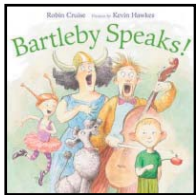
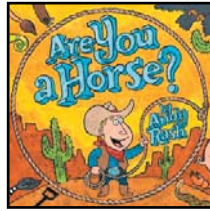


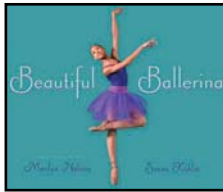
All the World, by Liz Garton Scanlon; illus. by Marla Frazee. 978-1416985808, \$17.99. Following a circle of interracial family and friends coming together for a holiday, this book affirms the importance of all things in our world, from the tiniest shell on the beach, to warm family connections, to the widest sunset sky. .

Are You a Horse? by Andy Rash. 978-0439724173, \$16.99. Roy gets a saddle for his birthday and goes on a quest to find a horse. Children will love saying “no” to Roy as he asks various desert animals the title question!



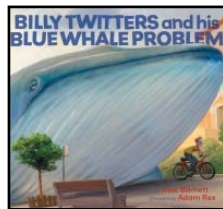
Bartleby Speaks! by Robin Cruise; illus. by Kevin Hawkes. 978-0374305147, \$16.99. Bartleby is a sweet, happy little child - but he is almost three years old and has not said a word. Will Bartleby ever talk? You'll love the hilarious ending!

Beautiful Ballerina, by Marilyn Nelson; photographs by Susan Kuklin. 978-0545089203. \$17.99. Photos of four young ballerinas from The Dance Theatre of Harlem gracefully illustrate lyrical text. A treat for all dance lovers.



Big Bear Hug, by Nicholas Oldland. 978-1554534647, \$16.95. A bear is so filled with love that he hugs all animals and even the trees in his forest - until a woodsman disrupts the happiness with his axe. What's a tree-hugging bear to do?

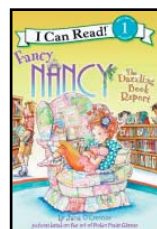
Billy Twitters and his Blue Whale Problem, by Mac Barnett; illus. by Adam Rex. 978-0786849581, \$16.99. When Billy Twitters' mother buys him a blue whale as a punishment, he must take his enormous pet with him everywhere - which does not make him popular at school.



Bubble Trouble, by Margaret Mahy; illus. by Polly Dunbar. 978-0547074214, \$16.00. A baby floats away in a bubble, clearly enjoying the journey - for “the baby didn't quibble. He began to smile and dribble for he liked the wibble-wobble of the bubble in the air.”

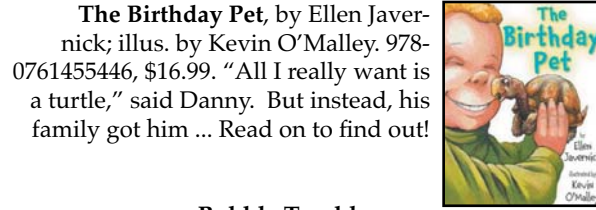
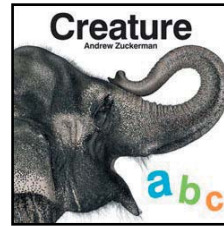


Duck and Cover, by Jackie Urbanovic. 978-0061214448, \$17.99. Our favorite irresistible duck is back! Max convinces Irene, who lives with a menagerie of animals, to shelter an alligator ... with a voracious appetite ... on the lam ... with zoo detectives in pursuit. Yikes!



Fancy Nancy: The Dazzling Book Report, by Jane O'Connor; illus. in the style of Robin Preiss Glasser. 978-0061703683, \$3.99 (paperback). A new Fancy Nancy beginning reader that most of us can relate to - getting too carried away, in the wrong direction. Another winner for Nancy's fancy fans.

Creature A B C, by Andrew Zuckerman. 978-0811869782, \$19.99. Animal lovers will delight in sharing this alphabet book filled with gorgeous, full-page photographs of wildlife. 120 deluxe pages make this a gift to treasure.



The Birthday Pet, by Ellen Javernick; illus. by Kevin O'Malley. 978-0761455446, \$16.99. “All I really want is a turtle,” said Danny. But instead, his family got him ... Read on to find out!



