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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adderson, Caroline. ***Not in Love***. Kids Can Press, 2014. Jasper John Dooley is not happy to be paired with Isabel, who really likes him, for a reading partner, but when he goes to her house and plays on the trampoline, he begins to change his mind. *Series*
- Adler, David A. ***A Picture Book of Sam Houston***. Holiday House, 2012. A brief overview of the life and accomplishments of Texas politician Sam Houston.
- Adler, David A. ***Don't Throw it to Mo***. Penguin Press, 2015. Although Mo, the youngest kid on the Robins football team is being teased, his coach has a plan to turn things around.
- Appelt, Kathi. ***Mogie: The Heart of the House***. Atheneum, 2014. A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla***. Clarion, 2014. This picture book is an introduction to the true story of Ivan, the shopping mall gorilla that inspired the Newbery-winning novel ***The One and Only Ivan***.
- Arnold, Tedd. ***Fly Guy Presents: Bats***. Scholastic, 2015. Learn all about bats with Fly Guy! *Series*
- Archer, Micha. ***Daniel Finds a Poem***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. When Daniel sees a sign for poetry in the park on Sunday, he spends the week asking animals he encounters in the park, "What is poetry?" and has his poem to share on Sunday.
- Asim, Jabari. ***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington***. Little, Brown, 2012. This illustrated picture book follows young Booker T. Washington in his desire and perseverance to go to college and earn a degree.
- Aureliani, Franco. ***Dino-Mike and the Lunar Showdown***. Stone Arch Books, 2016. Mike and Shannon take to space to face off against their arch-nemesis, Mr. Bones, in a lunar showdown of dino-sized proportions, finally realizing that Mr. Bones isn't at all what he seems to be! *Series*
- Banks, Kate. ***Max's Math***. Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max is back and looking for problems to solve on this fun adventure in math that culminates in a rocket launch.
- Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *Series*
- Beaty, Andrea. ***Ada Twist, Scientist***. Abrams Books, 2016. Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

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- Bell, Cece. ***Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit.*** Candlewick, 2016. Rabbit is excited to surprise Robot with a visit, but Robot already has his friend Ribbit over to play, and Rabbit is not so sure about Ribbit. *Series*
- Best, Cari. ***Beatrice Spells Some Lulus and Learns to Write a Letter.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Beatrice enjoys learning to spell and gets really excited about it after some encouragement from her grandmother, but she has trouble convincing her classmates that spelling is not boring.
- Blabey, Aaron. ***Thelma the Unicorn.*** Scholastic, 2017. Told in rhyme, Thelma the pony wants to be a unicorn--but when her wish comes true she discovers that there is a downside to fame and realizes that she was happier at home with her friend.
- Blabey, Aaron. ***The Bad Guys.*** Scholastic, 2016. In this illustrated chapter book series, The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry. *Series*
- Bottner, Barbara. ***Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't).*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. A first-grade girl--who does not like to read--stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.
- Broach, Elise. ***The Miniature World of Marvin & James.*** Henry Holt, 2015. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. *Series*
- Brown, Don. ***A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Introduces young children to the life and inventions of Thomas Edison.
- Burks, James. ***Bird & Squirrel On the Edge!*** Graphix, 2015. Laughter ensues in Burks' third graphic novel featuring Bird and Squirrel. Amnesia, crossing a mountain and rescuing a baby bear keep this Bird and Squirrel adventure laugh filled. *Series*
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***King and Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code.*** Peachtree, 2017. When a mysterious letter written in code arrives at King's house for his human, Kayla, he follows the trail of the person who left it. *Series*
- Chabon, Michael. ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man.*** Balzer + Bray, 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.
- Chin, Jason. ***Gravity.*** Roaring Brook, 2014. Minimal text and enthralling illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and what would happen without gravity. Additional specific, easy to understand information is included in the afterward.

