



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive

by Susie Brooks, illustrated by Sally Payne

Little Cub Literacy

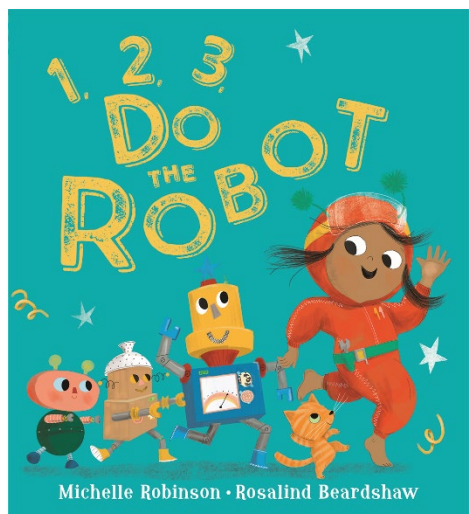
"Perfect for working on numeral recognition ... I'm just in awe of how cute and engaging these reads are, and every kid I've shown them to so far has agreed!!!"

Books Grow Minds

"This counting book is now daily counting practice for my youngest and a fun game before bed for my other toddler. It's such a neat book ..."

Stories with Jojo

"[A] spin-off counting book with a mission: to catch all the numbered fish by the end of the book. Build vocabulary along the way via fun encounters with other sea animals as they *splash, scuttle, paddle, wave, and swish*. ... This is such an adorable book + activity + game all-in-one, making this a winning combo for any board book lover."



1, 2, 3, Do the Robot

by Michelle Robinson, illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw

Little Cub Literacy

"[A]MAZING ... the third in this rhyming, rollicking series that gets kids moving around!"

Mom Read It

"The rhyme scheme is playful and consistent, making for a fun readaloud; the robots are adorable and look like they've been tinkered from items around the house, like a colander and springs. Layla's room is full of fun details: toys mix with science tools like beakers, yarn, a sewing machine, tape, test tubes, and measuring tape. Fun for early STEAM clubs!"

Books Grow Minds

"These colorful oversized board book series is perfect for a pre k or kinder classes to get out all their wiggles. My kids enjoy reading these rhyming books, the positive messages and how engaging and interactive they are. We always have a good time reading these and looking at the bold, vibrant colors."

Nanny Miss Monique

"[L]earn that friendship, teamwork, and perseverance can help make anything possible. ... The bold colors, diverse characters, and exuberant movements pop from the page, engaging your child's curiosity & encouraging them to dance the night away!"



Adventuremice:
Otter Chaos
Mermice Mystery

by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

Booklist, STARRED

"[O]tterly delightful ... charmingly illustrated with simple, full- color spot art and occasional double-page scenes filled with energy and drama. Early chapter-book readers ready for slightly longer text will find this kindhearted tale wonderfully rewarding."



All the Wonderful Ways to Read

by Laura Baker, illustrated by Sandra de la Prada

Books Grow Minds

"This rhyming book is a stunner. ... does a beautiful job reminding us that reading is for fun!"

Kid Lit Is Magic

"[S]uch a joy! ... will resonate with all of the little readers in your lives."



Stories with Jojo

"[A] thought-provoking and inspiring reminder that words can fun, exciting, and informative (think, reading a product label!), but also send us on adventures and connect us to others. A truly beautiful tribute to books!"

Picture Book Recommendations

"[B]eautifully shows that fast or slow, picky or willing to read anything, there is no wrong way to be a reader. ... This would be a fantastic book to gift a book lover in your life or for a teacher to kick off a new school year of reading with and encourage/embrace every kind of reader."

Oh the Books We Love

"You're sure to find your favorite reading style among the pages of this bright & cheery book! It's full of the cutest illustrations and fun & engaging rhymes!"

Mom Read It "Back to School Picture Books"

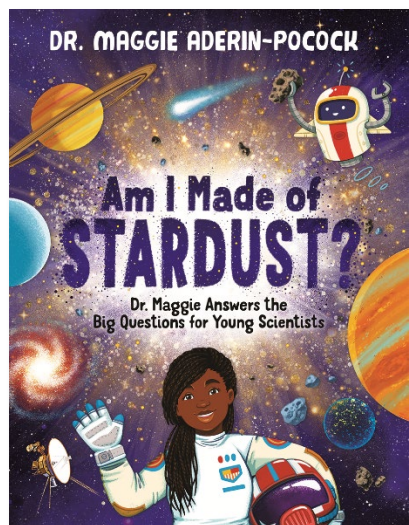
"An excellent readaloud choice for those first weeks of school, for library class visits, and storytimes alike."

Bookish Burnsss

"Here are my Top Ten Picture Books of 2023! Save this post to discover the magic in 2024 with these enchanting stories ..."

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Celebrate Books During Winter"

"[P]erfectly illustrated ... truly celebrates reading and the uniqueness of every book. ... The discoveries are limitless making books a joy beyond measure."



Am I Made of Stardust? Dr. Maggie Answers the Big Questions for Young Scientists

by Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock, illustrated by Chelen Écija

Archimedes Notebook

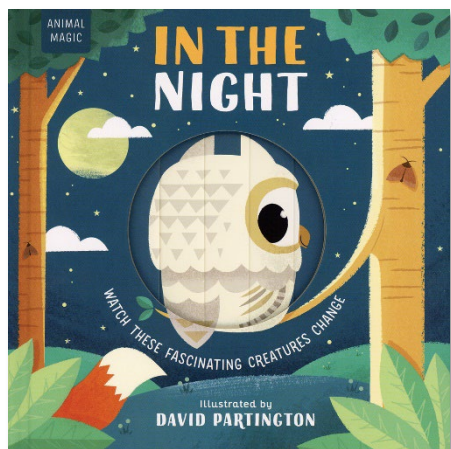
"This is a great book for curious future space explorers. There are activities to try, tons of 'Astro facts,' and a robot named IQ (which stand for Interesting Question). There's lots of information about stars and our solar system and humans in space."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"This book contains the major number of questions children – and grown-ups – wonder about concerning the sky, and aren't sure where to find the answers. Most likely, they will find them here."

Nanny Miss Monique

"[A]stronomy has never been more accessible or exciting."



Animal Magic: In the Night

by Neil Clark

Stories with Jojo

"The illustrations are adorable!!"



Backyard Bug, A Shine-a-Light Book

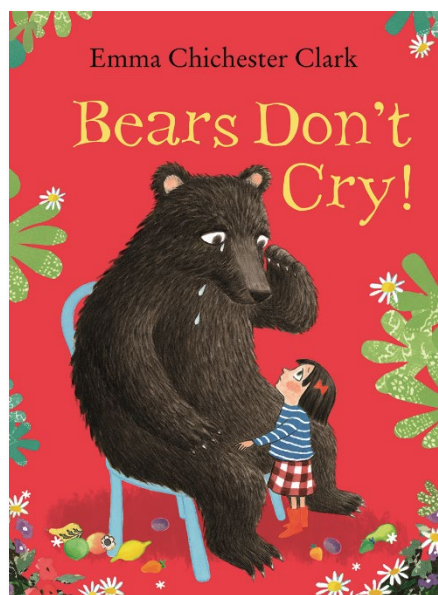
by Carron Brown, illustrated by Wesley Robins

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"The illustrations are bright, large, and engaging. ... Sure to spark curiosity and wonder, this is a very creative book that involves young children in engaging with the natural world. A wonderful selection for a home library or for a small group in a classroom setting."

Little Cub Literacy

"[A] wonderful tool for teaching children about the importance of insects in our ecosystem ..."



