

## Summer Reading List

### Students entering Kindergarten and Grade 1



### *Picture Books*

**Ah Ha!** by Jeff Mack. Chronicle Books, 2013.

Frog is settling in for a relaxing day at the pond. (AAHH.) But wait — there are other creatures at the pond as well. (AH HA!) And some of them are out to get Frog. (AHHH!) Not to worry, Frog gets the last laugh. (HA HA!) Using only two letters, this almost wordless book will leave readers guessing and laughing.

**City Dog, Country Frog** by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2010.

When City Dog comes to the country, he meets Country Frog for the first time, and every season afterward, the two have a fun time playing together.

**The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt. Philomel, 2013.

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them. *Teachers Choice Award 2014.*

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

A young worm discovers that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this big world. Also read **Diary of a Spider**.

**Dolphins in Danger: Adventures of Riley Series** by Amanda Lumry. Scholastic, 2009. (Series)

Riley helps save a pod of dolphins, with assistance from a marine biologist, when the animals become trapped in a lagoon on the South Pacific island of Moorea.

**Even More Parts** by Tedd Arnold. Dial Books, 2004. (Series)

A young boy is worried about what will happen to his body when he hears such expressions as “I’m tongue-tied” and “I put my foot in my mouth.”

**Don’t Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late** by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2006.

A pigeon fights the urge to yawn while coming up with many reasons why it should be allowed to stay up late.

**Duck & Goose Go to the Beach** by Tad Hill. Schwartz & Wade, 2014.

Duck wants to go on an adventure. Goose doesn’t. He doesn’t see the point. After all, why would they go anywhere when they’re happy right where they are? But then Goose sees the ocean and loves it.

Who doesn’t? Well, Duck, for one!

**The Duckling Gets a Cookie** by Mo Willems. Hyperion Books, 2012. (Series)

The Duckling asks for a cookie — and gets one! Do you think the Pigeon is happy about that? Pigeon is very angry when the duckling gets a cookie just by asking politely.

**Friends** by Eric Carle. Philomel Books 2013.

When his best friend moves away, a spunky boy makes up his mind to find his missing playmate. Cheer on the boy as he braves currents, climbs mountains, and dashes through rain before reuniting with his friend.

**Froggy’s Worst Playdate** by Jonathan London. Viking, 2013.

None of Froggy’s friends are home one Saturday, but that does not mean he wants to go on a movie play-date with Frogilina.

**George and Martha: The Best of Friends** by James Marshall. Houghton Mifflin, 2000. (Series)

Hippo companions George and Martha learn simple lessons about friendship in two adventures in which they

explore the attic, and try to surprise each other.

**Happy Pig Day!** by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2011.

Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year, but Gerald the elephant is sad, thinking that he cannot join the fun.

**Have You Seen My New Blue Socks?** by Eve Bunting. Clarion, 2013. The reader is invited to help Duck and his animal friends find missing items.

**Hello Baby!** by Mem Fox. Beach Lane Books, 2009.

A baby encounters a variety of young animals, including a clever monkey, a hairy warthog, and a dusty lion cub, before discovering the most precious creature of all.

**Hooray for Amanda and Her Alligator** by Mo Willems. Balzer + Bray, 2011.

Amanda and her alligator have lots of fun together, but when Amanda's grandfather buys her a panda, Alligator must learn to make new friends.

**Honey — Honey — Lion! A Story from Africa** by Jan Brett. Putnam, 2005.

Badger and Honeyguide (a bird) are good partners in their search for honey until Badger becomes greedy and decides not to share and his feathered friend decides to teach him a lesson.

**How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?** by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague. Blue Sky Press, 2007. (Series) Explains how a young dinosaur should behave when he goes to school.

**Kitten's First Full Moon** by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow, 2004. *Caldecott Medal 2004*. When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry.

**Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale** by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2004. *Caldecott Honor Book, 2005*. A trip to the Laundromat leads to problems when Trixie, who is too young to speak words, realizes something important is missing and tries to explain the problem to her father.

**Knuffle Bunny, Too. A Case of Mistaken Identity** by Mo Willems. Hyperion Books, 2007.

Trixie hurries to school to show off her one-of-a-kind Knuffle Bunny. But an awful surprise awaits her — someone else has the exact same bunny! *Caldecott Honor Book, 2008*.

**Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion** by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2010.

While traveling with her family to visit her grandparents in Holland, Trixie loses Knuffle Bunny.

**Lilly's Big Day** by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow Books, 2006.

When her teacher announces that he is getting married, Lilly the mouse sets her heart on being the flower girl at his wedding.

