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#### **Biography**

- Ashby, Ruth      The Amazing Mr. Franklin, or, The Boy Who Read Everything  
Introduces the life of inventor, statesman, and founding father Benjamin Franklin, whose love of books led him to establish the first public library in the American colonies.
- Barton, Chris      The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors  
Brothers Bob and Joe Switzer had different interests and ambitions but worked together on the dazzling creation of fluorescent colors.
- Cook, Michelle      Our Children Can Soar  
A celebration of Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, and other African American pioneers of change.
- DePaola, Tomie      For the Duration (Read others in the 26 Farimount Ave. series)  
The author relates his childhood memories of World War II, from gas rationing to air-raid drills, but tells how his friends from school, family, and doing things that he was good at carried him through.
- Fritz, Jean      Where Do You Think You're Going Christopher Columbus? (Read other titles in series)  
Discusses the voyages of Christopher Columbus who determined to beat everyone in the race to the Indies
- Giovanni, Nikki      Rosa (Read other titles by this author)  
This picture book offers a moving interpretation of Rosa Parks's momentous refusal to give up her bus seat which led to the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1950's, a significant event in the Civil Rights movement.
- Graphic Library      Levi Strauss and Blue Jeans (Read other biographies in this series)  
Graphic novel presenting the story of Levi Strauss and his invention of denim jeans.
- McCarthy, Meghan      Strong Man (Read other titles by this author)  
He could tear phone books in half, bend iron bars into giant Us, and pull a 145,000-pound train with his bare hands. But Charles Atlas wasn't always

one of America's most famous strong men. Once upon a time, he was a "97-pound weakling" who was picked on by neighborhood bullies.

- Rappaport, Doreen      Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt (Read other titles by this author)  
Well-researched and powerfully presented, this biography of Eleanor Roosevelt chronicles her life from a quiet, reserved child to an outspoken champion for the rights of all individuals.
- Scieszka, Jon      Knucklehead  
A memoir of what it was like to grow up in the 1950s and other almost true stories by Jon Scieszka.
- St. George, Judith      Make your Mark, Franklin Roosevelt (Read other titles by this author)  
Examines the childhood of Franklin Roosevelt and the influences that shaped his life. Besides learning how to fit in with other boys of different backgrounds while attending boarding school, young Franklin was inspired by headmaster Peabody who set expectations for his students to help others and serve the world.
- Weatherford, Carole Boston      I, Matthew Henson  
Introduces readers to the life and accomplishments of explorer Matthew Henson who joined Robert Peary in planting the flag on the North Pole in 1909.

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### **Fantasy**

- Aiken, Joan      The Witch of Clatteringshaws (Wolves Chronicles Series)  
Dido travels to Scotland and, aided by Woodlouse and by Father Sam's cousin Malise, the Witch of Clatteringshaws, seeks another heir to the throne who can relieve her friend Simon of the burden of being King of England.
- Avi      The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant) (Read other titles by this author)  
Avon the Snail is a reader, so he knows that everyone leaves on a journey to find adventure. He and his best friend Edward the Ant meet many challenges and learn much about themselves as the travel from "here to there."