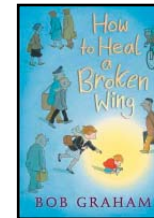
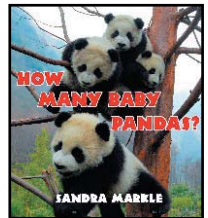
Fish School, by Nancy Poydar. 978-0823421404, \$16.95. Charlie thinks he can train his pet goldfish, Wishy, to do tricks - so he smuggles Wishy on the class visit to the aquarium to see how it's done. Is this a good idea? Find out in this amusing book!

Gone With the Wand, by Margie Palatini; illus. by Brian Ajhar. 978-0439727686, \$16.99. Poor Bernice Sparklestein's wand is kaput. Edith B. Cupid is up to the challenge! She's ready to rescue a fairy in need. Can she do it?



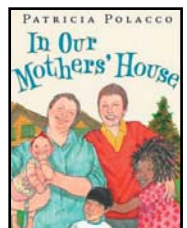
The House in the Night, by Susan Marie Swanson; illus. by Beth Krommes. 978-0618862443, \$17.00. Sing this simplistic forward-and-backward tale with interactive call-and-response, or read it and let children get lost in the dreamy black and white illustrations.

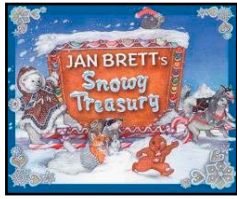
How Many Baby Pandas? by Sandra Markle. 978-0802797834, \$15.99. Follow eight adorable panda pairs born during a “baby boom” at China's Wolong Giant Panda Center. Discover how they live, grow, and play, and the steps being taken to prepare them for their release into the wild.



How to Heal a Broken Wing, by Bob Graham. 978-0763639037, \$16.99. Who cares about a bird in the big crowded city? One child quietly, tenderly, hopefully brings the bird home to heal. Readers of all ages will be holding their breath as the bird is set free.

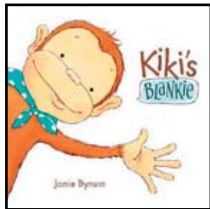
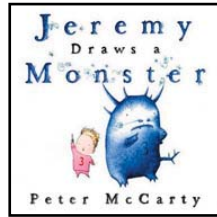
In Our Mothers' House, by Patricia Polacco. 978-0399250767, \$17.99. A girl adopted by two moms talks about growing up with her adopted siblings in their untraditional, racially diverse family. There's plenty of love to go around in this joyful tale of inclusion and acceptance.





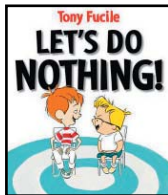
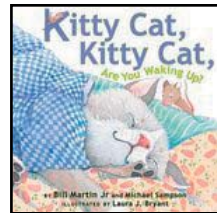
Jan Brett's Snowy Treasury, by Jan Brett. 978-0399254017, \$29.99. A beautiful edition containing four of Jan Brett's most beloved titles - *Gingerbread Baby*, *The Mitten*, *The Hat*, and *The Three Snow Bears* - all perfect for sharing.

Jeremy Draws a Monster, by Peter McCarty. 978-0805069341, \$16.99. A lonely, imaginative boy draws a monster - who soon becomes a real nuisance! But the boy rises to the challenge. "A topnotch *Harold and the Purple Crayon* for a new generation." --Booklist



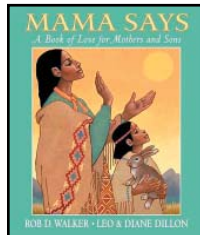
Kiki's Blankie, by Janie Bynum. 978-1402759109, \$14.95. With her adored polka-dot blankie, Kiki can do anything - but when it sails away, Super Kiki is not sure she is brave or strong enough. How will this adorable, impish monkey manage? Giggles guaranteed!

Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, Are You Waking Up? by Bill Martin. 978-0761454380, \$14.99. Both parents and children will recognize this frantic getting-ready-for-school routine. Is there any child who doesn't get distracted in the morning?

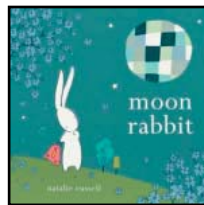
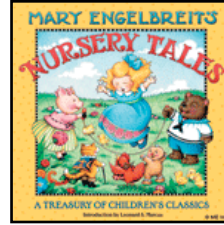


Let's Do Nothing! by Tony Fucile. 978-0763634407, \$16.99. Frankie and Sal have run out of things to do. Then Sal hits upon a solution: "Let's do nothing!" How hard could that be?

