100+ GREAT READS



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PICTURE BOOKS

JP Abed, Omar. The Book That Almost Rhymed

ABE A boy's perfectly rhyming story is thrown off course by his little sister who changes the words—and adds to the adventure—in this hilarious picture book.

JP Cecil, Randy. The Spaceman

CEC A tiny alien lands on an ordinary-looking planet (Earth) and, after his ship gets carried away, discovers that the planet is more amazing than he thought.

JP Clanton, Ben, and Andy Chou Musser. *Paint with Ploof*CLA Ploof, an adorable little cloud, wants to paint his first rainbow. When things don't go his way, some calming breaths and help from friends set him on the right track.

JP Ferry, Beth. Prunella

FER Born with a purple thumb to expert gardener parents, young Prunella is passionate about plants, especially the ones that are carnivorous, stinky, and prickly.

JP Hannigan, Jess. Spider in the Well

HAN It's hard to know who to believe in this sly tale of the townspeople of Bad Göodsburg, where a wishing well has suddenly stopped granting wishes.

JP Hest, Amy. Big Bear and Little Bear Go Fishing

HES Follow along as two bears get ready for a day of fishing in this gentle, beautifully illustrated picture book about companionship and patience.

JP Jackson, Mick. We're Moving House

JAC When a boy is told that his family will be moving, he imagines all the amazing ways his house will travel to the new location.

JP Jeffers, Oliver. *The Dictionary Story*

JEF Dictionary decides to bring her words to life and tell a story like all the other books on the shelf, but chaos ensues when an alligator starts chasing a donut.



JP Latimer, Alex. Don't Think of Tigers

LAT This book is magic! The illustrator will draw anything that you picture in your mind on the page, like a cow doing ballet or a crocodile. Anything—except tigers!

JP Long, Loren. The Yellow Bus

LON A bus plays several roles throughout its life including a homeless shelter, a wildlife refuge, and—of course—a school bus!

JP Lukoff, Kyle. I'm Sorry You Got Mad

LUK After knocking down a classmate's castle at school, Jack learns how to truly apologize in this hilariously honest book told entirely with notes.

JP Mack, Jeff. Time to Make Art

MAC A girl asks meaningful questions about creating art and has her questions answered by a diverse group of artists throughout time and history.

JP Mo, Cherry. Home in a Lunchbox

MO When Jun moves to America, everything at school feels foreign and terrifying, but when she opens her lunchbox, she realizes home isn't so far away after all. *Caldecott Honor*

JP Myers, Maya. Not Perfect

MYE Everyone in Dot's family is perfect at something, and she grows increasingly frustrated trying to find something that she can do perfectly.

JP Newman, Lesléa. Joyful Song: A Naming Story

NEW Zachary can barely contain his excitement on the way to his baby sister's naming ceremony. Will he be able to keep her name a secret?

JP Nyeu, Tao. Exactly as Planned

NYE In this reversible book told from two perspectives, Fox and Moose plan to get together for tea, but things go awry when the brownies Fox made and a scarf Moose knit go missing.

JP Redniss, Lauren. *Heatwave*

RED An unbearably hot day is transformed as raindrops start to fall one by one, culminating in a downpour in this book saturated in reds and blues.

JP Robinson, Casey W. Small Things Mended

ROB While fixing the neighborhood kids' valuables, Cecil, who has a broken heart, finds a new circle of friends that provide the mending his own heart needs.

JP Rocco, Hayley. All the Books

ROC Piper loves taking her books everywhere with her, but what will happen when her pile gets too big? Perhaps a visit to the library may be a great idea.

JP Rogers, Andrea L. Chooch Helped

ROG Spotlighting traditional Cherokee art and traditions, this tender story features an older sibling learning to make way for a new child in the family. *Caldecott Medal Winner*

JP Sanderson, Brandon. The Most Boring Book Ever

SAN Don't believe anything the narrator says in this anything-butboring tale with plenty of fantasy, adventure, and maybe a dragon.

JP Savage, Stephen. Rescue Cat

SAV Butterscotch, once a lonely street cat, lives in a safe and loving home. When she sees someone in need of help, she is quick to show her bravery.