- Collins, Ross      Medusa Jones  
In ancient Greece, Medusa Jones, a Gorgon, and her friends, Mino the Minotaur and Chiron the centaur, are mocked and sneered at by the other Acropolis Academy children whose parents are kings and gods, but when they go on a school camping trip together, the "freaks" become true heroes.
- Coville, Robert      The Monster's Ring (series)  
Russell Crannaker's magic ring enables him to turn into a monster on Halloween and ward off the class bully once and for all.
- DiCamillo, Kate      The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane  
Edward Tulane, a china rabbit, was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl who treated him with care and adored him completely. Then, one day she lost him. He journeys to the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the top of a garbage heap to the fireside of a hobo's camp, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. And along the way, we are shown a true miracle: even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.
- Dyer, Heather      The Girl With the Broken Wing  
Twins James and Amanda are startled by a loud sound, "like a wet cabbage hitting a wall." The noise announces the arrival of cold, wet-winged Hilary, who drops through a window and ends up leading the twins on some wild adventures.
- Eager, Edward      Seven Day Magic (Read other titles by this author)  
An old library book which can be borrowed for only seven days offers great power for five children, who must first learn the book's rules and tame its magic.
- French, Jackie      My Dad the Dragon (Series)  
Horace receives an impossible homework assignment at King Arthur's School for Trainee Knights that requires him to kill a dragon; however, he is reluctant to do that because his father is one.
- Greenburg, J.C.      Andrew Lost with the Frogs (Series)  
Still reduced to the size of insects, Andrew, Judy, and the robot, Thudd, go to a pond, where they encounter dragonflies, moss animals, and fierce larvae in an attempt to learn why frogs are disappearing throughout the world.

- Gutman, Dan      Satch and Me (Series)  
When 13-year-old Joe Stosh's coach brings a radar gun to practice, it prompts a discussion of who was the fastest pitcher in baseball history. Able to use baseball cards to go back in time, Stosh clocks the fastball of famous Negro League pitcher Satchel Paige.
- Jenkins, Emily      Toys Go Out (Read others in this series)  
Humor, affection and friendship take center stage in this delightful early chapter book featuring a little girl's three favorite toys. StingRay, Lumphy the buffalo and Plastic the bouncy ball embark on a series of adventures – including meditating on the scary unknown (washing machine) – and discover the importance of friendship, and overcoming differences and fears.
- Levine, Gail  
Carson      Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg (Read other titles by this author)  
Mother Dove, whose single blue egg holds the secret of the island's eternal youth, is thrown off her nest when Neverland is shaken by a terrible hurricane. The precious egg is shattered. Immediately, Neverland folk begin to age. Mother Dove chooses Prilla to be part of the fairy team to undertake the quest for the egg. Can one little no-talent fairy help save Neverland from certain doom?
- Reiche, Dietlof      I, Freddy (Series)  
Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster, learns how to read and how to write on a computer and escapes captivity to become an independent and civilized creature.
- Rodda, Emily      The Peskie Spell (Series)  
The magical world of the Realm has a terrible problem, a plague of mischievous, troublemaking Peskies. A wild west wind has brought the tiny creatures down from the hills in the thousands. They're making life in the Realm impossible, and eating up all the magic!
- Scieszka, Jon      Oh Say, I Can't See (Other titles by this author)  
Here is more historical mayhem with the Time Warp Trio. These time travelers must save American history, find a pet and avoid getting hung as spies.
- Stewart, Paul      Clash of the Sky Gallons (Edge Chronicles)  
The most recent in the Edge Chronicles series. Sky pirate Quint joins his father, aboard the sky ship Galerider. Quint soon learns that his father is driven by a thirst for revenge inspired by the tragedy that killed the rest of their family many years before. Quint and his stalwart companions sail into one adventure after another, facing malevolent and sometimes monstrous adversaries.

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## **Fairytales and Folklore**

