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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adams, Diane. ***I Can Do It Myself!*** Peachtree, 2009. Emily Pearl is a big girl who insists on doing everything for herself until evening, when having someone help her get ready for bed is nice.
- Baker, Keith. ***Just How Long Can a Long String Be?!*** Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Be it tied to a balloon or kite, or hanging a picture, or stringing a banjo or a mop, a bird explains to an ant how long a string needs to be.
- Beaty, Andrea. ***Firefighter Ted.*** McElderry, 2009. When Ted awakens to the smell of smoke and cannot find a firefighter, he decides to become one for the day, much to the dismay of his mother, neighbors, principal, and classmates.
- Bechtold, Lisze. ***Sally and the Purple Socks.*** Philomel, 2008. When her tiny purple socks start to expand, Sally turns them into a scarf and then curtains, but things soon get out of hand.
- Bedford, David. ***Little Bear's Big Sweater.*** Good Books, 2009. Big Bear, having outgrown his very favorite sweater, reluctantly passes it down to Little Bear, but when Little Bear gets the sweater wet and muddy, Big Bear gets angry and later regrets his behavior.
- Bell, Cece. ***Itty Bitty.*** Candlewick, 2009. A tiny dog named Itty Bitty finds an enormous bone and hollows it out to make it his home, but it feels incomplete until he discovers a section of a department store with miniature furniture.
- Berry, Lynne. ***Duck Tents.*** Holt, 2009. While on a camping trip, five little ducks pitch tents, go fishing, toast marshmallows around a campfire, and face frightening night noises.
- Boutignon, Béatrice. ***Not All Animals Are Blue: A Big Book of Little Differences.*** Kane/Miller, 2009. This interactive text teaches young children about differences through a simple story about colors, movement, and behaviors of certain animals.
- Broad, Michael. ***Forget-Me-Not.*** Barron's, 2009. Monty, a young elephant whose mother is concerned about his safety, is warned to stay with the herd, and when he gets distracted while digging up some forget-me-nots, he sees that the herd has moved on and proceeds to run across other animals in groups such as meerkats, termites, and flamingos.
- Brooks, Jeremy. ***My First Prayers.*** Frances Lincoln, 2009. This collection of fifteen prayers is gathered from around the world and written for very young children.
- Bynum, Janie. ***Kiki's Blankie.*** Sterling, 2009. Kiki can do and be anything she wants as long as she has her polka-dot blankie.

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- Clements, Andrew. ***Dogku***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Haiku is used to tell a story about a dog named Mooch and the many things he does, such as riding in a car, barking at the neighbors, and chewing on dirty socks.
- Cook, Michelle. ***Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change***. Bloomsbury, 2009. Illustrations and brief text introduce early readers to the achievements of prominent African-Americans throughout history, and features George Washington Carver, Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, and others.
- Crews, Nina. ***The Neighborhood Mother Goose***. Greenwillow, 2004. This collection of nursery rhymes, both familiar and lesser known, is illustrated with photographs in a city setting.
- Darbyshire, Kristen. ***Put It on the List***. Dutton, 2009. After family members see the consequences of forgetting to write things on the grocery list, they not only do better at keeping the list up-to-date, they also help with the shopping to ensure they never again eat pickled grubs.
- deGroat, Diane. ***Dogs Don't Brush Their Teeth!*** Orchard, 2009. Photographs, illustrations, and foldout pages introduce the reader to fifteen different dogs who show what they can and cannot do.
- Dewdney, Anna. ***Llama Llama Misses Mama***. Viking, 2009. Llama Llama experiences separation anxiety on his first day of nursery school.
- Ellery, Amanda. ***If I Were a Jungle Animal***. Simon & Schuster, 2009. While playing baseball, a boy wonders what it would be like to be different jungle animals.
- Elliott, David. ***On the Farm***. Candlewick, 2008. Animals of the farmyard, including a goat, a cow, a rooster, bees, and bunnies, are presented in verse accompanied by woodcut and watercolor illustrations.
- English, Karen. ***Hot Day on Abbott Avenue***. Clarion, 2004. After having a fight, two friends spend the day ignoring each other until the lure of a game of jump rope helps them to forget about being mad.
- Fearnley, Jan. ***Martha in the Middle***. Candlewick, 2008. Martha, a young mouse with a sensible big sister and a cute little brother, begins to feel invisible and decides to run away, but at the end of the garden she meets a wise frog who points out just how special the middle can be.
- Finn, Carrie. ***Manners in Public***. Picture Window Books, 2007. With illustrations and simple text, this book teaches children the importance of proper etiquette in public places.
- Foreman, Jack and Michael. ***Say Hello***. Candlewick, 2008. Written when the author was ten years old, this story tells of a dog and a boy who are both lonely until they are included by others.

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- Fox, Mem. ***Hello Baby!*** Beach Lane Books, 2009. A baby encounters a variety of young animals, including a clever monkey, a hairy warthog, and a dusty lion cub, before discovering the most precious creature of all.
- Freymann, Saxton. ***Fast Food.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2006. Playful rhyming text about different modes of transportation accompanies colorful sculptures of vegetables and fruits on the move.
- Friedman, Darlene. ***Star of the Week: A Story of Love, Adoption, and Brownies with Sprinkles.*** Bowen Press, 2009. As her turn to be "Star of the Week" in her kindergarten class approaches, Cassidy-Li puts together a poster with pictures of her family, friends, and pets, and wonders about her birth parents in China.
- Gall, Chris. ***Dinotrux.*** Little, Brown, 2009. Illustrations and simple text introduce creatures that are part truck and part dinosaur in a safari through a world ruled by the Craneosaurus, the Garbageadon, and Tyrannosaurus Trux.
- Gay, Marie-Louise. ***When Stella Was Very, Very Small.*** Groundwood Books, 2009. Stella uses her imagination to play as she grows from a baby into a big sister.
- Gershator, Phillis. ***Zoo Day, ¡Olé!: A Counting Book.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2009. Simple text and illustrations of a zoo introduce the numbers one through ten.
- Godwin, Laura. ***This Is the Firefighter.*** Disney/Hyperion, 2009. Short, rhyming sentences tell the story of firefighters responding to a fire in a building from the time the alarm rings and the firefighters leave the station until they declare "all clear" and return.
- Golson, Terry Blonder. ***Tillie Lays an Egg.*** Scholastic, 2009. In search of the perfect place to lay her egg, Tillie the chicken leaves the barnyard and explores the farmhouse.
- Gorbachev, Valeri. ***The Missing Chick.*** Candlewick, 2009. When one of the little chicks goes missing, Mother Hen and the neighbors search frantically through the house, the yard, and the neighborhood before it is finally found taking a nap in a quiet place.
- Gravett, Emily. ***The Odd Egg.*** Simon & Schuster, 2009. Duck is trying to hatch the oddest egg of all.
- Hague, Kathleen. ***Alphabears: An ABC Book.*** Holt, 1984. A bear for each letter of the alphabet is introduced and its special qualities are described in rhyme.
- Hamanaka, Sheila. ***All the Colors of the Earth.*** Morrow, 1994. This story in verse reveals that, despite outward differences, children everywhere are essentially the same and all are lovable.

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- Hamilton, K.R. (Kersten R.) ***Police Officers on Patrol***. Viking, 2009. Illustrations and brief rhyming text depict police officers as they respond to a variety of situations, from a broken traffic light to a robbery.
- Harris, Robie H. ***Maybe a Bear Ate It!*** Orchard, 2008. At bedtime, a young boy who cannot find his favorite book imagines the various creatures that might have taken it from him.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***Birds***. Greenwillow, 2009. Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.
- Hest, Amy. ***Little Chick***. Candlewick, 2009. In this collection of three stories, Little Chick learns how to deal with life's disappointments with the help of his beloved Old-Auntie.
- Isadora, Rachel. ***Uh-oh!*** Harcourt, 2008. As an African-American toddler keeps getting into mischief throughout the day, the reader is invited to discover what the trouble is with each page-turn and to say "uh-oh!"
- Javernick, Ellen. ***The Birthday Pet***. Marshall Cavendish, 2009. Danny can have a pet for his birthday and he knows exactly what he wants, but the other members of his family think differently.
- Katz, Karen. ***Ten Tiny Tickles***. McElderry, 2005. Family members awaken a baby with tickles, from one little tickle on a lovely sleepy head to ten tiny tickles on chubby, tubby toes.
- Keller, Holly. ***Miranda's Beach Day***. Greenwillow, 2009. Miranda and Mama spend a fun day at the beach building castles and catching sand crabs, and Miranda learns that, just like the sand and the sea, she and her mother will always be together.
- Kerley, Barbara. ***One World, One Day***. National Geographic, 2009. Photographs and poetic text describe the shared daily activities of people around the world, such as preparing breakfast.
- Kettelman, Helen. ***Armadilly Chili***. Whitman, 2004. In this Texas-style adaptation of a traditional folktale, a tarantula, mockingbird, and horned toad refuse to help an armadillo prepare a batch of chili but nevertheless expect to eat it when it's ready.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***The Three Little Tamales***. Marshall Cavendish, 2009. In this variation of "The Three Little Pigs" set in the Southwest, three little tamales escape from a restaurant before they can be eaten, and set up homes in the prairie, cornfield, and desert.

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- Kleven, Elisa. ***A Carousel Tale***. Tricycle Press, 2009. Given the responsibility of taking care of his favorite carousel dog's tail during the winter, a young blue crocodile finds, as time goes by, that he cannot resist his own artistic urges.
- Krasnesky, Thad. ***I Always, Always Get My Way***. Flashlight Press, 2009. Emmy always uses her cute little pout and the fact that she is only three to get out of trouble, but when she floods the bathroom, uses her sister's shoes as boats, and dresses her brother's pet iguana in a bikini, she learns that she cannot get away with everything.
- Lakin, Patricia. ***Camping Day***. Dial, 2009. Four crocodile friends have many adventures during a campout.
- Lechner, John. ***A Froggy Fable***. Candlewick, 2005. A little frog is upset when his simple life is changed by such things as other animals moving in nearby, but during an unexpected adventure away from the pond, he learns that change can be good after all.
- Lovell, Patty. ***Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon***. Putnam, 2001. Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself.
- Low, William. ***Machines Go to Work***. Holt, 2009. In this lift-the-flap book, cement mixers, helicopters, backhoes, and other machines go to work around town.
- Luciani, Brigitte. ***How Will We Get to the Beach?*** North-South Books, 2003. The reader is asked to guess what Roxanne must leave behind as she tries to find her way to the beach.
- Marlow, Layn. ***Hurry Up and Slow Down***. Holiday House, 2008. Hare likes to hurry through the day, unlike Tortoise, but manages to slow down for his favorite bedtime story.
- Martin, Bill, Jr. and John Archambault. ***Listen to the Rain***. Holt, 1988. The changing sounds of the rain, the slow soft sprinkle, the drip-drop tinkle, the sounding pounding roaring rain, and the fresh wet silent after-time of rain are described.
- McAllister, Angela. ***Monster Pet!*** McElderry, 2005. After asking for a big, wild, and exciting pet, Jackson receives a boring hamster and quickly forgets to care for it with frightening results.
- McGhee, Alison. ***Always***. Simon & Schuster, 2009. A loyal dog promises to protect his young mistress and her home from any danger.
- Meserve, Jessica. ***Can Anybody Hear Me?*** Clarion, 2008. Jack's family is so noisy that no one ever hears what he says, but when he goes up the mountain with his friend Chester, he learns how to make himself heard.

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- Minor, Wendell and Florence. ***If You Were a Penguin***. Katherine Tegen Books, 2009. Illustrations and simple rhyming text tells a story of the fun and excitement of being a penguin.
- Mitton, Tony. ***A Very Curious Bear***. Random House, 2009. A very curious bear asks his parents questions about all the things they see and do all day long.
- Moore, Inga. ***Six-dinner Sid***. Simon & Schuster, 1991. Sid the cat plays the pet of six different owners on Aristotle Street so that he can get six dinners every night.
- Most, Bernard. ***The Cow That Went Oink***. Harcourt, 1990. A cow that “oinks” and a pig that “moos” are ridiculed by the other barnyard animals until each teaches the other a new sound.
- Murphy, Stuart J. ***Beep Beep, Vroom Vroom!*** HarperCollins, 2000. Molly loves to play with her big brother's cars, and as the red cars vroom and the yellow cars beep, readers can learn to recognize patterns, an early and essential math skill.
- Nakagawa, Chihiro. ***Who Made This Cake?*** Front Street, 2008. While a boy and his parents go for an outing, little people invade the house and use their big construction equipment to bake a cake.
- Norman, Kimberly. ***Crocodaddy***. Sterling, 2009. A young boy with a vivid imagination goes on a hunt for his crocodile dad.
- Ormondroyd, Edward. ***Theodore***. Dial, 1966. Theodore the teddy bear gets lost in a pile of family laundry and has a remarkable adventure.
- Otoshi, Kathryn. ***One***. KO Kids Books, 2008. Red picks on Blue while Yellow, Orange, Green, and Purple wonder what they can do until One unites the colors and helps everybody learn about acceptance, tolerance, and boundaries amidst bullying while the reader learns numbers and primary and secondary colors.
- Palatini, Margie. ***Bad Boys Get Henpecked!*** Katherine Tegen Books, 2009. Bad boy wolves Willy and Wally try to get a chicken dinner by disguising themselves as the Handy-Dandy Lupino Brothers and going to work for a hen in need of household help.
- Parenteau, Shirley. ***Bears on Chairs***. Candlewick, 2009. Four bears are happily seated on four chairs until Big Brown Bear shows up and demands a seat.
- Rash, Andy. ***Are You a Horse?*** Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Roy receives a saddle for his birthday and sets out in search of a horse on which to use it.
- Rayner, Catherine. ***Harris Finds His Feet***. Good Books, 2008. Harris, a very small hare with very big feet, has an elderly granddad who teaches him the many uses of big, strong feet and other important life lessons.