Bears Don't Cry!

by Emma Chichester Clark

Booklist

"Both the text and the art encourage empathy for the bighearted but vulnerable bear, while suggesting the importance of speaking up for someone in distress. The story unfolds in a smooth-flowing narrative, while the lively illustrations make the most of the contrast between small, feisty Clementine and her large but insecure friend. A heartening picture book."

Kirkus Reviews

"Clever type design makes for easy reading, while lots of pictorial action adds drama to this tale that gently reminds readers not to judge by outward appearances. ... A sweet tale of a beloved bear defeating the tyranny of others' expectations."

Nanny Miss Monique

"In 'Bears Don't Cry', we discover that a little understanding and compassion can go a long way. It's a gentle tale full of emotion, helpful for children as they navigate their own developing big feelings."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"This book encourages children to embrace their emotions. ... The dialogue, descriptive language, and artwork combine to create another engaging picture book for this series. Teachers, parents, and librarians can enjoy reading this book out loud to young primary-age children."

Book Reviews, ILA CL/R SIG "Read Alouds for Everyone"

"British author-illustrator Emily Chichester Clark's colorful, richly detailed illustrations featuring the charming the bear complement the lively text as they portray the emotions and actions



of George, Clementine, and a diverse group of townspeople in this wildly imaginative picture book adventure."

Mom Read It

"A sweet way to start off the new school year, readers will be reminded not to make judgements based on appearances and predetermined ideas; when someone's feelings are hurt, the best way to react is to show empathy and care. Expressive illustrations will pull at heartstrings."



Billy and the Beast
Billy and the Dragon
Billy and the Pirates
by Nadia Shireen

Picture Book Recommendations

Billy and the Beast

"It is impossible not to immediately fall for Billy – she is brilliant, loyal, resourceful and even keeps snacks in her hair for her best friend Fat Cat. ... Full of adorable characters, humor, adventure, and shenanigans, this is one new release you are not going to want to miss!"

Little Cub Literacy

"This series of books are full of humor, action, and friendship. The illustrations are colorful and expressive, capturing the emotions and personalities of the characters. The text is simple and engaging, with some repetition and dialogue that make them easy to read aloud. They are fantastic for promoting imagination and problem solving skills!"

Stories with Jojo

Billy and the Beast

"A fantastic and hilarious read-aloud, this story is sure to leave the readers wanting to read more about Billy and Fatcat's other adventures."

Mom Read It "Halloween Picture Books for Spooky Fun Read-Alouds"

Billy and the Beast

"[A] laugh-out-loud resolution. ... Cartoon artwork and expressive facial expressions make this a great read-aloud choice."



Shelves of Color

"[T]he perfect balance of peril and humor. ... Plus, you're sure to love the vibrant illustrations ..."

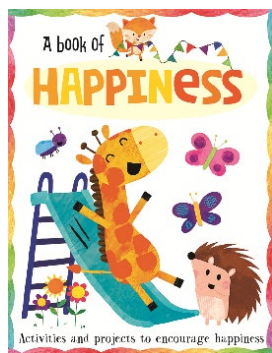
Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"There is a lesson to be learned in this tale and it centers on the fact that thinking on your feet, combined with determination, can defeat even the longest odds."

Storymamas

"Things my 10, 7 and 5 year olds love about this one..."

- the surprise reason the dragon swoops in to capture FatCat
- the hilarious FatCat name and facial expressions
- the determination to save a friend that Billy shows, even when a few others would rather not
- the awesome bright and cheerful illustrations
- when we laughed out loud while reading"



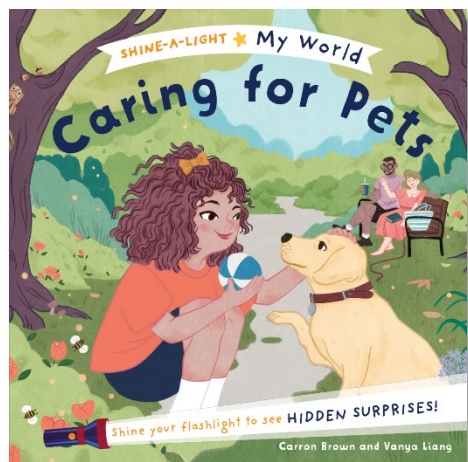
A Book of Happiness

A Book of Kindness

by Eve Tombleson, illustrated by Lindsey Sagar

Kid Lit Is Lit

"[T]wo activity books that are absolutely LOADED with mindful craft ideas and activities ..."



Caring for Pets, A Shine-a-Light My World Book

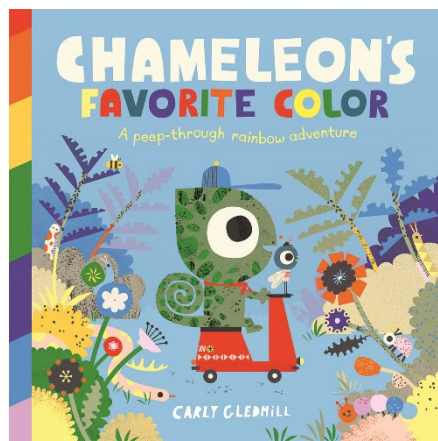
by Carron Brown, illustrated by Vanya Liang

Little Cub Literacy

"With magically appearing elements in every illustration, littles are ENTHRALLED by these reads. ... As cool as they are for adults, they are genuinely magical for children. ... I know many students who will benefit from this read ..."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"The simple text coupled with questions for the reader encourages language development along with factual information. ... Responsibility is promoted throughout the book encouraging children to be caring and respectful pet owners."



Chameleon's Favorite Color

by Carly Gledhill

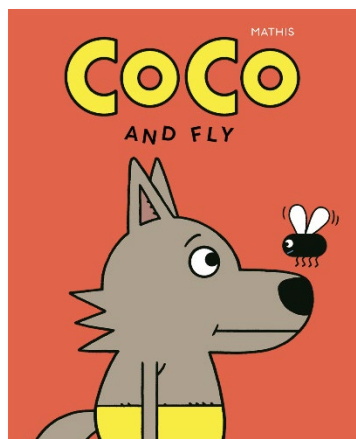
Nanny Miss Monique

"[P]art of a series of "peep through" books, filled with cute animals, natural elements, and colorful shapes that pop with energy. Cleverly placed cut-outs create fun, hidden elements



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in negative space. Your little ones will love discovering the wonderful spectrum inside with their new chameleon friend."



Coco and Fly
by Mathis

Storymamas

"[A] wordless picture book that everyone will get something out of! ... you can talk about story structure; beginning, middle and end. We also see Coco have many likable character traits including perseverance, determination and lots of ideas on how to solve his problem. Also, it's filled with emotions, this can help kids talk about feelings too."



Color and Me!
by Michaela Dias-Hayes

Booklist

"A lovely choice for preschoolers that encourages artistic play and positive self-image."



Stories with Jojo

"This book takes the elements of a color book and elevates it: not only does it teach primary colors, secondary colors, and basic color theory/color mixing, but it takes it up a notch, interjecting the more important celebration of human diversity into its pages, all while highlighting the precious intergenerational relationship between the girl and her grandmother."

Nanny Miss Monique

"This beautifully illustrated children's book captures the joy of painting and while subtly encouraging diversity, inclusion, and representation for kids no matter their skin tone."

