

### **Read Alouds**

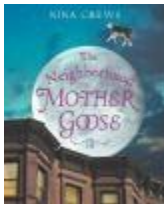
**Aylesworth:** *Naughty Little Monkeys* c2003 *alphabet*

Twenty-six monkeys get into mischief when their parents go out for the evening in this rhyming alphabet book.



**Bang:** *When Sophie Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry...* c1999 *character*

Sophie expresses her anger when she must surrender a toy to her sister.



**Crews:** *The Neighborhood Mother Goose* c2004 *nursery rhymes, diversity*

This collection of nursery rhymes features the familiar and unfamiliar, all set in the city.



**Ehlert:** *Pie in the Sky* c2004 *family fiction*

As a father and his child view the cherry tree in their back yard, they refer to it as a pie tree. Includes a recipe.



**Kimmel:** *The Gingerbread Man* c1993 *fairy tale*

This familiar fairy tale features a gingerbread man who runs away from the woman who bakes him and meets other animals along the way, including a clever fox.



**Penn:** *The Kissing Hand* c1993 *family life*

Chester Raccoon is afraid to attend kindergarten until his mother shows him a special way to take her love along.



**Pfister: Rainbow Fish** *animal stories*

The most beautiful fish in the ocean with the shimmering silver scales discovers the beauty of sharing.



**Pinkney: The Lion & the Mouse** *c2009 wordless, fairy tale*

Wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.



**Prelutsky: Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young** *c1986 poetry*

This collection of 200 short poems is designed for young children and includes illustrations that correlate with the poems.



**Rosen: We're Going on a Bear Hunt** *c2003 animals, fiction*

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.



**Rosenthal: Duck! Rabbit!** *c2009 animals*

Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.



**Shannon: David Goes to School** *c1999 humor*

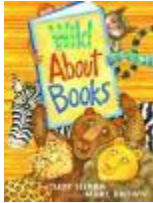
David's school behavior needs to be improved.



**Sierra: Counting Crocodiles** *c1997 counting, rhyming*

A monkey outsmarts ten crocodiles that stand between her and a banana tree by

using her ability to count.



**Sierra: *Wild About Books*** c2004 *animals, humor*

A librarian accidentally drives her bookmobile to the zoo and subsequently reads a Dr. Seuss book to the animals.



**Slate: *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*** c2003 *school*

Introduces the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten.



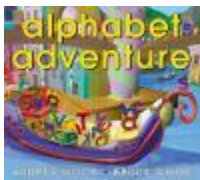
**Taback: *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*** c1999 *diversity*

Joseph starts out with an overcoat and ends with a button.



**Thompson: *Little Quack*** c2003 *animals*

Mama Duck encourages her four ducklings to leave the nest. The youngest and smallest, Little Quack, proves to be the most reluctant.



**Wood: *Alphabet Adventure*** c2001 *alphabet*

The letters of the alphabet join the search to help "i" find her dot in order to continue their journey in this colorful alphabet book.



**Wood: *The Napping House*** c1984 *sleep, fiction*

While a number of creatures sleep, a flea causes a commotion among them with just one bite.



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**Bailey:** *Stanley's Party* c2003 *dogs, humor*

When a dog's owners leave for the evening, he gets into a lot of mischief.



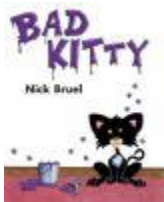
**Bloom:** *A Splendid Friend Indeed* c2005 *friendship*

A polar bear and a goose learn to get along and be friends.



**Bourgeois:** *Franklin in the Dark* c1986 *fear, fiction*

A turtle afraid of small dark places, and therefore of crawling into his shell, asks a variety of animals for advice, only to find out that each has a fear of its own.



**Bruel:** *Bad Kitty* c2005 *alphabet*

Finding that there is no food in the house, a kitty chooses to be very bad.



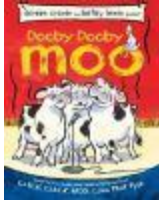
**Carle:** *Mister Seahorse* c2004 *animals, fiction*

Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs, after which Mr. Seahorse carries the eggs through the sea, greeting other fish fathers.