- Fleischman, Paul      Glass Slipper Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella  
Cinderella dons a golden sarong of Indonesia, a feather cloak of China and a red Japanese kimono while preparing for her fateful night as the reader follows the main character through her magical encounters.
- Higgins, Nadia      Cinderella and the Bowling Slipper (Fiona and Frieda's Fairytale Adventures series)  
Third graders Fiona and Frieda, having transported Cinderella to their playground through their magic rhyming powers, try to help Cinderella find her fairy godmother and meet the prince.
- Hughes, Shirley      Ella's Big Chance: A Jazz-Age Cinderella  
In this version of the Cinderella tale set in the 1920s, Ella has two men courting her, the handsome Duke of Arc and Buttons the delivery boy.
- Levine, Gail Carson      Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg (Series)  
Follow fairy Prilla in her quest to save Never Land despite her feelings of inadequacy and frustration over being a "no-talent" fairy.
- Osborne, Mary Pope      Tall Tales  
A collection of tall tales about such American folk heroes as Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, Pecos Bill, John Henry, and Paul Bunyan.
- Pinkney, Jerry      Little Red Riding Hood  
On her way to see her grandmother, Little Red Riding Hood is tempted by a lurking wolf along the way. Only the activity of nearby woodcutters keeps the wolf at bay.
- Storace, Patricia      Sugar Cane  
In this retelling of the Rapunzel tale, a young Caribbean girl named Sugar Cane is taken from her parents by sorceress Madam Fate and forced to live in a tower overlooking the sea. Although her only company is a green monkey and the spirits of teachers, her love of music sees her through her difficult life.

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## **Graphic Novels**

- Holm, Jennifer      Babymouse #8: Puppy Love  
Eager to get a pet dog, Babymouse tries to convince her parents that she can handle the responsibility.

- Capstone Press  
Graphic Library     The Sinking of the Titanic (Read other titles in the Graphic Library: Graphic History series)  
A comic version of the story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" ship, Titanic, in 1912.
- Lechner, John     Sticky Burr  
Welcome to Burrwood Forest, where a village of seed pods is busy having adventures! Meet Sticky Burr, his unshakable friends, and his prickly foes in a beguiling graphic storybook.
- Scieszka, Jon     Time Warp Trio Nightmare on Joe's Street (Series)  
While on a sleepover, Joe and Sam encounter Frankenstein's monster and must use their time-travel book to take him back to the nineteenth century to his maker, Mary Shelley.
- Smith Jeff     Bone: Crown of Horns #9 (Series)  
After stepping into a ghost circle Thorn is urged to locate the Crown of Horns, and sets off on a quest with Fone Bone to traipse through the sacred grounds of dragons, with the hope of returning with the only thing that can save everyone and everything she holds dear.
- Stone Arch  
Graphic Novels     King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table (Read other titles in this series)  
In a world of wizards, giants, and dragons, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table are the Kingdom of Camelot's only defense against the threatening forces of evil.
- Worely, Rob M.     Surprise Island (Read other titles in the Boxcar Children Graphic Novels series)  
Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden spend a summer full of adventure and surprises while camping on their own private island.

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### **Historical Fiction**

- Bruchac,  
Joseph     Buffalo Song (Read other titles by this author)  
Walking Coyote is a Native American man who lived in the late 1800s. He worked to help the wild buffalo from becoming extinct by building and tending to a small herd.
- Crisp, Marty     Titanicat  
Every ship had a cat, and in this historical fiction picture book, the story of the Titanic's cat is told, but just where is the cat's luck during the Titanic's doomed voyage?