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- Reynolds, Aaron. ***Chicks and Salsa***. Bloomsbury, 2005. Soon after the chickens tire of their feed and decide to make tortilla chips and salsa, all the other animals on Nuthatcher Farm start to crave southwestern cuisine.
- Rodman, Mary Ann. ***Surprise Soup***. Viking, 2009. Excited by the prospect of being a big brother, Kevie helps make a special soup to welcome his mother and new sibling home from the hospital.
- Rodriguez, Edel. ***Sergio Saves the Game!*** Little, Brown, 2009. Although Sergio the penguin loves to play soccer, he is very clumsy and uncoordinated so he practices night and day, hoping he can help his team win the big game against the Seagulls.
- Rose, Deborah Lee. ***The Twelve Days of Springtime: A School Counting Book***. Abrams Books, 2009. In this cumulative counting verse, a child enumerates items given to her by her teacher during the first twelve days of spring.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***Yes Day!*** HarperCollins, 2009. A little boy gets everything he asks for on Yes Day, a special day that only comes once a year.
- Ross, Tony. ***Centipede's 100 Shoes***. Holt, 2002. A little centipede buys shoes to protect his feet but finds that they are a lot of trouble to put on and take off.
- Rotner, Shelley. ***Senses in the City***. Millbrook Press, 2008. Photographs and simple text introduce young readers to the sights, sounds, and smells of the city.
- Rusch, Elizabeth. ***A Day with No Crayons***. Rising Moon, 2007. A little girl discovers all sorts of artistic possibilities when she has to go a day without crayons.
- Russell, Natalie. ***Moon Rabbit***. Viking, 2009. A city rabbit befriends a country rabbit, but soon she misses her home and all of its cafes, parks, and bright lights.
- Ryan, Pam Muñoz. ***Hello Ocean***. Talewinds, 2001. Using rhyming text, a child describes the wonder of the ocean experienced through each of her five senses.
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***Puppies and Piggies***. Harcourt, 2008. Rhyming text describes what various animals do and what they love, as well as a baby who loves his bed and his mother.
- SAMi. ***The Big, Bigger, Biggest Book***. Blue Apple Books, 2008. Simple text and fold-out illustrations introduce adjectives such as bigger, farther, and highest.
- Sanders-Wells, Linda. ***Maggie's Monkeys***. Candlewick, 2009. Maggie's parents decide to play along when she insists a family of monkeys has moved into the refrigerator, leaving her practical, reality-obsessed brother wondering what to do about his family.

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- Schoenherr, Ian. ***Read It, Don't Eat It!*** Greenwillow, 2009. Rhyming text and illustrations of animals reading offer advice on how to take care of a library book.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Melvin Might?*** Simon & Schuster, 2008. Melvin, a cautious cement mixer, worries that he cannot keep up with the other trucks, but when Rita needs help he overcomes his fear in order to help her.
- Seder, Rufus Butler. ***Gallop!*** Workman Publishing, 2007. Simple text and "scanimation" illustrations, which make figures appear to be moving, describe the motions of various animals, such as a horse, a cat, a bird, and a butterfly.
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. ***Dog and Bear: Three to Get Ready.*** Roaring Brook, 2009. Friends Dog and Bear get themselves into silly situations involving a bucket stuck on a head, a messy room, and a bouncy bed.
- Shaw, Nancy. ***Sheep Out to Eat.*** Houghton Mifflin, 1992. Five hungry sheep discover that a tea shop may not be the best place for them to eat.
- Shipton, Jonathan. ***Baby Baby Blah Blah Blah!*** Holiday House, 2009. When her parents tell her that they are expecting a baby, Emily sets to work on a list of pros and cons.
- Siminovich, Lorena. ***Alex and Lulu: Two of a Kind.*** Templar Books, 2009. A dog named Alex and a cat named Lulu are best friends, but Alex wonders whether their differences mean that they should not be friends.
- Spinelli, Eileen. ***Silly Tilly.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2009. Tilly drives the other barnyard animals crazy with her silliness, but after gruffly telling her to stop, they discover that they miss her old ways.
- Stoeke, Janet Morgan. ***Minerva Louise and the Red Truck.*** Dutton, 2002. Mischievous hen Minerva Louise jumps on the back of a truck and finds herself on a joyride during which she interprets the sights she sees in her own unique way.
- Suen, Anastasia. ***An Elephant Grows Up.*** Picture Window Books, 2006. This story for early readers describes how baby elephants grow up, how their mothers care for them, and how they learn to care for themselves.
- Sutton, Sally. ***Roadwork.*** Candlewick, 2008. Rhyming text and illustrations show how a road is made, from planning to moving dirt, laying asphalt, putting up signs, to landscaping.
- Swanson, Susan Marie. ***To Be Like the Sun.*** Harcourt, 2008. A child reflects on how a small, striped gray seed eventually becomes a strong, beautiful sunflower.

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- Tafari, Nancy. ***The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book***. Simon & Schuster, 2009. Ten animals find shelter in a hill hollow one by one, but when the storm is over, a rumbling tells them there is still danger afoot.
- Tankard, Jeremy. ***Boo Hoo Bird***. Scholastic, 2009. When Bird gets hit on the head while playing ball, his friends have many suggestions to try to make him feel better.
- Thomas, Jan. ***Rhyming Dust Bunnies***. Atheneum, 2009. As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.
- Thompson, Lauren. ***How Many Cats?*** Disney/Hyperion, 2009. From zero to twenty, a house becomes filled with frolicking cats who then leave alone or in groups.
- Urban, Linda. ***Mouse Was Mad***. Harcourt, 2009. Mouse struggles to find the right way to express his anger, modeling the behavior of Hare, Bear, Hedgehog, and Bobcat, only to discover that his own way may be the best way of all.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Chicken Soup***. Abrams Books, 2009. When they hear that Mrs. Farmer is making soup, all the frightened chickens run for their lives, but Mr. Farmer finds Little Chickie, who has a bad cold, and he takes her to the kitchen for some nice hot vegetable soup.
- Vetter, Jennifer Riggs. ***Down by the Station***. Tricycle, 2009. This expanded version of the traditional song describes more vehicles, different locations, and their unique sounds, from puffer-bellies to racecars and rockets.
- Voake, Charlotte. ***Tweedle Dee Dee***. Candlewick, 2008. Illustrations of a forest in spring and simple text provide a variation on the traditional folk song, "The green leaves grew around."
- Vries, Anke de. ***Raf***. Lemniscaat, 2009. Ben and his favorite stuffed animal, Raf, go everywhere together, but one day Raf disappears and Ben is too sad to go outside and play until the mail brings him a surprise.
- Waddell, Martin. ***Owl Babies***. Candlewick, 1992. Three owl babies whose mother has gone out in the night try to stay calm while she is gone.
- Walsh, Melanie. ***10 Things I Can Do to Help My World: Fun and Easy Eco-tips***. Candlewick, 2008. Simple text and die-cut illustrations describe ten ways children can help the environment, such as turning the water off when they brush their teeth and using both sides of a piece of paper.
- Wells, Rosemary. ***Yoko***. Hyperion, 1998. When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats -- until one of them tries it for himself.

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Willems, Mo. ***Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed***. Hyperion, 2009. Wilbur is the only naked mole rat in his colony who enjoys wearing clothes, and when Grand-pah, the oldest and wisest naked mole rat, discovers his secret, Wilbur fears he will be ostracized by the colony.

Williams, Vera B. ***"More More More" Said the Baby: 3 Love Stories***. Mulberry Books, 1990. Three babies are caught up in the air and given loving attention by a father, grandmother, and mother.

Wilson, Karma. ***Mortimer's First Garden***. McElderry, 2009. Little Mortimer Mouse, longing to see something green at winter's end, follows the lead of the big people and plants, waters, and weeds his last sunflower seed until, finally, with God's help and a lot of patience, he harvests his crop.

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- *Adler, David A. ***Young Cam Jansen and 100th Day of School***. Viking, 2009. Cam Jansen and her best friend Eric are looking forward to the class's 100th day of school party, but the celebration takes a sour turn when the pizza disappears, leaving Cam and her photographic memory to find the missing pizza. *Series*
- Amato, Mary. ***Chicken of the Family***. Putnam, 2008. Henrietta's two older sisters try to convince her she is really a chicken, so Henrietta sets off for the farm to find her real family, and discovers how much fun being a chicken can be.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs***. HarperCollins, 2008. Roscoe Riley, upset with the notion that his teacher could get in trouble, comes up with a plan to keep the bee antennae on the first graders' heads, and help the drummers stay in their seats for the open house play. *Series*
- Arnold, Tedd. ***The Twin Princes***. Dial, 2007. Twin chicken princes take part in a contest to determine which one will inherit the throne.
- *Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy and 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*
- Beard, Alex. ***The Jungle Grapevine***. Abrams, 2009. Reminiscent of Chicken Little, this cleverly illustrated book demonstrates how rumors get started and quickly get out of hand.
- Becker, Bonny. ***A Visitor for Bear***. Candlewick Press, 2008. Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.
- Bishop, Nic. ***Nic Bishop Spiders***. Scholastic, 2007. Includes foldout pages, photographs, and text provide basic information about various kinds of spiders.
- Blackford, Harriet, ***Tiger's Story***. Boxer Books, 2007. A tiger cub grows up and must leave the safety of his mother's protection by venturing out to seek and mark his new territory.
- Brendler, Carol. ***Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2009. Zany and whimsical drawings bring this story about Winnie, the worm farmer to life. Winnie needs a new wagon, so she looks for ways to win first prize at the county fair; however, there are no prizes for worm farmers.
- Brett, Jan. ***Hedgie Blasts Off!*** Putnam, 2006. When the spectacular, sparkling explosions at a popular tourist site slow down, Hedgie the hedgehog is the only one capable of flying to tiny planet Mikkop to see what is wrong.
- Browne, Anthony. ***Little Beauty***. This beautifully illustrated, simple story describes a gorilla with the ability to communicate in sign language who asks for a new friend and is not disappointed.
- Burleigh, Robert. ***One Giant Leap***. Philomel, 2009. An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969.

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- *Byars, Betsy. ***Boo's Dinosaur***. Holt, 2006. When young Boo is followed home by a dinosaur that only she can see, it causes a bit of trouble for her older brother, Sammy.
- *Chaconas, Dori. ***Cork & Fuzz: The Collectors***. Viking, 2008. Cork, a short muskrat, and Fuzz, a tall possum, both like to collect shiny stones, but Cork must act fast to save his friend when Fuzz angers a mother duck by trying to take a "stone" from her nest. *Series*
- Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. ***Princess K.I.M. and the Lie that Grew***. Whitman, 2009. In an attempt to impress her new classmates, Kim lies about her name and claims that she comes from a royal family, but she gets herself into real trouble after her classmates beg to meet Kim's grandmother--the Queen.
- Collins, Ross. ***Dear Vampa***. HarperCollins, 2009. A young vampire writes a letter to his grandfather bemoaning his new neighbors.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Fly***. Joanna Cotler Books, 2007. 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.
- Crummel, Susan Stevens. ***Ten-Gallon Bart and the Wild West Show***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Buffalo Chip's Wild West Show comes to Dog City and retired sheriff Bart, looking for some excitement, enters the bull-riding contest.
- Deans, Karen. ***Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson***. Holiday House, 2007. An illustrated biography of the life and achievements of African-American tennis player Althea Gibson.
- DeFelice, Cynthia. ***One Potato, Two Potato***. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2006. 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.
- De Paola, Tomie. ***26 Fairmount Avenue***. Puffin, 2001. Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. Newbery Honor Book 2000. *Series*
- Dicamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig***. Candlewick Press, 2008. Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives, and frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers, they decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case. *Series*
- DiPucchio, Kelly S. ***Grace for President***. Hyperion, 2008. After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election, where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes.
- Ernst, Lisa Campbell. ***The Gingerbread Girl***. Dutton, 2006. After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie.
- Florian, Douglas. ***Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars***. Harcourt, 2007. A collection of twenty whimsical poems about comets, the stars, moon, and the planets.

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- Fucile, Tony. ***Let's Do Nothing!*** Candlewick, 2009. Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have “done it all,” decide to do nothing for a while, but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.
- Geras, Adele. ***Little Ballet Star***. Dial, 2008. Every little girl dreams of becoming a ballet star and Tilly is no exception. In this story, Tilly visits her Aunt Gina behind-the-scenes of a real ballet. It's Tilly's birthday and she unexpectedly finds herself performing in front of a live audience.
- Gibbons, Gail. ***The Vegetables We Eat***. Holiday House, 2007. A clear, informative introduction to eight groups of vegetables, categorized by the part of the plant that is eaten.
- Grogan, John. ***Bad Dog Marley!*** HarperCollins, 2007. Marley, a rambunctious puppy causes lots of trouble in his new home and feels very sad about it. He then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household.
- Harper, Jessica. ***Uh-Oh Cleo***. Putnam, 2008. What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into Stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house.
- *Hicks, Betty. ***Goof-Off Goalie***. Roaring Brook, 2008. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off, but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. *Series*
- Hills, Tad. ***Duck and Goose***. Schwartz & Wade, 2006. Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball that they think is an oversized egg.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. ***You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together***. Little, Brown, 2004. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices, designed especially for young children and adults to read together. *Series*.
- Hort, Lenny. ***Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved***. Holt, 2006. While much is known about dinosaur anatomy, behavior, and habitat, the author points out the many mysteries that remain to be answered about these extinct creatures.
- *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*
- Jeffers, Susan. ***My Chincoteague Pony***. Hyperion, 2008. Julie, having worked year-round to save money to buy her first Chincoteague pony, realizes she doesn't have enough, but when Pony Penning Day arrives strangers help her make her purchase.
- Kaczman, James. ***Lucky Monkey, Unlucky Monkey***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. While Ed the monkey has the most wonderful day imaginable, Ted the monkey faces everything from bad weather to being chased by wild animals and an angry troll.