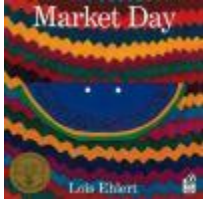


**Cousins:** *Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales* c2009 *fairy tales*

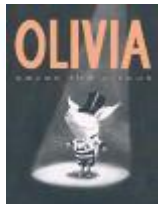
Simple text and bold illustrations tell eight classic fairy tales.



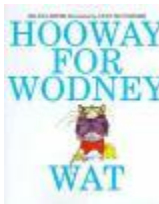
**Cronin: *Dooby, Dooby, Moo*** c2004 *animal humor*  
 Duck organizes the farm animals for a talent show at the county fair. The first prize is a trampoline.



**Ehlert: *Market Day: A Story Told with Folk Art*** c2000 *stories in rhyme, fiction*  
 While keeping a diary, the young fly records how hard it is to be an insect.



**Falconer: *Olivia series*** *pigs, fiction*  
 Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.



**Lester: *Hooway for Wodney Wat*** c1999 *fantasy, abilities awareness*  
 Students in Rodney's class make fun of him, because he can't pronounce his name properly; but it is his speech problem that helps to punish the class bully.



**Lionni: *Swimmy*** c1991 *fish stories*  
 A small black fish, finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies.

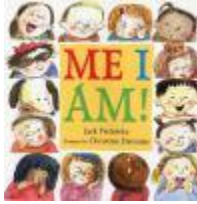


**McKinley: *One Smile*** c2002 *kindness*  
 While walking through the park with her mother, a child smiles at a discouraged stranger and sets off a chain of events that spreads kindness and comes full circle.

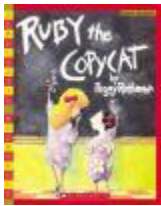


**Numeroff: *Beatrice Doesn't Want To*** c2004 *realistic fiction, humor*

Beatrice Doesn't Like to Read, but a librarian changes her attitude during a story session in this humorous, well illustrated book.



**Prelutsky: *Me I Am* c2007 poetry**  
A book of poem for children celebrating being an individual.



**Rathmann: *Ruby the Copycat* c1991 school, fiction**  
Ruby wants to fit in on her first day at school, so she begins to copy her classmate Angela; but then Ruby's teacher shows her how much fun it is to just be herself.



**Shannon: *A Bad Case of Stripes* c1998 individuality, fiction**  
A girl who is always concerned about what others think of her wakes up one day to discover she is covered with stripes.

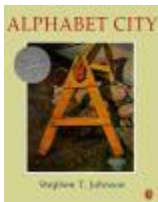


### ***Independent Reading***

**Capucilli: *Biscuit series dog stories***  
Biscuit, the adorable little tan puppy, has many adventures.



**Gelman: *More Spaghetti I Say* c1993 stories in rhyme, humor**  
Minnie the monkey is too busy eating spaghetti all day, in all ways to play with her friend Freddie.



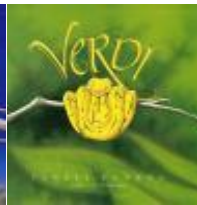
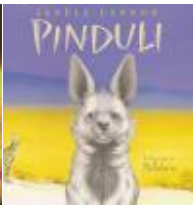
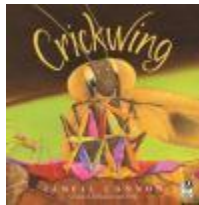
**Johnson: *Alphabet City* c1995 alphabet**  
Photographs of objects in an urban setting present the letters of the alphabet.



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**Brett: *Town Mouse, Country Mouse* c1994 fable**

After trading houses, the country mice and the town mice discover there's no place like home.



**Cannon: *Crickwing, Pinduli, Stellaluna, Verdi*, insects, fiction**  
Picture books about unappreciated and fascinating creatures



**Ernst: *Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen* c2005 fantasy animals, humor**

Although Sylvia Jean owns plenty of costumes, she struggles to come up with a costume for the big party.



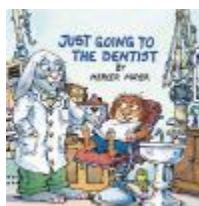
**Hoberman: *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together* c2001 stories in rhyme**

This collection of short, rhythmic stories and cheerful art is designed to be read out loud by both child and adult.