Esbaum, Jill	<p><u>Ste-e-e-e-eamboat A-comin'!</u></p> <p>A village comes to life when a Mississippi River steamboat arrives and unloads its goods. Set in 1867, this story of the fictional S.L. Clemens uses verse to describe the excitement that the brief docking of the packet brought to otherwise tranquil towns along the mighty Mississippi.</p>
Hatch Wyss, Thelma	<p><u>Bear Dancer: The Story of a Ute Girl</u></p> <p>Based upon the life of a real girl, this is the story of Elk Girl, a member of the Ute tribe who is captured by the Cheyenne during the 1860s, sold to an Arapaho warrior, rescued by a white soldier, and finally returned to her home.</p>
Hopkinson, Deborah	<p><u>Billy and the Rebel: Based on a True Civil War Story</u></p> <p>During the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, a mother and son shelter a young Confederate deserter.</p>
Hopkinson, Deborah	<p><u>Saving Strawberry Farm</u></p> <p>During the Great Depression, Davey learns that a neighbor's property is about to be auctioned. He rallies his friends, neighbors, and family to help save Strawberry Farm.</p>
Johnson, Angela	<p><u>A Sweet Smell of Roses</u></p> <p>Two young girls participate in a freedom march and listen to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak during the Civil Rights movement.</p>
Krensky, Stephen	<p><u>Dangerous Crossing: The Revolutionary Voyage of John Quincy Adams</u></p> <p>Presents an illustrated, narrative account of the events in 1778, when ten-year-old Johnny Adams accompanies his father, John Adams, on a dangerous mid-winter voyage from Massachusetts to Paris in hopes of gaining support for the colonies during the American Revolution.</p>
Levine, Ellen	<p><u>Henry's Freedom Box</u></p> <p>This is a fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.</p>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<p><u>Sarah, Plain and Tall</u> (Series)</p> <p>When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home in Maine, Anna and Caleb are captivated by their new mother, but worried that she might not like being away from the sea.</p>
McKissack, Pat	<p><u>Abby Takes a Stand</u> (Read other titles in this series)</p> <p>Gee recalls for her grandchildren what happened in 1960 in Nashville, Tennessee, when at the age of ten she passed out flyers while her cousin and other adults held sit-ins at restaurants and lunch counters to protest segregation.</p>

- Say, Allen      Kamishibai Man (Read other titles by this author)  
After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man, a Japanese street performer who tells stories and sells candies, decides to make his rounds once more even though such entertainment declined after the advent of television.
- Stroud, Betty      The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom  
While her father leads her toward Canada and away from the plantation where they have been slaves, a young girl thinks of the quilt her mother used to teach her a code that will help guide them to freedom.
- Whelan, Gloria      Yuki and the One Thousand Carriers  
When Yuki's father is called upon to be a carrier in the Japanese royal procession from Kyoto to Edo, Yuki, her mother and their dog go along for the three-hundred mile journey. Yuki uses haiku to tell her story and present her feelings about the long voyage.
- Woodson, Jacqueline      Show Way  
A mother passes on the tradition of making quilts, or "Show ways", that serve as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves.

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### ***Humorous Fiction***

- Amato, Mary      Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tell All  
Wilbur and Orville Riot are brothers and best friends. They invent contraptions, make up games and create their own adventures. This hilarious book follows their antics in three different stories.
- Asch, Frank      Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius (First in series)  
Self-proclaimed genius inventor Alex builds a Star Jumper, a spaceship made of cardboard, duct tape, and old odds and ends, to escape his annoying little brother Jonathan.
- Barshaw, Ruth McNally      Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School (Series)  
Ellie writes and doodles in a journal about her family's move to a new home and her adventures and mishaps as the new kid in her new school.
- Cleary, Beverlyly      Ribsy (Series)  
After Ribsy gets lost from his owner, Henry Huggins, at the shopping center, this ordinary city dog begins a series of humorous escapades and adventures.

- DiCamillo, Kate Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes (Series)  
Mr. and Mrs. Watson think it is a wonderful idea to bring their pet pig Mercy to the drive-in, and when Mercy arrives, she is determined to find her own buttery bucket of popcorn. This causes quite a surprise for the other movie patrons.
- Gutman, Dan Miss Small is Off the Wall (Series)  
AJ and the other second graders do everything but play sports when they go to “fizz ed” class with their new teacher Miss Small.
- King-Smith, Dick Funny Frank  
Gertie the hen is appalled when her son Frank wants to swim with the ducks, but Jemina and her mother, the farmer's wife, make him a special outfit so that his dream can come true.
- Lowry, Lois Gooney Bird is So Absurd (Series)  
Gooney Bird Greene is back in her idyllic second grade classroom. Mrs. Pidgeon's class is studying poetry and Gooney Bird leads her classmates in creating a perfect poem for their teacher's mother.
- MacDonald Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle (Series)  
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has the ability to fix children's bad habits and is loved by all.
- Reynolds  
Naylor, Phyllis The Great Chicken Debacle (Read other titles by this author)  
The three Morgan children are promised a trip to the amusement park if they succeed in taking care of the chicken their dad bought their mom as a surprise birthday present.
- Winkler, Henry A Tale of Two Tails (Series)  
Fifth-grader Hank enters his dog in a contest to choose a new school mascot.

