fenske, Jonathan. "Nothing Scares a Dinosaur" 2024

When the lights go out, a spunky dinosaur shows any monsters lurking in his room that they are no match for his moxie.

READER FENSKE

Frost, Maddie. "Chip Plays Grown-Up" 2024

Chip has a great idea! He'll switch with Mom so he can stay up like a grown-up. But if he wants to stay up late, he also has to do Mom's list of grown-up chores, like dishes and laundry. Maybe being an adult isn't as fun as he thought!

READER FROST

Gorman, Amanda. “Girls on the Rise” 2025

Girls are strong and powerful alone, but even stronger when they work to uplift one another. In this galvanizing original poem by presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman, girls and girlhood are celebrated in their many forms, all beautiful, not for how they look, but for how they look into the face of fear.

E GORMAN

Heim, Alastair. “More Trees, Please!” 2025

Trees are big, beautiful, useful and important, and a little park ranger girl wants to explore them and all they do for us and the planet, such as giving us fruit, shade and a place to climb or sit beneath.

READER HEIM

Heuer, Lourdes. “Seashell Key” 2024

“Seashell Key” is the first in author Lourdes Heuer and award-winning illustrator Lynnor Bontigao’s young chapter book series — perfect for fans of “Princess in Black” and “Mercy Watson,” about a diverse community of kids living in a beautiful seaside town!

J FIC HEUER

Madan, Vikram. “Owl and Penguin: Here and There” 2024

Owl and Penguin want to make a pizza, but they can’t agree on how to toss the dough. Owl can do it better ... no, Penguin can do it best! Hmmm, maybe they should just get takeout. Sometimes friends disagree. Though Owl and Penguin are opposites, they like to solve their conflicts with creative play. From making snow creatures to hiking a mountain, there’s nothing these pals can’t get through together.

READER MADAN

McDonald, Megan. “Fairy Door Diaries: Eliza and the Flower Fairies” 2025

A young girl travels to the Land of the Flower Fairies and saves the day. Judy Moody creator McDonald utilizes radiantly colorful illustrations limned with intricate, foreshadowing detail to bring the fairies’ world to life in this joyful tale of learning to believe in oneself and rejoicing in magic both grandiose and mundane.

J FIC MCDONALD

McGee, Joe. “Lost in the Library” 2024

When the Junior Monster Scouts encounter a mute banshee at the library, they work together to help her find her voice.

READER MCGEE

Park, Linda Sue. "Smiling Eyes" 2025

For an enthusiastic little boy, an ordinary day is filled with the surprises of seeing and being seen as all around him, people are using their eyes: big eyes, small eyes, eyes that are open wide, or shut tight, or even winking, in a joyous and inclusive celebration of eyes that showcases the variety of Asian eye shapes and hues.

E PARK

Pizzoli, Greg. "The Bad Idea and Other Stories" 2025

Earl is a happy go-lucky bird who plays saxophone to his plants because they love music in the morning. His neighbor Worm, on the other hand ... well, Worm is the exact opposite. She would rather read in silence. How will these very different neighbors become the very best of friends? With some sweet lemonade, the right shade of paint, an unfinished poem, and most of all, sharing a little bit about themselves.

READER PIZZOLI

Rajan, Rekha. "Wildfire Rescue" 2024

The Jackson family, including 8-year-old Jaden and his sister Leela, travel the United States responding to disasters, helping people and rescuing animals – but they have never responded to a wildfire like the one raging in Northern California.

J PAPERBACK RAJAN

Redniss, Lauren. "Heatwave" 2024

An almost unbearably hot day of 100 degrees is transformed as raindrops fall one by one, culminating in a downpour.

E REDNISS

Rex, Adam. "Echo" 2025

New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Adam Rex has created a funny and timely conversation starter about how dull life might be if everyone always agreed.

E REX

Rosello, Jarod. "Super Magic Boy 2: I Am a Space Tiger" 2024

Today is Mami's birthday and Hugo forgot to get her a present, so, with his imagination, and some help from Dino, they land on the planet of Space Tigers, where they get help from alien friends in finding a great gift for his mother.

J GN ROSELLO

Stephens, Ann Marie. "Catawampus!: A Story of Shapes" 2025

Math-loving kitties are challenged to build a robot, using the wind to make it move, and must tape, glue and paste circles, squares, triangles and rectangles as they make sense of the shapes.

E STEPHENS

Tabor, Corey. "Fox Plays Ball" 2024

The mischievous and fun-loving Fox from "Fox Versus Fox" is ready to play football, along with Snail, Elephant, Rabbit and Bear, which makes for a fun day of friends playing together.

READER TABOR

Thomas, Kiah. "Lone Wolf Goes to School" 2024

Grumpy loner Wolf just wants to be alone, but whether it is at school, the movies, or the beach, there always seems to be someone bothering him.

E THOMAS

Watkins, Laia. "Hello, Sun!" 2025

If you could play with the sun, what would you do? Would you sing? Dance? Play hide-and-seek? Join Norbit the Worm, his friends, and the sun itself as they spend a day doing everything they can think of, from swimming and hiking to blowing bubbles and watching the clouds drift by!