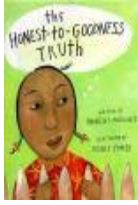


**Hoffman: *Amazing Grace* c1991 diversity, fiction**

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.



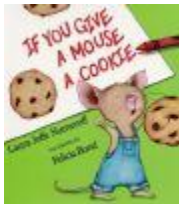
**Mayer: *Little Critter stories* fantasy, animals**  
Little Critter is a small creature who is amazingly like a young human boy. His adventures take place with different members of his family who expose him to daily life experiences.



**McKissack: *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth*** c2000 *character, ethnic diversity*  
A young girl promises not to ever lie but then discovers that there are times that one actually should not tell the entire truth.



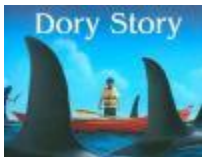
**McNaughton: *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*** c2004 *school story*  
Mr. Gee, the new teacher, changes "ordinary" when he challenges all the children to use their imaginations.



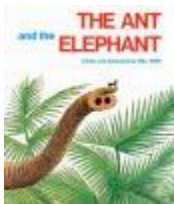
**Numeroff: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*** and sequels c1985 *cumulative tales*  
When a mouse requests a cookie, a cycle of events occurs that brings the reader full circle.



**Orloff: *I Wanna Iguana*** c2004 *letters, fiction*  
Alex and his mother write notes back and forth in which Alex tries to persuade her to let him have a baby iguana for a pet.



**Pallotta: *Dory Story*** c2000 *sea story, fiction*  
Danny's ocean adventures are completely enchanting, even if they take place in the bathtub.



**Peet: *The Ant and the Elephant*** c1972 *animals, fiction*  
Of all the animals the elephant rescues, only the tiny ant returns the favor..



**Polacco: *Aunt Chip and the Triple Creek Dam Affair*** c1996 *TV, reading, fiction*  
Since the invasion of television, no one can remember how to read.



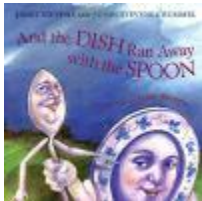
**Schachner: *Skippyjon Jones* c2003 humor**

This Siamese kitten spends his "time-out" imagining himself as "El-Skippito" who comes to the rescue of some Chihuahuas.



**Steig: *Brave Irene* c1986 fiction**

Brave Irene, the dressmaker's daughter, ventures out into a fierce snowstorm to deliver the beautiful ball gown her mother has made for the duchess.



**Stevens: *And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon* c2001 nursery rhymes**

From the Mother Goose nursery rhyme, Dish and Spoon run away. Concerned about the fate of the rhyme, Cat, Cow and Dog set out to find them.



**Woodson: *The Other Side* c2001 friendship, ethnic diversity**

A fence divides a town where two girls - one white and one black - sit and gradually become acquainted.



### ***Independent Reading***

**Crews: *Below* c2006 fiction**

When Jack drops his action figure into a mysterious hole, he has to devise a rescue.



**Lionni: *Little Blue and Little Yellow* c1959 friendship, colors**

A little blue spot and a little yellow spot are best friends, and when they hug each other they become green.



**Lobel: Frog and Toad stories classics**

Each of the frog and toad stories include several short tales about two very good friends.



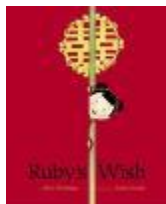
**Rylant: Henry and Mudge stories** family, dogs, humor  
A young boy named Henry and his dog Mudge share many adventures with Henry's parents and other important people in his life.



**Sharmat: Nate the Great series** mystery  
Solve each mystery alongside the most popular sleuth in the business.



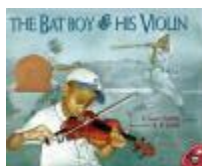
**Silverman: Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series** fiction  
Two new wranglers have hit the ranch. Read how the west will never be the same again!



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**Bridges: Ruby's Wish** c2002 historical fiction, ethnic diversity

During the 1800s in China, when few girls learn to read and write, Ruby fervently desires to attend university with all the males in her family.