JP Sima, Jessie. Cookie Time

SIM Go on a wild, time-traveling adventure with Kat and Ari, who love baking cookies with Grandpa but don't like the long wait for the cookies to be ready.

JP Small, Steve. The Hare Who Wouldn't Share

SMA In this sweet and funny story, Hare learns that having friends and a community is much better than being alone with his turnip patch.

JP Sorell, Traci. Being Home

SOR A school-age girl moves from the city to be close to her family in rural Cherokee Nation. Illustrations feature warm colors and diverse characters.

JP Steuerwald, Joy. *The Cutest Brave Little Bunny* STE Tired of only being seen as cute. Little Bunny s

Tired of only being seen as cute, Little Bunny sets out to show everyone that she's also brave and clever, with the help of a new friend. JP Tabor, Corey R. *Ursula Upside Down*

TAB Ursula learns that it's okay to be different in this innovative flipped-format picture book.

JP Underwood, Deborah. *The Man Who Didn't Like Animals*UND Before Old MacDonald had a farm, he was a simple mai

Before Old MacDonald had a farm, he was a simple man who liked his tidy house and did NOT like animals, until a cat came along and changed everything.

EARLY READERS

J Adler, David A. *A Pair of Parrots*

GN When Ava's new parrot flies the coop, she and her mother pair ADL up to try and find her. Can they fix this *fowl* situation?

JP Awan, Jashar. *Towed by Toad*

AWA A helpful toad tow truck driver needs some assistance himself when his truck gets stuck, learning that even helpers sometimes need help too. *Geisel Honor*

JE Bailey, Jenn. *Henry and the Something New*

BAI Henry goes on a school field trip to a natural history museum. Though anxious about the new experience, he bravely navigates the challenges and discovers the joy of trying something new.

JE Burnell, Heather Ayris. *Unicorn and Yeti: Fun and Games*BUR Unicorn and Yeti share fun moments together as they in

Unicorn and Yeti share fun moments together as they invent a new game, play an epic round of hide-and-seek, and complete a puzzle, celebrating their friendship and teamwork.

JE Burris, Priscilla. Sabrina Sue Loves the Mountains
BUR Sabrina Sue, a spunky chicken, is determined to find

adventure and embarks on the hike of a lifetime, eager to experience the thrill of towering peaks and cliffs.

JE Butler, Dori Hillestad. *King & Kayla and the Case of the*BUT *Downstairs Ghost*

During a sleepover at Jillian's house, King and Kayla investigate the spooky sound and dark shape in the basement, uncovering the real and funny cause behind the mystery.



JE Derting, Kimberly and Shelli R. Johannes. *Libby Loves* DER *Science: States of Matter*

Libby and her classmates plan an ice cream party to welcome a new student. When the ice cream melts, the three states of matter save the celebration, creating a fun science experiment.

JE Dyckman, Ame. Vacation

DYC Roommates Bat, Rat, and Cat want to go on vacation, but cannot agree on a destination. Can they find a perfect solution they will all enjoy? *Geisel Award Winner*

JE Fang, Vicky. Best Buddies: Rain is Wet!

FAN Sniff and Scratch discover rain can be fun, share a hilarious balloon mishap, and brave a lightning storm together, turning everyday adventures into moments of laughter and companionship.

JE Fenske, Jonathan. Nothing Scares a Dinosaur

FEN When the lights go out, a spunky dinosaur shows any monsters lurking in his room that they are no match for him—until Mommasaurus steps in.

JE John, Jory. The Cool Bean Makes a Splash

JOH Determined to go down the super slide at the community pool, Bean must summon up his courage and face his fears so that he can be one cool bean.

JE Lerner, Jarrett. Nat the Cat Has a Snack

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LER A hungry cat named Nat is very protective of his tasty snacks. When Pat the Rat shows up hoping to share, Nat refuses—until the story takes a clever twist.

JE Lyons, Kelly Starling. Ty's Travels: Showtime!

LYO Ty and his friends enjoy making music together during playtime. Using his vivid imagination, Ty pretends they are a band performing on stage.