READER WATKINS

Wenzel, Brendon. "Good Golden Sun" 2025

Celebrate the mysteries of light from sunup to sundown as it weaves its way through creation inspiring change, hope, wonder and curiosity, in a story that uses bold, collage-style art to explore the life-giving power of the nearest star.

E WENZEL

Young, Amy. "Blake the Snake Bakes a Cake" 2025

Blake the snake wants to bake a cake for his friend Drake but he keeps making mistakes!

E YOUNG

NONFICTION

Bird, Michael. "Dear Vincent" 2024

Told through the letters he exchanged with his brother Theo, this beautiful snapshot of Vincent van Gogh's life focuses on his journey to the south of France, where he hoped to paint the picture of his dreams.

J BIO GOGH

Bridges, Ruby. "Ruby Bridges: A Talk with My Teacher" 2025

Ruby Bridges shares the tale of reuniting with the first-grade teacher she met after being the first Black child to integrate William Frantz Elementary School, in a love letter to teachers who hold the power to change lives.

J BIO BRIDGES

Cohen, Deborah Bodin. "Twist, Tumble, Triumph: The Story of Champion Gymnast Agnes Keleti" 2025

After Germany sends soldiers into Budapest, Jewish gymnast Agnes Keleti goes into hiding in a small farming village with identity papers from a Christian woman, doing housework for Nazi supporters but never losing her dream of competing at the Olympics.

J BIO KELETI

Golden, Molly. "Becoming Real: The True Story of the Velveteen Rabbit" 2025

A chronicle of how author Margery Williams Bianco was inspired to write "The Velveteen Rabbit."

J BIO BIANCO

Harris, Quartez. "Go Tell It: How James Baldwin Became a Writer" 2025

A boy who loves stories grows into a teenager who escapes into his writing and then a young man who plays his typewriter like a piano to show the fullness of Black life, in this lyrical picture book biography of James Baldwin, the celebrated novelist, essayist, playwright, poet, and activist.

J BIO BALDWIN

Irwin, Bindi. "You Are a Wildlife Warrior!: Saving Animals & the Planet" 2025

Learn about lemurs, leopards, kangaroos, crocodiles and more, and about their habitats, in an inspiring book for budding wildlife warriors that includes animal fun facts and exclusive family photos from the author.

J 590.739 IRWIN

Krishan, Punam. "You and Your Body: A First Look Inside the Human Body" 2025

Go on a head-to-toe tour of the human body with Dr. Punam Krishan in this lift-the-flap book for 5-to-7-year-olds and open doors to the extraordinary science within you.

J 612 KRISHAN

Lukoff, Kyle. "Are You a Friend of Dorothy?: The True Story of an Imaginary Woman and the Real People She Helped" 2025

In a time when the LGBTQ+ community was forced to hide in the shadows, a woman named Dorothy helped her people find each other in the dark and celebrate themselves in the light.

J NON-FICTION

Miller, Pat Zietlow. "Unstoppable John: How John Lewis Got His Library Card – And Helped Change History" 2025

John Lewis wanted a library card, but in 1956 libraries were only for white people, so he spent a lifetime advocating for change, as explained in a picture book biography about the profound impact Lewis had on the world.

J BIO LEWIS

Novesky, Amy. "The Poet and the Bees: A Story of the Seasons Sylvia Plath Kept Bees" 2025

This book shines a new light on the life and work of Sylvia Plath through the lens of her last seasons with her beloved bees – and how during their short and busy lives, they filled her with inspiration and hope.

J BIO PLATH

Obuobi, Laura. "Becoming a Ballerina: The Story of Michaela Mabinty DePrince" 2025

After adoption brought Michaela Mabinty DePrince to the U.S., ballet filled her with hope, but peers told her she didn't belong as her skin and vitiligo made her too different. An author's note speaks to her recent passing, and the legacy she leaves behind. An uplifting reminder to jeté toward your dreams.

J BIO DEPRINCE

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. "And She Was Loved: Toni Morrison's Life in Stories" 2024

New generations are introduced to the beloved literary icon Tony Morrison and her stories, in a book that features stunning poetry and illustrations that praise the power of the Nobel Prize winner.

J BIO MORRISON

Poliquin, Rachel. "I Am Wind: An Autobiography" 2024

This book features a thrilling combination of the science of air flow in different circumstances, and fun facts. Readers will learn about the temperatures of Devil Winds, or the cause of Chinooks, with the myths, legends, stories and beliefs different cultures hold about the wind. Includes tales like Odysseus and the bag of wind and the origins of the Kamikaze winds of Japan.

J 551.51 POLIQUIN

Roop, Connie. "Maya Angelou Finds Her Voice" 2025

After 8-year-old Maya Angelou stops talking because she believes her words hurt somebody, Bertha Flowers invites Maya to her home and talks to her about language and reads to her, moving Maya to inspire the world with words of her own.

J BIO ANGELOU

Wing, Natasha. "The Wire Zoo: How Elizabeth Berrien Learned to Turn Wire into Amazing Art" 2024

This inspirational picture book biography tells the story of how neurodivergent artist Elizabeth Berrien created three-dimensional wire sculptures and went on to become the "godmother" of contemporary wire sculpture.

J BIO BERRIEN