Mom Read It

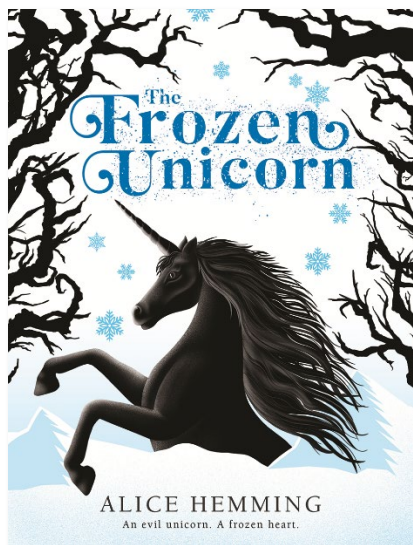
"The playful rhyming verse makes this a pleasure to read aloud, and the combination of artistic play and positive self-image makes this an excellent choice for storytime collections and readalouds."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"Although its primary purpose is teaching the colors, the concept of diversity resonates throughout the book, making it an especially essential selection for any early childhood classroom."

Reading with Red and the Magpie

"[A] messy and joyful exploration of color mixing (I love that it celebrates color mixing to make brown and ties that into a celebration of skin colors)"

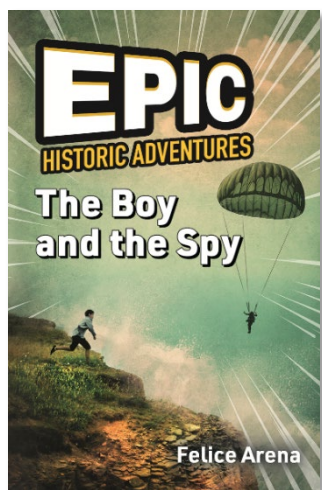


Dark Unicorns: The Frozen Unicorn

by Alice Hemming

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"Surprising twists in the story lead to a satisfying conclusion. By facing challenges and accepting assistance, Violet discovers her true self. Young readers will greatly enjoy this beautiful story, slightly influenced by Andersen's The Snow Queen."

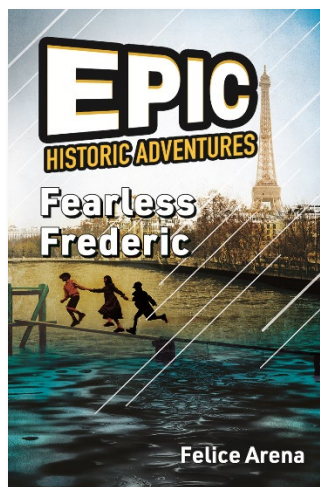


Epic Historic Adventures: The Boy and the Spy

by Felice Arena

Always in the Middle

"I know several middle grade kids who open a new book and will read just the first page before declaring "this is boring." That won't be a problem when I hand them the exciting and compelling THE BOY AND THE SPY. ... The story is so engaging it will increase interest by young readers in learning more about this time period in our history. ... a fast-paced riveting tale and one that is hard to put down."



Epic Historic Adventures: Fearless Frederic

by Felice Arena

Historical Novels Society

"This exciting tale should entice young readers, especially boys, to start reading and keep going to the end. It has a freshness and engaging movement from one scene to the next. The contrast between Frederic's comparative innocence and Claire's hard-won life experience is especially notable. I recommend this as a gift for anyone trying to encourage young people to open and enjoy a book."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"The story of Frederic and his journey from grief to restoration is a powerful one filled with hope. The adventures of the three intrepid youngsters are engaging and exciting. The portrayal of the actual Great Flood of Paris is both historically accurate and enhances to plot. In the end, Fearless Frederic comes across as a solid mystery tale that features young heroes trying to get by in a troubled world. Readers who enjoy adventure, mystery, or historical fiction will appreciate Frederic's saga and may wish to check out the other books in the author's "Epic History" series."

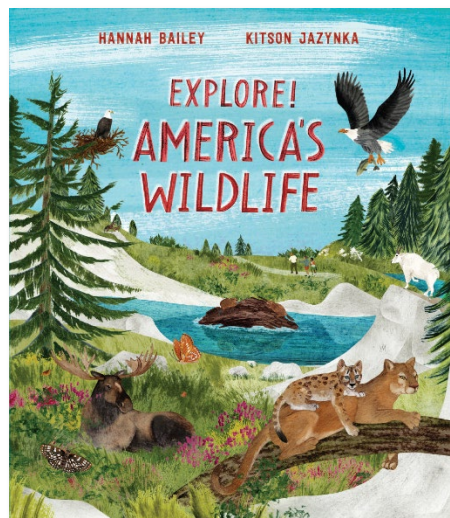


Epic Historic Adventures: A Great Escape

by Felice Arena

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"A solid choice for reluctant readers and those interested in the history of this time period, or adventure stories in general. The main character is relatable and the chapters are short and action-packed, making it a page-turner."



Explore! America's Wildlife

by Kitson Jazyuka, illustrated by Hannah Bailey

Kirkus Reviews

"Captivating illustrations offer an appealing armchair-travel invitation to sample wonders both micro and macro."



School Library Journal, STARRED

"This beautiful book is a wealth of knowledge on the wildlife that live in the incredibly diverse habitats of the United States; sure to be a popular selection with visual learners and young researchers."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

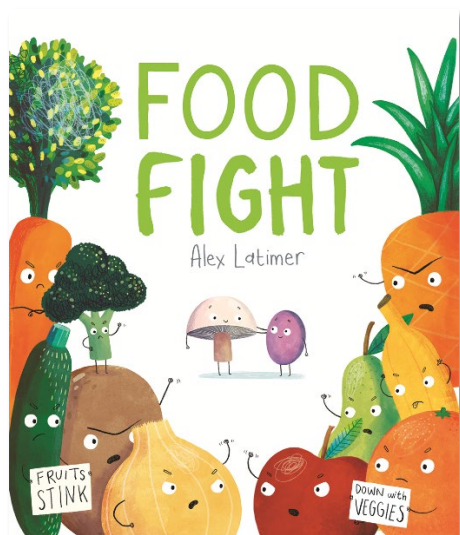
"The information is delivered in short digestible chunks accompanied with many colorful visuals which make this book truly accessible to audiences of all ages. This would be a great addition to any classroom library or for anyone who is passionate about animals."

Little Cub Literacy

"[A] stunning and informative book that takes readers on a journey across the United States ... full of interesting and surprising facts that will appeal to curious readers of all ages. The illustrations are gorgeous and realistic ... a great resource for teachers, parents, and librarians, as well as a perfect gift for young explorers."

***Meridian Magazine*, "Newton's Book News: Last Minute Books for Christmas"**

"The layout is kid-friendly which highlights areas to spot and discover. This wonderful book will be enjoyed by all ages."



Food Fight
by Alex Latimer

Kirkus Reviews

"The wordplay is entertaining, while the arduous expedition and the buddies' bond are inspiring. The amusing illustrations of kitchen equipment and anthropomorphic produce provide bright colors and action ... A tasty tale in which friendship conquers all."



What We Are Reading

"This is a cute pun filled story about an unlikely friendship that was worth climbing for."

Books Grow Minds

"I am always looking for a good book to teach children about conflict resolution and this is an awesome find!"

Jamie Bills

"[A] very humorous fairy tale with delightful characters and a heartwarming message of life being better when you get along with those around you."

Picture Book Recommendations

"Filled with humor and fabulous wordplay, this is a wonderful new book to open discussions around conflict resolution, friendship, embracing differences, and finding common ground."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"[S]ure to leave readers laughing out loud. ... a great example of how to use humor to teach kids about important lessons, such as the importance of teamwork and friendship."

Mom Read It

"A cute additional purchase where friendship and kindness stories (like the Summer Reading Theme, All Together Now!) do well."