Madan, Vikram. Owl and Penguin: Here and There

GN Owl and Penguin are polar opposites who discover MAD everything is better when shared together, including making pizza, playing in the snow, and hiking a mountain.

J Reul, Sarah Lynne. The Fix-Its: Power Up with Power Drill

GN When the toolbox gets its first power tool, a drill eager to work, REU the other tools relax. As Power Drill's battery runs out, the tools must work together to recharge their friend.

J Shaskan, Stephen. Pizza and Taco: Wrestling Mania!

GN Pizza and Taco are encouraged to join a school sports team, SHA so they sign up for wrestling and choose cool names and signature moves.

JE Tabor, Corey R. Fox Versus Fox

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TAB Fox demonstrates all his foxy skills when a newcomer arrives, but this new creature can do them too! Can Fox outfox him or did he just make a new friend? *Geisel Honor*

Venable, Colleen AF and Marcie Colleen. Kitten Ninja

GN Before becoming the legendary Cat Ninja, Kitten Ninja battled VEN everyday kitten troubles—like a moving sunbeam, a tempting ball of yarn, and the ultimate feline foe: snow!

JE Weeks, Sarah. Sketty and Meatball

WEE Two best dog pals, Sketty and Meatball, who happen to look quite like their names, enjoy doing everything together, including playing, barking, sniffing flowers, wagging tails, and of course napping.

JE Windness, Kaz. Go! Go! Dino!

WIN A group of dinosaurs decide to race, but which dinosaur will come in first place? Find out in this hilarious rhyming story.

TRANSITIONAL

J Becker, Helaine. *Puffin and Penguin*

GN Starting a new school, Puffin is excited to be paired with the BEC super cool Penguin. But Penguin's packed schedule leaves Puffin feeling lonely and determined to make his own friends.

Breen, Steve. Sky & Ty: Howdy, Partner!

GN No-nonsense cowgirl Sky and her goofy, but dependable BRE partner, T. Rex, learn to work together to tackle tasks, discovering teamwork and quick thinking can save the day.

J Chanani, Nidhi. Shark Princess: Surfin' Sharks

GN Shark princesses Kitana and Mack attend the Surfin' Sharks CHA competition, but Mack gets discouraged by another competitor and wants to quit. Can Kitana help Mack see surfing is about having fun?

J Clanton, Ben. *Narwhal's Sweet Tooth*

GN Narwhal loves sugary treats, but his tusk-tooth starts to look CLA less than sparkly. Thankfully, no one knows more about dental hygiene than his friend Shark.

J598. Cushman, Abi. *Flamingos Are Pretty Funky: A (Not So)*Serious Guide

CUS This enlightening and entertaining introduction to the amazing and unusual world of flamingos features a blend of narration, sidebars, and speech bubbles.

J577. Eaton, Maxwell, III. Looking for Peppermint, or Life in the 3 Forest

EAT A young girl explores the woods near her home, sharing stories and nature facts while chasing her playful dog, Peppermint. Based on the author's adventures growing up in Upstate New York.

J Fang, Vicky. Ava Lin, Best Friend

FAN Ava loves bubble tea, animals, and finding treasure. At the start of first grade, she is eager to find a best friend, but her quirky antics lead to funny mishaps.

J Frost, Maddie. *Wombats! Go to Wizard's Wharf*GN Pickles cashes in an old IOU and convinces Albert to visit
FRO Wizard's Wharf, a magical amusement park. When they get lost, a little magic is needed to find their way.

J Hale, Shannon. *The Princess in Black and the Kitty* HAL *Catastrophe*

Princess Magnolia, a.k.a. the Princess in Black, battles monsters—but her biggest challenge yet might be a mischievous kitten causing chaos at her castle in this hilarious, purr-fectly cute adventure!



Larson, Kirby. Shermy & Shake, The Not-So-New Kid

LAR Shermy is excited to see his summer friend Shake at school, but now that school is back in session, he grows worried their differences and Shake's popularity might affect their friendship.

J Lubner, Susan. *Drag and Rex: Sweet and Silly*

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LUB Drag is a devoted and dreamy dragon, while Rex is a precise and patient T. Rex. Together they have oodles of fun adventures and always have a friend to count on.

