

Acton Memorial Library Children's Department

2nd Grade Suggested Reading

PICTURE BOOKS

J PictureBk Agee Agee, Jon *The Wall n The Middle Of The Book (2018)*

A knight who feels secure on his side of the wall that divides his book discovers that his side is not as safe as he thought, and the other side is not as threatening.

J PictureBk Alexander Alexander, Kwame *How to Read a Book (2019)*

Suggests a method of reading that begins with planting oneself beneath a tree and leads to a book party one hopes will never end.

J PictureBk Angleberger Angleberger, Tom *The Princess And The Pit Stop (2018)*

Once upon a time there was a Princess who made a pit stop. While the Birds and Beasts changed her tires, her Fairy Godmother told her she was in last place! With just one lap left! She might as well give up! Give up? Not THIS princess! Instead, she hit the gas!

J PictureBk Arias Arias, Patricia de *Marwan's Journey (2018)*

This is the journey of one boy who longs for a home, and we follow his path, walking hand in hand with him as he looks forward with uncertainty and hopes for a peaceful future. This beautiful, heartfelt story gives a human face to the plight of refugees all over the world. Marwan's journey is everyone's journey.

J PictureBk Bauer Bauer, Marion Dane *The Stuff of Stars (2018)*

Before the universe was formed, before time and space existed, there was . . . nothing. But then . . . BANG! Stars caught fire and burned so long that they exploded, flinging stardust everywhere. And the ash of those stars turned into planets. Into our Earth. And into us.

J PictureBk Blackall Blackall, Sophie *Hello, Lighthouse (2018)*

Outside, there is water all around. Inside, the daily life of a lighthouse keeper and his family unfolds as the keeper boils water for tea, lights the lamp's wick, and writes every detail in his logbook. Step back in time and through the door of this iconic lighthouse into a cozy dollhouse-like interior.

J PictureBk Brosgol Brosgol, Vera *The Little Guys (2019)*

The Little Guys might be small acorns, but together they can conquer anything through teamwork.

J PictureBk Clarke Clarke, Maxine Beneba *The Patchwork Bike (2018)*

When you live at the edge of the no-go desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch.

J PictureBk Clarkson Clarkson, Stephanie *Sleeping Cinderella & Other Princess Mix-Ups(2015)*

What happens when Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, and Rapunzel get so fed up with their fairy tales that they decide to switch places with one another? Hilarity ensues in this clever, rhyming story about whether the grass really is greener at someone else's castle.

J PictureBk Covell Covell, David *Run Wild (2018)*

"Hey, you! Sky's blue!" a girl shouts as she runs by the window of a boy bent over his digital device. Intrigued, the boy runs out after her, leaving his shoes (and phone) behind, and into a world of sunshine, dewy grass, and warm sand.

J PictureBk Daciute Daciute, Evelina *The Fox On The Swing (2018)*

Our story starts with a boy named Paul, who lives in a cozy treehouse in a big city with his family. And then something unexpected happens--Paul befriends a wise, friendly fox on a walk home from the bakery. The fox gives Paul a space to think about what makes him happy and what friendship means--all in the pages of a bright and quirky storybook.

J PictureBk Diaz Diaz, Junot *Islandborn (2018)*

Every kid in Lola's school was from somewhere else. Hers was a school of faraway places. So when Lola's teacher asks the students to draw a picture of where their families immigrated from, all the kids are excited. Except Lola. She can't remember The Island--she left when she was just a baby. But with the help of her family and friends, and their memories--joyous, fantastical, heartbreaking, and frightening--Lola's imagination takes her on an extraordinary journey back to The Island.

J PictureBk Flett Flett, Julie *Birdsong (2019)*

When a young girl moves from the country to a small town, she feels lonely and out of place. But soon she meets an elderly woman next door, who shares her love of nature and art.

J PictureBk Funk Funk, Josh *How To Code a Sandcastle (2018)*

All summer, Pearl has been trying to build the perfect sandcastle, but out-of-control Frisbees and mischievous puppies keep getting in the way! Pearl and her robot friend Pascal have one last chance, and this time, they're going to use code to get the job done. Using fundamental computer coding concepts like sequences and loops, Pearl and Pascal are able to break down their sandcastle problem into small, manageable steps.

J PictureBk Gay Gay, Marie-Louise *Mustafa (2018)*

Mustafa and his family traveled a long way to reach their new home. Some nights Mustafa dreams about the country he used to live in, and he wakes up not knowing where he is. Then his mother takes him out to the balcony to see the moon -- the same moon as in their old country. In the park, Mustafa sees ants and caterpillars and bees -- they are the same, too.