**The Little Red Pen** by Janet Stevens. Harcourt, 2011.

When a little red pen accidentally falls into the waste basket while trying to correct papers all by herself, the other classroom supplies must cooperate to rescue her.

**Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten** by Joseph Slate. Dutton, 2001. (Series) Introduces the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students visit interesting places.

**Mr. Tiger Goes Wild** by Peter Brown. Little, Brown, 2013.

Bored with City life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature.

**Mr. Wuffles** by David Wiesner. Clarion Books, 2013. *Caldecott Medal 2014*.

Mr. Wuffles the cat doesn't play with any of his cat toys, except for the spaceship piloted by tiny aliens. This almost wordless picture book portrays the aliens' adventures with the mischievous cat.

**My Garden** by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow Books, 2010.

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

**The Pigeon Wants a Puppy** by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2008. (Pigeon Series)

The pigeon really, really wants a puppy, and he promises he'll take good care of it, but when a puppy arrives the pigeon changes its mind.

**Rrrralph** by Lois Ehlert. Beach Lane, 2011.

Ralph is a talking dog. He discovers that he can talk, appropriately saying words such as “roof,” “rough”, “bark,” and “wolf.”

**Scaredy Squirrel Has a Birthday Party** by Melanie Watt. Kids Can Press, 2011.

Scaredy Squirrel plans to celebrate his birthday by himself but a surprise in his mailbox inspires him to increase his guest list to two. Read any book in the series.

**A Sick Day for Amos McGee** by Philip Stead. Roaring Brook Press, 2010.

Zookeeper Amos McGee, who is adored by all the animals, gets some unexpected guests while home sick one day. *Caldecott Medal Winner 2011.*

**That is Not a Good Idea** by Mo Willems. Balzer + Bray, 2013.

Illustrations that resemble a silent film tell the story of a plump mama goose who is invited to dinner by a hungry fox while her babies try to warn her that it is a bad idea.

**The Three Little Dassies** by Jan Brett. Putnam, 2010.

A twist on the classic tale “The Three Little Pigs,” featuring three dassies named Mimbi, Pimbi, and Timbi and a pesky eagle. The dassies hope to find “a place cooler, a place less crowded, a place safe from eagles!” to build their new homes.

**This is Not My Hat** by Jon Klassen. Candlewick, 2012.

The narrator is the thief, a small, self-confident fish who has pilfered a little blue hat from a big sleeping fish. He wastes no time or words in confessing his crime as he swims across the page announcing, “This hat is not mine. I just stole it.” *2013 Caldecott Medal Winner*

**White Is for Blueberry** by George Shannon. Greenwillow Books, 2005.

Are blueberries white? Is snow purple? All the colors seem to be wrong until you turn the page and things are explained.

**Yoko's Show-and-Tell** by Rosemary Wells. Hyperion Books, 2011.

Yoko wants to show her classmates the antique doll her grandparents gave her. But when her mother tells her that she cannot bring the doll to school, Yoko decides to do it anyway.



## CONCEPT BOOKS

**123 Versus ABC** by Michael Boldt. Harper, 2013.

Which is more important, numbers or letters? The numbers and letters disagree about who is the real star, in this funny and imaginative picture book.

**Polar Opposites** by Erik Brooks. Marshall Cavendish, 2011.

Ambrose, a polar bear, and Zina, a penguin, are very different but they find ways to meet in the middle.

**Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3** by Bill Martin. Simon & Schuster, 2004.

Numbers from one to one hundred climb to the top of an apple tree in this rhyming chant.

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1989.

An alphabet rhyme/chant relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

**Click, Clack, Splish, Splash: A Counting Adventure** by Doreen Cronin. Atheneum Books, 2006. While Farmer Brown sleeps, some of the animals who live on the farm go on a fishing expedition.

**Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack: An Alphabet Adventure** by Doreen Cronin. Atheneum, 2006. Animals, including pigs, cows, and ducks, gather for a picnic, spelling the alphabet along the way.

**A Color of His Own** by Leo Lionni. Knopf, 2003.

A little chameleon, distressed that he does not have a color of his own, is comforted to meet another chameleon who offers to stick around so at least the two of them will always be the same.

**Color Zoo** by Lois Ehlert. Harper Collins, 1989.

Introduces colors and shapes with die-cut shapes that form animal faces when combined.

**Duck! Rabbit!** by Amy Rosenthal, Chronicle Books, 2009.

Optical illusion: is it a duck or a rabbit? Depends on how you look at it! This concept book provides an excellent starting point for discussing how points of view can differ and still be right.