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- Churnin, Nancy. ***The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game.*** Whitman, 2016. Because deaf professional baseball player William Hoy asked the umpire to use hand signals for calls, it changed the way the game was played forever.
- Clanton, Ben. ***Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt.*** Tundra Books, 2017. Join Narwhal and his best friend Jelly on three new undersea adventures told in graphic novel format. *Series*
- Clinton, Chelsea. ***She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World.*** Philomel, 2018. A nonfiction picture book compilation of the stories of thirteen American women who persisted in overcoming obstacles and changing the world.
- Coy, John. ***Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.*** Carolrhoda Books, 2013. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cummings, Troy. ***Rise of the Balloon Goons: Notebook of Doom.*** Scholastic, 2013. Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but because the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue where he finds a notebook full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. *Series*
- Daywalt, Drew. ***The Day the Crayons Came Home.*** Philomel, 2015. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.
- Davies, Nicola. ***Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes.*** Candlewick, 2014. This engaging introduction to microbes explains how some of the smallest things on Earth have really big jobs.
- Davis, Jill. ***Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- Deedy, Carmen Agra. ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!*** Scholastic, 2017. When the mayor of a noisy village passes harsh rules about singing, a persistent rooster inspires the villagers to rebel and bring back singing.
- Dempsey, Kristy. ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream.*** Philomel, 2014. A young girl growing up in Harlem in the 1950s dreams of becoming a prima ballerina one day and is thrilled to see a performance of Janet Collins, the first "colored" prima ballerina.
- DePaola, Tomie. ***When Andy Met Sandy.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. Andy has the playground to himself until a new girl, Sandy, arrives. *Series*

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- Diggs, Taye. ***Mixed Me!*** Feiwel and Friends, 2015. Mike, a mixed-race boy, answers all the questions about being mixed with lots of energy and joy.
- Dutcher, Jim and Jamie. ***A Friend for Lakota***. National Geographic, 2015. Lakota, the shy wolf pup, is picked on by the other wolves until Matsi blocks the others' nips and Lakota learns to be more courageous.
- Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in Tokyo***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again, Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series*
- Elliott, Rebecca. ***Eva's Treetop Festival***. Scholastic, 2015. Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea - but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help. *Series*
- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***Little Roja Riding Hood***. Putnam's, 2014. A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale in which a little girl saves her grandmother from a wolf. Includes a glossary of Spanish words.
- Feder, Sandra V. ***Daisy's Big Night***. Kids Can Press, 2014. Daisy loves poetry and she must find a way to use that as her special talent in her school's talent show.
- Florian, Douglas. ***UnBEElievable: Honeybee Poems and Paintings***. Beach Lane, 2012. Fourteen funny, fact-filled poems inform the reader about the wonderful life of bees and their role in our ecosystem.
- Gibson, Amy. ***Around the World on Eighty Legs***. Scholastic, 2011. An illustrated collection of poems that provides information about animals around the world.
- Green, Poppy. ***A New Friend***. Little Simon, 2015. Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student - a snake - and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard that snakes are awful. *Series*
- Haas, Jessie. ***Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl***. Candlewick, 2012. Maggie, a little girl who longs for a horse of her own, finds her match in Bramble, a horse who has grown tired of riding lessons and walking in circles. *Series*
- Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black Takes a Vacation***. Candlewick, 2016. Even monster-battling princesses get tired sometimes, but a peaceful time away is hard to find! *Series*.
- Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory***. Dial Books, 2014. Dory, the youngest in the family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts. *Series*
- Heos, Bridget. ***I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are***. Holt, 2015. In this fact-filled narrative, Fly explains why his species are cooler than butterflies, who seem to get all the attention.