J PictureBk Gonzalez Raúl the Third *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market (2019)*

Little Lobo, a Mexican American, and Bernabe, his dog, deliver supplies to vendors at the Mercado, a busy border town market.

J PictureBk Hare Hare, John *Field Trip to the Moon (2019)*

In this wordless picture book, a girl is accidentally left behind on a class trip to the moon.

J PictureBk James James, Matt *The Funeral (2018)*

Norma and her parents are going to her great-uncle Frank's funeral, and Norma is more excited than sad. She is looking forward to playing with her favorite cousin, Ray, but when she arrives at the church, she is confronted with rituals and ideas that have never occurred to her before. While not all questions can be answered, when the day is over Norma is certain of one thing -- Uncle Frank would have enjoyed his funeral.

J PictureBk Jonker Jonker, Travis *The Very Last Castle (2018)*

Ibb, curious about the lone castle in her town, forms a long-distance friendship with the guard and, despite warnings there is something fearful inside, accepts his invitation to enter.

J PictureBk Kerascoet Kerascoet *I Walk With Vanessa (2018)*

This simple yet powerful picture book tells the story of an elementary school girl named Vanessa who is bullied and a fellow student who witnesses the act and is at first unsure of how to help. I Walk with Vanessa explores the feelings of helplessness and anger that arise in the wake of seeing a classmate treated badly, and shows how a single act of kindness can lead to an entire community joining in to help.

J PictureBk Kramer Kramer, Jacob *Noodlephant (2019)*

Kangaroos have enacted many laws that discriminate against other animals but when they make it illegal for elephants to eat noodles, pasta-loving Noodlephant and her friends invent a machine to fight back.

J PictureBk Latour Latour, Francie *Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings (2018)*

Every winter, a young girl flies to Haiti to visit her Auntie Luce, a painter. The moment she steps off the plane, she feels a wall of heat, and familiar sights soon follow -- the boys selling water ice by the pink cathedral, the tap tap buses in the busy streets, the fog and steep winding road to her aunt's home in the mountains. Through Haiti's colors, the girl comes to understand this place her family calls home.

J PictureBk Lies Lies, Brian *The Rough Patch (2018)*

Evan and his dog do everything together, from eating ice cream to caring for their prize-winning garden, which grows big and beautiful. One day the unthinkable happens: Evan's dog dies. Heartbroken, Evan destroys the garden and everything in it. The ground becomes overgrown with prickly weeds and thorns, and Evan embraces the chaos. But beauty grows in the darkest of places, and when a twisting vine turns into an immense pumpkin, Evan is drawn out of his isolation and back to the county fair, where friendships--old and new--await.

J PictureBk Love Love, Jessica *Julian Is A Mermaid (2018)*

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume: a butter-yellow curtain for his tail, the fronds of a potted fern for his headdress. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes -- and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?

J PictureBk Maillard Maillard, Noble *Fry Bread : a Native American family story (2019)*

As children help a Native American grandmother make fry bread, delves into the history, social ways, foodways, and politics of America's 573 recognized Indian tribes.

J PictureBk Martinez-Neal Martinez-Neal, Juana *Alma and How She Got Her Name (2018)*

If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers; Esperanza, the great-grandmother who longed to travel; José, the grandfather who was an artist; and other namesakes, too. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all -- and realizes that she will one day have her own story to tell.

J PictureBk McNamara McNamara, Margaret *The Dinosaur Expert (2018)*

Future scientist Kimmy eagerly shares information about dinosaurs during a school field trip until classmate Jake tells her "girls aren't scientists," but Mr. Tiffin sets him straight.

J PictureBk Montgomery Montgomery, S. *Inky's Amazing Escape (2018)*

Inky, an octopus, had been at the New Zealand aquarium since 2014 after being taken in by a fisherman who found him at sea. Inky had been getting used to his new environment, but the staff quickly figured out that he had to be kept amused or he would get bored. Then one night in 2016 Inky, about the size of a basketball, decided he'd had enough. He slithered eight feet across the floor and down a drainpipe more than 160 feet long to his home in the sea.

J PictureBk Muhammad Muhammad, Ibtihaj *The Proudest Blue : a story of hijab and family (2019)*

Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school.

J PictureBk Newman Newman, Jeff *Found (2018)*

Jenn's beloved dog was lost sometime ago. Long enough that she has given up the search. But she still misses her friend. One day she finds a lost dog. She takes him in and despite a rocky start, she grows to love him. Until she spots his picture on a missing poster. His name is Roscoe, and he's someone else's best friend. Jenn knows she should return Roscoe, but she really doesn't want to. Will Jenn do the right thing?

J PictureBk Paul Paul, Baptiste *The Field (2018)*

Children form teams, build a pitch, and play a joyous game of soccer, in a book with English and Creole (as spoken in Saint Lucia) vocabulary words.