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- Katz, Alan. ***Are You Quite Polite?: Silly Dilly Manners Songs***. McElderry, 2006. Presenting humorous lyrics to such familiar children's songs as "Pop Goes the Weasel," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and "Hey Diddle Diddle," Katz presents examples of behavior both good and bad.
- Keating, Frank. ***Theodore***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt that imagines the president looking back on his life, describing his childhood, his youthful journeys throughout the world, his experiences as a leader, and the value he placed on knowledge, adventure, originality, and integrity.
- Keller, Laurie. ***Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners***. Holt, 2007. Mr. Rabbit is worried that he might not get along with his new neighbors. A wise owl gives him the advice, "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you." and proceeds to explain what this means.
- Kennedy, Senator Edward M. ***My Senator and Me: A Dog's Eye View of Washington D.C.*** Scholastic, 2006. Illustrated by David Small and narrated by Splash, the Portuguese Water Dog, this is a clear and concise introduction to the American political process.
- 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.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Stormy's Hat: Just Right for a Railroad Man***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. As Stormy, a railroad engineer, searches for the perfect hat--one that will not blow off, get too hot, or shade his eyes too much--his wife, Ida, becomes increasingly annoyed that he will not let her help. Includes a historical note about the real Stormy and Ida Kromer.
- King-Smith, Dick. ***The Twin Giants***. Candlewick Press, 2008. Bachelor giants Normus and Lottavim, who always do everything together, have a series of adventures after deciding to go their separate ways in search of wives.
- Krebs, Laurie. ***Off We Go To Mexico! An Adventure in the Sun***. Barefoot, 2006. Colorful text with an introduction to Spanish words describes a family's trip to Mexico where they swim in turquoise seas, admire grey whales and monarch butterflies, hike to native villages, and sing and dance to the music of Mariachi bands.
- Krensky, Stephen. ***Milo the Really Big Bunny***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A misfit bunny finds out that the characteristic that makes him different helps the Easter Bunny save the day.
- *Labatt, Mary. ***Sam Gets Lost***. Kids Can Press, 2004. Sam's fun trip downtown turns scary after he hops out of the car and gets lost in the city. *Series*
- LaMarche, Jim. ***Lost and Found: Three Dog Stories***. Chronicle Books, 2009. A compilation of three short stories that indeed prove there is a powerful connection between dogs and children.

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- Landry, Leo. ***Sea Surprise***. Holt, 2005. Kate, a mermaid, and her best friend Dave, a shark, have planned a special surprise for their best friend Ed who has lost his zap. A funny story with silly illustrations makes this a delightful tale of friendship.
- Larson, Kirby and Nethery, Mary. ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival***. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***Poodle and Hound***. Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of--or possibly because of--their differences. *Series*
- Lechner, Jack. ***Mary Had a Little Lamp***. Bloomsbury, 2008. Mary takes her "bendy," gooseneck lamp wherever she goes, much to the dismay of her parents and classmates, but after leaving it at home during summer camp, Mary finds that she has outgrown her need for her odd companion.
- Leedy, Loreen. ***Missing Math: A Number Mystery***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. A numerical mystery ensues when the numbers all over town suddenly disappear bringing a halt to everyday activities.
- Lester, Helen. ***Tacky Goes to Camp***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true.
- Lies, Brian. ***Bats at the Library***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there.
- *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*
- MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. ***Once I Ate a Pie***. Joanna Cotler, 2006. Fourteen free-verse poems and beautiful oil paintings capture the personality of each dog in these examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.
- *Marshall, James. ***Fox on the Job***. Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- McDermott, Gerald. ***Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon***. Harcourt, 2001. All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who, jealous because he cannot sing, tricks Jabuti into riding on his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven
- *McDonald, Megan. ***Daisy Jane, Best Ever Flower-Girl***. Random House, 2007. Daisy Jane, who is thrilled to be the flower girl at her babysitter's wedding, helps save the day when a storm threatens the festivities.

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- McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express***. Candlewick, 2008. Stink Moody, friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away 101 guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to relinquish his favorite, Astro. *Series*
- McElligott, Matthew. ***The Lion's Share***. Walker, 2009. Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.
- McKissack, Patricia. ***Precious and the Boo Hag***. Atheneum, 2005. Home alone with a stomachache while the family works in the fields, a young girl faces up to the horrifying Boo Hag that her brother warned her about.
- McNulty, Faith. ***If You Decide to Go to the Moon***. Scholastic, 2005. This book tells you how to get to the moon, what to do after you land, and most importantly, how to get back home.
- Negron, Ray. ***The Greatest Story Never Told: The Babe and Jackie***. HarperCollins, 2008. Two young boys who are sick in the hospital decide they do not want to be roommates because of their differences, but when they travel back in time and meet Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson, they change their minds.
- Nevius, Carol. ***Baseball Hour***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. All baseball players will enjoy the rhythmic rhyming of this story and photo-like illustrations of children practicing baseball in an effort to build a winning team and, ultimately, a circle of friends.
- Numeroff, Laura. ***The Jellybeans and the Big Dance***. Abrams, 2008. When four young girls meet in dance class, it takes time for them to find a way--and a reason--to pull together as one, but Emily helps them realize that, just like a bag of jellybeans, they can be different and still go well together.
- O'Connor, Jane. ***Fancy Nancy and the Boy from Paris***. HarperCollins, 2008. Nancy is delighted that the new boy in her class is from Paris and sets out to become his friend, then discovers that this Parisian is not quite as fancy as she had thought. *Series*
- Ó Flatharta, Antoine. ***Hurry and the Monarch***. Knopf, 2005. On her way from Canada, a monarch butterfly lands on Hurry the tortoise in Wichita Falls, Texas. Through their friendship, Hurry witnesses the life cycle of a monarch. This story has strong Texas connections and the illustrations depict the beauty of the Monarch and Texas springtime.
- *Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School***. Greenwillow, 2009. Amelia Bedelia, a literal-minded first-grader, finds her first day of school filled with confusing adventures--much to her delight. *Series*
- Recorvits, Helen. ***Yoon and the Jade Bracelet***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008. Although she really would have liked a jump rope for her birthday, Yoon is happy to receive a Korean picture book and a jade bracelet passed down from her grandmother; and when she wears the bracelet to school it seems as if her wish for a jump rope and a friend is about to come true.

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- Reynolds, Peter. ***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.
- *Rylant, Cynthia. ***Annie & Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Annie and her bunny Snowball invite Henry & Mudge to a dress-up party. *Series*
- *Rylant, Cynthia. ***Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. *Series*
- *Rylant, Cynthia. ***The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck***. Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*
- Sauer, Tammi. ***Chicken Dance***. Sterling, 2009. Marge and Lola set out to get tickets to the Elvis Poultry concert by winning a farmyard talent contest. What transpires is hilarious!
- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Army Ant Parade***. Holt, 2002. The animals in the forest prepare for the army ants to swarm over the ground in a thick stream, searching for food.
- Schachner, Judy. ***Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice***. Dutton, 2009. Skippyjon Jones, the Siamese cat that thinks he is a Chihuahua dog, has an adventure on Mars.
- Schulman, Janet. ***Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City***. Knopf, 2008. Recounts the true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities as bird watchers, tourists, and residents admire the bird and his nest which is built on a Fifth Avenue apartment building.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Robot Zot!*** Simon & Schuster, 2009. Big and bright robots advance and defeat their way through a wonderful yet familiar place.
- Scotton, Rob. ***Splat the Cat***. HarperCollins, 2008. Splat the Cat is nervous about his first day at cat school, but once he arrives he realizes he had nothing to worry about.
- Shannon, David. ***Too Many Toys***. Blue Sky Press, 2008. After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away, but realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with.
- *Sharmat, Marjorie. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club***. Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose who is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog, Sludge, to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*
- Shulevitz, Uri. ***How I Learned Geography***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008. As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

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- *Silverman, Erica. ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine***. Harcourt, 2008. Cowgirl Kate and her cow horse, Cocoa, discover what it means to work, play, and be together--rain or shine. *Series*
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and Magic Pebble***. First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again. Caldecott Medal 1970.
- Talbott, Hudson. ***United Tweets of America***. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2008. A collection of detailed illustrations of state birds from all fifty United States.
- Tavares, Matt. ***Mudball***. Candlewick, 2005. During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oyler has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history.
- *Thomas, Shelley Moore. ***A Cold Winter's Good Knight***. Dutton, 2008. The Good Knight must remind three little dragons to mind their manners when they arrive at the castle on the night of a fancy ball. *Series*
- Umansky, Kaye. ***I Don't Like Gloria***. Candlewick, 2007. The family dog tries to cope with the arrival of a new cat.
- *Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth***. Dial, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. *Series*
- Whybrow, Ian. ***Badness for Beginners: A Little Wolf and Smellybreff Adventure***. Carolrhoda, 2005. Little Wolf and his brother Smellybreff get lessons in badness from their Mom and Dad. They just can't be naughty enough to suit their parents.
- Willems, Mo. ***Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct***. Hyperion, 2006. Edwina the friendly neighborhood dinosaur, friend to children and grown-ups alike, finds a foe in young Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie, who insists that she is extinct.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates***. Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
- Yolen, Jane. ***Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry***. Candlewick Press, 2007. A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed.
- Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. ***Did Dinosaurs Have Feathers?*** HarperCollins, 2004. This book discusses the discovery and analysis of Archaeopteryx, a feathered dinosaur, which may have been an ancestor of modern birds.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Aldrin, Buzz. **Look to the Stars**. Putnam, 2009. Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin traces the history of air and space exploration from Isaac Newton to the International Space Station and Mars using personal insights and conversational text.
- Barshaw, Ruth McNally. **Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School**. Bloomsbury, 2008. Armed only with humor, a pen, and a sketchbook, eleven-year-old Ellie McDoodle chronicles her adventures and mishaps as the "new kid" in her new school. *Series*
- Barton, Chris. **The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-new Colors**. Charlesbridge, 2009. Brothers Bob and Joe Switzer had different interests and ambitions but worked together on the dazzling creation of fluorescent colors.
- Bidner, Jenni. **Is My Dog a Wolf?: How Your Pet Compares to its Wild Cousin**. Lark, 2006. Examines the differences and similarities between dogs and wolves with descriptions of how both have descended from the ancient wolf and how they have evolved into two diverse species.
- Bishop, Nic. **Forest Explorer: A Life-Size Field Guide**. Scholastic, 2004. Enjoy up close views of the wildlife in a deciduous forest through breathtakingly beautiful photography and informative text.
- Bruel, Nick. **Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty**. Roaring Brook, 2009. Bad Kitty's birthday party seems to be going well until her presents begin to disappear, but is one of the guests stealing them? *Series*
- Buckley, Carol. **Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends**. Putnam, 2009. This book shares the story of an elephant named Tarra who befriends a dog, Bella, at an elephant sanctuary.
- Byars, Betsy. **My Dog, My Hero**. Holt, 2000. A panel of three judges has to decide which dog out of eight finalists deserves to win the title of "My Hero."
- Cheshire, Simon. **The Curse of the Ancient Mask: And Other Case Files**. Roaring Brook, 2009. Become a detective and see if you can solve each mystery from the clues Saxby gives as he works three cases in this fast-paced chapter book. *Series*
- Cleary, Beverly. **Ribsy**. First published 1964. When Ribsy gets lost from his family at the shopping center, he begins a series of humorous escapades and wanderings in his quest to find his family. *Series*
- Clements, Andrew. **No Talking**. Simon & Schuster, 2007. The noisy fifth grade class of Laketon Elementary becomes suspiciously quiet when the boys challenge the girls to a "no talking" contest.

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- Colfer, Eoin. ***Eoin Colfer's Legend of ... the Worst Boy in the World.*** Hyperion, 2007. Will Woodman has a hard time getting anyone in his family to listen to him, so he turns to his grandfather, who, it turns out, has more terrible sob stories than Will does.
- Collins, Ross. ***Medusa Jones.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2008. Medusa, with her hair of hissing snakes, and her rather unusual friends are considered the Freaks at school, teased unmercifully by the Champions, the more attractive children of the Greek gods and goddesses.
- Coombs, Kate. ***The Secret-Keeper.*** Atheneum, 2006. Kalli is entrusted with everyone's secrets until the potter's son reveals the best secret of all.
- Corey, Shana. ***Mermaid Queen : the Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune, & Swimsuit History!*** Scholastic, 2009. This brightly illustrated picture-book biography of Annette Kellerman details how she overcame physical difficulties to become a world famous swimmer, water ballerina, and swimsuit innovator.
- Coville, Bruce. ***The Monster's Ring.*** Harcourt, 2002. Russell Crannaker's magic ring enables him to turn into a monster on Halloween and ward off the class bully once and for all. *Series*
- Cowley, Joy. ***Snake and Lizard.*** Kane Miller, 2008. Snake and Lizard's friendship grows as they learn more about each other in this humorous chapter book of likable desert characters.
- Creech, Sharon. ***Hate that Cat.*** Joanna Cotler, 2008. Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous works and how they relate to his life.
- Crisp, Marty. ***Titanicat.*** Sleeping Bear, 2008. 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?
- Dahl, Roald. ***Matilda.*** Viking, 1988. Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore Miss Honey, her nice teacher, to financial security.
- Davies, Nicola. ***Extreme Animals: the Toughest Creatures on Earth.*** Candlewick, 2006. This amazing natural history book reveals how animals adapt to and survive the harshest of conditions that would kill any human.
- Demi. ***Marco Polo.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Travel with the legendary explorer, Marco Polo, through colorful, exotic lands, experiencing the dangers and adapting to strange cultures over his 24-year, 3,000-mile journey through the Far East.
- Dennis, Brian. ***Nubs : The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle.*** Little, Brown, 2009. Heartwarming true tale of a United States Marine and his canine friend as they met and bonded in Iraq, and how Nubs came to America.
- Eilenberg, Max. ***Beauty and the Beast.*** Candlewick, 2006. This beautifully illustrated version of the classic tale includes such interesting family members as Beauty's two spoiled sisters and her proud, adoring father.

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- Franco, Betsy. ***Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other School Poems for Two Voices***. Candlewick, 2009. Find a partner and enjoy reading poems about life at school from this entertaining collection of poetry for two voices.
- Franco, Betsy. ***A Curious Collection of Cats: Concrete Poems***. Tricycle, 2009. Full of humor and colorful illustrations, this book of concrete poems about cats is a delight.
- French, Jackie. ***How to Scratch a Wombat: Where to Find It ... What to Feed It ... Why It Sleeps All Day***. Clarion, 2009. This book tells you all you need to know about caring for and living with wombats -- how to scratch their backs, how to sing to them, and how to keep the "hairy brown rocks with legs" from breaking your door down -- based on the author's thirty years of experience in her Australian home.
- Friedman, Laurie B. ***Red White & True Blue Mallory***. Carolrhoda, 2009. On a class trip to Washington, D.C., Mallory keeps a journal in which she writes about sites she visits, her bothersome loose tooth, the lack of attention from her best friend, Mary Ann, and getting lost in a museum. *Series*
- Funke, Cornelia. ***Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost***. Scholastic, 2006. Nine-year-old Tom overcomes his fear of ghosts and joins forces with Hetty Hyssop, a professional ghostbuster, to get rid of an incredibly revolting ghost. *Series*
- Gardiner, John Reynolds. ***Stone Fox***. First published 1980. Willie hopes to win the purse in a dog sled race in order to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm.
- Gibbons, Gail. ***Hurricanes!*** Holiday House, 2009. Informative text and drawings present an overview of how hurricanes are formed, their categories, the destruction they can cause, and how they are forecasted and tracked.
- Gifford, Peggy. ***Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank-you Notes***. Schwartz & Wade, 2008. Ten-year-old Moxy Maxwell has promised to write twelve thank-you notes by the day after Christmas so that she and her twin brother Mark can go to Hollywood to visit their father, but all her brilliant ideas to help finish the task more efficiently end up creating chaos in the house. *Series*
- Giovanni, Nikki. ***The Grasshopper's Song: an Aesop's Fable Revisited***. Candlewick, 2008. It is the alleged "frivolous" grasshopper's day in court as he tries to prove his case against the industrious ants who did not share their food with him through the long, cold winter.
- Goldish, Meish. ***Gray Wolves Return to Yellowstone***. Bearport, 2008. After 70 years of absence, gray wolves are reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park through a very successful program to restore balance to the park's ecosystem.
- Goldstone, Bruce. ***Great Estimations***. Henry Holt, 2006. This book will show you how to train your eyes and your mind to make really great estimations using photographs and easy-to-follow text.