J598. McMurdie, Becca. Building a Beak: How a Toucan's Rescue
 Inspired the World

MCM Grecia the toucan was injured in an attack, destroying her beak and her voice. Rescuers saved her and created a 3D-printed beak for her survival, inspiring change in animal protection laws.

J500 Nickum, Nora. *This Book is Full of Holes: From Underground*NIC *to Outer Space and Everywhere in Between*

Holes are more than empty spaces! From your socks to massive sinkholes, natural or man-made, holes serve various purposes, and are often important to our everyday life.

J Pierre, Elle. *Evelyn and Avery: The Art of Friendship* GN Evelyn is excited to enter the art show with her friends, but

creative clashes between Dylan and Avery cause tension. Can their friendships and their art be saved?

J Potter, Ellen. Squirlish: Shark in the Park

POT Cordelia, a girl raised by squirrels in Central Park, must protect shark-obsessed Prince Oliver on a chaotic quest for a lost scepter—dodging dangers, pirates, and wild adventures along the way.

J Reedstrom, Kirk. *Duck and Moose: Moose Blasts Off!*GN When Moose invites him to play astronaut, Duck wants to imagine dinosaurs instead. The friends argue, but ultimately discover it's better to work—and imagine—together.



INTERMEDIATE

J Atinuke. Beti and the Little Round House

ATI Beti lives in a round house with her family and her goat named Naughty. In the woods, under the mountains, adventure always finds her.

J Barrows, Annie. Stella & Marigold

BAR Sisters Stella and Marigold do all the regular things like go to school, but also share exciting activities and secret sister things.

J Bates, Janet Costa. *Rica Baptista: A Week of Shenanigans*BAT Uh-oh! Grampy's on crutches, and Rica thinks Adventure
Week is doomed! Can she and Laini save the week?

J Burgos, Hilda Eunice. **Bodega Cats: Picture Purrfect**BUR Follow the story of Miguel and his newly adopted street-savvy cat, Lolo, as they build a loving and supportive friendship in Washington Heights.

J DiCamillo, Kate. *The Hotel Balzaar*

DIC Marta explores the hotel while her mom works, hoping her dad will come back. When a mysterious countess arrives with strange stories, Marta starts to wonder—could they hold the key to finding her father?

- J Eszterhas, Suzi. A Meerkat Diary: My Journey into the Wild
- 599. World of a Meerkat Mob

742 Suzi Eszterhas spends two weeks observing baby meerkats ESZ in Botswana's Kalahari Desert and documents how they grow and hunt—and get hunted themselves.

JB Guglielmo, Amy. *Lucy! How Lucille Ball Did It All*

BAL After being told she can't act, can't sing, and can't dance, Lucille Ball overcame the odds to become the world's Queen of Comedy!

J Kapit, Sarah. *Rachel Friedman Breaks the Rules*KAP Rachel struggles to follow the rules at synagogue, so her dad offers a reward if she can follow the rules for one week. Rachel discovers that some rules are meant to be broken!

J Kelly, Erin Entrada. Felix Powell, Boy Dog

KEL Felix has the unique talent of communicating with animals, including his dog Mary Puppins. But what happens when he turns into an actual dog?

J Korsh, Kate. Newbie Fairy

KOR When Oona tries to help the Tooth Fairy, the most famous fairy of all time, her sideways magic ends up making things worse.

J Lerner, Jarrett. Welcome to Scare School

LER Bash is not good at "ghost stuff", like being invisible or passing through walls. As he heads off to Scare School, he's scared about getting "booooted" out.

J Linn, Margo. Every Here Has a There: Moving Cargo by 623. Container Ship

Follow boxes of books on an exciting journey from Asia to the United States! They travel by truck, ship, and across the ocean—finally landing in a bookstore and, soon, in your hands.

J Livingston, Liv. *Day of the Living Liv*

GN In the first installment of the *Spirited* graphic novel series, Liv is upset about moving to Gloomsdale and quickly learns she's the only living girl in a town full of ghosts.

J MacLachlan, Patricia. Painting the Game

MAC Lucy's Dad is a minor league pitcher with hopes of getting the call to the major leagues. With encouragement from her family and her Dad's teammate, Lucy works at becoming a pitcher herself.