J PictureBk Phi Phi, Bao *A Different Pond (2017)*

Bao Phi awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.

J PictureBk Polacco Polacco, Patricia *Holes in The Sky (2018)*

There will never be anyone like her grandmother, Patricia Polacco thinks, when her grandmother passes away. But when she and her family move to California--in the middle of a drought--she meets a new friend, the irrepressible Stewart, and his amazing grandmother, Miss Eula, who not only takes Trisha under her wing, but, with Trisha and Stewart, steps up to lead their entire extraordinarily diverse neighborhood to help a hurting neighbor

J PictureBk Reynolds Reynolds, Peter *The Word Collector (2018)*

Some people collect stamps. Some people collect coins. Some people collect art. Jerome collected words . . . he discovers the magic of the words all around him - short and sweet words, two-syllable treats, and multisyllable words that sound like little songs. Words that connect, transform, and empower.

J PictureBk Smith Smith, Heather *The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden (2019)*

In the wake of a devastating tsunami, Makio watches as his neighbor builds a phone booth in his garden and talks to his son, who was snatched by the ocean.

J PictureBk Stead Stead, Philip C. *All the Animals Where I Live (2018)*

The author now he lives in the country and jubilantly takes us on a tour of his home, pointing out all the animals that share his space. There are stuffed bears and quilted chickens. His dog Wednesday watches cranes, frogs, and dragonflies live their lives. Coyotes and chipmunks come and go, and the world around where he lives is full of life, until winter comes, and there is nothing but snow.

J PictureBk Valerio Valerio, Geraldo *Blue Rider (2018)*

On a gray and crowded city sidewalk, a child discovers a book. That evening, the child begins to read and is immediately carried beyond the repetitive sameness of an urban skyscape into an untamed natural landscape. The child experiences a moment of true joy, and as if in response to that single blissful moment, people seem to come alive in all the other rooms of the apartment block

J PictureBk Woodson Woodson, J. *The Day You Begin (2018)*

There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look, talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

J PictureBk 591.18 G433 Gainferrari, Maria *Terrific Tongues! (2018)*

This fascinating and whimsical nonfiction picture book uses humorous comparisons and playful artwork to teach children the unusual ways that a variety of animals--from woodpeckers to snakes to bats--use their tongues to find food, eat, and clean themselves.

J PictureBk 641.3 M14 McGinty, Alice B. *Pancakes to Parathas (2019)*

Breakfast varies from country to country, but it's how all children begin their day. Explore the meals of twelve countries in this playful approach to the world!

EASY READER BOOKS

J EasyReader Archer Archer, Dosh *Urgency Emergency. Big Bad Wolf (2013)*

A choking wolf is rushed to City Hospital, and a lost little girl in a red coat has been found, looking for her missing granny. What on earth did the wolf eat?

J Easy Reader Bell Bell, Cece. *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover (2012)*

Rabbit is excited about the sleepover he has carefully planned for his friend Robot, but Robot has some different ideas about how things should go.

J EasyReader Hayes Hayes, Geoffrey *Benny & Penny in Lost & Found: A Toon Book (2014)*

Penny the mouse tries to help her brother Benny find his favorite hat, but Benny warns her that he is in a bad mood.

J EasyReader Kugler Kugler, Tina *Snail & Worm All Day (2019)*

Follows best friends Snail and Worm through three adventures involving how one defines a good day, an encounter with a dragon, and storytelling.

J EasyReader Michalak Michalak, Jamie *Frank and Bean (2019)*

Frank likes peace and quiet. He likes his tent, his pencil, and writing in his secret notebook. Bean likes noise. He likes his bus, his trumpet -- toot, toot! -- and making music. Loud music. But Bean is missing something: he does not have words. What will happen if Frank shares his words with Bean?

J EasyReader Ruzzier Ruzzier, Sergio *The Party and Other Stories (2018)*

Fox and Chick don't always agree. But Fox and Chick are always friends.

J EasyReader Selznick Selznick, Brian *Baby Monkey, Private Eye (2018)*

Baby Monkey, private eye, will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries--if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on.

J EasyReader Snyder Snyder, Laurel *Charlie & Mouse Even Better (2019)*

Charlie and Mouse are getting ready for Mom's birthday and things are not going exactly as planned... but with plenty of humor and imagination, they'll prove that sometimes.

J EasyReader Willems Willems, Mo *Harold & Hog Pretend For Real (2019)*

Hog is careful. Harold is not. Harold cannot help smiling. Hog can. Hog worries so that Harold does not have to. Harold and Hog are best friends. But can Harold and Hog's friendship survive a game of pretending to be Elephant & Piggie?