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- Gutman, Dan. ***Nightmare at the Book Fair***. Simon and Schuster, 2008. Fifth-grader Trip Dinkelman, who does not like to read very much, is hit on the head by a bookfair case and becomes a character in a series of different books including a horror story, an adventure, and a fantasy.
- Hamilton, Virginia. ***The Girl Who Spun Gold***. Scholastic, 2000. This beautifully illustrated folk tale is a West Indian variant of the Rumpelstiltskin story.
- Hansen, Rosanna. ***Caring for Cheetahs: My African Adventure***. Boyds Mill, 2007. Pounce into this colorful photo-essay about protecting endangered cheetahs at a nature reserve owned by the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia, Africa.
- Hanson, Mary. ***How to Save Your Tail***. Schwartz & Wade, 2007. Take a romp with Bob the rat, who survives capture by two cats by sharing both fresh-baked cookies and fractured fairy tales about his ancestors.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Just Grace Walks the Dog***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. Grace hopes to prove to her parents that she can be dependable and responsible enough to have a real dog, not just the cardboard dog she has been pulling around. *Series*
- Helman, Andrea. ***Hide and Seek: Nature's Best Vanishing Acts***. Walker, 2008. This beautifully photographed book takes the reader to ecosystems around the world to show how animals camouflage themselves for protection in each unique habitat.
- Hicks, Betty. ***Scaredy-Cat Catcher***. Roaring Brook, 2009. Rocky had all-star catcher potential until a play at the plate broke his arm resulting in his needing help from his friends, coach, and dog to overcome his fear of getting hurt again.
- Holm, Jennifer. ***Babymouse: Beach Babe***. Random House, 2006. In this graphic novel, Babymouse anticipates the family vacation to the beach with excitement, only to discover things aren't always as imagined - sometimes they're even better! *Series*
- Holt, Kimberly Willis. ***Piper Reed Gets a Job***. Holt, 2009. Piper starts a party-planning business in order to earn enough money to buy a clubhouse for their Gypsy Club members, but discovers the job is not nearly as easy as she had thought. *Series*
- Hopkins, Jackie Mims. ***The Gold Miner's Daughter: A Melodramatic Fairytale***. Peachtree, 2006. In trying to pay her debt to mean ole Mr. Bigglebottom, Gracie Pearl meets many fairy tale characters along the way who have had their own problems with that money hungry banker in this entertaining, melodramatic fairy tale.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. ***Keep On!: The Story of Matthew Henson, Co-Discoverer of the North Pole***. Peachtree, 2009. Well-researched text and striking drawings portray the courage and determination of explorer Matthew Henson as he traveled with Admiral Peary to the North Pole in 1909.
- Hubbard, Crystal. ***The Last Black King of the Kentucky Derby: the Story of Jimmy Winkfield***. Lee & Low, 2008. This is the inspiring story of Jimmy Winkfield, the last African-American jockey to win the Kentucky Derby.

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- Hunt, Elizabeth Singer. ***Escape of the Deadly Dinosaur: USA***. Weinstein, 2007. Nine-year-old Jack Stalwart works for the GPF, the Global Protection Force, and travels to New York City in search of a genetically mutated flesh-eating dinosaur. *Series*
- Janeczko, Paul B. (selected by) ***A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout***. Candlewick, 2009. This collection contains more than three dozen illustrated rhyming poems, with tongue twisters and bilingual pieces, drawn from contemporary and classic literary sources and anonymous authors.
- Jenkins, Emily. ***Toy Dance Party: Being the Further Adventures of a Bossyboots Stingray, a Courageous Buffalo, and a Hopeful Round Someone Called Plastic***. Schwarz & Wade, 2008. Buffalo, Stingray, and Plastic are worried when the Girl starts spending time with Barbie dolls and at sleepovers. Throughout their adventures in the house, they will learn if they can keep the Girl's love. *Sequel*
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Incredible cut paper illustrations highlight eighteen creatures whose weapons of teeth, claws, spines, and venom make them dangerous to humans, while the captivating text explains what you should never do if you encounter one of these animals.
- Judge, Lita. ***One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II***. Hyperion, 2007. The author relates the story of her grandparents' efforts after World War II to send packages of food, clothing, and shoes to their friends in Germany and others in Europe who suffered from the after-effects of the war.
- Kelly, Katy. ***Lucy Rose: Working Myself to Pieces and Bits***. Delacorte, 2007. In her diary, fourth grader Lucy Rose, who is a lover of palindromes and big words, records her adventures with friends Jonique and Melonhead, including their unorthodox ways of raising money so that the McBees can remodel their bakery. *Series*
- Klimo, Kate. ***The Dragon in the Sock Drawer***. Random House, 2008. When Jesse and Daisy's "geode" hatches a dragon, the ordinary ten-year-olds begin an extraordinary adventure as Dragon Keepers, who must not only take care of the baby dragon, but also protect her from St. George the Dragon Slayer. *Series*
- Krull, Kathleen. ***The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth***. Knopf, 2009. As a young boy in the early 1900's, Philo Farnsworth's curiosity about how things worked eventually led him to develop the idea of how television could work.
- Larsen, C. S. ***Crust & Spray: Gross Stuff in your Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat***. Milbrook, 2010. Prepare to be both grossed out and educated by the wacky descriptions and graphic close up pictures of the fluids and ooze generated by the human body.
- Levine, Ellen. ***Henry's Freedom Box***. Scholastic, 2007. 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.

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- Levine, Gail Carson. ***Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg***. Disney, 2005. Follow fairy Prilla in her quest to save Never Land despite her feelings of inadequacy and frustration over being a "no-talent" fairy. *Series*
- Lin, Grace. ***The Year of the Dog***. Little, Brown, 2006. Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese-American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog to her own life. *Series*
- Look, Lenore. ***Alvin Ho, Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters***. Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Laugh as you read about young Alvin Ho, anxious about almost everything, as he experiences his first family camping trip. *Series*
- Lowry, Lois. ***Gooney Bird is So Absurd***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Gooney Bird knows just what to do -- from creating a two-pigtail brain warmer (underpants worn on the head) to leading her classmates in a fitting end to their poetry studies by creating the perfect poem to comfort their hurting teacher. *Series*
- Lubar, David. ***Punished!*** Darby Creek, 2006. Because he was playing tag in the reference section of the library, Logan is punished by Professor Wordsworth, who puts a spell on him that is broken only by finding anagrams, palindromes, and oxymorons.
- MacDonald, Alan. ***Trolls United***. Bloomsbury, 2007. In this silly story about an endearing troll family, Ulrik has to deal with his father coming to school, worrying about making the soccer team, and hoping for a new pair of soccer cleats. *Series*
- MacDonald, Betty. ***Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle***. First published 1947. Loved by children and their parents, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle always knows just the right way to solve any problem. *Series*
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall***. First published 1985. This sweet prairie tale of a family's experiences with Sarah, a mail-order bride from Maine, begins with children Anna and Caleb worried that their new mother might not like being away from the sea. *Series*
- Markey, Kevin. ***Slumpbuster***. HarperCollins, 2009. Just when his team is counting on him to lead them into the division championship, Banjo Bishbash goes into a horrendous hitting slump. Book 1 of the *Super Slugger series*.
- Markle, Sandra. ***Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories***. Milbrook, 2009. Nine riveting tales share examples of animals saving humans, along with photos and extra information and insights into animal behavior.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Judy Moody And Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt***. Candlewick, 2009. This island vacation is all about action as Judy Moody and Stink race other teams of vacationing "pirates" to collect gold doubloons in the hunt for Blackbeard's pirate treasure. *Series*
- Mills, Claudia. ***How Oliver Olson Changed the World***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2009. Oliver's teacher wants him to write about how he would change the world, but he cannot even get his own parents to let him go to the third grade space sleepover or make his own science fair space diorama, so he definitely has his work cut out for him.

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- Morris, Gerald. ***The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. This humorous version of the Arthurian legend features a more laid-back Sir Lancelot who is equally at home fighting "recreant knights" with his sword as with his wits – preferably in shiny armor and after his afternoon nap.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Shiloh***. Atheneum, 1991. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Newbery Honor Book 1992. *Series*
- Nivola, Claire. ***Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008. This beautifully illustrated biography tells how Wangari Maathai encouraged the people of Kenya to plant trees in an effort to restore their depleted land.
- Nolan, Lucy. ***Bad to the Bone***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Neighboring dogs, Down Girl and Sit, are discovering that their owners are very hard to train. *Series*
- O'Malley, Kevin. ***Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude***. Walker & Co., 2005. Cooperatively writing a fairy tale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold.
- Osborne, Mary Pope. ***One-Eyed Giant***. Hyperion, 2002. Odysseus, king of Ithaca, cleverly defeats the Trojans and on his way home encounters a one-eyed giant, the Cyclops, who puts a curse on him preventing his speedy return to the family he longs to see. *Series*.
- Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine's Letter***. Hyperion, 2008. After learning that her favorite teacher will be leaving for a trip to Egypt and will be absent for the remainder of the year, Clementine devises a plan to get rid of the substitute and get Mr. D'Matz to stay. *Series*
- Perkins, Mitali. ***Rickshaw Girl***. Charlesbridge, 2007. When her family faces financial difficulties, Naima seeks to find a way to help while remaining true to her Bangladeshi heritage and her own artistic talent.
- Petersen, P. J. ***Wild River***. Delacorte, 2009. When their kayak hits a log and his older brother is seriously hurt, Ryan must overcome his fears and go for help.
- Polacco, Patricia. ***The Keeping Quilt***. First published 1988. Follow the author's family's quilt through several generations, from it's creation by the first generation immigrant family, all the way to the present generation.
- Prelutsky, Jack. ***My Dog May be a Genius***. Greenwillow, 2008. A collection of poems by children's poet laureate Jack Prelutsky that celebrates the joys of childhood with tongues twisting and imaginations soaring.
- Rappaport, Doreen. ***Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt***. Disney/Hyperion, 2009. 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.

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- Riordan, Rick. ***Maze of Bones***. Scholastic, 2008. When Amy and Dan's grandmother passes away, they are offered two choices: take one million dollars or get the first clue to what could be "the most important treasure in the world." *Series*
- Root, Phyllis. ***Paula Bunyan***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2009. Paula Bunyan is a rough, tough lady with a singing voice that cracks windows, a live bear for a foot warmer, and a heart for the environment in this fun folk tale set in the North Woods.
- Ryder, Joanne. ***Panda Kindergarten***. Collins, 2009. Simple text and enticing color photographs follow sixteen giant panda cubs as they eat, play, and nap during the day at the Wolong Nature Reserve in China.
- Saint-Lot, Katia Novet. ***Amadi's Snowman***. Tilbury House, 2008. Young Amadi learns the value of reading through a book about snow which is something Amadi has never heard of nor seen.
- Salas, Laura Purdie. ***Chatter, Sing, Roar, Buzz: Poems About the Rain Forest***. Capstone, 2009. This collection of poetry about the rain forest is accompanied by brilliant photos of fascinating animals and plants.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Summer Reading is Killing Me***. Viking, 1998. Anticipating a great summer, Fred, Sam, and Joe time travel and find themselves in the midst of a battle between good and evil characters from their summer reading list. *Series*
- Scott, Elaine. ***When is a Planet Not a Planet? The Story of Pluto***. Clarion, 2007. This book takes the downgrading of Pluto from planet to dwarf planet as a teachable moment for discussing questions such as how the number of planets has changed through the centuries, what can be called a planet, and how scientists come to conclusions—and occasionally change their minds.
- Shefelman, Janice. ***I, Vivaldi***. Eerdmans, 2008. This picture book biography describes how Vivaldi grew to be a famous musician, despite his mother's vow for him to become a priest.
- Simon, Seymour. ***Horses***. HarperCollins, 2006. Horse-lovers will enjoy this book of photographs and accompanying text which provides interesting information about horses.
- Singer, Marilyn. ***First Food Fight This Fall: And Other School Poems***. Sterling, 2008. Follow twelve children through a lively, illustrated collection of their poems about school related activities.
- Sonnenblick, Jordan. ***Dodger and Me***. Feiwel & Friends, 2008. Befriended by a blue chimpanzee genie, awkward Willie humorously navigates the road to discovering what real life wishes are all about. *Series*
- Tate, Lindsey. ***Kate Larkin, the Bone Expert***. Holt, 2008. When Kate falls off her bike and breaks her arm, she learns everything she can about the amazing bones in her body.
- Tolan, Stephanie S. ***Wishworks Inc.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Third grader Max copes with his parents' divorce by retreating into an imaginary world complete with an imaginary dog to protect him from the bullies at school until he realizes that one must be careful what one wishes for even at his imaginary Wishworks, Inc.

