

FICTION

Alper, Sascha. “The Littlest Drop” 2025

When a forest fire attacks their home, one brave hummingbird attempts to extinguish the flames, inspiring the other animals, paralyzed by fear and doubt, to do their part.

E ALPER

Augustine, Kesi. “Faith Takes the Train” 2025

Follow Faith on a joyful journey on a New York City train, where she learns a delicious lesson about courage and being kind. A perfect pick for fans of “Milo Imagines the World,” “Last Stop on Market Street,” and “Saturday at the Food Pantry.”

E AUGUSTINE

Awan, Jashar. “Every Monday Mabel” 2025

Mondays don’t get a lot of love — unless you’re the eponymous protagonist of this picture book, in which case, “Monday is the best day of the week.” To the amusement of her parents, Mabel wakes up early, dresses, grabs a bowl of dry cereal, and drags a chair to the driveway to await the garbage truck’s arrival.

E AWAN

Berry, Cate. “Scorch, Hedgehog of Doom” 2024

Tired of being seen as just one thing — adorable — Scorch the Hedgehog must harness and embrace all parts of her unique self, finding power in being cute, when her mission to show how truly terrifying she can be backfires and she ends up in real danger.

E BERRY

Blackall, Sophie. “Ahoy!” 2024

Encouraging imaginative play and family fun, a young child convinces their parents to embark on a high-seas adventure — in their living room — with the help of a vacuum, broom and carpet!

E BLACKALL

Boynton, Sandra. “Banana Bop!: A Monster Show” 2025

This is a book of few words — and most of them are “banana.” But we challenge you to find a better word to repeat over and over again without smiling.

BOARD BOOK B

Carzoo, Breanna. “The Squish” 2024

In an effort to prevent ever getting squished again, Sandcastle tries to be bigger, taller and stronger, but wonders if that’s enough to stop all the squishes until it discovers the value of resiliency, rebuilding and reaching out to others.

E CARZOO

Cousins, Lucy. “Maisy’s Rocket” 2024

Three, two, one – blast off! Maisy is going to space in her rocket! Join Maisy as she puts on her spacesuit, delivers food to the astronauts and carries out essential repairs in this latest addition to the ever-popular Maisy shaped board book series.

BOARD BOOK C

Deedy, Carmen Agra. “The Peanut Man” 2025

Drawing from personal memories, per an afterword, Agra Deedy kicks off this relational telling focusing on the friendship between a child, Coqui, and Emilio, the peanut man of Old Havana. Every night on his route, he stands under Coqui’s balcony and the two exchange funny faces and sounds: “Thiddle, thiddle, thiddle!” they call back and forth. When Coqui’s family leaves Cuba for the U.S. and arrives in Georgia, “no Peanut Man sang that night, nor any night that followed.” But baseball reminds the child narrator of home, and when Papi gets tickets for a game, they cheer for Hank Aaron — and Coqui connects with a ballpark peanut vendor in a homecoming moment that mixes grief and mischief.

E DEEDY

Esteves, Margarida. “Birdsong” 2024

This is a nice wake-up book for little ones – if you listen carefully, you might even hear some of the birdsongs from your window. A sweet life lesson for toddlers and their adults: Each bird has its own song, but when they all sing together, they make a beautiful chorus.

BOARD BOOK E

Gates, Miriam. “Olive All at Once” 2024

Helping young readers explore the sometimes contradictory ways they feel about various events in their lives, this reassuring picture book follows Olive as she experiences both big and small emotions and learns it’s OK to feel lots of ways.

PTS E GATES

Hilderman, Tasha. “Métis Like Me” 2024

Sharing all the ways they experience their Métis heritage, including enjoying traditional foods and sharing stories, dance, music and songs, a group of children help one child reconnect with their history, showing them it’s never too late to learn, celebrate or become part of an often overlooked culture.

E HILDERMAN

Jackson, Bea. “Lily’s Dream: A Fairy Friendship” 2025

Lily is a young fairy determined to learn to fly like the others with their shimmering, jeweled-colored wings, but she is worried her own colorless wings won’t lift her off the ground, until she meets a girl named Willow.

E JACKSON

Jonker, Travis. "Caboose" 2025

When Cedric, a hippopotamus who loves to be first in line, is banished to the end of the line, he unleashes a new array of hijinks as the class caboose!

E JONKER

Lindstrom, Carole. "The Gift of the Great Buffalo" 2025

After days of no buffalo sightings, Rose, a young Métis-Ojibwe girl, defies instructions to stay at camp, dons her father's wolf skin, and successfully tracks a herd of buffalo.

E LINDSTROM

London, Alex. "Still Life" 2024

As an artist demonstrates the strict rules for creating a still life painting, the painting disregards each one as it comes alive and tells its own story.

E LONDON

Ohnari, Yuko. "Downpour: Splish! Splash! Ker-splash!"

A young boy celebrates a refreshing storm in this joyous multisensory picture book about experiencing a cloudburst of rain on a hot summer day.

E OHNARI

Oso, Maisha. "My Hair is a Book" 2024

Energetic and empowering, this celebration of the uniqueness and beauty of Black hair and hairstyles takes readers on a journey through time and space where they'll witness how Black hair has been telling stories for generations.

E OSO

Priddy, Roger. "My Best Friend is a Dragon" 2024

In this fun-filled touch-and-feel board book, the narrator shares why their one-of-a-kind best friend Dragon is the best, from her sparkly skirt to her yellow digger and much more!