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- Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart***. Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.
- Holm, Jennifer. ***Squish, #1: Super Amoeba***. Random House, 2011. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school and save his friends and the world from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*
- Hopkins, Joseph H. ***The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree Loving Woman Changed a City Forever***. Beach Lane Books, 2013. An illustrated look at the life of Kate Sessions, who planted a nursery in San Diego, California, after making a deal with the city.
- Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk***. Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *Series*
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***The Great Pet Escape***. Holt, 2016. A young graphic novel chapter book about the escape escapades of class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School.
- Jeffers, Oliver. ***The Incredible Book Eating Boy***. Philomel, 2006. Henry loves to eat books until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Apex Predators: The World's Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. Award-winning author/illustrator Steve Jenkins shares amazing facts about extinct and modern-day apex (animals at the top of the food chain) predators.
- Kaplan, Michael. ***Betty Bunny Wants a Goal***. Dial Books, 2014. When a young rabbit quits soccer after a disappointing first game, her family encourages her to keep trying. *Series*
- Kelly, Scott. ***My Journey to the Stars***. Crown, 2017. A picture book memoir about NASA astronaut Scott Kelly that takes readers on a journey through his ordinary childhood to his record-breaking year commanding the International Space Station.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time***. Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.
- Kirby, Stan. ***Captain Awesome and the New Kid***. Little Simon, 2012. Looking for super-silly superhero adventures? It's Captain Awesome and Nacho Cheese Man to the rescue! In title number three Eugene and Charlie continue their hijinks and discover the "new kid" is Super Dude. *Series*

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- Klise, Kate. ***Stay: A Girl, A Dog, A Bucket List***. Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Eli the dog has been with Astrid since she was a baby, and now that Eli is getting older and slowing down, Astrid wants to make fun memories with him, but knows what is most important to Eli is the time he spends with Astrid.
- Larson, Kirby, and Mary Nethery. ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival***. Walker, 2008. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.
- Lin, Grace. ***Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly***. Little, Brown, 2014. Identical twins Ling and Ting like to be silly, tell jokes and laugh together. *Series*
- Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends***. First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Marko, Cyndi. ***Let's Get Cracking!*** Scholastic, 2014. Gordon Blue and his brother, Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens' feathers to fall off. *Series*
- Marshall, James. ***Fox On the Job***. Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- Mattick, Lindsay. ***Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear***. Little, Brown, 2015. A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.
- McCleery, Peter. ***Bob and Joss Get Lost***. HarperCollins, 2016. Two best friends get more than they bargained for in this funny adventure when they are shipwrecked on what may or may not be a deserted island.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown***. Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for "Unsatisfactory") in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*
- McMullan, Kate. ***Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer***. Penguin Press, 2012. Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean's first grade class, worry about their new teacher being "mean" until something surprising changes their mind... *Series*
- Mosca, Julia Finley. ***The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath***. Innovation Press, 2017. As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath dreamed of becoming a doctor, and not only did she fulfill that dream, she invented a procedure to remove cataracts and became the first African American female doctor to hold a medical patent.

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- Medina, Juana. ***Juana and Lucas***. Candlewick, 2016. Juana lives in Bogota, Colombia, and loves drawing and her dog, Lucas, but she does not love having to learn English. When her abuelos plan a trip - one that will require speaking in English - she reconsiders.
- Murray, Carol. ***Cricket in the Thicket***. Holt, 2017. Over 30 common insects are described in a variety of amusing poems combined with interesting facts and collage illustrations.
- Nees, Susan. ***Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe Picture Day***. Scholastic, 2013. After her mother helps with her outfit, Missy is afraid her school picture will not be special this year. *Series*
- O'Ryan, Ray. ***Hello, Nebulon!*** Little Simon, 2013. Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Galaxy Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people. *Series*
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business***. Greenwillow Books, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike, so Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*
- Petty, Dev. ***I Don't Want to be a Frog***. Doubleday, 2015. A frog who yearns to be any animal that is cute and warm discovers that being wet, slimy, and full of bugs has its advantages.
- Potter, Alicia. ***Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats***. Albert A. Knopf, 2015. Miss Hazeltine opens her home to cats needing courage, and their new learned skills are put to use when she finds herself in trouble.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. A collection of haiku poetry for boys that features poems about tree climbing, kite flying, and other related topics.
- Rex, Adam. ***XO, OX: A Love Story***. Roaring Brook, 2017. This is the hilarious tale of an ox who is in love with a gazelle, told in series of letters.
- Reynolds, Peter H. ***The Dot***. Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.
- Robbins, Dean. ***Margaret and the Moon : How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2017. Pursuing her childhood passion for mathematics and astronomy, Margaret Hamilton becomes a pioneer in computer programming and a hero in the Apollo 11 mission.
- Rosenstiehl, Agnes. ***Silly Lilly In What Will I Be Today?*** Toon Books, 2014. Each day of the week Silly Lilly tries out a new career through play in this fun graphic novel for beginning readers.