Friendly Faces

Bear & Friends

Cat & Friends

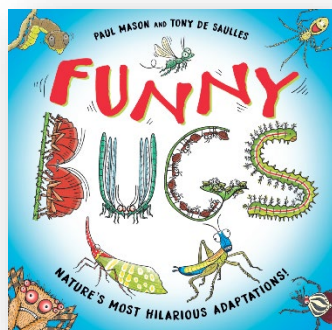
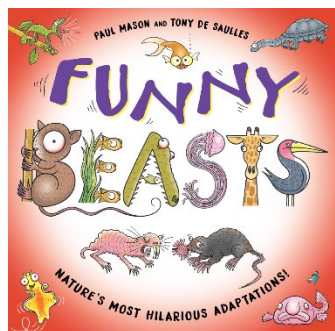
Frog & Friends

Tiger & Friends

by Elsa Martins

Little Kid Literacy

"I love the small, circular shape of these and the fact that they can also be used for beginning readers learning concept of word (the idea that each spoken word matches ONE printed word). Perfect for building confidence in early readers!"



Funny Beasts

Funny Bugs

by Paul Mason, illustrated by Tony De Saulles

Stories with Jojo

"These two hilariously educational titles on their respective subjects are outright fun! ... Both of these books are filled with fabulous entries on some of the most interesting animals and bugs in the world. The succinct, easy-to-read notes along with the expressive, comical illustrations make reading this non-fiction book an absolute breeze!"

Archimedes Notebook

Funny Bugs

"What I like about this book: The comic artwork and dialog make this book fun to read. Plus there are "how to's" such as how an assassin bug makes lunch. Back matter includes a bug quiz, a glossary (every bit as fun to read as the rest of the book) and a handy index so you can easily find your favorite insects."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

Funny Bugs

"[F]illed with fun facts delivered in a comedic way ... The cartoonlike illustrations are colorful and expressive, yet still realistic ... What makes this book different is the incorporation of more rare or unique insects ... This would make a great addition to an elementary school classroom studying insects or as a gift for a young bug enthusiast!"

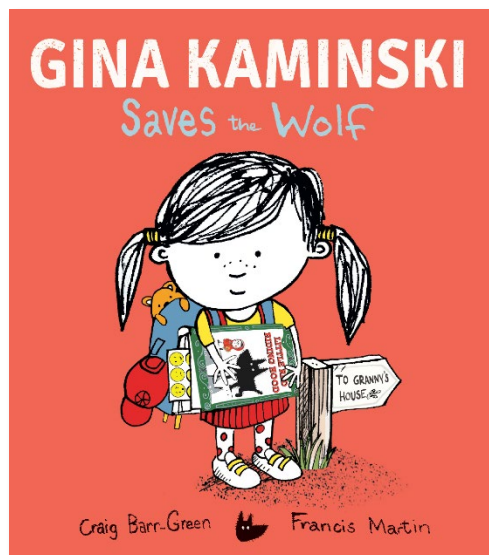
Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Excellent Nonfiction Animal Books"

"[E]ntertaining and informative."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

Funny Beasts

"This book is captivating in its choices of animals, all drawn so well that, should someone come upon one, there will be no doubt that it has been found. The reader, both child and adult alike, will laugh, and learn, about unique members of the animal kingdom they will never forget."

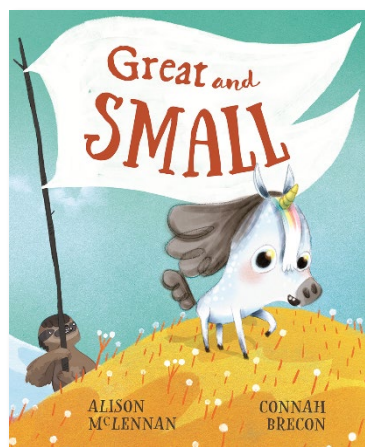


Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf

by Craig Barr-Green, illustrated by Francis Martin

Kirkus Reviews, STARRED

Clever, sparkling text full of wit and humor perfectly captures Gina's voice, while sketchy, humorous pictures with just the right amount of detail extend the story. ... An exuberant, laugh-out-loud take on fairy tales that flawlessly incorporates social-emotional skills."



Great and Small

by Alison McLennan, illustrated by Connah Brecon

Nanny Miss Monique

"A quirky, woodland fairy tale, "Great and Small" is all about teamwork, sportsmanship, never giving up, and being brave even when you're afraid. ... Any kid will love this exciting, charismatic story, with an unlikely hero to inspire them to follow their own dreams."

Mom Read It

'A cheerful story of equity and inclusivity and a good readaloud choice.'



Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"This thoughtful book offers the audience story themes about diversity and inclusion, dreaming big, and turning your weakness into your strength. This book is perfect for primary and early elementary-grade students."



Hats Off!

by Bernd Penners, illustrated by Henning Löhlein

Stories with Jojo

"Adorable and such a fun concept for a book!"

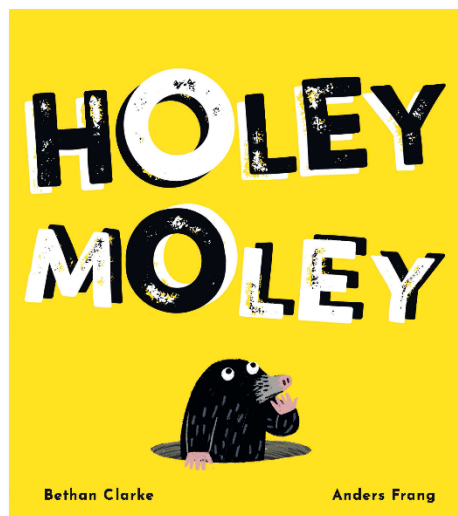


Hello, Trees

by Bailey Bezuidenhout, illustrated by Maria Lebedeva

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"[A] good read-aloud choice to pair with a walk among some trees."



Holey Moley

by Bethan Clarke, illustrated by Anders Frang

Mom Read It "Tales from the TBR: Picture Books about Animals"

"This hilarious story is full of wordplay, rhymes, and laughs. G... The back-and-forth dialogue is fast-paced, with illustrations that bring Gus's imagination to life in the silliest of ways. ... a good addition to stories that engage readers with creative wordplay."

Lil Reader That Could

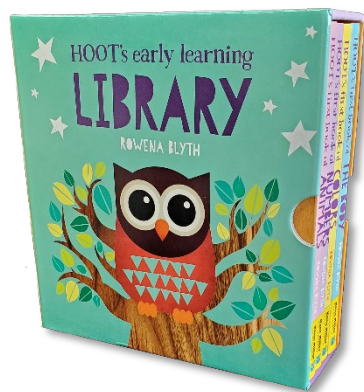
"[T]his playful book is sure to get your little one giggling."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"This would make a great addition to an elementary classroom, keeping young children engaged while teaching them rhyming words, animal habitats, and even the concept of teasing. It is a fun book that would be a solid selection for a picture book library."

Shelves of Color

"[T]his book was an instant hit. Mole and Gus are hilarious characters!"

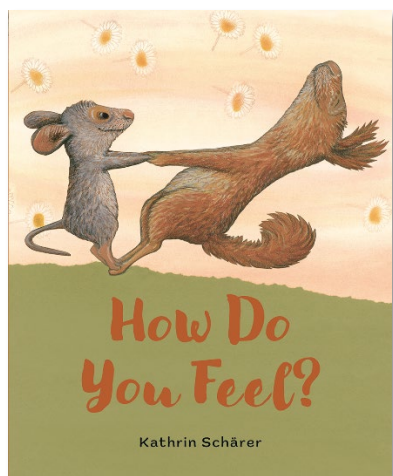


Hoot's Early Learning Library

by Rowena Blyth

Our World of Words

"[T]he perfect set for youngest children. It has 4 board books: colors, numbers, human body and animals. All of them have big pictures and big text to attract young children."