**Curtis: The Bat Boy and His Violin** c1998 sports, music, ethnic diversity

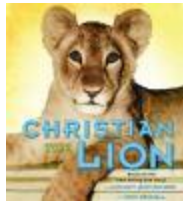
Reginald loves to play his violin, but Papa wants him to be outdoors more and enlists him as the bat boy for the baseball team Papa manages. Reginald plays his violin in the dugout, and the team improves.



## Independent Reading

**Adler:** *Bones* series *mystery*

Everyone needs bones — Detective Jeffrey Bones that is. With his bag of detective tools in hand, read how Jeffrey can solve any mystery.



**Bourke:** *Christian the Lion: Based on the True Story of Anthony (Ace) Bourke, John Rendall and Christian the Lion* c2009 *nonfiction*

Details the experiences of Anthony Bourke and John Rendall, who bought a lion cub from a department store, raised him as a pet, reintroduced him to the wild in Kenya and years later received a warm welcome from the grown lion.



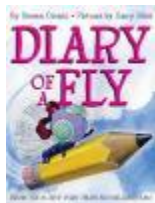
**Bunting:** *One Green Apple* c2006 *historical fiction, ethnic diversity*

Farah is new to the U.S. and her class. She feels alone until she goes on a field trip and realizes things are alike everywhere.



**Cleary:** *Math is CATEGORICAL* series *stores in rhyme, mathematics*

Mathematical functions are explained in rhyming text and simple, silly cartoons.



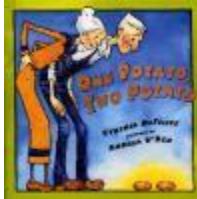
**Cronin:** *Diary of a Fly* c2007 *animal fiction*

A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.



**Dadey:** *Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* series *schools, fiction*

There are some pretty weird grown-ups living in Bailey City.



**DeFelice:** *One Potato, Two Potatoes* c2006 *fairy tale*

A very poor, humble couple live so simple a life they share everything, until the husband discovers a pot with magical powers buried under the very last potato in the garden.



**DiCamillo:** *Mercy Watson* series *animal, fantasy, humor*

Welcome to the wry and endearing world of Mercy Watson, the beloved "pig wonder" of the Watson household.



**Foxworthy:** *Dirt On My Shirt* c2008 *poetry*

Comedian Jeff Foxworthy presents more than thirty illustrated poems for children on such topics as friends, bugs, family members and pretending.



**Holm:** *Babymouse* series c2005 *graphic fiction, friendship, imagination*

An imaginative mouse learns life lessons while living her life.



**Hopkinson:** *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend)* c2008 *historical fiction*

In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend.



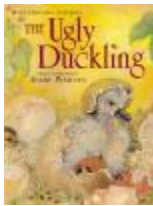
**Johnson:** *Just Like Josh Gibson* c2007 *sports fiction, historical fiction*

A grandmother recounts the story of the day she was allowed to play in a baseball game, even though she was a girl.



**Kerrin: *Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff!* c2005 fiction**

Martin means well, but his ideas don't always turn out as expected. In three stand-alone chapters, Martin deals with issues at home and school.



**Pinkney: *The Ugly Duckling* c1999 fairy tale**

This adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen classic portrays an unhappy year for an ugly duckling who eventually grows up and transforms into a beautiful swan.



**Sachar: *Marvin Redpost* series fiction**

Marvin Redpost encounters hilarious problems with school, family and friends.



**Stilton: *The Geronimo Stilton* series mice, fantasy, mystery**

Geronimo Stilton is a mouse newspaper editor and journalist who travels the world to chase important interviews but winds up in the middle of adventures that involve solving intriguing mysteries.



**Tunnell: *Mailing May* c1997 historical fiction**

Five-year-old May wishes to visit her grandmother, but the train is too expensive. May's father and cousin concoct a clever means of sending the child after all.



**Warner: *Only Emma* c2005 fiction**

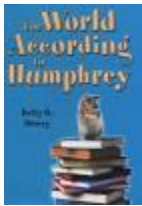
Emma's mother loses her job, so Emma becomes the new kid in the school and neighborhood. An only child, Emma's life changes when a four year old comes for a

visit.



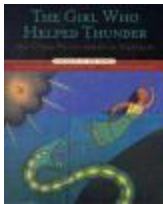
**Abbot: *Secrets of Droon* series *fantasy***

Take along with a trio of best friends who stumble upon the magical world of Droon.