BOARD BOOK P

Retener, Joelle. "Marley's Pride" 2024

Marley wants to see their beloved grandparent receive an award at Pride, but how can they overcome their fears of crowds and noise?

E RETENER

Savage, Stephen. "Rescue Cat" 2024

A little cat with BIG ambitions, Butterscotch, who lives in a brand-new home filled with warmth and love, jumps through the TV screen to help a fellow cat in danger because after all, she is a rescue cat!

E SAVAGE

Tran, Phuc. “Cranky Makes a Friend” 2025

A new crane is on the construction site, and Lefty is smiley and talkative, the opposite of Cranky. Cranky worries his friends will prefer Lefty over him, in a book about big trucks, big feelings and even bigger friendships.

E TRAN

Wedlick, Seina. “Space for Everyone” 2025

Zainab has beloved rituals that happen at her kitchen table, and she worries how they will feel after her family’s move, in a picture book about how difficult it is to move but how connecting with community makes it better.

E WEDLICK

Wolf, Allan. “How to Tantrum Like a Champion: Ten Small Ways to Temper Big Feelings” 2024

With fun, calming exercises, this book uses reassuring text and dynamic illustrations to help readers of any age keep overwhelming feelings from taking them by surprise so they can learn how to tantrum like a champion.

PTS E WOLF

Yav, Yuli. “Little Head, Little Nose” 2025

Little head. Little nose. Little kiss. Cuddle close. Every parent knows the awe of looking at their child: the button nose, chubby belly, and tiny hands. With this simple but engaging board book, both parent and child can delight in all the things a little body can do – from giggling to holding hands to snuggling close – with a beloved stuffed animal along for the ride.

BOARD BOOK Y

NON-FICTION

Beckmeyer, Drew. “Stalactite & Stalagmite: A Big Tale from a Little Cave” 2025

Beckmeyer views the history of life on Earth from within a cave, via a conversation between a stalactite and stalagmite whose slow unceasing DRIP, DRIP, DRIP, continues in contrast to planetary change occurring outside.

E BECKMEYER

Boone, Mary. “Pedal Pusher: How One Woman’s Bicycle Adventure Helped Change the World” 2025

In 1894, when two men bet that a woman could never bicycle around the world, Annie Cohen Kopchovsky decided to prove them wrong, despite not knowing how to ride a bike, in a true story about an unsung feminist icon.

J BIO KOPCHOVSKY

Buckley, Patricia Morris. "To Walk the Sky: How Iroquois Steelworkers Helped Build Towering Cities" 2025

This picture book tells the remarkable story of Native workers called skywalkers who have sculpted city skylines, balancing on narrow beams and facing down terrifying heights and heartbreaking loss while building a legacy of landmarks across North America.

J 624.0899 BUCKLEY

Castaldo, Nancy. "Whales in the City" 2025

A kid-friendly, true environmental success story shows how the industrial revolution, overfishing, and pollution pushed whales out of New York River and the Hudson River, but passionate citizens were able to clean the harbor and whales returned.

J 578 CASTALDO

Coat, Janik. "Onomatopanda" 2024

A panda goes about the day doing things that are described by their sounds, such as spritzing perfume and splashing in puddles.

BOARD BOOK C

Dick, Emily Lauren. "I Love Me From A to Z: A Body Positive ABC Board Book" 2025

Celebrate different talents, bodies and abilities with each letter of the alphabet, in a chunky, colorful board book affirming that every child is unique and amazing inside and out and inspiring them to love themselves completely.

BOARD BOOK D

Fossey, Suzanne. "The Life of a Little Cardboard Box" 2025

Embark on a captivating journey of transformation with "The Life of a Little Cardboard Box," a heartwarming book that brings to life the incredible journey of a cardboard box from its humble beginnings to its inspiring rebirth as something new.

BOARD BOOK F

Gehl, Laura. "Who Laid These Eggs?" 2024

Robins lay bright blue eggs and salmon lay tiny orange eggs. But can you guess which other creatures laid the eggs in this book? Lift the flaps to find out!

BOARD BOOK G

Harastova, Helena. "Shadow Play: Guess What It Is" 2024

Explore the fascinating world of shadows in an interactive guessing game, fostering creativity, observational skills, and a deeper connection with nature in this engaging children's book.

E HARASTOVA

Havrelock, Deidre. "The Heartbeat Drum: The Story of Carol Powder, Cree Drummer and Activist" 2024

Powerfully written and joyfully illustrated, "The Heartbeat Drum" is a radiant celebration of preserving Indigenous traditions, finding your voice, and speaking out.

J BIO POWDER

Kompf, Debra. "Wind Is a Dance" 2024

Poetic text and ethereal illustrations combine with science facts about wind in this delightful informational picture book.

J NF

Love, Charlotte. "Yes, Chef!" 2024

A delightful call-and-response board book that introduces kids to simple cooking skills.

BOARD BOOK L

Partridge, Poppy. "Ready to Sign: Baby Signs" 2024

Introduces babies and little ones to American Sign Language (ASL) with 22 beginner signs like "hello," "all done," and "milk." Every page includes written instructions alongside a beautifully illustrated story.

BOARD BOOK P

Posner-Sanchez, Andrea. "Brushy Brush!" 2024

Inspired by the popular video of the Sesame Street Brushy Brush song, this lively board book shows kids the right way to brush with some help from Elmo and friends.

BOARD BOOK S

Sourcebooks. "My First Book About Water" 2024

Simple and quirky text pairs with charming art by Asa Gilland in this book where tots will learn be introduced to basic concepts of conservation and the environment.

BOARD BOOK S