How Do You Feel?

by Kathrin Schärer

Kirkus Reviews, STARRED

"Using concise, repetitive wording, this striking book covers a range of sentiments, from simple ('feeling safe') to complex ('feeling connected'). ... The brilliant, evocative woodcutlike illustrations are wonderfully expressive—these spreads would look beautiful as wall art. ... A delightful guide to essential feelings."

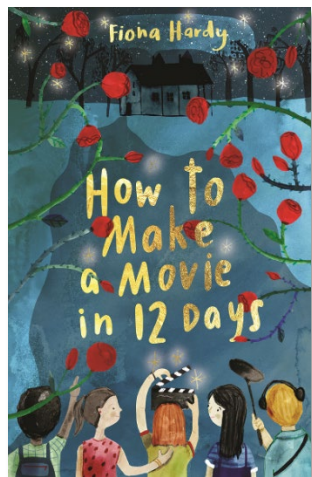
Jamie Bills

"[T]he illustrations do a great job of adding context. Kids will recognize and identify with the animals, and increase their knowledge of the many different feelings we experience."



Little Cub Literacy

"[D]epict(s) a character experiencing a given emotion along with the feeling name to help children identify feelings in themselves and others."



How to Make a Movie in 12 Days

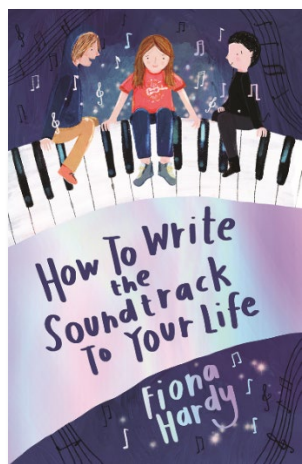
by Fiona Hardy

Kirkus Reviews, STARRED

"Order up plenty of popcorn and settle back for a tense, intense, delightful ride."

Always in the Middle

"Family dynamics, healing over a relative's passing, and the importance of friends are the strong themes throughout ... Follow your dreams never meant more than in this unique story."



How to Write the Soundtrack to Your Life

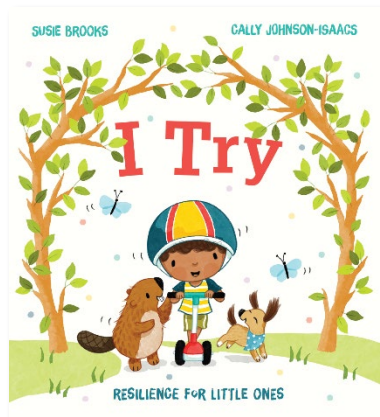
by Fiona Hardy

Kirkus Reviews

"Upbeat, light in tone, and both deft and respectful in its exploration of characters and issues."

Always in the Middle

"Learning how to be a friend and connecting with others will be a theme 6th graders and up will have an instant connection. ... The topic of parental depression is not often featured in MG books. The sensitive way it was handled here made the loving bond between parent and child even more special."

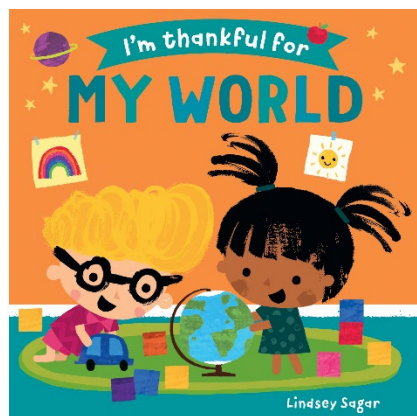


I Try

by Susie Brooks, illustrated by Cally Johnson-Isaacs

Bookish Burnsss

"This book uses excellent illustrations and examples from the animal world to inspire young children to explore new experiences, boost their self-assurance, and develop resilience in various life situations. ... I highly recommend it ...incredibly impactful!"



I'm Thankful for ... My World

by Lindsey Sagar

Stories with Jojo

"[S]weet words and bright, charming illustrations. A great reminder to be thankful for friends, family, food, and the world around us."

Nanny Miss Monique

"[Y]our growing child will be reminded of all of the amazing gifts and experiences in their daily life. It's a bright, colorful, and inclusive board book which is certain to help them learn about sharing and appreciation."



It's Time to ...

Bake It!

Clean It!

Fix It!

Grow It!

by Carly Gledhill

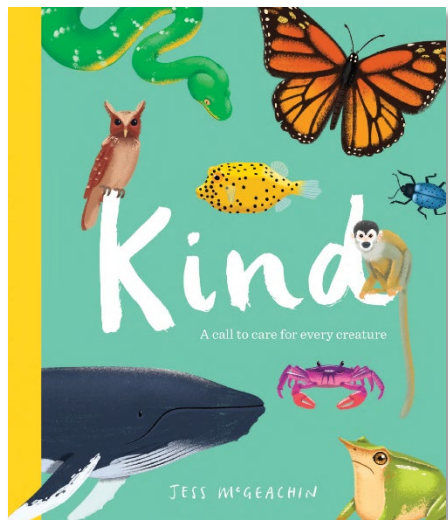
Lil Reader That Could

"Give us all the sliders, flaps, touch and feel, etc. because my toddler is all about them! And a huge part of early literacy is building that print motivation aka their interest in books and love of reading!"



Always a Storybook

"This innovative book is designed to help little kiddos interact and play with the tasks they see grown-ups perform every day!"



Kind, A Call to Care for Every Creature

by Jess McGeachin

Kirkus Reviews

"A sweet invitation to link the two meanings of the titular word. ... Picture books about kindness abound, but as they tend to focus exclusively on being kind to other people, the even more inclusive slant here offers a salutary broadening of perspective. ... Lovely in both message and pictures."

Lil Reader That Could

"Visually stunning, poetic, and informative ..."

Little Cub Literacy

"[A] book that belongs in every classroom library. It is a beautiful and inspiring book that teaches children about the diversity and wonder of life on Earth. ... a great resource for science lessons, as well as social-emotional learning. The book encourages the reader to be kind to themselves, empathetic to others, and to respect the environment."

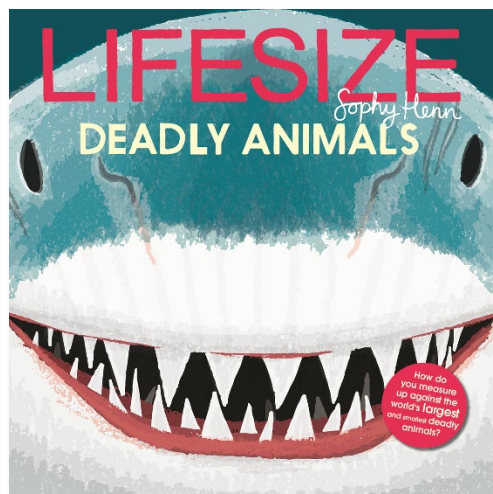


Learn to Lace **Tropical** **Woodland**

by Susie Brooks, illustrated by Antoana Oreski

Little Cub Literacy

"I've long used lacing activities in the kindergarten classroom for fine motor practice, number/letter recognition, and practicing number/letter order. ... so genius, because not only are you combining a story with something interactive, you also have an easy way to keep all the pieces together. These are absolutely perfect for taking on the road or tucking in your bag for a wait at the doctor's office!"



Lifesize Deadly Animals

by Sophy Henn

Little Cub Literacy

"[A] stunning non-fiction book ... interactive and engaging ... This series never fails to impress!"