Mama Says: A Book of Love for Mothers and Sons, by Rob D. Walker; illus. by Leo and Diane Dillon. 978-0439932080, \$16.99. In this celebration of mothers and their teachings, each poem is written both in English and another language. One of the most beautiful books on the bond between parent and child, this should be a gift to all mothers.

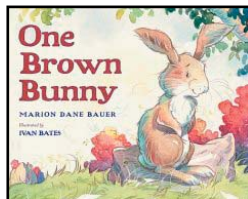
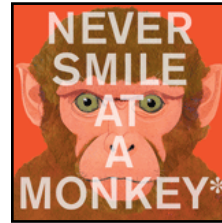


Mary Engelbreit's Nursery Tales: A Treasury of Children's Classics, by Mary Engelbreit. 978-0060731687, \$19.99. 12 nursery tales vibrate with bright colors, friendly animals, and characters of a timeless fairy-tale variety. The cheery collection will appeal to fans of the illustrator in a "not too scary" fashion.



Moon Rabbit, by Natalie Russell. 978-0670011704, \$16.99. This lovely book imparts lessons in individuality and comradeship in a sweet story of two rabbits who live in different places but enjoy one another's company. Beautifully written and illustrated for K-3.

Never Smile at a Monkey, and 17 Other Important Things to Remember, by Steve Jenkins. 978-0618966202, \$16.00. Who can resist Jenkins' wonderful animal collages, coupled with unexpected facts about dangerous and poisonous animals?



One Brown Bunny, by Marion Dane Bauer. 978-0439680103, \$14.99. Count to ten with solid rhymes of one brown bear, two red birds, three black bears ... or try a rhythmic call and response!

Orangutan Tongs: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue, by Jon Agee. 978-1423103158, \$16.99. A great collection of humorous poems and tricky twisty tongue twisters, with fun illustrations by the author. Laugh-out-loud funny!

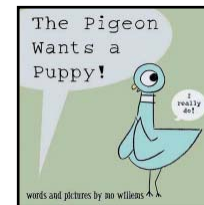
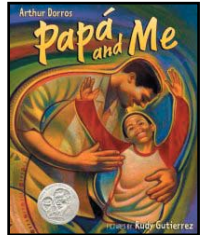


Otis, by Loren Long. 978-0399252488, \$17.99. Otis is an old red tractor who putt-putts his way into the heart of a motherless calf. When a shiny new yellow tractor arrives, Otis is abandoned behind the barn, but proves he still has value when his friend is in danger.



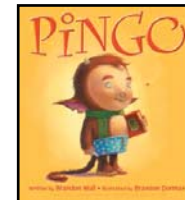
Panda Kindergarten, by Joanne Ryder; illus. with photographs by Katherine Feng. 978-0060578503, \$17.99. The gentle and descriptive text fills in the spaces, but the real draw here is the irresistible close-ups of the baby pandas at China's Wolong Nature Preserve.

Papá and Me, by Arthur Dorros; illus. by Rudy Gutierrez. 978-0060581565, \$16.99. This Pura Belpré Honor Book is a warm story of a father and son's day together with the father speaking some Spanish and the son translating by repeating the words in English.



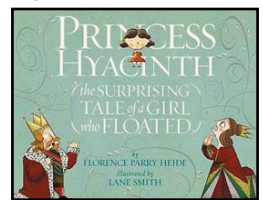
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy, by Mo Willems. 978-1423109600, \$14.99. The incorrigible pigeon we grew to love in his three previous adventures is back. This time he wants a puppy - only to realize a puppy may be a bit more than he can handle.

Pigs Make Me Sneeze (an *Elephant and Piggie* Book), by Mo Willems. 978-1423114116, \$8.99. Gerald believes he is allergic to his best friend! Will he have to stay away from Piggie forever? Funny from start to finish, this book (and all the others in the series) is great to read aloud or alone.



Pingo, by Brandon Mull; illus. by Brandon Dorman. 978-1606411094, \$17.95. Teased by his friends for having an imaginary playmate, Chad tries to bid Pingo farewell - but Pingo refuses to leave!

Princess Hyacinth (the Surprising Tale of the Girl who Floated), by Florence Parry Heide; illus. by Lane Smith. 978-0375845017, \$17.99. Princess Hyacinth sits in her palace every day because, unless she is weighed down by specially-made clothes, she will float away!