**Birney: *The World According to Humphrey* c2005 *fiction, humor***

Humphrey, a classroom hamster, surveys his surroundings and finds ways to help the children in the class.



**Bruchac: *The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales* c2008 *folklore***

A collection of illustrated Native American folktales.



**Clements: *Lunch Money* c1994 *school, humor***

Hart is a popular boy who sometimes "goofs off". When he hits the music teacher with a rubber band, he is put in charge of the holiday concert. Both Hart and his teacher learn lessons.



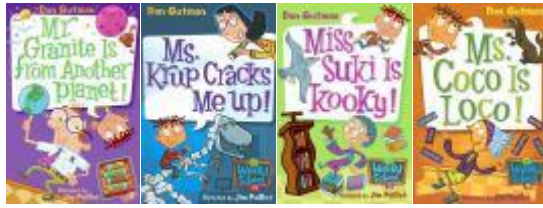
**Fleming: *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* c2007 *fiction, school***

Mr. Jupiter becomes the 4th grade teacher of an unruly class with surprising results.



**Grimes: *Talkin' About Bessie* c2002 *biography, ethnic diversity***

How Bessie Coleman became the first African-American woman to become a licensed pilot as told by her family and friends.

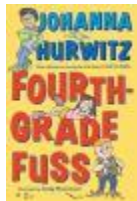


**Gutman: *My Weird School*** school, humor

A fun series of books about school life that appeal to reluctant readers.



**Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat** c2008 poetry



**Hurwitz: *Fourth Grade Fuss*** c2004 school story

Julio and his friends enjoy their fourth grade activities - the yard sale, ice skating, and a surprise party; but the students get serious when they have to study for end-of-the-year statewide tests.



**Kehret: *Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays*** c1999 animals, non-fiction

Tells the story of 8 dogs who were saved from the animal shelter and went on to better lives.



**Klingel: *Go Fly a Kite! (And Other Sayings We Don't Really Mean)*** c2008

idioms, figures of speech

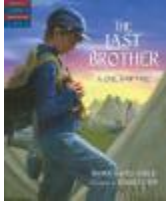
Explains the meaning of many common idiomatic expressions used in English.



**Mazer: *Amazing Days of Abby Hayes*** fiction



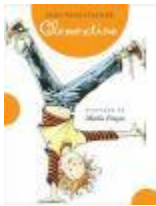
**Myers: *Blues Journey*** c2003 *poetry, ethnic diversity*  
Presents blues lyrics that chronicle the history of the African-American experience, and includes information about the development of blues music.



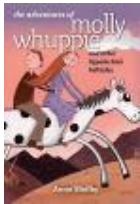
**Noble: *The Last Brother (Tales of Young America series)*** c2006 *historical fiction*  
Gabe becomes a bugler in the Civil War to protect his only surviving brother.



**Osborne: *Magic Tree House* series** *time travel, fiction*  
Explore the world with Jack and Annie.



**Pennypacker: *Clementine*** c2006 *fiction, series*  
Clementine is a funny, energetic, third grader with a talent for getting in trouble and a heart of gold.



**Shelby: *Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales*** c2007  
A collection of fourteen that combine traditional Appalachian folktales with contemporary themes.



**Van Draanen: *Shredderman* series** *fiction*  
Discover how Nolan Byrd goes from being the number one nerd at Cedar Valley Elementary to a world famous superhero.



**Wiles: *Each Little Bird Sings*** c2005 *family life, grief, fiction*  
Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral

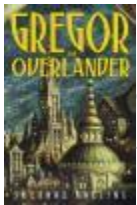
parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.



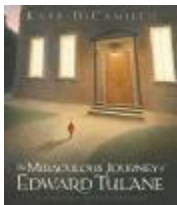
**Alvarez: *How Tia Lola Learned to Teach* c2010 *divorce, family life, fiction***  
Juanita and Miguel's great aunt, Tía Lola, comes from the Dominican Republic to help take care of them after their parents divorce, and soon she is so involved in their small Vermont community that when her visa expires, the whole town turns out to support her.



**Clements: *We the Children* series c2010 *mystery***  
Sixth-grader Ben Pratt's life is full of changes that he does not like but when the school janitor gives him a tarnished coin with some old engravings and then dies, Ben is drawn into an effort to keep the school from being destroyed.