FICTION BOOKS

J Fic Archer Archer, Dosh *Detective Paw of the Law (Series) (2018)*

Old-fashioned dog Detective Paw and his young partner, Patrol Officer Prickles, a porcupine armed with the latest in police equipment, are called to solve whodunits.

J Fic Arnold Arnold, Elana K *A Boy Called Bat (2017)*

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises -- some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk!

J Fic Barnett Barnett, Mac, *Mac B. Kid Spy (Series) (2018)*

One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels!

J Fic Barrows Barrows, Annie. *Ivy + Bean Make the Rules (Series) (2012)*

Seven-year-old Bean is too young to go to the camp her sister Nancy is attending, so she and her best friend Ivy decide to create their own camp.

J Fic Beaty Beath, Andrea *Rosie Revere and The Raucous Riveters (2018)*

Rosie Revere is no stranger to flops and fails, kerfuffles and catastrophes. After all, engineering is all about perseverance! But this time, Rosie has a really important project to tackle--one that feels much bigger than herself. Rosie's beloved Aunt Rose and her friends, the Raucous Riveters--a group of fun-loving gals who built airplanes during World War II--need help inventing something new.

J Fic Birney Birney, Betty *Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day (2014)*

When Mandy, one of the students from classroom 26, brings a special hamster-sized racecar to class, it means just one thing--Humphrey is going to be in a hamster race

J Fic Blume Blume, Judy. *Freckle Juice (1971)*

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

J Fic Brallier Brallier, Max *Beneath the Bed and Other Scary Stories (2019)*

The kids at school dare John to visit the old house on the hill at night, and when he and his sister go in they find a book open like it is waiting for a reader, and something hiding under the bed in the attic--and that is only one of the five scary stories with unexpected twists that are included in this collection.

J Fic Butler Butler, Hillestad *The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy* (Series) (2010)

While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy.

J Fic Cheng Cheng, Andrea.. *The Year of the Baby* (Series) (2013)

Fifth-grader Anna is concerned that her baby sister Kaylee, adopted from China three months ago, is not thriving so she and her best friends, Laura and Camille, create a science project that may save the day.

J Fic Colfer Colfer, Eoin *The Dog Who Lost his Bark* (2019)

In this story of friendship and belonging, a mistreated dog and a persistent boy forge a relationship based on kindness and patience.

J Fic Coven Coven, Wanda. *Heidi Heckelbeck and the Cookie Contest* (Series) (2012)

Heidi wants to win the Brewster Elementary cookie contest, but doesn't think through all the consequences of adding magic to her recipe.

J Fic Cronin Cronin, Doreen *The Chicken Squad* (Series) (2014)

Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar might be chicks, but they sure aren't chicken. They're the Chicken Squad, and it's up to them to figure out what Tail, the not-so-brave squirrel, is so afraid of.

J Fic DiCamillo DiCamillo, Kate. *Bink and Gollie* (Series) (2010)

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

J Fic Elliott Elliott, Zetta *Dragons in a Bag* (2018)

In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

J Fic Faruqi Faruqi, Saadia *Meet Yasmin!* (Series) (2019)

Plucky second-grader Yasmin approaches life's problems with imagination and verve in four separate stories.

J Fic Florence Florence, Debbi Michiko *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* (Series) (2017)

Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, eight, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's.

J Fic Gannett Gannett, Ruth. *My Father's Dragon* (Series) (2006)

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

J Fic Haas Haas, Jessie *Bramble and Maggie* (2014)

Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie.

J Fix Hanlon Hanlon, Abby *Dory Fantasmagory* (Series) (2014)

As the youngest in her family, Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. But she's too much of a baby for them, so she's left to her own devices—including her wild imagination and untiring energy.

J Fic Hapka Hapka, Cathy *Mermaids in the Backyard* (2013)

When her family moves from Chicago to an island in South Carolina, Lindy is sure she will be unhappy until she makes a surprising discovery in the backyard of their beach house.

J Fic Kirby

Kirby Stan

Captain Awesome (Series) (2012)

When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.

J Fic Kuipers

Kuipers, Alice

Polly Diamond And The Magic Book (2018)

Polly loves words. And she loves writing stories. So when a magic book appears on her doorstep that can make everything she writes happen in real life, Polly is certain all of her dreams are about to come true. But she soon learns that what you write and what you mean are not always the same thing!

J Fic Lowry

Lowry, Lois

Gooney Bird Greene (Series) (2002)

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

J Fic MacLachlan

MacLachlan, Patricia

Barkus (2018)

Barkus is a large and very smart dog who comes to live with seven-year-old Nicky when Nicky's Uncle Everton goes traveling--and soon he is a family and school favorite.