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### **Mystery**

- Banscherus, J. The Puzzle of the Power Drain (Klooz Series)  
The carnival's merry-go-round keeps being sabotaged. The owner asks Klooz to solve this case.
- Cheshire, Simon The Curse of the Ancient Mask: And Other Case Files (Series)  
Saxby Smart may be ten years old, but he is the best young detective in the world. While he works on three different cases, he shares clues with the readers so they can also work on solving the mysteries.

- Coville, Bruce      Weeping Werewolf (Series)  
Sequel to Dragon of Doom. When Edward accompanies Moongobble into the Forest of Night to prove he is a magician of merit by obtaining the tears of a werewolf, he does not know what big surprises are in store for them.
- DeFelice, Cynthia      The Ghost of Cutler Creek  
When Allie is contacted by the ghost of a dog, she and Dub investigate the surly new boy at school and his father, who may be running a puppy mill.
- Hale, Bruce      Murder, My Tweet: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye Detective (Series)  
Chet Gecko and his associate, Natalie Attired, take a case tailing who they think is a cheating boyfriend but are instead led to a school mystery that involves blackmail and robots.
- McCall Smith, Alexander      Max and Maddy (Series) (Read other series by this author.)  
Asked by a Swiss banker to investigate a series of bank robberies committed by dogs, young detectives Max and Maddy Twist travel to Switzerland, where they discover that the man behind the robberies is none other than Professor Sardine.
- Mitchelhill, Barbara      How to Be a Detective (Damian Drooth series)  
Young detective Damian Drooth shares his knowledge about being a supersleuth. The kids that he tells then search for crime to solve. When they search at the dog show, things get a little hairy.
- Napoli, Donna Jo      Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries (Series)  
Sly the Sleuth, also known as Sylvia, solves three mysteries for her friends and neighbors, all involving pets, through her detective agency, Sleuth for Hire.
- Pinkwater, Daniel      Bad Bear Detectives  
Mr. Maxwell celebrates his promotion by treating himself to a live mouse at the Paw and Claw restaurant; however, his decision leads to surprising results for himself.

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### **Non-Fiction**

- Ablow, Gail      A Horse in the House  
A collection of true stories about animals that first appeared in newspapers from around the world. Includes tales about a greyhound who wears contact lenses, two donkeys who have a wedding and a horse who has his own house. Features illustrations and a list of story sources.

America's Animal Comebacks	<p><u>American Bison a Scary Predicament</u> (Read about other animals in this series) Describes the life of the American Bison focusing on its history, the slaughter of bison using them for food, for clothing, food, sport and as fertilizer in the 1800s. Also describes how they were saved from extinction and today survive in herds of 200,000 to 450,000 with 20,000 living on preserves.</p>
Bishop, Nic	<p>Nic Bishop <u>Butterflies and Moths</u> (Read other titles by this author) Gorgeous photographs and a text full of amazing facts will delight young readers who will learn about butterflies and moths' physiology and behavior without realizing it. An author's note, glossary and index complete the book.</p>
Davies, Nichola	<p><u>Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth</u> Reveals how animals such as the polar bear, emperor penguins, roadrunners, camels, and reptiles adapt to and survive the most extreme conditions.</p>
Jenkins, Steve	<p><u>How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships</u> (Read other titles by this author) A series of illustrations describing some of the most unusual relationships between various animals in the wild.</p>
Lewin, Ted	<p><u>At Gleason's Gym</u> (Read other books by this Author/Illustrator) Ted Lewin explores Gleason's – the world's most famous boxing gym – through the eyes of 9-year-old Sugar Boy, who is training for the state Silver Glove championships.</p>
Markle, Sandra	<p><u>Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories</u> (Read other titles by this author) Nine tales share true accounts of animals saving humans. Photos and extra information and insights into animal behavior are also included.</p>
McNulty, Faith	<p><u>If You Decide To Go To the Moon</u> The reader participates in every aspect of a space journey, from packing to lift-off to traveling through space, ultimately landing at the Sea of Tranquility, the site of the first lunar landing in this engaging, informative book.</p>
Moss, Marissa	<p><u>Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen</u> In 1931, seventeen-year-old Jackie Mitchell pitches against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game, becoming the first professional female pitcher in baseball history.</p>