Readerosaurus

"[L]ifeSize series is beyond beautiful but when we saw the newest addition to the series we couldn't wait to DIVE in."



Mom Read It

"Page after page of life-sized color illustrations, accompanied with factual, easy-to-read text ..."



Luna Loves Christmas

by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Fiona Lumbers

Kirkus Reviews

"[A] warm, welcoming, and much-needed depiction of divorced parents making the holiday special for their child, brought to life by cozy artwork. ... An upbeat story of a divorced family in community at Christmas."

Horn Book Magazine

"The lively illustrations put fellowship on full display; as in previous books starring this happy biracial girl (Luna Loves Library Day and others) and her amicably co-parenting Mom and Dad, listeners are treated to a story within the story."

School Library Journal

"Luna is back in another adorable picture book ... A sweet addition to the Christmas section that is perfect for shared or individual reading."

Nanny Miss Monique

"[H]as the makings of a Christmas story classic. ... The underlying message of Luna sharing the love from her separated parents still remains, and you'll be impressed with their super creative story-within-a-story that reminds you just how remarkable this series is."



Boodlebugs

"[B]eautifully teaches that giving and sharing with family, friends and community can bring so much joy and can also feel so good. ... You don't see many books out there that support children with divorced parents and I love how this series approaches this."



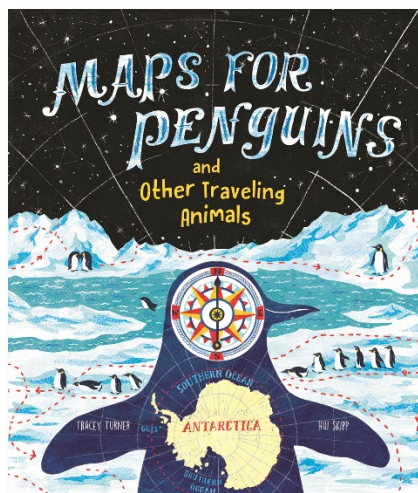
Little Helpers

Christmas Sort & Play!

by Susie Brooks, illustrated by Dawn Machell

Boodlebug Books

"If your little ones love interactive books then this one is for them. ... really encourages sharing, helping and is great for growing fine motor skills."



Maps for Penguins and Other Traveling Animals

by Tracey Turner illustrated by Hui Skipp

Stories with Jojo

"Each double spread maps out a migration path in great detail, the brightly colored illustrations breathtaking and worth poring over. ... An absolute must for any animal and map lover!"



Archimedes Notebook "Celebrate World Wildlife Day with Animal Books!"

"I love maps, so I picked this book for the title. And I was not disappointed – there are ten maps detailing travels of penguins, butterflies, tigers, whales, honeybees, lemurs ... and even sea turtles! These aren't maps for those various creatures to use – but visual representations that help us understand more about their lives and the journeys they undergo on a daily or seasonal basis."

Unleashing Readers

"This book is the perfect book for the scientist or animal lover kid in your life! It has so much information that readers will find interesting, even more than what is promised. In addition to maps and migration information, the author includes information about diet, mating, families, habits, and more! And the variety of the animals, from all over the world and habitats, are great also, so the reader takes a trip around the world. All accompanied by colorful and eye catching illustrations! ... Teachers will find so much to use in classrooms!"

Nanny Miss Monique

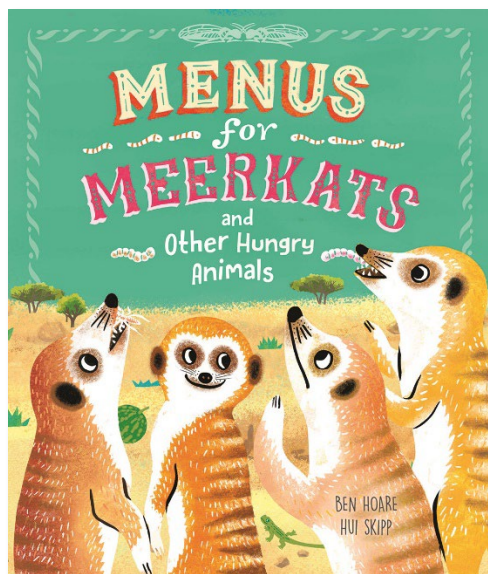
"[A]n anthology of zoology that provides seemingly endless stories of family, instincts, and survival."

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Excellent Nonfiction Animal Books"

"[A] colorful journey that takes kids through the network of animals who travel far and wide around the world. ... Each animal featured showcases a map of where they venture, intricately displayed on the open-page. The next open-page shows the extent of the specific animals. ... Check out the glossary at the back."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"This book would make a great starting point in a science class for elementary aged children to build upon for learning more about how animals navigate. The accessible format of the book will catch the interest of children and any who want to know more can certainly look more in depth on any of the animals featured."



Menus for Meerkats and Other Hungry Animals

by Ben Hoare, illustrated by Hui Skipp

Kirkus Reviews

"The writer of numerous ... anthologies about the natural world, Hoare knows how to grab readers. ... Animal facts engagingly presented for middle-grade audiences."



Missing Bits Stickers

Jungle

by Amanda Lott, illustrated by Teresa Bellon & Denis Razumov

Garden * Ocean * Unicorns

by Emma Munro Smith, illustrated by Teresa Bellon

Space

by Elizabeth Golding, illustrated by Teresa Bellon

Little Cub Literacy

"If you have a preschool or kindergarten child at home, you'll want to grab a few of these adorable interactive books! ... There are several high frequency words that kiddos will recognize after seeing over and over again, and the interactive nature of these in addition to the math aspect really makes them a great choice for little learners."



Moving, A Shine-a-Light My World Book

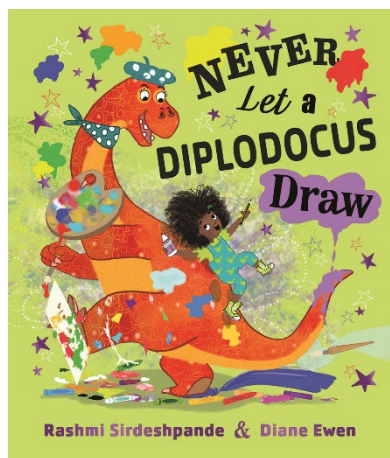
by Carron Brown, illustrated by Manuela López

Little Cub Literacy

"With magically appearing elements in every illustration, littles are ENTHRALLED by these reads. ... As cool as they are for adults, they are genuinely magical for children. ... I know many students who will benefit from this read ..."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"A definite recommendation for anyone who is moving with young children or young families who have friends and family moving. It is a fun way to introduce the confusing topic of moving to young ones."



Never Let a Diplodocus Draw

by Rashmi Sirdeshpande, illustrated by Diane Ewen

Oh the Books We Love

"[M]akes for a fun & silly read aloud!"



Picture Book Recommendations

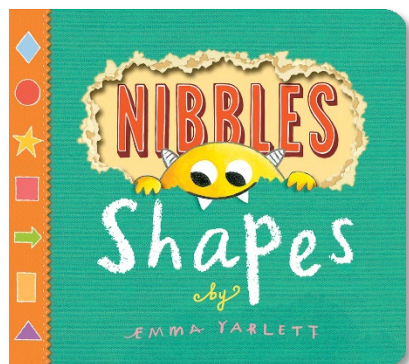
"In a humorous child-friendly way it shows all the different materials and ways to express yourself creatively. From paint to cut paper to clay to recycled household objects, sculpture, and more, this book is sure to leave little artists itching to create. It even discusses styles of art and ways to share your artwork all through the chaotic antics of an artistic diplodocus!"