J Fic MacLachlan

MacLachlan, Patricia

The Boxcar Children Beginnings: The Aldens of Fair Meadow Farm (2012)

In the year before they become the orphans known as the Boxcar children, Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden live with their parents at Fair Meadow Farm, where, although times are hard, they take in a family who has been stranded in their car during a blizzard. Prequel to the Boxcar children mysteries.

J Fic McDonald

McDonald, Megan

Triple Pet Trouble (2015)

Determined to help her sick pet Venus flytrap, Judy Moody enlists the aid of an unruly toad and a mind-reading cat to help her find a cure.

J Fic Medina

Medina, Juana

Juana & Lucas (Series) (2016)

A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.

J Fic Myracle

Myracle, Lauren

The Life of Ty (Series) (2015)

Winnie Perry's sweet baby brother, Ty, is the quintessential dreamer, full of big ideas and wacky plans that only a seven-year-old boy could hatch. Whether it's battling the family cat with a Dustbuster or smuggling a baby penguin out of the aquarium, Ty is always in the middle of a well-intended, big-hearted scheme.

J Fic Patterson

Patterson, James

Dog Diaries (series) (2018)

When the evil Mrs. Stricker threatens to send Junior, Rafe Khatchadorian's dog, back to the pound, Junior and Rafe go to obedience school to learn how to follow the rules.

J Fic Smith

Smith, Brooke

Roger the Rat Is on the Loose! (Series) (2012)

Inspired by a notebook from her Aunt Bee, on whose farm she rescued several animals last year, Mimi advertises that she is available to help other animals in need and soon she and her three-legged dog, Maty, are on the trail of a lost rat.

J Fic Trine

Trine, Greg

Dinos Are Forever (2015)

With her uncle's cape, training from Grandpa Joe, a retired sheriff, and her drooling dog Raymond as her sidekick, fourth-grader Jo Schmo becomes a superhero, catching bank robbers and foiling Dr. Dastardly's plan to take over San Francisco using reanimated dinosaurs.

J Fic Warner

Warner, Gertrude

The Boxcar Children (Series) (2012)

In this first book, the orphaned Aldens set up housekeeping in an old boxcar, making the most of their particular strengths, until their grandfather takes them in. Warner's Boxcar Children was published in 1942 to mixed reviews. Parents were alarmed that the novel's child heroes, the Alden siblings, got on so well without adult intervention. Children, however, felt empowered and enthusiastically applauded the young survivalists and their numerous further adventures.

J Fic Zemke

Zemke, Deborah

My Life in Pictures (Series) (2016)

When budding artist Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends.

GRAPHIC

J Graphic Babymouse Holm, Jennifer *Babymouse; Queen of the World (Series) (2005)*

An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.

J Graphic Bell Bell, Cece *Smell my Foot! (2019)*

You would not expect a book called Smell My Foot to be about good manners! Pleases and thank-yous are at a high premium, though, as Chick (a baby chicken) instructs his friend Brain (a large underwear-clad human with an exposed brain) in social niceties.

J Graphic Bliss Bliss, Harry *Grace For Gus (2018)*

Grace is the quiet girl in the class. And Gus is the class guinea pig. Grace knows that Gus is lonely, and so she sets off one night to help out her furry friend. Wherever she goes, Grace amazes and delights as she shares her many talents, showing how one person with a little pizzazz can make a difference.

J Graphic Gerstein Gerstein, Mordicai *I am Hermes! (2018)*

Bursting with self-confidence, golden from helmet to winged sandals, and, on the cover at least, sprayed with sparkles, Hermes literally outshines a multihued, caricatured supporting cast of gods, demigods, mortals, and monsters parading through this graphic novel.

J Graphic Jamieson Jamieson, Victoria *The Great Pet Escape (2016)*

The class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School want OUT . . . and GW (short for George Washington), the deceptively cute hamster in the second-grade classroom, is just the guy to lead the way. But when he finally escapes and goes to find his former partners in crime, Barry and Biter, he finds that they actually LIKE being class pets. Impossible! Just as GW gets Barry and Biter to agree to leave with him, a mouse named Harriet and her many mouse minions get in their way.

J Graphic Nick Wahamond, David *Nick The Sidekick (2018)*

When Nick signed up to be a superhero, it seemed like a terrific idea. He was flattered to be chosen by Super Fantastic Guy - picked for his intelligence, his investigative skills and his super-amazing hearing abilities. But as Super Fantastic Guy's assistant, Nick (who, by the way, hates being called a sidekick) didn't realize that he would have to do all of the work - and get none of the credit. All Nick wants is an opportunity to prove himself.