- Nagda, Ann  
Whitehead Tiger Math  
T.J. is a Siberian tiger cub born at the Denver Zoo. One day he stops eating. The zoo staff tries to tempt him with treats, but he refuses them all. The staff doesn't give up, and finally their love and persistence pay off. T.J. grows up to be a huge, healthy tiger.
- Nichols, Michael Face to Face with Gorillas (Series)  
The author photographs gorillas and shares his experiences with the animals.
- Pulley Sayre,  
April Stars Beneath Your Bed: the Surprising Story of Dust (Read other titles by this author)  
Explains the origins of dust, what dust is, and how dust shows up in the world.
- Ryder, Joanne A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo  
From their first swim to a roll in the dirt, readers see how the cubs learn and grow, each with its own personality.
- Sis, Peter The Train of States (Read other titles by this author)  
Gives information about each state, including capital, motto, state tree, state bird, source of name, and date of statehood.
- Wang, Xiaohong One Year in Beijing  
Ling Ling is eight years old and lives in Beijing, China. Spend a year-long journey in the life of young Ling Ling. Her personal accounts tell about school life, holidays, festivals, family, Chinese culture, and more.

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### **Poetry**

- Bagert, Brod Shout! Little Poems that Roar  
Often silly, always winsome poems cover everything from the seasons and the stars to finger paint and kids who quack. With humor and warmth, *Shout!* shows us there's fun in work and play, poetry in everything, and a million different uses for ketchup.
- Florian, Douglas Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars  
Colorful illustrations and poems introduce children to poetry, teaching them about the different types of poems and the most popular poets from history. Includes a CD with readings of the poems included in the book.
- Franco, Betsy A Curious Collection of Cats: Concrete Poems  
Contains thirty-four visual poems about cats, including their many personalities, interactions with both dogs and humans, and more. It is full of humor and colorful illustrations.

- Harley, Avis Leap Into Poetry: More ABCs of Poetry  
This is a combination poetry book, instruction manual, and collection of bug facts. For each letter of the alphabet, a bug poem and an illustration demonstrate a different type of poetic form, which also happens to start with the same letter.
- Heard, Georgia Falling Down the Page  
A collection of list poems that include topics such as saying goodbye, lists of animals and birds, and more. Poets include: Eileen Sinelli, Avis Harley, and Valiska Gregory.
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett (editor) Oh, No! Where Are My Pants? and Other Disasters: Poems (Read other titles by this poet)  
An anthology of 15 simple poems by popular children's poets. The title poem is by Judith Viorst. The poems deal with a variety of subjects that kids deal with such as school, embarrassment, etc. There are other poems on more serious subjects such as, the loss of a pet or a friend's moving away.
- Janeczko, Paul B. A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout  
Includes thirty-eight rhymes, tongue twisters, and bilingual poems. The text is easy-to-follow and the illustrations compliment the poetry.
- Lansky, Bruce My Dog Ate My Homework! A Collection of Funny Poems  
A collection of humorous poems for children, grouped in different categories: parents, brothers and sisters, pets, school, disasters, all mixed up, and advice.
- Lewis, J. Patrick Please Bury Me in the Library  
Presents an illustrated collection of fifteen poems about the joy of books, reading, language, and libraries.
- Martin, Jr., Bill The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry  
A brightly illustrated collection of poems, featuring the works of various poets, chosen as favorites by Bill Martin, Jr.
- Meriam, Eve Blackberry Ink  
Useful collection of poetry and facts celebrating holidays, inventions, famous people, historical events, and, mostly, poets. Whatever the subject, Hopkins offers an appropriate poem.
- Prelutsky, Jack My Dog May Be a Genius (Read other titles by this author)  
A collection of poems that celebrates the joys of childhood and the sillier side of life.