**Lyle Walks the Dog** by Bernard Waber. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Count the dogs as Lyle the Crocodile's dog walking business grows.

**Max's ABC** by Rosemary Wells. Viking, 2006.

An alphabet book featuring bunny siblings Max and Ruby, who try to get rid of a bunch of pesky ants.

**Mouse Shapes** by Ellen Stoll. Walsh. Harcourt, 2007.

Three mice make many things out of different shapes as they hide from a scary cat.

**Press Here** by Herve Tullet. Handprint Book, 2011.

Readers press the yellow dot on the cover, then follow instructions-shaking, tilting, and more-to magically make the dots change. This wordless book allows a fun and creative experience.

**SuperHero ABC** by Bob McLeod. Harper Collins, 2006.

Humorous superheroes, such as Goo Girl and The Volcano, represent the letters from A to Z.

**These Bees Count** by Alison Formento. Albert Whitman, 2012.

Mr. Tate's class visits a bee farm where Farmer Ellen teaches the children how to listen to the bees talk.



## ***EASY READERS***

*NOTE: The books on this list are part of a series and just right for beginning readers.*

### ***- CHOOSE any BOOK in the SERIES -***

**A Big Guy Took My Ball** An Elephant & Piggie Book by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2013

Piggie is upset when a “big guy” takes his “big ball.” In fact, the ball belongs to a whale, who calls it his “little” ball. When Piggie and Gerald learn that the whale is lonely, they invent a new game for the trio to play together. The book explores the concept of size.

**Adventures of a South Pole Pig** by Chris Kurtz. Houghton Mifflin, 2013.

Flora the pig was born for adventure. The day she spots a team of sled dogs is the day she sets her heart on becoming a sled pig. Before she knows it, she’s on board a ship to Antarctica for the most exhilarating — and dangerous — adventure of her life.

**Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth** by Jean Van Leeuwen. Dial, 2008.

When Amanda Pig discovers that she has a loose tooth, she can think of little else. Finally, she stops paying attention to it, and the tooth falls out on its own.

**Amelia Bedelia Goes Wild** by Herman Parish. Greenwillow Books, 2014.

Amelia Bedelia is sick the day her class goes to visit the zoo. She doesn’t want to be left out, so she comes up with a brilliant idea — she’ll create a zoo in her backyard, using all her classmates’ pets.

**Ant and Honey Bee** by Megan McDonald. Candlewick Press, 2013.

This story of friendship is full of puns that will make readers chuckle. Ant isn’t ready to hunker down for winter and braves the cold for one last surprise visit to her best friend, Honey Bee.

**Bad Kitty Drawn to Trouble** by Nick Bruel. Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

In this latest book in the series, readers are introduced to the process of writing and illustrating a book in a funny way. It begins with a step-by-step demonstration of how to draw Bad Kitty and moves on to describe the necessary ingredients of a successful story. Lots of fun!

**Bears Beware: Zigzag Kids #5** by Patricia Reilly Giff. Wendy Lamb books, 2012.

Mitchell is afraid when the children from the Zigzag Center go camping overnight, but he tries to be brave and discovers that nature is not so scary after all.

**Bink and Gollie: Best Friends Forever** by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick, 2013.

When Gollie suspects she has royal blood in her veins and begins to act like a snob, Bink must find a way to deal with her friend’s new behavior in order to keep their friendship.

**Biscuit Loves the Library** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Harper Collins, 2014.

It’s Read to a Pet Day at the library! There are so many fun things to see and do! Biscuit plays with storytime puppets, visits with friends, and listens to recorded books. Before he goes, a librarian helps him find the activity that he loves most of all.

**Bones and the Dinosaur Mystery** by David Adler. Viking, 2005.

Young Detective Jeffrey Bones investigates the disappearance of the plastic dinosaur his grandfather just bought for him in a museum gift shop.

**Cat the Cat, Who Is That?** by Mo Willems. Balzer & Bray, 2010. An exuberant cat introduces readers to her friends.

**Cork & Fuzz: Swimming Lessons** by Dori Chaconas. Viking, 2011.

Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water.

**Detective Dinosaur Undercover** by James Skofield. Harper, 2010.

In three brief mysteries, Detective Dinosaur learns about doing undercover work, gets chased by strange blobs, and finds rain on a sunny day.

**Dixie** by Grace Gilman. Harper, 2011.

Dixie the puppy plays with Emma every day after school until Emma starts memorizing her lines for the school play. Dixie feels left out.

**Fly Guy and the Frankenfly** by Tedd Arnold. Cartwheel Books, 2013.

Buzz has a nightmare that his best friend Fly Guy has created a gigantic Frankenfly monster but Fly Guy is a friend, not a monster!

**Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown. Harper Collins, 1964.

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

**Flat Stanley Worldwide Adventures Series: Mount Rushmore Calamity, Book 1.** Harper, 2009. Stanley, a boy flattened by a bulletin board, sets off for Mt. Rushmore, where he and his brother team up with cowgirl Calamity Jasper for an exciting adventure. Read the series.

**Galaxy Zack: Hello, Nebulon** by Ray O’Ryan. Little Simon, 2014.

Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people. New series.

**Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover** by Cynthia Rylant. Simon & Schuster, 2006.

Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick’s attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and play a game to see whose dog is the best popcorn catcher.

**Horrible Harry and the Missing Diamond** by Suzy Kline. Viking, 2013.

When the diamond on Miss Mackle’s engagement ring disappears, the kids in Room 3B are determined to help her find it — especially Harry. The third grade talent show is coming up, and he wants to show off his skills as South School’s greatest detective.

**Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk** by James Howe. Candlewick Press, 2009.

Houndsley likes canoeing and Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together.

**I Broke My Trunk!** An Elephant & Piggie Book by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2011.

Gerald the elephant tells his best friend Piggie a long, crazy story about how he broke his trunk.

**I’m a Frog** by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2014.

Piggie introduces his friend, Gerald the elephant, to the wonderful world of pretend. Piggie pretends to be a ribbiting, jumping frog, and elephant tries to explain that his friend is not actually a frog.

**Katie Woo, Where Are You?** by Fran Manushkin. Picture Window Books, 2012.

While shopping with her parents in a mall, Katie helps a lost boy, not realizing that she may be lost, too.

**Let’s Go For a Drive** An Elephant & Piggie Book by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2012.

Elephant Gerald and Piggie want to go for a drive, but as Gerald thinks of one thing after another that they will have to take along, they come to realize that they lack the most important thing of all.

**Ling & Ting Not Exactly the Same** by Grace Lin. Little Brown, 2010.

Ling and Ting are identical twins, and they stick together, whether they are making dumplings or practicing magic tricks. But people can be very different, even if they look exactly the same.

**Listen to My Trumpet!** An Elephant & Piggie Book by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2012.

Piggie excitedly shows her trumpet to Gerald, but after Gerald listens to Piggie play, he wants to avoid hurting her feelings when it doesn't sound like music. What Gerald doesn't realize is that Piggie isn't trying to make music; she's trying to speak Elephant.

**Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride** by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick, 2009.

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

**Mr. Putter & Tabby Run the Race** by Cynthia Rylant. Harcourt, 2008.

Mr. Putter, who does not like to run, makes a goal to place second in a marathon so he can win a train set.

**My New Friend Is So Fun!** An Elephant and Piggie Book. Disney-Hyperion, 2014. Piggie has found a new friend! But is Gerald ready to share?

**Nate the Great, Where Are You?** by Marjorie Sharmat. Delacorte Press, 2014.

Nate the Great and his dog, Sludge, would like to take a break from detective work, but new cases — cases they do not want — await them.

**A Pet for Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold. Scholastic, 2014.

It seems that everyone else at the park has a pet. Fly Guy wants one, too. Buzz tries to help Fly Guy find the right pet.

**Pigs Make Me Sneeze** An Elephant & Piggie Book by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2009.

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Gerald believes he is allergic to his best friend! Will he have to stay away from his pal Piggie forever?

**Should I Share My Ice Cream?** An Elephant & Piggie Book by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 2011.

Best friends Gerald and Piggie are complete opposites but still manage to have fun together, but when Gerald takes too long to make an important decision, it may be too late to share with Piggie.

**Some Bugs** by Angela DiTerlizzi. Beach Lane Books, 2014.

A rhyming exploration of backyard-bug behavior featuring insects including butterflies and moths, crickets and cicadas, bumblebees and beetles. Insect enthusiasts of all ages will be bugging out with excitement!

**Violet Mackerel's Natural Habitat** by Anna Branford. Atheneum, 2013.

As the youngest and smallest in her family, seven-year-old Violet identifies with small creatures in the natural world, but when she tries to help a tiny ladybug, she learns an important lesson about animal habitats.

**Young Cam Jansen and the Circus Mystery** by David Adler. Viking, 2011.

When Aunt Molly takes Cam and her friend Eric to the circus, their box of caramel popcorn mysteriously disappears.

**Zelda and Ivy: Keeping Secrets** by Laura McGee Kvasnosky. Candlewick Press, 2009.

Three stories featuring fox sisters Zelda and Ivy and sharing secrets. Read any title in the series.