J Graphic P.U.R.S.T. Spires, Ashley *Gordon: Bark To The Future (2018)*

HOLY FUZZBUTT! Aliens have invaded, and Gordon's fellow space pets have been captured! It's all up to Gordon now. His partner has been captured. His superior officer has been neutralised. And his distress calls to P.U.R.S.T. (Pets of the Universe Ready for Space Travel) have gone unanswered. That means he must fight the aliens alone!

J Graphic Tiger Tetri, Emily *Tiger vs. Nightmare (2018)*

Tiger always has been protected from nightmares by her friend, the monster under her bed, but some nightmares are so big they require teamwork.

BIOGRAPHIES

J Biography Andrews, T. Andrews, Troy *Trombone Shorty (2015)*

"When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world"-- Provided by publisher.

J Biography Biebow, N. Biebow, Natascha, *The Crayon Man : the true story of the invention of Crayola crayons (2019)*

Celebrating the inventor of the Crayola crayon! This gloriously illustrated picture book biography tells the inspiring story of Edwin Binney, the inventor of one of the world's most beloved toys.

J Biography Carson, R. Sisson, S R. *Spring After Spring (2018)*

As a child, Rachel Carson lived by the rhythms of the natural world. Spring after spring, year after year, she observed how all living things are connected. And as an adult, Rachel watched and listened as the natural world she loved so much began to fall silent. *Spring After Spring* traces Rachel's journey as scientist and writer, courageously speaking truth to an often hostile world, and ultimately paving the way for the modern environmental movement.

J Biography Cotton, E. Viers, Laura *Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotton (2018)*

Elizabeth Cotton was only a little girl when she picked up a guitar for the first time. It wasn't hers, it was her big brother's - and it wasn't strung right, she was left-handed. But she flipped that guitar upside down and backwards and taught herself how to play it anyway. By eleven, she'd written 'Freight Train,' one of the most famous folk songs. And by the end of her life, everyone from the California beaches to the rolling hills of England knew her music.

J Biography Fujikawa, G. Maclear, Kyo *It Began with a Page : how Gyo Fujikawa drew the way (2019)*

Gyo Fujikawa's iconic children's books are beloved all over the world. Now it's time for Gyo's story to be told--a story of artistic talent that refused to be constrained by rules or expectations.

J Biography Germain, S. Bardoe, Cheryl *Nothing Stopped Sophie (2018)*

The true story of eighteenth-century mathematician Sophie Germain, who solved the unsolvable to achieve her dream. When her parents took away her candles to keep their young daughter from studying math...nothing stopped Sophie. When a professor discovered that the homework sent to him under a male pen name came from a woman...nothing stopped Sophie.

J Biography Grandin Guglielmo, Amy *How to Build a Hug : Temple Grandin and her amazing squeeze machine (2018)*

Presents the story of Grandin's "squeeze machine," describing her childhood love of building and design, as well as her sensitivities.

J Biography Ginsburg, R.B. Winter, Jonah *Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2017)*

Growing up in Brooklyn in the 1930s and '40s, Ginsburg was discouraged from working by her father, who thought a woman's place was in the home. Regardless, she went to Cornell University, where men outnumbered women four to one. There, she met her husband, Martin Ginsburg, and found her calling as a lawyer. Despite discrimination against Jews, females, and working mothers, Ginsburg went on to become Columbia Law School's first tenured female professor, a judge for the US Court of Appeals, and finally, a Supreme Court Justice.

J biography Jemison, M. Ahmed, Roda *Mae Among The Stars (2018)*

When young Mae Jemison is asked by her teacher what she wants to be when she grows up, African American Mae tells her mostly white classmates that she wants to be an astronaut, a dream that her parents wholeheartedly support.

J Biography Johnson, K. Slade, Suzanne *A Computer Called Katherine (2019)*

The inspiring story of NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson (the subject of the hit movie *Hidden Figures*). Katherine Johnson grew up during a time when women were not encouraged to excel in the fields of math and science, and when African-Americans were heavily discriminated against.

J Biography Kandinsky, V. Rosenstock, Barb *The Noisy Paint Box (2014)*

Describes how Vasya Kandinsky's creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia which caused him to experience colors as sounds and sounds as colors.

J Biography Lewis, W. Hubbard, Rita *Hammering for Freedom (2018)*

Born into slavery in Chattanooga, Tennessee, William "Bill" Lewis learned the blacksmith trade as soon as he was old enough to grip a hammer. He proved to be an exceptional blacksmith and earned so much money fixing old tools and creating new ones that he was allowed to keep a little money for himself. With just a few coins in his pocket, Bill set a daring plan in motion: he was determined to free his family.