**Collins: *Gregor the Overlander* c2003 *fantasy***  
Gregor and his two-year sister fall down a shaft in the basement and find a world of giant insects and rats. They become part of a huge battle.



**DiCamillo: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* c2006 *fantasy***  
Edward Tulane is a selfish, thoughtless toy rabbit until he loses the little girl who loves him.



**Giff: *Storyteller* c2010 *families, historical fiction***  
Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feels a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall, and who reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.



**Going: *The Liberation of Gabriel King* c2005 *race relations, friendship***

Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African-American girl facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976.



**Hahn: *All the Lovely Bad Ones* ghost stories**

Travis and his sister Corey decide to boost business at their grandmother's Vermont inn by staging a few "hauntings" that soon draw tourists from across the country, but when their antics awaken a dark force, they must find a way to put to rest the ghosts they have disturbed.



**Hawkins: *The Year the Money Grew on Trees* c2008 farm life, fiction**

In early 1980s New Mexico, thirteen-year-old Jackson Jones recruits his cousins and sisters to help tend an elderly neighbor's neglected apple orchard for the chance to make big money and, perhaps, to own the orchard.



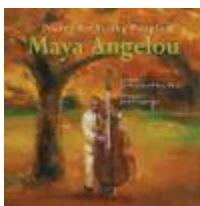
**Lowry: *The Willoughbys* c2008 family life, humorous stories**

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.



**Lupica: *Two-Minute Drill* c2007 dyslexia, football stories**

Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.



**Maya Angelou c2007 poetry**

A brief profile of African American poet Maya Angelou accompanies some of her better known poems.



**Nelson: *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, US Marshal* c2009 biography, ethnic diversity**

An illustrated biography of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a

deputy United States marshal, based on his ability to communicate with the Native Americans in the area that was to become Oklahoma.



**Paulsen: *Hatchet*** c1987 *survival, fiction*

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



**Pearson: *Kingdom Keepers* series** *suspense fiction*

When Disney comes looking for five teenagers to serve as actors for a new technology-Daylight Hologram Images (DHIs), there is more to it than meets the eye.



**Peck: *A Year Down Yonder*** c2000 *humor, historical fiction*

In 1937, during the Great Depression, Mary Alice lives with her very unusual grandmother in rural Illinois.



**Smith: *Bone*** c2004 *graphic novel*

Three cousins leave their home of Boneville. On their journey they meet royalty, dragons, and monsters as they try to return home.



**Stewart: *The Mysterious Benedict Society*** c2007 *fiction, adventure*

Four children are secretly spies as students in the Learning Institute for the Enlightened. They have to avoid being brainwashed by Mr. Curtain, one of the owners of the school. This is a mystery you will be eager to see unfold.



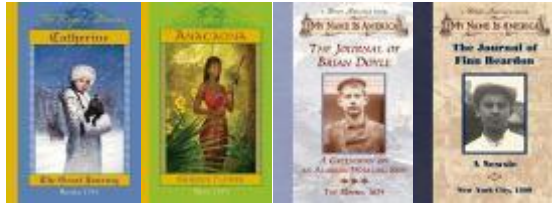
**Thomas: *The Kids Guide to Money Cent\$*** c2004 , *personal finance, nonfiction*

Text and cartoon illustrations introduce kids to the concept of money.



**Varius authors:** *39 Clues* series *mystery*

Follow Amy Cahill and her brother, Dan, as they travel the world to hunt for the 39 Clues.



**Various authors:** *Dear America* series *historical fiction*



**Blackwood:** *The Shakespeare Stealer* c1998 *historical fiction, mystery*

Widge, a likeable orphan, finds himself in the middle of an adventure to steal and copy the play HAMLET from Shakespeare. He soon discovers that life in the Globe Theatre is much better than the other places he has apprenticed.



**Broach:** *Shakespeare's Secret* c2005 *mystery*

Hero moves into a new town and finds she is living in an old house with an unusual past. With the help of the police chief's son and her neighbor, Hero tries to unravel the mystery.



**Carbone:** *Stealing Freedom* c1998 *historical fiction, diversity*

This story is based on the true experiences of a young slave girl who escapes to Canada on the Underground Railroad.