## *Chapter Books to Read Aloud to Your Child*

*Children benefit from listening to stories even if they are reading on their own. It helps to develop their vocabulary and they get to explore new worlds with you!*

**The Chocolate Touch** by Patrick Catling. Harper Trophy, 2006, c. 1952.

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

**Cricket in Times Square** by George Seldon. Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1970.

The adventures of a country cricket who arrives in New York and befriends Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

**Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown. Harper, 1964.

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

**Flat Stanley Worldwide Adventures: The Australian Boomerang Bonanza** by Josh Greenhut. Harper, 2011.

Stanley and his brother, Arthur, have just won a trip to Australia! But when Arthur launches Stanley into the air for a game of boomerang, the flat kid is accidentally sent spinning into an amazing adventure deep in the heart of the Australian outback! Read any title in the series.

**Lady Lollipop** by Dick King-Smith. Candlewick, 2000.

A rude young princess who insists on a pig for her eighth birthday learns a few lessons about manners and friendship as she helps to train her new pet, Lollipop.

**The Littles** by John Peterson. Scholastic, c.1967.

When the Biggs go on a three month vacation and an untidy family from the city moves into the house, the Littles must take action. **S**

**Magic Tree House Series # 1-52** by Mary Pope Osborne. Random House 2014.

Annie and Jack magically travel through time to visit historical events, meet famous people, and learn about history, science, and the arts through their adventures. **Read the *Nonfiction Companion* books, too.**

**The Mouse and the Motorcycle** by Beverly Cleary. Harper Trophy, 2000.

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

**Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard and Florence Atwater. Little, Brown & Co., 1988.

Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but before he knows it, there are twelve.

**My Father's Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett. Random House, 1979.

A boy is determined to rescue a baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river. Also read **Elmer and the Dragon** and **The Dragons of Blueland**.

**Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle** by Betty MacDonald. Lippincott, c 1947.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle loves children, both good and bad. She never scolds, but has positive cures for children with special problems.

**Summer According to Humphrey** by Betty Birney. Putnam, 2010.

When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, is surprised and pleased to learn he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow.

**Year of Billy Miller** by Kevin Henkes. Harper Collins, 2013.

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he develops good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learns many important lessons. *Newbery Honor Book 2014*.

**Zoo School** by Laurie Hornick. Clarion, 2004.

The students at the strange new Zoo School have never seen a school like it before, but when inspectors try to close it down, the students are surprised to find out how much they have.



## *Nonfiction*

*This list is only a sampling of the wonderful selection in nonfiction books.  
Visit your local public library to explore more nonfiction!*

**11 Experiments That Failed** by Jenny Offill. Schwartz & Wade, 2011.

12 “hypotheses,” as well as lists of “what you need,” “what to do,” and “what happened” are sure to make readers laugh out loud as they learn how to conduct silly science experiments.

**Actual Size** by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

The actual size and weight of various animals and parts of animals are shown through artwork.

**Almost Gone: The World’s Rarest Animals** by Steve Jenkins. Harper Collins, 2006.

Let’s-Read-and-Find-Out series. Features 20 animals that are at risk for extinction, along with animal species around the world that have become extinct.

**Beavers** by Gail Gibbons. Holiday House, 2013.

Beavers are fascinating animals. They keep busy with their sharp teeth, powerful tails, and big webbed feet. They build their own homes and live in family groups. This book explores where they live, what they eat, how they raise their young. *Read any book by Gail Gibbons*.

**Biblioburro** by Jeanette Winter. Beach Lane, 2010.

Luis has so many books in his house in Colombia that he buys two donkeys and travels throughout the land bringing the joy of reading to children.

**Bugs A to Z** by Caroline Lawton. Scholastic, 2011.

An alphabet book that provides facts and figures about bugs and includes many color photographs.

**Can You See What I See?** by Walter Wick. Scholastic, 2004. (Series)

The reader seeks various animals and objects as well as a boy named Seymour in the photographs.

**Can We Save The Tiger?** by Martin Jenkins. Candlewick, 2011.

Contains illustrations of rare animals, including tigers, ground iguanas, white-rumped vultures, and others, and discusses the impact of human activities on the animals and how they can be saved.

**Dogs and Cats** by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

A unique flip-book. One side is about dogs with some comparisons to cats and the other side is about cats with some comparisons to dogs.

**First the Egg** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook Press, 2007.

Shows changes — an egg becoming a chicken, a tadpole becoming a frog, and a seed becoming a flower.