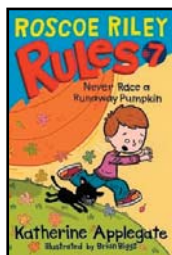
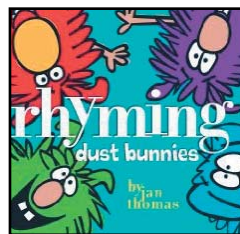




Put It On The List! by Kristen Darbyshire. 978-0525479062, \$16.99. Spend a week with the chicken family, and you'll learn why we need those grocery lists! This is a fun read for the entire family, and a great book for developing early literacy skills.

Rhyming Dust Bunnies, by Jan Thomas. 978-1416979760, \$12.99.

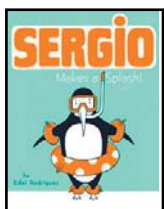
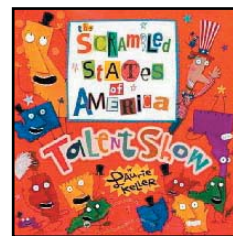
Three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, love to rhyme, while a fourth dust bunny, Bob, tries to warn them of approaching danger! Bright, exciting illustrations by the author.



Roscoe Riley Rules (series), by Katherine Applegate. Paperbacks, \$3.99 each. Meet Roscoe in the official Time Out Corner. In this humorous series, Roscoe advises readers on the rules they are not supposed to break.

The Scrambled

States of America Talent Show, by Laurie Keller. 978-0805079975, \$16.95. Get to know the beloved Scrambled States again this time as they prepare for and perform a talent show. Who knew states could be so comical?



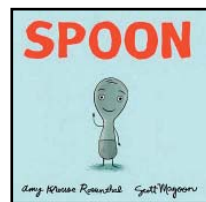
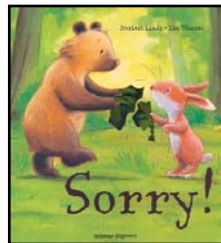
Sergio Makes a Splash, by Edel Rodriguez. 978-0316066167, \$15.99. Sergio the penguin loves everything about water, but he can't swim. What will he do when his class takes a field trip to the ocean? Find out in this book filled with playful, aqua blue illustrations.

When you're done, read, *Sergio Saves the Game* (978-0316066174, \$15.99).

Snake Cake and other *Flip-a-Word* books by Harriet Ziefert; illus. by Yukiko Kido. Paperback, \$5.95 each; hardcover, \$12.95 each. Clever rhymes and interactive pictures make sounding out words fun for beginning readers.



Sorry, by Norbert Landa; illus. by Tim Warnes. 978-1561486625, \$16.95. Best friends Bear and Rabbit both want the "new shiny thing" they found. Who will get it – and what will happen to their friendship? Gentle lessons are woven throughout this enchanting tale.



Spoon, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; illus. by Scott Magoon. 978-1423106852, \$15.99. Spoon is not happy. His friends fork, knife and chopsticks have much more exciting lives - don't they? A very funny book about celebrating uniqueness.

Stagecoach Sal, by Deborah Hopkinson. 978-1423111498, \$16.99.

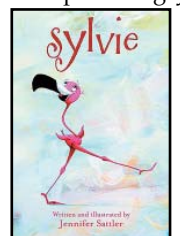
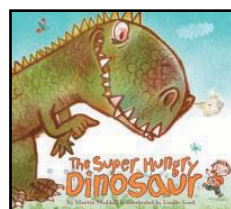
When Sal drives a stagecoach alone, she not only excels at roping, riding, and shooting, she is also an excellent singer. Sure to be a big hit with grandparents (who will know the songs) and grandkids!



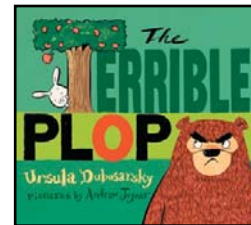
Stick Man, by Julia Donaldson. 978-0545157612, \$16.99. A stick man goes for a walk and has a series of hilarious misfortunes. Will he get back to his stick family in time for Christmas? An offbeat but irresistible story!

