

Jabuti the Tortoise by Gerald McDermott
(J398.2M) All the birds enjoy Jabuti's music, except Vulture who tricks Jabuti on the way to the king's festival.

Grades 4-5

Zathura: A Space Adventure by Chris Van Allsburg
(E All) Left on their own for an evening, two brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious board game.

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge
by Mem Fox (E Fox) A small boy tries to discover the meaning of memory, so he can restore that of an elderly friend.

Molly Bannaky by Alice McGill (E McGi)
Benjamin Banneker's grandmother journeys to a new life in Maryland as an indentured servant.

My Rotten Red-Headed Older Brother
by Patricia Polacco (E Pol) A girl wishes on a star to win against her brother.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
(E Ste) Mufaro's two daughters go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

Casey at the Bat by Ernest L Thayer (J811T)
A narrative poem about a crucial at-bat.

Runny Babbit by Shel Silverstein (J811.5S)
Silliness set in rhyme and meter.

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Martin
(JB BEN-M) A scientist photographs individual snowflakes.



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Grades K-1

Hello, My Name is Bob by Linas Alsenas (E Als)
Bob is a bear who feels he's very boring, especially in comparison to his lively friend Jack. Bob learns that every bear has his own way of doing things -- and there isn't a right way or a wrong way.

Olivia by Ian Falconer (E Fal)
No matter where or when, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.

Feast for 10 by Catherine Falwell (E Fal)
Numbers from one to ten are used to tell how members of a family shop and work together to prepare a meal.

The Magic Hat by Mem Fox (E Fox)
A wizard's hat blows into town, changing people into different animals.

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella and Craig Hatkoff
(J599.63H) The inspiring true story of two great friends, a baby hippo named Owen and a 130-year-old tortoise named Mzee.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
(E Hen) Lilly loves everything about school, but when her teacher asks her to wait before showing her new purse, it doesn't go well.

I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen (E Kla)
A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World

by Marjorie Priceman (E Pri)

Explore the world to gather the ingredients for making an apple pie. Includes recipe.

Mouse Mess by Linnea Riley (E Ril)

A hungry mouse leaves a huge mess when it goes in search of a snack.

Pigeon series by Mo Willems (E Wil)

Silly stories about Pigeon and his adventures. Perfect for audience participation.

An Elephant & Piggie book series

by Mo Willems (ER Wil) Two best friends have funny conversations and adventures. Perfect for audience participation.

The Napping House by Audrey Wood (E Woo)

In this cumulative tale, a flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion.

Grades K-3

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont

(E Bea) In a folk song's familiar rhythm, a child can't resist adding one more paint dab in surprising places.

That's Good! That's Bad! In Washington, DC

by Margery Cuyler (E Cuy) During a trip to the capital, a boy has mishaps (good and bad), as he visits local landmarks.

The Chicken-chasing Queen of Lamar County

by Janice Harrington (E Har) A farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something new about the hen.

Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival by Kirby Larson

(J636.08L) Bobbi and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, many lost everything. But Bobbi and Bob Cat still had each other. This is the story of their remarkable friendship.

How I Became a Pirate by Melissa Long (E Lon)

Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his crew and finds out all about pirating.

The Cheese by Margie Palantini (E Pal)

After agreeing to ignore the original story of "The Farmer in the Dell," all the characters have a party featuring the tempting hunk of cheese.

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon (E Sha)

To win popularity, Camilla Cream always does the expected, until the unexpected happens.

One Eyes Two Eyes Three Eyes: A Very Grimm Fairy Tale by Aaron Shepard (E She)

A girl with two eyes is teased by her sisters (who have different features!).

Grades 2-3

Chameleon, Chameleon by Joy Cowley (J597.95C)

A tale of a chameleon on the move. Exceptional photographs combine close-ups with a high-speed sequence that shows the chameleon lassoing a caterpillar with its tongue. (Maryland Blue Crab Award)

Class Two At the Zoo y by Julia Jarman (E Jar)

While on a field trip to the zoo, the class doesn't see the sneaky anaconda that slithers out of its pond. One by one, the students and teacher are gobbled up by the snake. Can one little girl save the day?

The Legend of the Bluebonnet retold by Tomie

de Paola (E DeP) A Comanche Indian legend tells how a girl's sacrifice brought the bluebonnet flower to Texas.

Wind Flyers by Angela Johnson (E Joh)

A boy's love of flight takes him from the dusty dirt roads of Alabama to the war-torn skies of Europe, introducing young readers to the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.

Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester (E Les)

Rodney's speech impediment defeats a bully.

Superhero School by Aaron Reynolds (E Rey)

Leonard can't wait to start superhero school until he finds that it's all about learning mathematics. When Ice Zombies kidnap his teachers, Leonard uses his math skills to save the day.

The Hare and the Tortoise by Helen Ward (E War)

Retells the events of the famous race. Includes a key to the various animals.