**How Many Ways Can You Catch a Fly?** by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin, 2008.

Looks at how different animals, such as a rainbow trout, chimney swift, and slender loris, approach the challenges of catching flies, digging holes, eating clams, and hatching eggs.

**Jet Plane: How It Works (How It Works Series)** by David Macaulay. MacMillan, 2012.

An introduction to jet planes, from the engine that provides the power and wings that lift the plane off the ground to the cockpit controls and passenger cabin. See how planes work and how they stay in the air.

**Jimmy the Joey: The True Story of an Amazing Koala Rescue** by Deborah Lee Rose. National Geographic, 2014. Tells the story of an adorable Australian Koala baby, named Jimmy, who has an accident that leaves him injured and orphaned and how a team at the Koala Hospital rescues him.

**Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World** by Isabella Hatkoff. Scholastic, 2007.

The story of Knut, the first polar bear cub at the Berlin Zoo, and the efforts of a zookeeper who nurtured and fed him after the cub's mother rejected him.

**Locomotive** by Brian Floca. Atheneum, 2013. *2014 Caldecott Medal Winner.*

In the summer of 1869, trains, crews, and families are traveling together, riding America's brand new trans-continental railroad. These pages come alive with the sounds, speed, and strength of the mighty locomotives; the work that keeps them moving; and the thrill of travel from plains to mountain to ocean.

**Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge** by Joanna Cole. Scholastic, 2010 (Series).

Ms. Frizzle and her students board the Magic School Bus for a lesson on climate change and what can be done to save the Earth.

**A Million Dots** by Andre Clements. Simon & Schuster, 2006. Learn facts about numbers and see one million dots.

**Nic Bishop Lizards** by Nic Bishop. Scholastic, 2010. *Read any book by Nic Bishop.*

Amazing photos and facts about the various lizards are simple to understand and draw readers into a world where geckos wriggle out of their skin and flying dragons glide from tree to tree.

**Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship** by I. Hatkoff. Scholastic, 2006.

True story of the unusual relationship between Owen, a baby hippopotamus orphaned by the tsunami, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise.

**See What a Seal Can Do** by Christine Butterworth. Candlewick, 2013.

This portrait of seal characteristics explains why they are slow on land, but swift and graceful under water.

**Things that Float and Things That Don't** by David Adler. Holiday House, 2013.

It can be surprising which objects float and which don't. An apple floats, but a ball of aluminum foil does not. But if that same ball of foil is shaped into a boat, it floats! Why? This book has hands-on activities that explain density and flotation.

**What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?** by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin, 2003. Looks at the ways in which different animals use their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails.

**Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again** by I. Hatkoff. Scholastic, 2009. Follow a baby Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphin that lost her tail and learned how to swim using an artificial tail.



### *Picture Book Biographies*

**Abraham Lincoln** by Caroline Crosson Gilpin. National Geographic Society, 2012.

An introduction to the life of Abraham Lincoln, including his other talents outside the fields of government and law, through pictures, quotations, and “awesome facts.” Read any National Geographic Kids biography.

**The Boy on Fairfield Street** by Kathleen Krull. Random House, 2004.

Introduces the life of renowned children’s author and illustrator Ted Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, focusing on his childhood and youth in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**The Bravest Woman in America** by Marissa Moss. Tricycle Press, 2011.

Tells the story of Ida Lewis, explaining how she learned to tend a lighthouse from her father, discussing her responsibilities as the lighthouse keeper, and describing her heroic rescues.

**Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin** by Gene Barretta. H. Holt, 2006. Looks at some of the many things invented by Benjamin Franklin that are still in use in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**A Picture Book of George Washington** by David Adler. Holiday House, 2005. *Picture Book Biography series.* The life of “the father of our country,” George Washington, America’s first president.

**Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace** by Jen Cullerton Johnson. Lee & Low, 2010.

A picture book biography of scientist Wangari Maathai, the first African woman and first environmentalist to win a Nobel Peace Prize for her work planting trees in her native Kenya.

**Satchel Paige: Don’t Look Back** by David Adler. Harcourt, 2007.

Satchel Paige was one of the greatest pitchers in baseball. Take a look at his life and struggles to be accepted.



### *Poetry*

**Bow Wow Meow Meow: It’s Rhyming Cats and Dogs** by Douglas Florian. Harcourt, 2003. Twenty-one humorous poems about dogs, cats, wolves, and a few large felines.

**Busy in the Garden: Poems** by George Shannon. Greenwillow, 2006.

Short poems and riddles about planting seeds, watching garden vegetables, and growing pumpkins.

**Dogku** by Andrew Clements. Simon & Schuster, 2007.

Haiku about a dog and the things he does such as riding in a car and chewing on socks.