The Super

Hungry Dinosaur, by Martin Waddell; illus. by Leonie Lord. 978-0803734463, \$16.99. The Super Hungry Dinosaur has come to eat Hal's parents and his dog, Billy. But not if Hal has anything to say about it! Can Hal calm the Super Hungry Dinosaur's tantrum before it's too late?

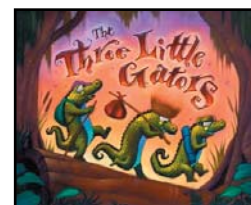


Sylvie, by Jennifer Gordon Sattler. 978-0375857089, \$15.99. When Sylvie the pink flamingo learns her color comes from the little pink shrimp she eats, she decides to expand her choices, trying everything under the sun!



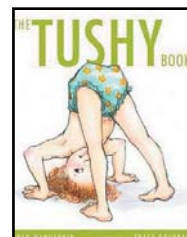
The Terrible Plop, by Ursula Dubowsky; illus. by Andrew Joyner. 978-0374374280, \$15.99. When a mysterious sound sends all the forest animals running away in fear, only the littlest rabbit is courageous enough to investigate. Toe-tapping rhyme, cartoon illustrations - a great read-aloud!

There Once Was a Sky Full of Stars, by Bob Crelin; illus. by Amie Ziner. 978-1931559379, \$17.95. CT author Crelin unveils the magic of the night sky, the growing problem of light pollution, and what can be done to save the vanishing stars. Beautiful illustrations accompany an important message.



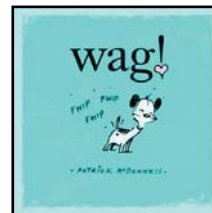
The Three Little Gators, by Helen Ketteman; illus. by Will Terry. 978-0807578247, \$16.99. A new twist on the old tale in which the Big Bottomed Boar threatens the three little gators with a bump of his rump!

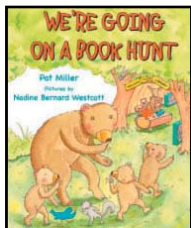
The Tushy Book, by Fran Manushkin; illus. by Tracy Dockray. 978-0312369262, \$14.99. The tushy finally gets the attention, if not necessarily respect, it deserves in this lively rhymed picture book that hilariously celebrates the blessings of the bottom!



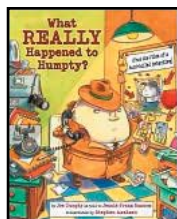
Tyrannoclaus, by Janet Lawler; illus. by John Shroades. 978-0061170546, \$16.99. Inside a volcano crater, Tyrannoclaus and his helpers are busy wrapping presents for dino children when, suddenly, the volcano erupts! What will happen to Christmas?

Wag, by Patrick McDonnell. 978-0316045483, \$15.99. What makes Mooch's tail wag? Find out! "I loved reading this book out loud - even the moms were ohing and ahing at the end!" --Claudette Stockwell, Killingly Public Library

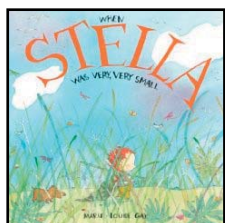




We're Going On A Book Hunt, by Pat Miller; illus. by Nadine Bernard Westcott. 978-1602130074, \$17.95. How do we choose a good book? "We're going on a book hunt. We're going to find a good one. We know how. Not too easy ... Not too hard ... But just right!"



What Really Happened to Humpty? by Jeanie Franz Ransom. 978-1580891097, \$15.95. Humpty's little brother investigates the mysterious circumstances of his death in Mother Gooseland.



When Stella was Very, Very Small, by Marie-Louise Gay. 978-0888999061, \$16.95. This adorable book illustrates the viewpoint of a very young child, where the bathtub is an Olympic-sized pool and the backyard is a great tropical jungle.



You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?! by Jonah Winter; illus. by André Carrilho. 978-0375837388, \$17.99. This picture book biography about the amazing Brooklyn/LA Dodgers pitcher makes a great gift for baseball-crazy kids. The bouncy, cheeky text compliments the fun, cartoony illustrations.



Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales, retold by Lucy Cousins. 978-0763644741, \$18.99. Not your usual sugarcoated fairy tale collection, this book is a funny and colorful introduction to the real stories in all their original glory!



The Zoo I Drew, by Todd H. Dooller. 978-0375852015, \$14.99. This playful alphabet book features bold pictures and rhyming text describing each animal the two-year-old child/author sees on a trip to the zoo.

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