J Biography Mays, W. Winter, Jonah *You Never Heard of Willie Mays?! (2013)*

He hit 660 home runs (fourth best of all time), had a lifetime batting average of .302, and is second only to Babe Ruth on The Sporting News's list of "Baseball's 100 Greatest Players." Many believe him to be the best baseball player that ever lived. His name is Willie Mays.

J Biography Mitchell, M. Barrett, Hayley *What Miss Mitchell Saw (2019)*

Discover the amazing true story of Maria Mitchell, America's first professional female astronomer. Every evening, from the time she was a child, Maria Mitchell stood on her rooftop with her telescope and swept the sky. And then one night she saw something unusual--a comet no one had ever seen before!

J Biography Nedimyer, K. Messner, Kate *The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding The World's Coral Reefs (2018)*

A picture book biography of Ken Nedimyer, A brilliantly chronicle of the groundbreaking efforts of one coral restoration pioneer, from his first optimistic experiment of transplanting coral - with the help of his daughter-to his founding of the Coral Restoration Foundation, and the foundation's continued efforts around the world to rebuild coral reefs.

J Biography Procter, J. Valdez, Patricia *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor (2018)*

Back in the days of long skirts and afternoon teas, young Joan Procter entertained the most unusual party guests: slithery and scaly ones, who turned over teacups and crawled past the crumpets.... While other girls played with dolls, Joan preferred the company of reptiles. She carried her favorite lizard with her everywhere--she even brought a crocodile to school! When Joan grew older, she became the Curator of Reptiles at the British Museum. She went on to design the Reptile House at the London Zoo, including a home for the rumored-to-be-vicious komodo dragons.

J Biography Yousafzai, M. Winter, Jonah *Malala, a Brave Girl from Pakistan; Iqbal, a Brave Boy from Pakistan (2014)*

Meet two heroes of Pakistan who stood up for the rights to freedom and education in these inspirational nonfiction tales from acclaimed author-illustrator Jeanette Winter. Two stories of bravery in one beautiful book-including the story of Malala Yousafzai, a winner of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize!

NONFICTION BOOKS

J 306.85 R Ruurs, Margriet *Families Around the World (2014)*

Allows young readers to visit with fourteen children, each from a different country, to learn about their families.

J 323.4 C594 Clark-Robinson, M. *Let The Children March (2018)*

Under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, children and teenagers march against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.

J 324.6 S528 Shamir, Ruby *What's the Big Deal about Elections? (2018)*

Describes how Americans choose leaders, local and federal, and why elections should matter.

J 333.7 C979 Curtis, Jennifer K. *The Lizard Lady (2018)*

Join the Lizard Lady as she cuts her way through thick Caribbean forests searching for critically endangered St. Croix ground lizards. Hunted to extinction on the island of St. Croix by invasive species brought by colonizing farmers, these lizards are now only found on surrounding islands in the US Virgin Islands. Readers learn that a day in a life of a woman scientist can be anything but boring.

J 398.2 C737 Competsine, Ying Chang *The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes (2017)*

Ming Da is only nine years old when he becomes the emperor of China, and his three advisers take advantage of him by stealing his stores of rice, gold, and precious stones. But Ming Da has a plan. With the help of his tailors, he comes up with a clever idea to outsmart his devious advisors: He asks his tailors to make "magical" new clothes for him.

J 398.2 W725 Williams, Marcia. *The Elephant's Friend and Other Tales from Ancient India (2012)*

Draws eight stories from well-known collections of Indian folktales--Hitopadesha tales, Jataka tales, and Panchantra tales--and presents them with cartoon-like illustrations.

J 398.21 L478 Lee, H. Chuku *Beauty and the Beast: A Retelling (2014)*

Through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast.

J 428.2 S275 Sayre, April Pulley *Did you Burp? : how to ask questions...or not! (2019)*

Teaches kids what a question is, when to ask one, and how to form one!

J 550 G543 Gladstone, James *When Planet Earth Was New (2017)*

It has taken billions of years for Earth to become the planet it is today. When Planet Earth Was New looks back to the very beginning, using a poetic approach grounded in scientific fact to give an overview of how the planet has changed over time: from hot lava to the formation of oceans to the evolution of living things in water and on land.

J 551.46 C986 Cusolito, Michelle *Flying Deep: Climb Inside Deep-Sea Submersible (2018)*

Climb aboard Alvin , the famous deep-sea submersible credited with helping to find the Titanic , and take a trip two miles down to the bottom of the ocean. Experience a day in the life of an Alvin pilot and join scientists at the seafloor to collect samples and conduct research.

J 551.46 R815 Rosenstock, Barb *Otis And Will Discover the Deep (2018)*

The suspenseful, little-known true story of two determined pioneers who made the first dive into the deep ocean. On June 6, 1930, engineer Otis Barton and explorer Will Beebe dove into the ocean inside a hollow metal ball of their own invention called the Bathysphere.