J McDonald, Megan. Bunny and Clyde

MCD Bunny and Clyde are tired of being decent. They want to be bad, rotten to the core! However, their best attempts at mastering bad deeds are strangely misconstrued.

J Murguia, Bethanie Deeney. *The Adventures of Thunder*GN *and Sage*

MUR Thunder wants to be a good dog, but she's having a "ruff" time. Will Thunder's inner wolf push her to pick the "bark" side, or will she choose to be a loyal pet instead?

J Nonamus, Andy. First Day, Worst Day

NON An elementary student, who wishes to remain anonymous, recounts the good and the bad of their first day of school.

Scanlon, Liz Garton. Bibsy Cross and the Bad Apple J

SCA When Bibsy gets in trouble for talking, her paper apple moves down the tree and gets a hole punched in it! How can she still make the best science fair project when she feels so rotten?

Tysoe, Alina. *The Great Puptective*

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GN Truffles the cat is the only pet until Poppy the puppy bursts onto the scene. Poppy has an eye for crime and a nose to solve TYS mysteries. Truffles cannot let this intrusion stand!

Vendel, Edward van de and Anoush Elman, Mishka VEN Roya and her family adopt a bunny, Mishka, who comforts Roya as she hears the story of her family's journey from Afghanistan to the Netherlands.

Ward, Lindsay. The White House J

975. The White House is the home to the president of the United States and the office of the executive branch of government. 3 WAR Learn about this important building in this fun, interactive book.

J Weisfeld, Brian. You're the Boss: A Kid's Ultimate Guide to 658. Starting Your Own Business

041 You're never too young to start a business. Learn about launching a babysitting service, running a lemonade stand, and WEI even selling crafts online.

Yu, Mei. Lost & Found: Based on a True Story GN

A little girl moves with her family from China to Canada and must find a way to learn English in order to make friends.

OLDER READERS

Brandt, Juliana. Exit Nowhere J

> When Barret Eloise and her group project partners are locked in the haunted Raithfield Manor, the house transforms into a series of childhood games they must win in order to escape.



J Carlson, Caroline. Wicked Marigold

CAR Princess Marigold, believing she's not as good as her sister whom everyone adores, runs away to an evil wizard's fortress to prove her wickedness, resulting in magical mayhem and disaster.

J Chan, Ruth. *Uprooted: A Memoir About What Happens*GN *When Your Family Moves Back*

CHA Ruth feels lonely when her family moves from Toronto to Hong Kong. As her dad tells stories about their family, Ruth learns that home will always be where the heart is.

J Cline-Ransome, Lesa. One Big Open Sky

CLI In this novel in verse, Lettie, her mother, and a young teacher head westward on a perilous wagon journey that could cost them everything they have—including their lives. *Newbery Honor*

J Fawcett, Heather. *A Galaxy of Whales*

FAW Fern is coping with the loss of her father during one unforgettable, adventure-filled summer as she embarks on an unexpected journey of self-discovery trying to take a prize-winning photo of an orca.

J Harrell, Rob. *Popcorn*

HAR Andrew is just trying to make it through Picture Day. As one thing after another goes wrong, his kernel of worry gets hotter and hotter until it threatens to pop into a panic attack.

J Henderson, Leah and Gary D. Schmidt. A Little Bit Super: WithSS Small Powers Come Big Problems

LIT In these hilarious stories by favorite authors, each character is coping with a minor superpower while also discovering their power to change their community, find their voice, and celebrate what makes them unique.

J Leigh, Lindsey. *The Dark! Wild Life in the Mysterious World of* 591. *Caves*

7584 Crawl into the deepest caves in the world to discover some of the most unusual creatures and the odd adaptations they developed living in the dark.



J Magoon, Kekla. The Secret Library

MAG Overprotected Dally's curiosity leads her to sneak away to a magical library after school, where she travels through time to learn about her family history, including the good, the bad, and everything in between.

J McAnulty, Stacy. Where Are the Aliens? The Search for Life 576. Beyond Earth

Have you ever wondered about life in space? This book answers many questions you may have about the history of UFOs, extraterrestrial lifeforms, and more.