Mom Read It "Back to School Picture Books"

"A fun read-aloud with a playful conclusion, *Never Let a Diplodocus Draw* is a cheery art storytime read-aloud and pairs wonderfully with its predecessors, *Never Show a T-Rex a Book* and *Never Let a Stegosaurus Do Sums*."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"[E]ngaging rhythm that makes it a fun read-aloud. Ewen's highly detailed, dynamic, colorful illustrations invite readers to look closely. ... In the ELA classroom, the story could inspire students' own wondering stories; in the art classroom, it could encourage children to explore various artistic options."

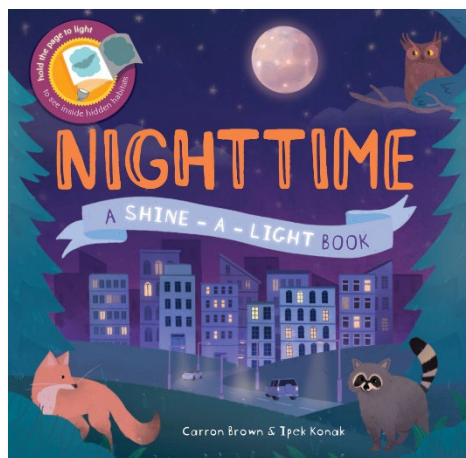


Nibbles: Shapes

by Emma Yarlett

Little Cub Literacy

"With bright colors, a great rhyme scheme, a, familiar Nibbles, this one's hard not to love learning from!"



Nighttime, A Shine-a-Light My World Book

by Carron Brown, illustrated by Ipek Konak

Little Cub Literacy

"[D]elightful ... a perfect opportunity for nighttime bonding. ... Grab a flashlight and cuddle up with your reader for the most fun nonfiction storytime before bed!"



Nursery Play Books

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Lion

Row, Row, Row, Little Frog

Old MacDonald's Little Hen

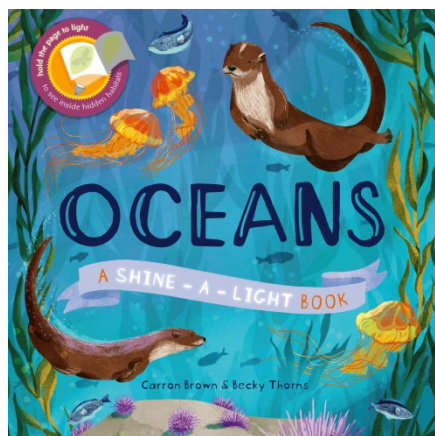
by Susie Brooks

Mai Storybook Library

"I love these series of versatile cloth books because they bring so much sensory stimulation for babies. Each animal-character-shaped book features a well-known rhyme, plus a mirror, ribbon tags, rattle sound, and tactile features to encourage cognitive development."

Little Cub Literacy

"Plush animal characters and soft pages also include a variety of textures, tags, and teethers for baby to explore. Plus, each has a mirror on the cover! The sweetest way to introduce nursery rhymes to a newborn!"



Oceans, A Shine-a-Light Book

by Carron Brown, illustrated by Becky Thorns

Kirkus Reviews

"Glimpses of a teeming, colorful world just beneath the surface, enhanced by a bit of cleverly designed hide-and-seek."

Archimedes Notebook

"What I like about this book: Each page presents a mystery ... A map at the back shows a map of the world's oceans and tells a bit more about them."



Olivia's Secret Scribbles series

Dragon Catchers

Music Makers

Unicorn Parade

by Meredith Costain, illustrated by
Danielle McDonald

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Outstanding New Readers and Early Chapter Books"

"[A] wonderful series that is both enjoyable and humorous for youngsters to read. This series has subjects that kids like to read about."



Pop-Up Vehicles

Let's Dig

Let's Drive

Let's Fly

Let's Sail

by Matt Hunt

Little Cub Literacy

"The art style in these is super cute and I love the retro color palette! If your kiddo loves pop up books (who doesn't?) but isn't ready for super intricate pages, these are PERFECT to start out with!"



Poppy Pickle

by Emma Yarlett

Stories with Jojo

"[D]elightfully whimsical and playful ... with an engaging narrative, a dynamic dialogue, and a series of eye-catching, energetic flaps that reveal pages upon pages of surprises. The illustrations are colorful, detailed, and full of humorous, expressive characters."



Princess Betony

Princess Betony and the Unicorn

Princess Betony and the Thunder Egg

Princess Betony and the Rule of Wishing

Princess Betony and the Hobgoblin

by Pamela Freeman, illustrated by Tamsin Ainslie

Log Cabin Library (

Princess Betony and the Unicorn

"[A] standalone ... has a very fairytale like quality to it. Princess Betony is a fun main character, she's smart, feisty, brave and adventurous. ... I can see this appealing to children who enjoy stories with magic, unicorns, princesses and adventure."

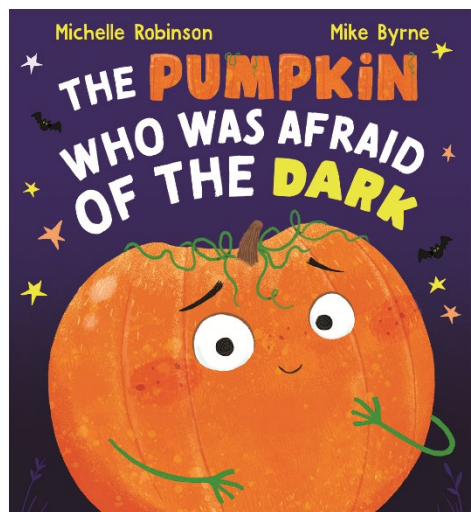


Pull-back Books: Delivery Truck

by Stephanie Moss, illustrated by Natasha Rimmington

Stories with Jojo

"This 2-in-1 pull-back car and board book is perfect for vehicle lovers, great for encouraging both independent play and reading. ... When done reading, just close it up, pull back, and watch it go (rather far, surprisingly)!"



The Pumpkin Who Was Afraid of the Dark

by Michelle Robinson, illustrated by Mike Byrne

Jamie Bills

"[G]reat conversation starters for discussing feeling afraid. ... I love the perfect rhyme and darling illustrations in this book"

Across the Avenue

"[F]antastically festive ...

Little Cub Literacy

"[A] charming and heartwarming story ... This is a delightful and rhyming picture book that celebrates friendship, courage, and the joy of Halloween. The illustrations by Mike Byrne are colorful and expressive, and the characters are endearing."

Mom Read It "Halloween Picture Books for Spooky Fun Read-Alouds"

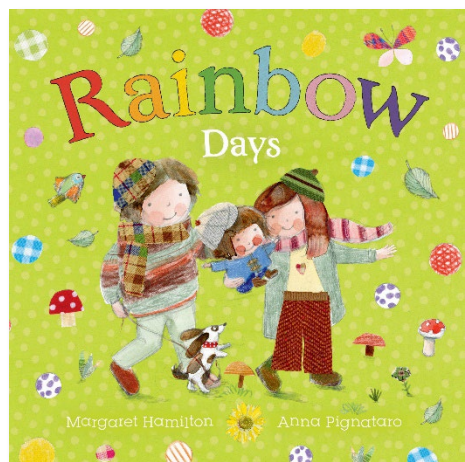
"A fun rhyming readaloud for holiday collections and a great opportunity to hand out pumpkin crafts!"

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Halloween Books for All to Enjoy"

"The rhyming throughout makes for a perfectly fun read-aloud."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"Perfect choice for children who feel anxious about Halloween and need a bit of reassurance, as well as for other kids to see how others might feel and offer a bit of empathy. Illustrations are big and bold, and text has a rhythm suited for reading aloud. ... good purchase for libraries wanting to combine social-emotional themes with holiday books."