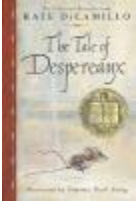
**Creech:** *The Wanderer* c2000 *adventure*

Told through journal writings, Sophie and her cousin, Cody, share the experiences of their journey on a sailboat, The Wanderer, from Connecticut to England with six crew members, including her uncles and cousins.



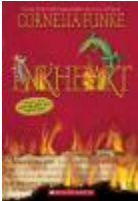
**Cushman: *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple* c1996 historical fiction**

Lucy isn't happy when her mother moves the family from New England to California for the Gold Rush.



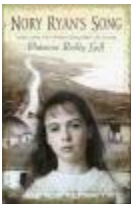
**Di Camillo: *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup and a Spool of Thread* c2003 fantasy**

Tale of a tiny mouse with huge ears, a princess that he loves, a servant girl who wishes to be a princess and a rat named Roscuro who yearns for soup.



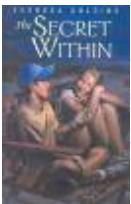
**Funke: *Inkheart* c2003 fantasy**

A girl and her father, a bookbinder who can "read" fictional characters into real life, are abducted by one of the characters, who tries to force them into his service.



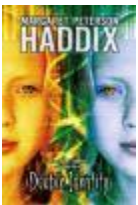
**Giff: *Nory Ryan's Song* c2000 historical fiction**

Twelve-year-old Nory Ryan helps her family and neighbors survive during the 1845 potato famine in Ireland.



**Golding: *The Secret Within* c2002 realistic fiction**

Carly's domineering father has a painful family secret that causes Carly to face danger and seek freedom at night.



**Haddix: *Double Identity* c2005 mystery**

Bethany becomes curious about her past when her parents unexpectedly disappear after leaving her with an aunt who she did not know existed. As the story unravels, the conclusion uncovers a shocking secret.



**Hesse: *Music of the Dolphins* c1996 realistic fiction**

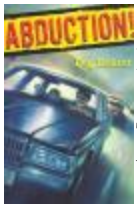
The thoughts of a young girl, who was raised by dolphins from 4 years old after a plane crash, are recorded by a scientist as she is reintroduced to a civilized way of life.



**Holm: *Penny from Heaven*** c2006 *historical fiction* Newbery Honor winner  
In New Jersey during the summer of 1953, eleven-year-old Penny, living with her mother and maternal grandparents, learns the truth about her father's death and about her upbringing after she has a serious accident.



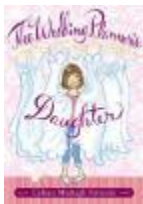
**Isaacs: *Torn Thread*** c2000 *historical fiction*  
During World War II, twelve year-old Eva, living in Poland at the time, is sent by her father to a Nazi labor camp in Czechoslovakia, where her sickly sister has been taken.



**Kehret: *Abduction!*** c2004 *adventure, contemporary realistic fiction*  
Thirteen-year-old Bonnie, on a quest to find her kidnapped brother and his dog, becomes a victim of the kidnapper as well.



**Levine: *Hana's Suitcase: A True Story*** c2002 *biography*  
The director of a newly opened Holocaust museum in Japan and her students become intrigued with a suitcase from a concentration camp found among the museum's artifacts. The story of a Czech girl, Hana Brady, a victim of the Holocaust, unfolds through the search for information about a suitcase.



**Paratore: *The Wedding Planner's Daughter*** c2005 *humor, romance*  
A twelve-year-old girl, whose mother is a wedding planner, wishes for her mother to marry.



**Ryan: *Esperanza Rising*** c2000 *historical fiction, diversity*  
During the Great Depression, Esperanza and her mother are forced from their wealthy home in Mexico to Southern California where they work in harsh conditions.



**Selznick: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures* c2007**  
*adventure, mystery* Caldecott Medal Winner

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.



**Smith: *Peak* c2005** *adventure, coming-of-age*

Fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello's goal is to become the youngest person to reach the top of Mt. Everest.



**Whelan: *Angel on the Square* c2001** *historical fiction*

In 1913 Russia, World War I and the revolution bring unwanted changes into twelve-year-old Katya's life after she joins her mother in the household of Tsar Nicholas II.