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- Vande Velde, Vivian. **Three Good Deeds**. Harcourt, 2005. Caught stealing goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed and turned into a goose himself. He can only become human again by performing three good deeds.
- Weeks, Sarah. **Oggie Cooder**. Scholastic, 2008. Oggie, an outcast to his classmates, garners friends and fame by sharing his unique talent of "charving," chewing and carving processed cheese into the shape of states, on a television talent show. *Series*
- Willey, Margaret. **Clever Beatrice: an Upper Peninsula conte**. Atheneum, 2001. A small, but clever young girl outwits a rich giant and wins all his gold. *Series*
- Wilson, Karma. **What's the Weather Inside?** McElderry, 2009. This clever collection of original poetry is mostly light, humorous verse about family, friends, and school.
- Winter, Jonah. **You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!** Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Learn about Sandy Koufax, a powerful left-handed pitcher for the NY Dodgers, a practicing Jew who would not play baseball on high holy days, and a mystery man who quit baseball after the best season of his career.
- Yee, Lisa. **Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)**. Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Two long-time best friends' disagreement escalates into a war between the girls and boys of their fourth grade classroom.
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- Appelt, Kathi. ***The Underneath***. Atheneum, 2008. An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free. Newbery Honor 2009. National Book Award Finalist 2008.
- Avi. ***Never Mind! : A Twin Novel***. HarperCollins, 2004. Twelve-year-old New York City twins Meg and Edward have nothing in common, so they are just as shocked as everyone else when Meg's hopes for popularity and Edward's mischievous schemes coincidentally collide in a hilarious showdown.
- Bolden, Tonya. ***George Washington Carver***. Abrams, 2008. Born a slave during the Civil War and raised by his mother's owners, George Washington Carver, also known as the "Peanut Man," became an important African American conservationist, scientist, researcher, and teacher.
- Breathed, Berkeley. ***Flawed Dogs: The Novel: The Shocking Raid on Westminster***. Philomel, 2009. After being framed by a jealous poodle, a dachshund is left for dead, but comes back with a group of mutts from the National Last Ditch Dog Depository to disrupt the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club dog show and exact revenge on Cassius the poodle.
- Broach, Elise. ***Masterpiece***. Holt/Christy Ottoviano, 2008. Marvin, a beetle, and his family live in the home of eleven-year-old James and his family. When James' birthday party fails miserably, Marvin surprises James with an elaborately intricate pen and ink drawing Marvin has created. Trouble is, the drawing is mistaken for James' work, which sets off action that leads to a fast-paced mystery featuring an unlikely friendship, the discovery of art forgery, and thievery.
- Choldenko, Gennifer. ***Al Capone Shines My Shoes***. Dial, 2009. Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, is frightened when he discovers that noted gangster Al Capone, a prisoner there, wants a favor in return for the help that he secretly gave Moose.
Sequel
- Codell, Esme Raji. ***Sahara Special***. Hyperion, 2003. Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.
- Coville, Bruce. ***William Shakespeare's Hamlet***. Dial, 2004. A simplified prose retelling of Shakespeare's play about the prince of Denmark who seeks revenge for his father's murder.

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- Creech, Sharon. ***Heartbeat***. Joanna Cotler, 2004. Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant.
- Delano, Marfe Ferguson. ***Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher***. National Geographic, 2008. Annie Sullivan grew up in extreme poverty with her own eye problems. Her first and only job was teaching Helen Keller how to "see" despite the fact that she was blind, deaf, and mute.
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***The Magician's Elephant***. Candlewick, 2009. Orphan Peter Augustus Duchene sees a fortune teller that leads him on an adventurous journey involving an elephant and a magician in order to find his long lost younger sister Adele.
- Dixon, Dougal. ***The Future Is Wild***. Firefly Books, 2002. This companion book to the Animal Planet series uses a variety of scientific principles to imagine how life on planet Earth may evolve over the next 200 million years.
- Feldman, Jody. ***The Gollywopper Games***. Greenwillow, 2008. When the Golly Toy & Game Company announces the Gollywopper Games, Gil Goodson wants to be the lucky winner; this could be the perfect opportunity for his family to move away from Orchard Heights. Can he solve the puzzles and complete the stunts? This may remind you of a modern day *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!*
- Florian, Douglas. ***Omnibeasts***. Harcourt, 2004. In this treasure chest of wit and charm, the author weaves information into each poem, combining fun and fact. This collection of poems and art is selected from the author's whimsical, pun-filled previous books.
- Forester, Victoria. ***The Girl Who Could Fly***. Fiewel and Friends, 2008. "Piper decided to jump off the roof. It wasn't a rash decision on her part." And so we meet a strong-willed, generous girl with extraordinary talents.
- Golding, Julia. ***The Secret of the Sirens***. Marshall Cavendish, 2006. Upon moving to her aunt's seaside home in the British Isles, Connie becomes part of a secret society that shelters mythical creatures and must use her ability to communicate with these beings to protect them from evil and the incursions of humans. *Series*
- Gutman, Dan. ***Satch and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure***. HarperCollins, 2006. With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever. *Series*

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- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***Just Ella***. Simon & Schuster, 1999. Fifteen-year old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in such a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette that she plots her escape.
- Hale, Shannon. ***Rapunzel's Revenge***. Bloomsbury, 2008. In this graphic novel, Rapunzel, having grown up in a lovely castle with the woman she thought was her mother, is placed in a very tall hollow tree as punishment after her curiosity prompts her to climb the castle wall and look at the ruin of the world beyond her home. She is able to escape and, with the help of Jack, embarks on a plan to free the land and find her true mother.
- Halls, Kelly Milner. ***Tales of the Cryptids***. Darby Creek, 2006. Be the judge: are the many mysterious and legendary animals, including Bigfoot and assorted sea serpents, real based on the descriptions, photographs and drawings?
- Horowitz, Anthony. ***The Switch***. First published 1986. When wealthy, spoiled, thirteen-year-old Tad Spencer wishes he were someone else, he awakens as Bob Snarby, the uncouth, impoverished son of carnival workers, and as he is drawn into a life of crime, he begins to discover truths about himself and his family.
- Karr, Kathleen. ***Exiled: Memoirs of a Camel***. Marshall Cavendish, 2004. This first person narrative is told from a camel's viewpoint. He tells how he was sent from Egypt to serve in the United States Camel Corps and of his life on the Mojave Desert before and during the Civil War.
- Kerley, Barbara. ***Walt Whitman: Words for America***. Scholastic, 2004. A biography of the American poet whose compassion led him to nurse soldiers during the Civil War, to give voice to the nation's grief after Lincoln's assassination, and to capture the true American spirit in verse.
- Klise, Kate. ***Dying to Meet You***. Harcourt, 2009. A cranky, burned-out children's mystery writer moves into a dilapidated, old Victorian house, searching for peace and quiet to help him get over writer's block; unbeknownst to him, the house is already occupied by a boy, his cat, and the ghost of the house's original owner. *First of series*.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***The Man Who Made Time Travel***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. The need for sailors to be able to determine their position at sea led to the efforts of John Harrison, an eighteenth-century man who spent his life refining instruments to enable them to do this.
- Leal, Ann. ***Also Known as Harper***. Holt, 2009. Harper Lee Morgan's family is struggling, but she holds close to her passion for writing poetry and this provides her with an opportunity to express her feelings, even as she must skip school to take care of her younger brother Hemingway.

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- Lin, Grace. ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon***. Little, Brown, 2009. A magical story of a young girl who wishes for fortune and happiness for her village and leaves her family to find the mysterious Old Man of the Moon. Newbery Honor 2010.
- Lowry, Lois. ***The Willoughbys***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. The four Willoughby children devise a plan to become orphans, unaware that their despicable parents are trying to lose them. The humorous glossary and annotated reading list of classic children's literature are not to be missed.
- Lutes, Jason. ***Houdini: The Handcuff King***. Hyperion, 2007. In bold graphics, author and artist formulate a living picture of this amazing escape artist and show how time and morals shaped him and his art.
- Marino, Nan. ***Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me***. Roaring Brook, 2009. Set in 1969, Tammy has a difficult summer when her best friend suddenly moves away and a new, know-it-all boy moves into the neighborhood.
- Mass, Wendy. ***11 Birthdays***. Scholastic, 2009. Best friends since their mothers met at the hospital when they were born, Amanda and Leo always celebrate their birthdays together. However, now that they are turning 11, they are no longer speaking to each other and everything is not as normal as it may appear. This is one birthday that does not seem to end!
- Montgomery, Sy. ***The Quest for the Tree Kangaroo***. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. Wonderful color photographs and an excellent text provide details of the search for the tree kangaroo in Papua New Guinea's cloud forest.
- Morpurgo, Michael. ***Beowulf***. Candlewick, 2006. An illustrated retelling of the oldest English epic, Beowulf, in which a Norse hero saves Denmark's royal house from monsters, and then his own house from dragons.
- Napoli, Donna Jo. ***The King of Mulberry Street***. Wendy Lamb, 2005. When nine-year-old Beniamino, a Jewish boy from Naples, is smuggled onto a ship, he assumes his mother is also on the ship. When he ends up alone in New York, he has to deal with his fear and sadness on the one hand and figure out how to get food and shelter on the other as he makes his way in the New World.
- Olson, Tod. ***How to Get Rich on a Texas Cattle Drive : in which I tell the honest truth about rampaging rustlers, stampeding steers, and other fateful hazards on the wild Chisholm Trail***. National Geographic, 2010. This "true" account follows the adventures of a fifteen-year-old cowhand on the famous Chisholm Trail through Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, as he battles stampedes, rustlers, angry Comanche braves, territorial Kansas farmers, and half a continent's worth of dust.

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- Peck, Richard. ***On the Wings of Heroes***. Dial, 2007. Set in the time period of World War II, Davy Bowman has two heroes: his dad who fought in World War I and his brother who is currently in the Air Force.
- Philbrick, Rodman. ***The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg***. Blue Sky, 2009. Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army. Newbery Honor, 2010.
- Rowling, J.K. ***The Tales of Beedle the Bard***. Scholastic, 2008. Readers are first introduced to The Tales of Beedle the Bard as the book bequeathed to Hermione in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. The five wizard fairy tales are cleverly footnoted and commented upon by Dumbledore.
- Rutkoski, Marie. ***The Cabinet of Wonders***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008. Twelve-year-old Petra, accompanied by her magical tin spider, goes to Prague hoping to retrieve the enchanted eyes the Prince of Bohemia took from her father, and is aided in her quest by a Roma boy and his sister. *First of series*
- Smith, Roland. ***Cryptid Hunters***. Hyperion, 2005. Twins Grace and Marty are sent to live with their mysterious Uncle Travis Wolfe, a veterinarian and mythical creature expert, and as a result of their uncle's secret mission, the twins become involved in a fast-paced action adventure in the Congo to find a mysterious dinosaur cryptid before they all end up in the evil hands of Dr. Blackwood, also known as the cryptid hunter. *Series*
- Springer, Nancy. ***The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery***. Philomel, 2006. Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, escapes to London in disguise to find her missing mother. Along the way, she uses her considerable deductive skills to determine the whereabouts of a young Viscount. *Series*
- St. John, Lauren. ***The White Giraffe***. Dial, 2006. After losing her parents in a tragic fire, eleven-year-old Martine must live with a grandmother she has never met on a wildlife preserve in Africa, where she learns about a mystical white giraffe.
- Stead, Rebecca. ***When You Reach Me***. Wendy Lamb, 2009. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980's television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy laws of time and space. Newbery Honor book.
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. ***The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey***. Little, Brown, 2008. Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, all graduates of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and members of the Benedict Society, embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict. *Series*

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- Stone, Jeff. ***Eagle***. Random House, 2008. After attacking and killing his former grandmaster, sixteen-year-old Ying realizes he has been betrayed in addition to being wanted for treason, and consequently is forced to turn to Hok, his old temple sister, for help. *Series*
- Townley, Roderick. ***The Great Good Thing***. Atheneum, 2001. Nothing ever changes inside the storybook kingdom inhabited by twelve-year-old Princess Sylvie, her parents, and many other characters until Sylvie discovers that by allying herself with the Reader she can experience new adventure beyond the confines of the book. Sequel is *Into the Labyrinth: a Novel*.
- Walker, Alice. ***Langston Hughes, American Poet***. HarperCollins, 2002. An illustrated biography of the Harlem poet whose works gave voice to the joy and pain of the black experience in America.
- Weston, Robert Paul. ***Zorgamazoo***. Razorbill, 2008. Imaginative and adventurous Katrina eludes her maniacal guardian to help Morty, a member of a vanishing breed of zorgles, with his quest to uncover the fate of the fabled zorgles of Zorgamazoo as well as of other creatures that seem to have disappeared from the Earth.
- Wiles, Deborah. ***Each Little Bird that Sings***. Harcourt, 2005. 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 triggered by the sudden death of her beloved great uncle Edisto.
- Zimmer, Tracie Vaughan. ***42 Miles***. Clarion, 2008. JoEllen is called “Joey” with her father on weekends in the country and “Ellen” with her mother in the city. The forty-two miles that separate her two homes and her two lives becomes a shorter distance as JoEllen discovers who she is in the world. Linked free-verse poems and illustrations depict the challenges a young girl faces as she grows up and tries to determine who she really wants to be and how she can remain true to herself.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Allen, Thomas B. ***Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union During the Civil War***. National Geographic, 2006. Tells the story of Harriet Tubman and other slaves and free African-Americans who risked death to gather information about the Confederacy for the Union during the Civil War.
- Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***Fever, 1793***. Simon & Schuster, 2000. In 1793, Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, who is separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.
- Avi. ***The Seer of Shadows***. Harper Collins, 2008. In this intriguing historical ghost story, which is set in New York City in 1872, Horace Carpetine becomes an apprentice to a local society photographer and learns more about deception, ghosts, and photography than he could ever have imagined.
- Barry, Dave. ***Peter and the Secret of Rundoon***. Hyperion, 2007. Fearing that the sinister Lord Ombra was not destroyed, Peter and Molly travel to the land of Rundoon, which is ruled by the evil King Zarboff. *Series*
- Birdsall, Jeanne. ***The Penderwicks, A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy***. Knopf, 2005. Four lovable sisters and their father spend their summer vacation in the Berkshire Mountains. While there, they share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.
- Burg, Shana. ***A Thousand Never Evers***. Delacorte, 2008. Addie Ann Pickett, an African-American girl in 1963 Kuckachoo, Mississippi, journals about her family, the racial injustices they face, and her fears for her older brother Elias when he goes missing due to her own carelessness.
- Casanova, Mary. ***The Klipfish Code***. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Sent with her younger brother to an island to live with her aunt and grandfather after the Germans bomb Norway in 1940, ten-year-old Merit finds a way to help the Resistance.
- Compestine, *Ying Chang*. ***Revolution is Not a Dinner Party: A Novel***. Holt, 2007. During the Cultural Revolution in China, Ling struggles to make sense of severe losses of freedom and injustices that both she and her well-educated family must endure.
- Connor, Leslie. ***Waiting for Normal***. Katherine Tegen, 2008. Addie would like a normal life. Not only does she live in a trailer in Schenectady, New York with her mother, who is not at all responsible or parental, but also she is separated from her kind and loving stepfather and younger half-sisters. Schneider Family Book Award.