Sales, Laura  
Purdie      Chatter, Sing, Roar, Buzz: Poems About the Rain Forest (Read other titles by this author)  
A collection of poetry about the rainforest, enhanced by wonderful photographs of interesting animals and plants. A variety of poetic forms with definitions of poetic devices are included.

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### **Realistic Fiction**

Barrows, Anne      Ivy & Bean  
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.

Bauer, Marion  
Dane      A Bear Named Trouble (Read other titles by this author)  
Ten-year-old Jonathan is lonely, waiting for his mother and little sister to join him and his father, the new keeper at the Alaska Zoo in Anchorage, but no lonelier than the three-year-old brown bear whose mother abandoned him. They connect when the bear, wounded and hungry, runs blindly into town, visits Jonathan's back deck, and then tunnels into the zoo where he kills a goose, the boy's favorite. Basing her story on an actual incident, Bauer intertwines the two stories, emphasizing the bear's wildness.

Child, Lauren      Clarice Bean Spells Trouble (Series)  
Clarice Bean seems to be in nonstop trouble these days, almost as much as Karl Wrenbury, who is the naughtiest boy at school. If only she could be more like her favorite book character, Ruby Redfort, girl detective, who is very good at getting out of trouble. The problem is, Mrs. Wilberton is planning a spelling bee, and just thinking about it gives Clarice a stomachache.

Christopher,  
Matt      Windmill Windup (Series)  
Thirteen-year-old Kelly, softball star, has to face new challenges in her life, including an assignment to a different softball team and her mother's new boyfriend.

Davies,  
Jacqueline      The Lemonade War  
Evan is not thrilled about having his younger sister, Jesse, moved into his fourth grade class. As the summer draws to an end, they both make lemonade stands and challenge each other to be the first to make one hundred dollars. The book includes mathematical calculations and tips for starting your own lemonade stand.

- Friedman, Laurie      Campfire Mallory (Series)  
 Nine-and-a-half-year-old Mallory's trepidation about going to sleepaway camp is multiplied when she and her best friend are assigned to different cabins, and a new "friend" seems determined to get Mallory in trouble.
- Friedman, Laurie B.      Mallory Goes Green (Series)  
 Mallory is on the Fern Falls Elementary School Environmental Committee, which is selecting class projects for the Green Fair. After being a little too aggressive with her attempts to make her friends and family more aware of conserving energy, she becomes more open to others' suggestions.
- Greene, Constance      Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist (Series)  
 Owen can't get enough of lizards. He loves weird animals that look exotic and dangerous, and he wants desperately to win the science fair project with his best friend, Joseph. The trouble is, Joseph feels queasy around the slimy creatures.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson      Dexter the Tough  
 Michael Jordan, an ironically named sixth grader, is the shortest kid in sixth grade. Michael frets about his height, falls for a girl who likes his older brother and resents having to keep a journal for language arts.
- Harper, Charise      Just Grace (Series)  
 Third-grader Grace loves cats, including the one that belongs to her intimidating neighbor, Mrs. Luther. When Mrs. Luther's cat goes missing, Grace is determined to find it, even if that means joining forces with a boy she doesn't like.
- Hermes, Patricia      Emma Dilemma Series)  
 Emma tries to help her parents understand that, although their beloved new nanny has made a few mistakes, no one can behave perfectly responsibly all the time.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis      Piper Reed Gets a Job (Series)  
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