J 568.9 N787 Nolan, Dennis *Dinosaur Feathers (2019)*

A rhyming, nonfiction picture book about how dinosaurs evolved into birds.

J 582 P133 Page, Robin *Seeds Move! (2019)*

Every seed, big or small, needs sunlight, water, and an uncrowded place to put down roots. But how do seeds get to the perfect place to grow? This exploration of seed dispersal covers a wide range of seeds and the creatures that help them move.

J 591.57 J52 Jenkins, Steve *Flying Frogs and Walking Fish (2016)*

A red-lipped batfish waddles across the sea floor on its fins, searching for small sea creatures to eat. Other animals may fly or glide, or jet-propel themselves to get around. These creatures come equipped with legs, wings, or tentacles, and they often move from place to place in surprising ways. This fascinating and fun illustrated nonfiction melds science, art, biology, and the environment together in a detailed and well-researched book about how animals move in our world today.

J 595.78 P957 Pringle, Laurence *The Secret Life of the Woolly Bear Caterpillar (2014)*

The life cycle of the caterpillar that becomes an Isabella Tiger Moth is described with detailed illustrations.

J 599.53 B599.53 Buckley, James *Dolphin Dive (2014)*

These smart mammals live in pods, hunt and feed together, communicate, and swim fast.

J 599.61 D464 Desmond, Jenni *The Elephant (2018)*

From Africa to Asia, the elephant makes its home. Light on their feet, despite their great weight, these magnificent creatures appear light and graceful because they're always walking on their tip-toes. They have excellent hearing and can detect the rumblings of other elephants from six miles away.

J 599.744 B368 Eaton, Maxwell *The Truth about Bears (2018)*

Did you know that polar bears smell seals through the ice and snow in order to find and eat them? Did you know that when a bear is born, it weighs less than a picture book? Did you know that bears sleep all winter and don t go to the bathroom while they hibernate?

J 599.744 B368 Mattick, Lindsay *Finding Winnie (2015)*

"When Harry Colebourn saw a baby bear at a train station, he knew he could care for it. Harry was a veterinarian. But he was also a soldier in training during World War I. Harry named the bear Winnie, short for Winnipeg, his company's home town, and he brought her along to the military camp in England. Winnie followed Harry everywhere and slept under his cot every night. Before long, she became the regiment's much-loved mascot. But who could care for the bear when Harry went to battle? Harry found just the right place for Winnie--the London Zoo. There a boy named Christopher Robin played with Winnie--he could care for this bear too!"-- Provided by publisher.

J 599.884 A648 Applegate, Katherine *Ivan: the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla (2014)*

Captured as a baby, Ivan was brought to a Tacoma, Washington mall to attract shoppers. Gradually, public pressure built until a better way of life for Ivan was found at Zoo Atlanta.

J 600.03 F536 Fisher, Valorie *Now You Know How it Works (2018)*

A bright and stimulating introduction to the mechanics and makeup of everyday objects and phenomena, from toilets to zippers to flashlights and lightbulbs.

J 636.5 P133 Page, Robin *A Chicken Followed Me Home! (2015)*

With a touch of humor, this well-designed title presents everything you always wanted to know about chickens-but didn't know to ask. The book starts with an unnamed narrator who's been followed home by a fowl, asking, "What do I do now?" After the hen eventually lays and hatches eggs and the chicks mature into adult hens, the child hopes that the creatures

J 791.068 D262 Davis, Kathryn Gibbs *Mr. Ferris and his Wheel (2014)*

Examines how the engineer George Ferris invented and constructed the amusement park ride that bears his name for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

J 796.2 C689 Cole, Joanna *Anna Banana: 101 Jump-Rope Rhymes (1989)*

An illustrated collection of jump rope rhymes arranged according to the type of jumping they are meant to accompany.

J 808.81 P965 Paul B. Janeczko, Sel. *The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog : and other how-to poems (2019)*

In this charmingly illustrated collection, poets classic and modern offer a variety of how-to poems, providing young readers with instructions both jocular and sincere.

J 811.54 H318 Harrison, David L. *A Place to Start a Family : poems about creatures that build (2018)*

Many animals build remarkable structures in order to attract mates, lay eggs, give birth, and otherwise perpetuate their species. Fish, insects, reptiles, mammals, and birds are included in poems and artwork that to bring these animals to life for kids

J 821.9 R813 Rosen, Michael. *Bananas in my Ears: a Collection of Nonsense Stories, Poems, Riddles and Rhymes (2012)*

A charming collection featuring free verse stories, rhymes, and poems from the renowned Michael Rosen and quirky artwork by Quentin Blake.