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- Curlee, Lynn. ***Seven Wonders of the Ancient World***. Atheneum, 2002. This book explores the mystery and wonder associated with the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Great Pyramid at Giza, and other incredible structures from ancient times.
- Dakin, Glenn. ***The Society of Unrelenting Vigilance***. Egmont, 2009. Thirteen-year-old Theo, who has lived in seclusion his entire life, discovers he is the descendant of the Candle Man, a Victorian vigilante with the ability to melt criminals with a single touch. *First of The Candle Man Series*.
- Dee, Barbara. ***Solving Zoe***. McElderry, 2009. Zoe worries that she lacks the talents of her siblings, her best friend Dara, and the other kids at her elite private school, but then she becomes friendly with a strange new student named Lucas who introduces her to his obsession with codes and ciphers. (Answer key for the ciphers are at the back of the book).
- Dowd, Siobhan. ***The London Eye Mystery***. David Fickling Books, 2008. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.
- Dubosarsky, Ursula. ***The Word Snoop***. Dial, 2009. Brimming with humor, puzzles, and more, this book offers an entertaining look at the English language, from the origins of the alphabet to today's sometimes cryptic text.
- Durrant, Lynda. ***My Last Skirt: The Story of Jennie Hodgers, Union Soldier***. Clarion, 2006. Jennie Hodgers, a poor Irish immigrant girl, disguises herself as a boy to survive in the New York City of the 1850s. She escapes from New York to go to Ohio, enlists as a Union soldier in the Civil War, and lives to draw her soldier's pension.
- Engle, Margarita. ***Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba***. Holt, 2009. Escaping from Nazi Germany to Cuba in 1939, a young Jewish refugee dreams of finding his parents again, befriends a local girl with painful secrets of her own, and discovers that the Nazi darkness is never far away.
- Fleming, Candace. ***The Great and Only Barnum : The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum***. Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Filled with reproductions of old photographs, circus posters, and museum flyers, this fascinating biography of the life of showman Phineas Taylor Barnum will both engage and entertain readers.
- Flanagan, John. ***The Siege of Macindaw***. Philomel, 2008. Will, who has become a protector of his first fief after many years as a Ranger's apprentice, is faced with many challenges when Keren, a renegade knight, takes over Castle Macindaw and forges a secret alliance with the ruthless Scotti. *Rangers Apprentice Series*

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- Fleischman, Sid. ***Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini***. Greenwillow, 2006. Born Ehrich Weiss into a poor and struggling family, Harry Houdini sought out fame and went on to perform some of the world's most astonishing magic tricks. Houdini's story is a classic rags to riches story with plenty of personality to spare.
- French, S. Terrell. ***Operation Redwood***. Amulet, 2009. In northern California, Julian Carter-Li and his friends old and new fight to save a grove of redwoods from an investment company that plans to cut them down.
- George, Jessica Day. ***Dragon Slippers***. Bloomsbury, 2007. Creel, a poor but brave and clever orphan, befriends a dragon and selects a pair of remarkable slippers that lead her into the center of a struggle between longtime rivals.
- Hahn, Mary Downing. ***Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story***. Clarion, 2007. When thirteen-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.
- Hesse, Karen. ***Brooklyn Bridge***. Feiwel and Friends, 2008. Joe, fourteen, is the first member of his Russian-Jewish family born in the United States. He wonders if he will ever get to go to Coney Island, but in 1903 his life changes when his parents turn their apartment into a teddy-bear factory. The story alternates, and eventually becomes linked, between Joe's life and the lives of vagrant children who live under the Brooklyn Bridge.
- Hiaasen, Carl. ***Scat***. Knopf, 2009. Nick and Marta are determined to find what happened to the biology teacher after she disappears on a school field trip to Black Vine Swamp resulting in a fast paced ecological mystery involving the Florida Panther and a cast of unique characters.
- Horvath, Polly. ***My One Hundred Adventures***. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2008. Twelve-year-old Jane lives in an old beach house with her mother and three younger siblings. She has a busy summer meeting her mother's old boyfriends, helping a neighbor deliver Bibles, and being talked into baby-sitting a neighbor's rambunctious children.
- Jackson, Ellen. ***The Mysterious Universe: Supernovae, Dark Energy, and Black Holes***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. A fascinating and mysterious look at the universe with beautiful photographs, this book discusses various space phenomena.
- Jackson, Donna M. ***Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses***. Little, Brown, 2008. This overview of sensory perception explores the myths, facts, and controversial topics related to such issues as psychic powers and animal intuition.

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- Kadohata, Cynthia. ***Kira-Kira***. Atheneum, 2004. This is the story of a close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s and the despair they feel when one sister becomes terminally ill. Newbery Medal 2005
- Kelly, Jacqueline. ***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate***. Holt, 2009. Calpurnia struggles with growing up as she spends more of her free time with her grandfather, an avid naturalist, examining the beauty of nature, while at the same time her mother wants to teach her the responsibilities of a young woman during the turn of the century in Central Texas. Newbery Honor, 2010
- Klages, Ellen. ***The Green Glass Sea***. Viking, 2006. In 1943 when her grandmother is incapacitated by a stroke, Dewey must move to "The Hill," now known as Los Alamos, New Mexico, because her father is a brilliant mathematician working there on a secret army project.
- Lester, Julius. ***Day of Tears***. Hyperion, 2005. This powerful and engaging historical novel is told in dialogue and through monologues by various fictional characters as they look back at the largest slave auction in United States history. Coretta Scott King Award
- McCaughrean, Geraldine (retold by). ***Odysseus***. Cricket, 2003. Odysseus begins his long journey home after years of fighting during the Trojan War, but he and his men encounter monsters and ghastly creatures, are imprisoned, and face raging seas that threaten their safe return.
- McClafferty, Carla Killough. ***Something out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2006. This biography of Marie Curie covers her childhood in Poland, her studies in France, her happy marriage, and her discovery of radium which led to two Nobel Prizes.
- Mebus, Scott. ***Gods of Manhattan***. Dutton, 2008. Rory, thirteen, discovers a spirit world which exists in contemporary New York City. It is peopled with "gods and goddesses," famous and infamous people from the past who have chosen Rory for a special mission.
- Miller, Sarah. ***Miss Spitfire***. Atheneum, 2007. This is Annie Sullivan's story of challenge and determination as she tries to become a teacher of the child Helen Keller, who is blind, deaf, and overindulged by her desperate parents.
- Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Bound***. Atheneum, 2004. In a novel based on Chinese Cinderella tales, fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well.
- Neff, Henry H. ***The Hound of Rowan***. Random House, 2007. After glimpsing a hint of his destiny in a mysterious tapestry, twelve-year-old Max McDaniels becomes a student at Rowan Academy where he trains in "mystics and combat" in

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preparation for war with an ancient enemy that has been kidnapping children like him. *Series*

- Nye, Naomi Shihab, ed. ***Is This Forever or What?: Poems and Paintings from Texas***. Greenwillow, 2004. Full-color artwork accompanies a collection of poems by 140 Texans.
- Papademetriou, Lisa. ***Sixth Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me***. Hyperion, 2005. Allie Kimball discovers that middle school is a very different place than fifth grade and struggles to learn ways to fit in.
- Olson, Tod. ***How to Get Rich in the California Gold Rush: An Adventurer's Guide to the Fabulous Riches Discovered in 1848***. National Geographic, 2008. Presents a fictional account of the adventures and experiences of young Thomas Hartley as he and his two companions set off in 1850 for the California gold fields.
- Prineas, Sarah. ***The Magic Thief***. HarperCollins, 2008. Conn's life is forever changed when he tries to pick the pocket of the wizard Nevery and instead gets a strong jolt of magic, but, instead of punishing the boy, Nevery takes Conn under his wing, teaches him magic, and enlists his help in finding the person responsible for stealing the city's dwindling magic supply. *Series*
- Rex, Adam. ***The True Meaning of Smekday***. Hyperion, 2007. Aliens called "The Boov" abduct Gratuity "Tip" Tucci's mother, leading Tip to begin a wild adventure to rescue her mother with the help of her cat named Pig and a friendly Boov named J.Lo.
- Ryan, Pam Muñoz. ***Becoming Naomi Leon***. Scholastic, 2004. When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.
- Shearer, Alex. ***Canned***. Scholastic, 2006. Fergal Bamfield has a unique hobby: collecting tin cans without labels. He meets Charlotte, a fellow can collector, and they find some gruesome things inside the cans, like an ear and a human finger! Together, Fergal and Charlotte set out to learn the origins of these mysterious cans. Despite the macabre subject matter, *Canned* is a funny, quirky read.
- Smith, Roland. ***Tentacles***. Scholastic, 2009. After the mysterious disappearance of their parents, Marty and Grace go to live with their scientist uncle and accompany him on what soon becomes an increasingly dangerous expedition to New Zealand to track a giant squid.
- Stanley, Diane. ***The Mysterious Case of the Allbright Academy***. HarperCollins, 2008. Zoe and her twin brother J.D. and big sister Franny are all accepted to Allbright Academy, an elite boarding school training the country's future leaders, and while everything appears perfect, Franny uncovers a mystery involving the students' perfection.

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- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream.*** Candlewick, 2009. A chronicle of the thirteen women who tried to become NASA's first women astronaut trainees in the early 1960s. All were pilots; all earned high scores in preliminary tests; one had more hours in the air than John Glenn or Scott Carpenter. They were not accepted, but the story is riveting.
- Thor, Annika. ***A Faraway Island.*** Delacorte, 2009. Living with two separate host families on a small island off the coast of Sweden in order to escape the Nazis, two German Jewish sisters, Nellie and Stephanie, face daily life without their parents. Each sister adapts differently to their challenges, not knowing if they will see their parents as planned or when the war will end.
- Velmans, Hester. ***Isabel of the Whales.*** Delacorte, 2005. On a whale watch trip with her class off the coast of Cape Cod, Isabel, who has always had an affinity for whales, falls overboard and discovers, as she finds herself swimming underwater with whales all around her, that she is one of the Chosen who can change shape from human to whale and back again.
- Warren, Andrea. ***Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy.*** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004. Chronicles the experiences of an orphaned half-Vietnamese, half-American boy from his birth and early childhood in Saigon, through his departure from Vietnam in the 1975 Operation Babylift, and his subsequent life as the adopted son of an American family in Ohio.
- Wilson, Nathan D. ***The 100 Cupboards.*** Random House, 2007. Twelve-year-old Henry York and his cousin Henrietta discover one hundred hidden portals to other worlds in the bedroom wall of his aunt and uncle's house.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth. ***Counting on Grace.*** Wendy Lamb, 2006. After twelve-year-old Grace is forced to leave school to work in a textile mill, she and her friend Arthur work with their teacher to have the laws changed.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Abadzis, Nick. ***Laika***. Roaring Brook, 2007. An abandoned puppy, Laika, was destined to become Earth's first space traveler in the Soviet Union's Sputnik program. This non-fiction graphic novel portrays the preparation for her fatal journey and the agony of her special handler, who knows that there are no plans for her to come back.
- Alexie, Sherman. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian***. Little, Brown, 2007. Talented Arnold Spirit leaves the reservation school to go to an academically superior one located many miles away. How he copes with this change, both at school and on the reservation, is realistic, thought provoking, and laugh-out-loud funny. National Book Award Young People's Literature 2007; Book Sense Book of the Year 2008
- Asher, Jay. ***Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel***. Razorbill, 2007. When Hannah Baker commits suicide she leaves behind thirteen cassette tapes to those she feels contributed to her decision to end her life. Clay finds the box of tapes on his front porch, and as he starts listening to Hannah recount the events leading up to her suicide, his heartrending night begins.
- Berra, Tim M. ***Charles Darwin: The Concise Story of an Extraordinary Man***. Johns Hopkins University, 2009. Although Darwin was born into a family of physicians and scientists, and targeted by his father for the clergy, he gravitated toward studying plants, animals, and geology at university. An invitation to join the *Beagle* on its second voyage set the direction of his life. Though plagued with poor health, he ushered in the study of modern biology with his groundbreaking work, "The Origin of the Species."
- Beschloss, Michael. ***Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. A presidential scholar provides historical examples of presidents, including Jackson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, FDR, Truman, Kennedy, and Reagan, who faced adversity with courage and wisdom to change the future of the country.
- Breashears, David and Audrey Salkeld. ***Last climb: the Legendary Everest Expeditions of George Mallory***. National Geographic, 1999. In 1924 the explorer, George Mallory, disappeared on Mount Everest only to be found 75 years later on the icy slopes. Breashears, himself a renown mountaineer, reveals the astounding facts of early climbing on Mt. Everest, describes the events of Mallory's adventurous life, and suggests scenarios that may have led to his death on this most dangerous climb.
- Cavanagh, Thomas B. ***Head Games***. St. Martin's, 2007. The lead singer of a popular boy band disappears. A lucrative reward is offered by the band's manager, a retired police detective, with two ex-wives, a teenage daughter, and a brain tumor he's named "Bob." *Series*

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- Cooper, Brenda. ***The Silver Ship and the Sea***. Tor, 2007. Abandoned on an environmentally dangerous colony planet where the citizens are hostile toward genetic engineering, six genetically enhanced children must learn to use their special talents to either survive and make the planet their home, or find a way to escape in the abandoned silver space ship that lies in the Grass Plains. *Series*
- Croggon, Alison. ***The Naming***. Candlewick, 2002. In the first of a just-finished four-book series, the orphaned Maerad escapes from slavery. As she discovers her magical powers and her heritage, she realizes she is destined to defeat the "Nameless One". *Series*
- Crutcher, Chris. ***Deadline***. Greenwillow, 2007. Eighteen-year-old Ben Wolf has been given less than a year to live, but he chooses not to tell anyone so his senior year will be as normal as possible. This surprisingly humorous story tracks that final year as Ben goes out for football, finds romance, and realizes that his secret has a serious impact on others.
- Ettlinger, Steve. ***Twinkie Deconstructed: My Journey to Discover How the Ingredients Found in Processed Foods Are Grown, Mined (Yes, Mined), and Manipulated into What America Eats***. Hudson Street, 2007. Drawing on interviews with industry professionals, we discover that snack cakes and other popular food products are concocted from by-products of chlorine bleaching, gypsum mining, petroleum processing, and other non-food chemicals.
- Giles, Gail. ***Shattering Glass***. Roaring Brook, 2002. A group of cool high school boys transform Simon Glass, the school nerd, into one of the most popular boys in school. Then they kill him.
- Gill, David Macinnis. ***Soul Enchilada***. Greenwillow/Harper Teen. 2009. El Paso teen Eunice (Bug) Smoot's grandfather sold his soul to the devil for a Cadillac and reneged on the deal. When a demon repo agent shows up, she finds out that her deceased grandfather pledged both the car and her soul as collateral, and she has 60 hours to figure out what to do.
- Haddon, Mark. ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***. Doubleday, 2003. An autistic boy keeps a diary of his efforts to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's dog. This funny, touching novel is a revealing look into the mind of an autistic person. Alex Award 2004
- Hemingway, Ernest. ***A Farewell to Arms***. First published 1929. A British nurse and an American ambulance driver fall in love during World War I.
- Heiligman, Deborah. ***Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith***. Holt, 2009. Heiligman reveals a personal look at the life and love of the man whose ideas have caused a stir in the scientific and religious communities since the 1800's. Charles Darwin, a brilliant man who was unsure of his faith in God, married Emma Wedgwood who was devoutly religious. The story of their lives together is one filled with science, religion, history, but most of all, love. YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award 2010; Michael L. Printz Honor Book 2010