J McKinnon, Kate. *The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for* MCK *Young Ladies of Mad Science*

In this hilarious Gothic adventure, the Porch sisters, three orphans who do not fit in, team up with a mad scientist to defeat a secret society of evildoers and their puppy-chomping worm.

J Miller, Chanel. Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All

MIL Join Magnolia Wu in this charming story about friendship and community as she ventures to solve the mystery of each and every sock left behind in her parents' NYC Laundromat.

Newbery Honor

J Respicio, Mae. Isabel in Bloom

RES Isabel struggles to reconnect with her mother and make friends in a new country, but joining the gardening and cooking clubs at school helps her find her way in this novel in verse.

J Roman, Dave. *Unicorn Boy*

GN When a bump appears on Ryan's head that grows into a ROM full-blown, sparkling, singing unicorn horn, he must learn to overcome his shyness and fully embrace his new powers.

J Rundell, Katherine. *Impossible Creatures*

RUN Christopher embarks on the adventure of a lifetime to save the Archipelago, a hidden world where magical creatures have thrived for thousands of years.

J Voigt, Cynthia. When Wishes Were Horses

VOI If you were granted two wishes, what would you wish for?
Four kids from the same town are granted this opportunity, but is what they desire most really worth it in the end?

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J Behar, Ruth. *Across So Many Seas*

BEH This epic novel tells the stories of four girls from different generations of a Jewish family who are united by a love of music and their longing for a home where all are welcome.

Newbery Honor

J Choldenko, Gennifer. *The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman*CHO When Hank's mother does not return home after a week,
he and his toddler sister, Boo, seek the help of a stranger listed
as their emergency contact.

J Cline, Ernest. Bridge to Bat City

CLI After Opal moves in with her uncle, she discovers the ability to speak to bats, which she uses to help them migrate to safety, all while trying to act "normal" and fit in.

J Forman, Gayle. *Not Nothing*

FOR After getting into trouble, twelve-year-old Alex must volunteer at Shady Glen nursing home, where he befriends a 107-year-old Holocaust survivor whose stories inspire and enlighten him and many others.

J Gidwitz, Adam. *Max in the House of Spies*

GID In this historical fantasy, Max sets out to become a British spy in the hopes of returning home to his family in Germany with the help of a kobold and a dybbuk.

J Kelly, Erin Entrada. The First State of Being

KEL When Ridge, a time-traveling teenager from the future, gets trapped in 1999, he befriends Michael, a lonely twelve-year-old boy, changing the course of their lives forever.

Newbery Medal Winner

J Korman, Gordon. Faker

KOR Every day of Trey's life is a lie, led by his con-man father.

After Trey takes on the persona of a "regular kid", he finds it hard to step away from the real friendships he has made in his new, normal life.



LaRocca, Rajani. Sona and the Golden Beasts

I AR After finding an orphaned golden-eared wolf pup, Sona and Raag embark on a guest to find the other sacred beasts of Devia. hoping to fulfill a prophecy and save their homeland.

Lowry, Lois. Tree. Table. Book.

LOW Sophie's friendship with her 88-year-old neighbor, also named Sophie, becomes stronger when it becomes evident the elder Sophie has dementia.

Millington, Allie. Olivetti

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MIL In an attempt to help Ernest find his mom, Olivetti the typewriter breaks his only rule and types back. As he slowly reveals the secrets the boy's mother once typed on him, Olivetti leads them on an adventure across San Francisco.

Sepetys, Ruta and Steve Sheinkin. The Bletchley Riddle J In the summer of 1940, the Novis siblings find themselves at SFP Bletchley Park, where Jakob works to crack Nazi codes, while his plucky sister, Lizzie, investigates the mysterious disappearance of their mother.

Silvey, Craig. The Underdogs of Upson Downs

Annie enters a dog competition in hopes of saving the family farm from a greedy landowner, but her beloved dog Runt only follows Annie's commands when nobody is looking!

Ursu. Anne. Not Quite a Ghost

Violet's anxiety grows after starting middle school and moving into an old Victorian fixer-upper. As weeks go by, she starts to suspect that she is not alone in her attic bedroom.



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