**Frogs Wore Red Suspenders** by Jack Prelutsky. Harper Collins, 2005. Humorous poems about people and animals.

**Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons** by Jon Muth. Scholastic, 2014.

A delightful little panda bear, Koo, challenges readers to stretch their minds and imaginations with twenty-six haikus about the four seasons.

**In the Sea** by David Elliott. Candlewick, 2013. *Children’s Book of the Year 2013.*

This collection of poems for children features woodcut illustrations and rhyming text about the characteristics and behaviors of sea horses, sharks, urchins, whales, and other sea creatures.



## *Fairy Tales and Folktales — Classics No One Should Miss!*

**The Boy Who Cried Wolf** by B.G. Hennessey. Simon & Schuster, 2007.

A boy tending sheep on a lonely mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry “wolf” and watch the people come running — until one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call.

**Chicken Little** by Rebecca Emberley. Roaring Brook Press, 2009.

Chicken Little becomes convinced the sky is falling after being hit on the head by an acorn.

**Cinderella** by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press, 2005.

Although mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters, Cinderella meets her prince with the help of her fairy godmother. Magically whisked to the ball, Cinderella wins the prince’s heart.

**Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs** by Mo Willems. Balzer + Bray, 2012.

A new spin on the traditional tale with dinosaurs who visit Norway as the main characters.

**The Gingerbread Man** by Jim Aylesworth. Scholastic, 1998.

A freshly baked gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of pursuers, until he meets a clever fox.

**Goldilocks and the Three Bears** by Jan Brett. Putnam, 1989.

Lost in the woods, a tired and hungry girl finds the house of the three bears where she helps herself to food and goes to sleep. When the three bears come home, they find Goldilocks asleep in bed.

**Hans My Hedgehog** retold by Kate Combs, from the Brothers Grimm tale. Atheneum, 2012. Riding a rooster and playing his fiddle, a young hedgehog wins the hand of a beautiful princess.

**The Little Red Hen** by Jerry Pinkney. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006.

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.

**Little Red Riding Hood** by Jerry Pinkney. Little, Brown, 2007.

A sweet little girl meets a hungry wolf in the forest while on her way to visit her grandmother.

**Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India** by Gerald McDermott. Harcourt, 2011.

Monkey is hungry for the mangoes on the island in the river, but he can’t swim! Crocodile wants to feast on Monkey and Monkey must outsmart him if he is to continue to enjoy eating mangoes all day.

**The Rabbit and the Turtle: Aesop’s Fables** by Eric Carle. Orchard Books, 2008. Retelling of eleven of Aesop’s fables with beautiful illustrations by Eric Carle.

**Rumpelstiltskin** by Paul Zelinsky. Dutton Children’s Books, 1986.

A strange little man helps the miller’s daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.

**The Three Pigs** by David Wiesner. Clarion, 2001. *Caldecott Medal*.

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon. Retelling of a familiar favorite.



### *Caldecott Medal Winners, 1938 to Present*

*Choose from these books that were honored for best illustrations.*

- Locomotive**, by Brian Floca, **2014**  
**This Is Not My Hat**, by Jon Klassen, **2013**  
**A Ball for Daisy**, by Christopher Raschka, **2012**  
**A Sick Day for Amos McGee**, by Philip Christian Stead, **2011**  
**The Lion and the Mouse**, by Jerry Pinkney, **2010**  
**The House in the Night**, illustrated by Beth Krommes, written by Susan Marie Swanson, **2009**  
**The Invention of Hugo Cabret**, by Brian Selznick, **2008**  
**Flotsam**, by David Wiesner, **2007**  
**The Hello, Goodbye Window**, illustrated by Chris Raschka, written by Norton Juster, **2006**  
**Kitten's First Full Moon**, by Kevin Henkes, **2005**  
**The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**, by Mordicai Gerstein, **2004**  
**My Friend Rabbit**, by Eric Rohmann, **2003**  
**The Three Pigs**, by David Wiesner, **2002**  
**So You Want to Be President?** illustrated by David Small, text by Judith St. George, **2001**  
**Joseph Had a Little Overcoat**, by Simms Taback, **2000**  
**Snowflake Bentley**, illustrated by Mary Azarian, text by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, **1999**  
**Rapunzel**, by Paul O. Zelinsky, **1998**  
**Golem**, by David Wisniewski, **1997**  
**Officer Buckle and Gloria**, by Peggy Rathmann, **1996**  
**Smoky Night**, illustrated by David Diaz, text by Eve Bunting, **1995**  
**Grandfather's Journey**, by Allen Say, text edited by Walter Lorraine, **1994**  
**Mirette on the High Wire**, by Emily Arnold McCully, **1993**  
**Tuesday**, by David Wiesner, **1992**  
**Black and White**, by David Macaulay, **1991**  
**Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China** by Ed Young, **1990**  
**Song and Dance Man**, illustrated by Stephen Gammell, text by Karen Ackerman, **1989**  
**Owl Moon**, illustrated by John Schoenherr, text by Jane Yolen, **1988** **Hey, Al**, illustrated by Richard Egielski, text by Arthur Yorinks, **1987** **The Polar Express**, by Chris Van Allsburg, **1986**  
**Saint George & the Dragon**, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman, text by Margaret Hodges, **1985**  
**The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot**, by Alice & Martin Provensen, **1984**  
**Shadow**, translated and illustrated by Marcia Brown; original in French by Blaise Cendrars, **1983**  
**Jumanji**, by Chris Van Allsburg, **1982** **Fables**, by Arnold Lobel, **1981**  
**Ox-Cart Man**, illustrated by Barbara Cooney, text by Donald Hall, **1980**  
**The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses**, by Paul Goble, **1979**  
**Noah's Ark**, by Peter Spier, **1978**

**Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions**, illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon, text by Margaret Musgrove, **1977**  
**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears**, illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon, retold by Verna Aardema, **1976**  
**Arrow to the Sun**, by Gerald McDermott, **1975**  
**Duffy and the Devil**, illustrated by Margot Zemach, retold by Harve Zemach, **1974**  
**The Funny Little Woman**, illustrated by Blair Lent, retold by Arlene Mosel, **1973**  
**One Fine Day**, retold and illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian, **1972**  
**A Story, A Story**, retold and illustrated by Gail E. Haley, **1971**  
**Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**, by William Steig, **1970**  
**The Fool of the World & the Flying Ship**, illustrated by Uri Shulevitz, retold by Arthur Ransome, **1969**  
**Drummer Hoff**, illustrated by Ed Emberley, text adapted by Barbara Emberley, **1968**  
**Sam, Bangs & Moonshine**, by Evaline Ness, **1967**  
**Always Room for One More**, illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian, text by Sorche Nic Leodhas, **1966**  
**May I Bring a Friend?** illustrated by Beni Montresor, text by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers, **1965**  
**Where the Wild Things Are**, by Maurice Sendak, **1964**  
**The Snowy Day**, by Ezra Jack Keats, **1963**  
**Once a Mouse**, retold and illustrated by Marcia Brown, **1962**  
**Baboushka and the Three Kings**, illustrated by Nicolas Sidjakov, text by Ruth Robbins, **1961**  
**Nine Days to Christmas**, illustrated by Marie Hall Ets, text by Marie Hall Ets & Aurora Labastida, **1960**  
**Chanticleer and the Fox**, illustrated by Barbara Cooney; text adapted by Barbara Cooney, **1959**  
**Time of Wonder**, by Robert McCloskey, **1958**  
**A Tree Is Nice**, illustrated by Marc Simont, text by Janice Udry, **1957**  
**Frog Went A-Courtin'**, illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky, retold by John Langstaff, **1956**  
**Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper**, illustrated and translated by Marcia Brown, **1955**  
**Madeline's Rescue**, by Ludwig Bemelmans, **1954**  
**The Biggest Bear**, by Lynd Ward, **1953**  
**Finders Keepers**, illustrated by Nicolas, text by William Lipkind, **1952**  
**The Egg Tree**, by Katherine Milhous, **1951**  
**Song of the Swallows**, by Leo Politi, **1950**  
**The Big Snow**, by Berta & Elmer Hader, **1949**  
**White Snow, Bright Snow**, illustrated by Roger Duvoisin, text by Alvin Tresselt, **1948**  
**The Little Island**, illustrated by Leonard Weisgard, text by Margaret Wise Brown, **1947**  
**The Rooster Crows**, by Maud & Miska Petersham, **1946**  
**Prayer for a Child**, illustrated by Elizabeth Orton Jones, text by Rachel Field, **1945**  
**Many Moons**, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin, text by James Thurber, **1944**  
**The Little House**, by Virginia Lee Burton, **1943**  
**Make Way for Ducklings**, by Robert McCloskey, **1942**  
**They Were Strong and Good**, by Robert Lawson, **1941**  
**Abraham Lincoln**, by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire, **1940**  
**Mei Li**, by Thomas Handforth, **1939**  
**Animals of the Bible**, illustrated by Dorothy P. Lathrop, text selected by Helen Dean Fish, **1938**