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- Herbert, Frank. ***Dune***. First published 1965. The Atrideus family is banished to planet Dune where the ferocious Fremen live. *Series*
- Hornby, Nick. ***Slam***. Putnam, 2007. When fifteen-year-old skateboarder Sam "Slam" Jones learns that his ex-girlfriend is pregnant, he turns to the only person he feels can help—his hero, skating legend Tony Hawk. Since Tony is only a poster, he doesn't offer answers, so it's up to Sam, thrust suddenly into maturity, to figure out the right thing to do.
- Johnson, Harriet McBryde. ***Accidents of Nature***. Holt, 2006. Seventeen-year-old Jean is wheelchair-bound with cerebral palsy but has always been treated as normal by her family and schoolmates. For the first time in her life, she attends a summer camp for the disabled where she is exposed to the realities of disabled life. As she bonds with new friends who are not "Norms," she begins to think about being different and questions her old beliefs. What if normal isn't the only way to be?
- Johnson, Maureen. ***13 Little Blue Envelopes***. HarperCollins, 2005. Ginny's beloved, quirky Aunt Peg sends her on one more adventure when she dies, leaving Ginny a series of envelopes. The envelopes lead Ginny on a whirlwind tour of Europe where she finds answers to important questions about her aunt and about herself.
- Johnson, Steven. ***The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—And How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World***. Riverhead, 2006. In 1854, when the existence of bacteria and the concept of waterborne disease are still unknown, two men, one a physician and the other a clergyman, successfully trace the source of a cholera epidemic to a contaminated well in an impoverished part of London.
- Jordan, Robert. ***Eye of the World***. Tor, 1990. During the Third Age, the Age of Prophecy, the world and time itself hang in the balance in danger of falling under the Shadow. *Series*
- King, A. S. ***The Dust of 100 Dogs***. Flux, 2009. Teenage pirate Emer was burying her treasure when she was slain and cursed to live one hundred lives as a dog before returning to a human body with her memories intact. Now she is reincarnated as an American teenager who can't wait to get to Jamaica with a shovel.
- Llewellyn, Sam. ***The Return of Death Eric***. Walker, 2005. Death Eric was your parents' favorite rock band, but the band's leader, Eric Thrashmettle, retired because he thought he was cursed. When his bank account runs dry, Eric's children convince him and the other former band members to reunite for a blazing comeback.
- Lutz, Lisa. ***The Spellman Files***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Izzy Spellman, an irrepressible twenty-eight-year-old sleuth, works for her parents' San Francisco PI firm. The dysfunctional and relentlessly nosy Spellman clan spends as much time spying on each other as they do working their cases. *Series*. Alex Award 2008; Anthony Award 2008

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- Marillier, Juliet. **Wildwood Dancing**. Knopf, 2007. Every full moon, five sisters who live with their father in Transylvania use a hidden portal to cross over into a magical world, the Wildwood, where they dance until morning with the creatures who live there.
- Marr, Melissa. **Wicked Lovely**. HarperTeen, 2007. Urban faeries can be really mean! Aislinn's grandmother warns her not to admit she can see them, but that is hard to do when their king is convinced that she is their rightful queen. A smart, funny series sure to delight Twilight fans. Rita Award/Capitol Choices
- McCloud, Scott. **Making Comics: Storytelling Secrets of Comics, Manga and Graphic Novels**. HarperCollins, 2006. Focusing on the storytelling aspects of drawing comics, the author's avatar uses a skillful mix of dry humor and instruction to offer insights into designing and drawing a comic strip.
- Meyer, Stephenie. **Twilight**. Little, Brown, 2005. After transferring to a new school in Forks, Washington, seventeen-year-old Bella is attracted to an exquisitely handsome boy who, she comes to realize, is not wholly human. *Series*
- Michaelis, Antonia. **Tiger Moon**. Amulet, 2008. Farhad is a thief destined for greater things. When the god Krishna catches him stealing an amulet, Farhad must make a choice between becoming a great hero or spending the rest of eternity as a worm. He chooses the hero's path and, with the help of a magical white tiger named Nitish, he embarks upon a quest to rescue Krishna's daughter from a demon who is holding her captive.
- Moore, Perry. **Hero**. Hyperion, 2007. Thom Creed is a bit of an outsider amongst his peers. Apart from being a skilled athlete and unselfish, he has secrets to keep from his friends, and above all, his father, a defeated ex-superhero. Thom is both gay and a natural-born superhero with the ability to heal others' physical maladies.
- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. **Dairy Queen**. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. D.J. spends most of her time helping out on the family farm until she is coerced into helping train Brian, the star quarterback on the town's rival football team. D.J. decides to go out for the other team herself and the fact that she has a major crush on Brian complicates matters.
- Na, An. **The Fold**. Putnam, 2008. Joyce is faced with a dilemma when her pushy rich aunt offers her plastic surgery to change the look of her eyelids. Always compared to her beautiful, talented older sister, Joyce must decide what Korean beauty really means to her. Some amusing events occur as the result of her aunt's well-intentioned, but unwanted "gifts" to each family member.
- Nash, Ogden. **The Best of Ogden Nash**. Ivan R. Dee, 2007. This delightful book of rhythm and rhyme, together with magical word use, by the renowned master of light, humorous verse, is edited by the poet's daughter, Linell Nash Smith.
- Oliver, Mary. **The Truro Bear and Other Adventures: Poems and Essays**. Beacon, 2008. Charming and clever writing from the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award winner.

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- Pfeffer, Susan Beth. ***Life as we knew it***. Harcourt, 2006. An asteroid has hit the moon and knocked it out of orbit, causing havoc in the world. Life for sixteen-year-old Miranda and her family changes to a mode of survival. As they struggle to survive, they find hope and strength to exist even though the future may be short-lived.
- Pratchett, Terry. ***Nation***. HarperCollins, 2008. Mau is caught in the tidal wave that destroyed his island, and Daphne is her ship's only survivor of that tsunami. Together on the devastated island, they form a new nation. Michael L. Printz Award 2009
- Pullman, Philip. ***The Golden Compass***. Knopf, 1995. Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subjects of gruesome experiments in the Far North. Carnegie Medal. *Series*
- Reeve, Philip. ***Here Lies Arthur***. Scholastic, 2007. This retelling of the Arthurian Legend exposes Arthur as a thug and Myrddin as a scheming storyteller who engages orphaned Gwyna to appear as the Lady of the Lake, who bestows upon Arthur his legendary sword. YALSA Best Books for Young Adults 2009
- Resau, Laura. ***The Indigo Notebook***. Random House/Delacorte. 2009. Zeeta has lived in a different country every year with her mom Layla, an English teacher. Zeeta writes a different colored journal for every country, and this year's is indigo. She longs for a boring suburban life, but then she meets Wendell.
- Roach, Mary. ***Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers***. Norton, 2003. Both funny and gruesome, this book is about the many things that happen to human bodies after death, from providing practice for plastic surgeons to enabling research on decomposition. Alex Award 2004
- Roberts, Judson. ***Viking Warrior: the Strongbow Saga, Book One***. HarperCollins, 2006. After his mother sacrifices her life to free him from slavery, Halfdan is finally acknowledged by his Viking father. He learns to fight, builds a relationship with his noble half-brother Harald, and then vows vengeance for Harald's murder. *Series*
- Rothfuss, Patrick. ***Name of the Wind: the Kingkiller Chronicle: Day One***. DAW, 2007. In the first of this fantasy trilogy, Kvothe is a powerful and famous magician living as an innkeeper under an assumed name. Part of his past is revealed in the first book, but not why he no longer uses magic. Strange and evil events hint that Kvothe will need to resolve his inner conflict and use his powers. Alex Award 2009
- Runyon, Brent. ***The Burn Journals***. Knopf, 2004. In this fast-moving and excruciatingly true story of a fourteen-year-old burn victim, Brent struggles to recover from his self-inflicted burns and psychological depression.
- Salinger, J. D. ***Catcher in the Rye***. First published 1951. Holden Caulfield runs away from boarding school to New York City.

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- Sandburg, Carl. ***Selected Poems***. Harcourt, 1996. Sandburg's best and most characteristic poetry is collected and thematically grouped in this one-volume edition.
- Satrapi, Marjane. ***Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood***. Pantheon, 2003. In graphic novel format, Satrapi tells of her childhood growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. Alex Award 2004
- Shields, Charles J. ***I am Scout: the Biography of Harper Lee***. Holt, 2008. This biography provides interesting facts and sheds light on the reclusive life of Nelle Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Readers will see many parallels between the feisty author's life in a small Southern town and the characters she created in the only novel she has ever written. BBYA 2009
- Sivertsen, Linda and Tosh. ***Generation Green : the Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life***. Simon Pulse, 2008. This engaging, how-to guide for environmentally conscious living provides pragmatic "green" solutions to everyday problems, such as purchasing consumer goods, powering household appliances, traveling, reusing and recycling, and eating.
- Smith, Sherri L. ***Flygirl***. Penguin/Putnam 2008. Ida Mae decides to try to pass as white and apply for the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program in WWII, an auxiliary of the U.S. Airforce designed to free up male pilots for combat duty. This is period fiction with a determined heroine and a spunky cast of sister WASPs.
- Sofer, Dalia. ***The Septembers of Shiraz***. Ecco/HarperCollins, 2007. Following the 1981 revolution against the Shah of Iran, Isaac Amin, a Jewish gem dealer, is imprisoned because of his religion and personal wealth, and members of his family are forced to wrestle with the radical changes forced upon them.
- Swanwick, Michael. ***The Dragons of Babel***. Tor, 2007. Will, a half-mortal elf, is forced to be the lieutenant of an evil war-dragon. Will outwits the dragon and escapes to Babel, a postindustrialized, faerie city, but finds the dragon lives on in his brain. Alex Award 2009
- Tan, Shaun. ***The Arrival***. Scholastic, 2007. A man leaves his troubled homeland and travels to an unfamiliar place where he makes a new life and sends for his family. This multiple award-winning wordless book's sepia drawings look like surrealist snapshots, poignantly expressing the timeless and universal courage of immigrants.
- Thompson, Kate. ***The New Policeman***. HarperTeen, 2007. Where does the time go? J.J. Liddy's mom just wants more time for her birthday. J.J. finds out that there really is less time than there used to be because there is a leak between the real world and the faerie kingdom. As he begins to unravel the secrets of his history, both recent and distant, the legends of Ireland come to life around him. Parents Choice Award 2007

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- Tisserand, Michael. ***The Sugarcane Academy: How a New Orleans Teacher and His Storm-Struck Students Created a School to Remember.*** Harvest, 2007. Author Michael Tisserand and his wife think that they have left New Orleans for a brief flight from Hurricane Katrina. However, they quickly find that they must create a stable life in a very abnormal time for their children. Banding together with other families who have fled from their neighborhood, they start a school with a gifted teacher and help their children deal with the trauma from the storm. A touching, human look at the unimaginable changes that Katrina made in so many lives.
- Vonnegut, Kurt. ***Slaughterhouse Five, or, The children's crusade : a duty-dance with death.*** First published 1969. After surviving the bombing of Dresden in World War II, Billy Pilgrim returns to civilian life and has a successful career until he is kidnapped by aliens and displayed in a zoo on the planet of Tralfamador.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Written in Bone: Buried lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland.*** Carolrhoda, 2009. A detailed and illustrated account of an archaeological dig in Jamestown. The search for human remains and materials from colonial Maryland is revealed layer by fascinating layer.
- Wiess, Laura. ***Such a Pretty Girl.*** Pocket/MTV, 2007. Meredith's father, who was sent to jail for molesting her, has just been released from prison, and her oblivious mother wants them to become a family again. Meredith, a victim turned heroine, tries to save herself and other young people from her predatory father.
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- Abadzis, Nick. ***Laika***. Roaring Brook, 2007. An abandoned puppy, Laika, was destined to become Earth's first space traveler in the Soviet Union's Sputnik program. This non-fiction graphic novel portrays the preparation for her fatal journey and the agony of her special handler, who knows that there are no plans for her to come back.
- Alexie, Sherman. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian***. Little, Brown, 2007. Talented Arnold Spirit leaves the reservation school to go to an academically superior one located many miles away. How he copes with this change, both at school and on the reservation, is realistic, thought provoking, and laugh-out-loud funny. National Book Award Young People's Literature 2007; Book Sense Book of the Year 2008
- Asher, Jay. ***Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel***. Razorbill, 2007. When Hannah Baker commits suicide she leaves behind thirteen cassette tapes to those she feels contributed to her decision to end her life. Clay finds the box of tapes on his front porch, and as he starts listening to Hannah recount the events leading up to her suicide, his heartrending night begins.
- Berra, Tim M. ***Charles Darwin: The Concise Story of an Extraordinary Man***. Johns Hopkins University, 2009. Although Darwin was born into a family of physicians and scientists, and targeted by his father for the clergy, he gravitated toward studying plants, animals, and geology at university. An invitation to join the *Beagle* on its second voyage set the direction of his life. Though plagued with poor health, he ushered in the study of modern biology with his groundbreaking work, "The Origin of the Species."
- Beschloss, Michael. ***Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. A presidential scholar provides historical examples of presidents, including Jackson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, FDR, Truman, Kennedy, and Reagan, who faced adversity with courage and wisdom to change the future of the country.
- Breashears, David and Audrey Salkeld. ***Last climb: the Legendary Everest Expeditions of George Mallory***. National Geographic, 1999. In 1924 the explorer, George Mallory, disappeared on Mount Everest only to be found 75 years later on the icy slopes. Breashears, himself a renown mountaineer, reveals the astounding facts of early climbing on Mt. Everest, describes the events of Mallory's adventurous life, and suggests scenarios that may have led to his death on this most dangerous climb.
- Cavanagh, Thomas B. ***Head Games***. St. Martin's, 2007. The lead singer of a popular boy band disappears. A lucrative reward is offered by the band's manager, a retired police detective, with two ex-wives, a teenage daughter, and a brain tumor he's named "Bob." *Series*