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- Santat, Dan. ***After the Fall : How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again.*** Roaring Brook, 2017. After his famous fall, Humpty Dumpty summons his courage to get back up and is rewarded with something amazing.
- Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***Princess Cora and the Crocodile.*** Candlewick, 2017. Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons, exercising in the dungeon gym, and especially taking three baths a day. But when she writes to her fairy godmother for help, she doesn't expect that help to come in the form of a crocodile--a crocodile who does not behave properly.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman, and Mitchell Sharmat. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.*** Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. An illustrated exploration of various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.
- Sklansky, Amy E. ***Out of This World: Poems and Facts About Space.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. A collection of poems and facts about space, accompanied by color paintings.
- Snyder, Laurel. ***Charlie and Mouse.*** Chronicle Books, 2017. Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks.
- Spires, Ashley. ***The Most Magnificent Thing.*** Kids Can Press, 2014. A little girl has creative ideas to build the 'most magnificent thing,' and despite set-backs and problems, she perseveres and is very pleased with the finished product.
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.*** First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! *Caldecott Medal 1970*
- Stein, David Ezra. ***Because Amelia Smiled.*** Candlewick, 2012. As she skips down the street in New York, a little girl's smile inspires a neighbor to send cookies to her grandson in Mexico, and the good will soon spreads around the world.
- Stewart, Melissa. ***Feathers: Not Just for Flying.*** Charlesbridge, 2014. This is a beautifully illustrated description of the many kinds of feathers and their uses.
- Stockdale, Susan. ***Stripes of All Types.*** Peachtree, 2013. Using vivid illustrations and snappy verse, nineteen animals with stripes are described, and additional factual information about the importance of animals' stripes is included in an afterword along with a matching game.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell.*** Holt, 2013. This engaging and delightfully illustrated book brings to life Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.

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- Vere, Ed. **Max and Bird**. Sourcebooks, 2017. Max, a kitten, and Bird, a very young bird, want to be friends, but Max also wants to eat Bird, so they strike a deal. *Series*
- Vernick, Audrey. **First Grade Dropout**. Clarion, 2015. Humor and empathy abound when an embarrassed first grader decides to quit school.
- Watkins, Angela Farris. **My Uncle Martin's Words for America**. Abrams Books, 2011. Using words and phrases from Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, his niece explains the importance of his message and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement.
- Watkins, Rowboat. **Rude Cakes**. Chronicle Books, 2015. A rude cake learns a valuable lesson from a Cyclops in a simple story of etiquette and kindness found in the most unlikely place.
- West, Tracey. **Rise of the Earth Dragon**. Scholastic, 2014. Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffiths that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo - and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers. *Series*
- Winter, Jeanette. **Henri's Scissors**. Beach Lane Books, 2013. When he became an old man confined to a wheelchair, artist Henri Matisse continued to make spectacular art, but not using paint and canvas – he used scissors to create enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.
- Woolvin, Bethan. **Little Red**. Peachtree, 2016. A visually striking retelling of the classic Little Red Riding Hood story, complete with a brave and confident heroine
- Woodson, Jacqueline. **Each Kindness**. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. It is only after Maya, the new girl, moves away that Chloe regretfully realizes that she and her friends have been unkind by excluding her from their games.
- Yamada, Kobi. **What Do You Do With a Chance?** Compendium, 2017. Feeling disappointed and unhappy after not taking a chance, a child overcomes fears and ultimately takes a chance. *Series*
- Young, Amy. **A Unicorn Named Sparkle**. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2016. Lucy wants a unicorn, and although when he arrives he is not at all what she imagined, she warms up to him and realizes he is special after all.

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