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- Cooper, Brenda. ***The Silver Ship and the Sea***. Tor, 2007. Abandoned on an environmentally dangerous colony planet where the citizens are hostile toward genetic engineering, six genetically enhanced children must learn to use their special talents to either survive and make the planet their home, or find a way to escape in the abandoned silver space ship that lies in the Grass Plains. *Series*
- Croggon, Alison. ***The Naming***. Candlewick, 2002. In the first of a just-finished four-book series, the orphaned Maerad escapes from slavery. As she discovers her magical powers and her heritage, she realizes she is destined to defeat the "Nameless One". *Series*
- Crutcher, Chris. ***Deadline***. Greenwillow, 2007. Eighteen-year-old Ben Wolf has been given less than a year to live, but he chooses not to tell anyone so his senior year will be as normal as possible. This surprisingly humorous story tracks that final year as Ben goes out for football, finds romance, and realizes that his secret has a serious impact on others.
- Ettlinger, Steve. ***Twinkie Deconstructed: My Journey to Discover How the Ingredients Found in Processed Foods Are Grown, Mined (Yes, Mined), and Manipulated into What America Eats***. Hudson Street, 2007. Drawing on interviews with industry professionals, we discover that snack cakes and other popular food products are concocted from by-products of chlorine bleaching, gypsum mining, petroleum processing, and other non-food chemicals.
- Giles, Gail. ***Shattering Glass***. Roaring Brook, 2002. A group of cool high school boys transform Simon Glass, the school nerd, into one of the most popular boys in school. Then they kill him.
- Gill, David Macinnis. ***Soul Enchilada***. Greenwillow/Harper Teen. 2009. El Paso teen Eunice (Bug) Smoot's grandfather sold his soul to the devil for a Cadillac and reneged on the deal. When a demon repo agent shows up, she finds out that her deceased grandfather pledged both the car and her soul as collateral, and she has 60 hours to figure out what to do.
- Haddon, Mark. ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***. Doubleday, 2003. An autistic boy keeps a diary of his efforts to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's dog. This funny, touching novel is a revealing look into the mind of an autistic person. Alex Award 2004
- Hemingway, Ernest. ***A Farewell to Arms***. First published 1929. A British nurse and an American ambulance driver fall in love during World War I.
- Heiligman, Deborah. ***Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith***. Holt, 2009. Heiligman reveals a personal look at the life and love of the man whose ideas have caused a stir in the scientific and religious communities since the 1800's. Charles Darwin, a brilliant man who was unsure of his faith in God, married Emma Wedgwood who was devoutly religious. The story of their lives together is one filled with science, religion, history, but most of all, love. YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award 2010; Michael L. Printz Honor Book 2010

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- Herbert, Frank. ***Dune***. First published 1965. The Atreides family is banished to planet Dune where the ferocious Fremen live. *Series*
- Hornby, Nick. ***Slam***. Putnam, 2007. When fifteen-year-old skateboarder Sam "Slam" Jones learns that his ex-girlfriend is pregnant, he turns to the only person he feels can help—his hero, skating legend Tony Hawk. Since Tony is only a poster, he doesn't offer answers, so it's up to Sam, thrust suddenly into maturity, to figure out the right thing to do.
- Johnson, Harriet McBryde. ***Accidents of Nature***. Holt, 2006. Seventeen-year-old Jean is wheelchair-bound with cerebral palsy but has always been treated as normal by her family and schoolmates. For the first time in her life, she attends a summer camp for the disabled where she is exposed to the realities of disabled life. As she bonds with new friends who are not "Norms," she begins to think about being different and questions her old beliefs. What if normal isn't the only way to be?
- Johnson, Maureen. ***13 Little Blue Envelopes***. HarperCollins, 2005. Ginny's beloved, quirky Aunt Peg sends her on one more adventure when she dies, leaving Ginny a series of envelopes. The envelopes lead Ginny on a whirlwind tour of Europe where she finds answers to important questions about her aunt and about herself.
- Johnson, Steven. ***The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—And How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World***. Riverhead, 2006. In 1854, when the existence of bacteria and the concept of waterborne disease are still unknown, two men, one a physician and the other a clergyman, successfully trace the source of a cholera epidemic to a contaminated well in an impoverished part of London.
- Jordan, Robert. ***Eye of the World***. Tor, 1990. During the Third Age, the Age of Prophecy, the world and time itself hang in the balance in danger of falling under the Shadow. *Series*
- King, A. S. ***The Dust of 100 Dogs***. Flux, 2009. Teenage pirate Emer was burying her treasure when she was slain and cursed to live one hundred lives as a dog before returning to a human body with her memories intact. Now she is reincarnated as an American teenager who can't wait to get to Jamaica with a shovel.
- Llewellyn, Sam. ***The Return of Death Eric***. Walker, 2005. Death Eric was your parents' favorite rock band, but the band's leader, Eric Thrashmettle, retired because he thought he was cursed. When his bank account runs dry, Eric's children convince him and the other former band members to reunite for a blazing comeback.
- Lutz, Lisa. ***The Spellman Files***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Izzy Spellman, an irrepressible twenty-eight-year-old sleuth, works for her parents' San Francisco PI firm. The dysfunctional and relentlessly nosy Spellman clan spends as much time spying on each other as they do working their cases. *Series*. Alex Award 2008; Anthony Award 2008

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- Marillier, Juliet. **Wildwood Dancing**. Knopf, 2007. Every full moon, five sisters who live with their father in Transylvania use a hidden portal to cross over into a magical world, the Wildwood, where they dance until morning with the creatures who live there.
- Marr, Melissa. **Wicked Lovely**. HarperTeen, 2007. Urban faeries can be really mean! Aislinn's grandmother warns her not to admit she can see them, but that is hard to do when their king is convinced that she is their rightful queen. A smart, funny series sure to delight Twilight fans. Rita Award/Capitol Choices
- McCloud, Scott. **Making Comics: Storytelling Secrets of Comics, Manga and Graphic Novels**. HarperCollins, 2006. Focusing on the storytelling aspects of drawing comics, the author's avatar uses a skillful mix of dry humor and instruction to offer insights into designing and drawing a comic strip.
- Meyer, Stephenie. **Twilight**. Little, Brown, 2005. After transferring to a new school in Forks, Washington, seventeen-year-old Bella is attracted to an exquisitely handsome boy who, she comes to realize, is not wholly human. *Series*
- Michaelis, Antonia. **Tiger Moon**. Amulet, 2008. Farhad is a thief destined for greater things. When the god Krishna catches him stealing an amulet, Farhad must make a choice between becoming a great hero or spending the rest of eternity as a worm. He chooses the hero's path and, with the help of a magical white tiger named Nitish, he embarks upon a quest to rescue Krishna's daughter from a demon who is holding her captive.
- Moore, Perry. **Hero**. Hyperion, 2007. Thom Creed is a bit of an outsider amongst his peers. Apart from being a skilled athlete and unselfish, he has secrets to keep from his friends, and above all, his father, a defeated ex-superhero. Thom is both gay and a natural-born superhero with the ability to heal others' physical maladies.
- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. **Dairy Queen**. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. D.J. spends most of her time helping out on the family farm until she is coerced into helping train Brian, the star quarterback on the town's rival football team. D.J. decides to go out for the other team herself and the fact that she has a major crush on Brian complicates matters.
- Na, An. **The Fold**. Putnam, 2008. Joyce is faced with a dilemma when her pushy rich aunt offers her plastic surgery to change the look of her eyelids. Always compared to her beautiful, talented older sister, Joyce must decide what Korean beauty really means to her. Some amusing events occur as the result of her aunt's well-intentioned, but unwanted "gifts" to each family member.
- Nash, Ogden. **The Best of Ogden Nash**. Ivan R. Dee, 2007. This delightful book of rhythm and rhyme, together with magical word use, by the renowned master of light, humorous verse, is edited by the poet's daughter, Linell Nash Smith.
- Oliver, Mary. **The Truro Bear and Other Adventures: Poems and Essays**. Beacon, 2008. Charming and clever writing from the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award winner.

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- Pfeffer, Susan Beth. ***Life as we knew it.*** Harcourt, 2006. An asteroid has hit the moon and knocked it out of orbit, causing havoc in the world. Life for sixteen-year-old Miranda and her family changes to a mode of survival. As they struggle to survive, they find hope and strength to exist even though the future may be short-lived.
- Pratchett, Terry. ***Nation.*** HarperCollins, 2008. Mau is caught in the tidal wave that destroyed his island, and Daphne is her ship's only survivor of that tsunami. Together on the devastated island, they form a new nation. Michael L. Printz Award 2009
- Pullman, Philip. ***The Golden Compass.*** Knopf, 1995. Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subjects of gruesome experiments in the Far North. Carnegie Medal. *Series*
- Reeve, Philip. ***Here Lies Arthur.*** Scholastic, 2007. This retelling of the Arthurian Legend exposes Arthur as a thug and Myrddin as a scheming storyteller who engages orphaned Gwynna to appear as the Lady of the Lake, who bestows upon Arthur his legendary sword. YALSA Best Books for Young Adults 2009
- Resau, Laura. ***The Indigo Notebook.*** Random House/Delacorte. 2009. Zeeta has lived in a different country every year with her mom Layla, an English teacher. Zeeta writes a different colored journal for every country, and this year's is indigo. She longs for a boring suburban life, but then she meets Wendell.
- Roach, Mary. ***Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers.*** Norton, 2003. Both funny and gruesome, this book is about the many things that happen to human bodies after death, from providing practice for plastic surgeons to enabling research on decomposition. Alex Award 2004
- Roberts, Judson. ***Viking Warrior: the Strongbow Saga, Book One.*** HarperCollins, 2006. After his mother sacrifices her life to free him from slavery, Halfdan is finally acknowledged by his Viking father. He learns to fight, builds a relationship with his noble half-brother Harald, and then vows vengeance for Harald's murder. *Series*
- Rothfuss, Patrick. ***Name of the Wind: the Kingkiller Chronicle: Day One.*** DAW, 2007. In the first of this fantasy trilogy, Kvothe is a powerful and famous magician living as an innkeeper under an assumed name. Part of his past is revealed in the first book, but not why he no longer uses magic. Strange and evil events hint that Kvothe will need to resolve his inner conflict and use his powers. Alex Award 2009
- Runyon, Brent. ***The Burn Journals.*** Knopf, 2004. In this fast-moving and excruciatingly true story of a fourteen-year-old burn victim, Brent struggles to recover from his self-inflicted burns and psychological depression.
- Salinger, J. D. ***Catcher in the Rye.*** First published 1951. Holden Caulfield runs away from boarding school to New York City.

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- Sandburg, Carl. ***Selected Poems***. Harcourt, 1996. Sandburg's best and most characteristic poetry is collected and thematically grouped in this one-volume edition.
- Satrapı, Marjane. ***Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood***. Pantheon, 2003. In graphic novel format, Satrapı tells of her childhood growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. Alex Award 2004
- Shields, Charles J. ***I am Scout: the Biography of Harper Lee***. Holt, 2008. This biography provides interesting facts and sheds light on the reclusive life of Nelle Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Readers will see many parallels between the feisty author's life in a small Southern town and the characters she created in the only novel she has ever written. BBYA 2009
- Sivertsen, Linda and Tosh. ***Generation Green : the Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life***. Simon Pulse, 2008. This engaging, how-to guide for environmentally conscious living provides pragmatic "green" solutions to everyday problems, such as purchasing consumer goods, powering household appliances, traveling, reusing and recycling, and eating.
- Smith, Sherri L. ***Flygirl***. Penguin/Putnam 2008. Ida Mae decides to try to pass as white and apply for the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program in WWII, an auxiliary of the U.S. Airforce designed to free up male pilots for combat duty. This is period fiction with a determined heroine and a spunky cast of sister WASPs.
- Sofer, Dalia. ***The Septembers of Shiraz***. Ecco/HarperCollins, 2007. Following the 1981 revolution against the Shah of Iran, Isaac Amin, a Jewish gem dealer, is imprisoned because of his religion and personal wealth, and members of his family are forced to wrestle with the radical changes forced upon them.
- Swanwick, Michael. ***The Dragons of Babel***. Tor, 2007. Will, a half-mortal elf, is forced to be the lieutenant of an evil war-dragon. Will outwits the dragon and escapes to Babel, a postindustrialized, faerie city, but finds the dragon lives on in his brain. Alex Award 2009
- Tan, Shaun. ***The Arrival***. Scholastic, 2007. A man leaves his troubled homeland and travels to an unfamiliar place where he makes a new life and sends for his family. This multiple award-winning wordless book's sepia drawings look like surrealistic snapshots, poignantly expressing the timeless and universal courage of immigrants.
- Thompson, Kate. ***The New Policeman***. HarperTeen, 2007. Where does the time go? J.J. Liddy's mom just wants more time for her birthday. J.J. finds out that there really is less time than there used to be because there is a leak between the real world and the faerie kingdom. As he begins to unravel the secrets of his history, both recent and distant, the legends of Ireland come to life around him. Parents Choice Award 2007

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- Tisserand, Michael. ***The Sugarcane Academy: How a New Orleans Teacher and His Storm-Struck Students Created a School to Remember.*** Harvest, 2007. Author Michael Tisserand and his wife think that they have left New Orleans for a brief flight from Hurricane Katrina. However, they quickly find that they must create a stable life in a very abnormal time for their children. Banding together with other families who have fled from their neighborhood, they start a school with a gifted teacher and help their children deal with the trauma from the storm. A touching, human look at the unimaginable changes that Katrina made in so many lives.
- Vonnegut, Kurt. ***Slaughterhouse Five, or, The children's crusade : a duty-dance with death.*** First published 1969. After surviving the bombing of Dresden in World War II, Billy Pilgrim returns to civilian life and has a successful career until he is kidnapped by aliens and displayed in a zoo on the planet of Tralfamador.
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