Rainbow Days

by Margaret Hamilton, illustrated by Anna Pignataro

Jamie Bills

"I love the sturdy pages, lovely illustrations, and gentle tone of this book."

Meridian Magazine, "Newton's Book News: Mothers and Spring Books"

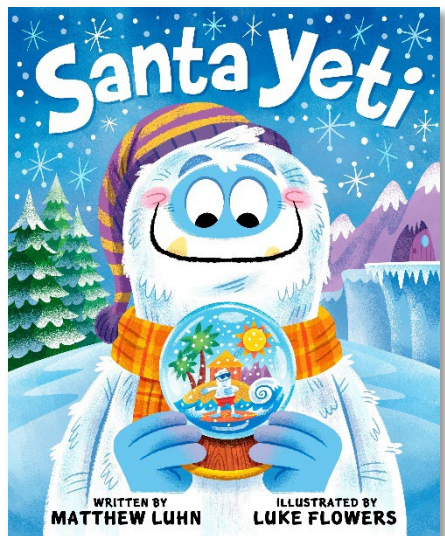
"This sweet book is perfect for learning colors and the days of the week."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"[A] fun circle time story for young preschoolers to enjoy with their teacher and make connections to the days of the week studied at school, as well as a discussion starter about how each page, or color, relates to something familiar to their homes."

Book Reviews, ILA CL/R SIG "Concept Books for Preschoolers"

"The seven days of the week are paired with the seven colors of the rainbow in Rainbow Days with Margaret Hamilton's simple, rhyming text and Anna Pignataro's softly colored mixed-media illustrations.cheerful and gentle



Santa Yeti

by Matthew Luhn, illustrated by Luke Flowers

Kirkus Reviews

"The rhyming text elicits the feeling of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Vocabulary such as perspire, bellowed, and devised make for a rich reading experience. ... The details are fantastic, from a palm tree with Christmas decor in Frank's home to a Santa-shaped hole in the cloud he falls through. Between story and art, there's plenty for readers to take in. ... A fun, refreshing read in a field of well-worn holiday classics."

School Library Journal

A tale full of unexpected twists and the magic of the holiday season. ... Flowers's vibrant illustrations bring the story to life. ... A perfect addition for any public or school library.

Meridian Magazine, "Newton's Book News: 'Tis the Season for Christmas Books"

"[W]ill have youngsters giggling to the end."

Storymamas

"This book will bring you joy and laughter this holiday season!"

What Are We Reading

"I have never related to a yeti so much but I feel Frank!"



Señor Roscoe In the City Señor Roscoe On Vacation

by Jim Field

Stories with Jojo

"Filled with colorful, cheery illustrations, engaging dialogue, and plenty of labeled vocabulary, both titles are jam-packed with delightful details to pore over. The stories cleverly tie together and incorporate several themed vocabulary sets that make learning practical and fun. The seek-and-find page at the end is a pleasant way to go back and appreciate the books once more!"

Little Reader That Could

"The Señor Roscoe series is such a joy ..."



School of Monsters series

Bat-Boy Tim Says Boo!
Hairy Sam Loves Bread and Jam
Jamie Lee's Birthday Treat
Mary Has the Best Pet
Pete's Big Feet
Frank Is a Big Help
Jess Makes a Mess
Luna Boo Has Feelings Too
William Is a Star
Bug's First Day
Jem's Big Idea

by Sally Rippin, illustrated by Chris Kennett

Kids Lit Is Lit

"These are a perfect pick for not so scary story times and practice with independent reading."



The Momma Spot

"These books are phenomenal! ... great early reader books that should be in every household."

Picture Book Recommendations

"[A] fabulous new early reader series. ... Highly recommend ..."

Homeschooling with Abhi

"These books are perfect for emerging readers. Short, funny, silly, rhyming and easy to read by young readers."

Mai Storybook Library

"[P]erfect blend of simple text with colorful, engaging illustrations!"

Nanny Miss Monique

"[N]ine adorable stories in a frightfully fun series ..."

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Halloween is in the Air"

"[A] perfect beginning reading for kids ages six to eight."

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Outstanding New Readers and Early Chapter Books"

"This series features repeating, rhyming and enlarged text, bright illustrations on every page and fun and mischievous events that keep kids reading to the end."

Stories with Jojo

Jem's Big Idea

"[F]un and inspiring!"

Storymamas

"My early reader loves this series. ... These are great stocking stuffer books for many readers, even ones that don't consider themselves readers YET!"

Boodlebugs Books

"This colorful and comically illustrated series is full of beautiful rhyming text. It also features sight words that will help your youngster become confident and therefore will love reading them."



Space Pirate Bears

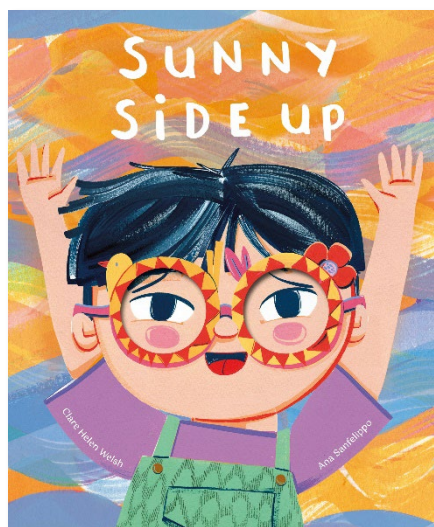
by Alastair Chisholm, illustrated by Jez Tuya

Kirkus Reviews

"A bright, big universe of fun and imagination."

Jamie Bills

"I love this book."



Sunny Side Up

by Clare Helen Welsh, illustrated by Ana Sanfelippo

Lil Reader That Could

"There's so much to love with the cheerful illustrations and fun die-cuts and flaps! But what I especially love is the way the book wraps up by validating feelings of sadness and acknowledging that there's not always a sunny side ..."



Mai Storybook Library

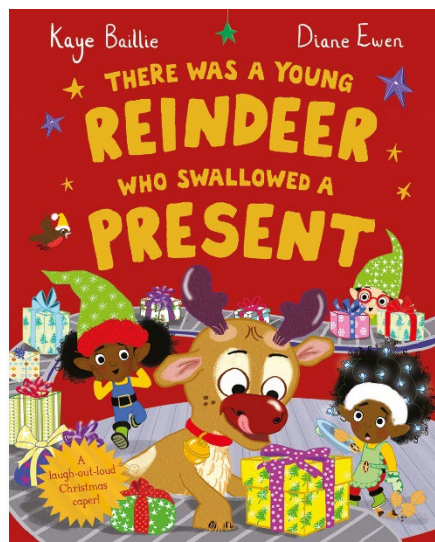
"All the interactive flaps and die-cuts in this book are so clever and creative! Littles (and even adults) will love lifting the flaps ~ a perfect way to model how a change in attitude can flip an entire situation around!"

Kids Lit Is Lit

"[E]ncourages littles to give tough situations a chance to play out into something potentially great. Obviously this kind of wisdom comes with age but this team of creators did a great job making these big life lessons digestible for even the youngest of readers who will be easily captivated by the die cut details, vibrant art, and comforting messages."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"Lift-up flaps, cut-out sunglasses, pictures that shift into others, and bright colorful illustrations depicting diverse children all help this creative book convey an important lesson. This is a must-read for school counselors, educators, and parents to help young children reframe negative experiences into positive ones. Plus, it's fun to read. Highly recommended."



There Was a Young Reindeer Who Swallowed a Present

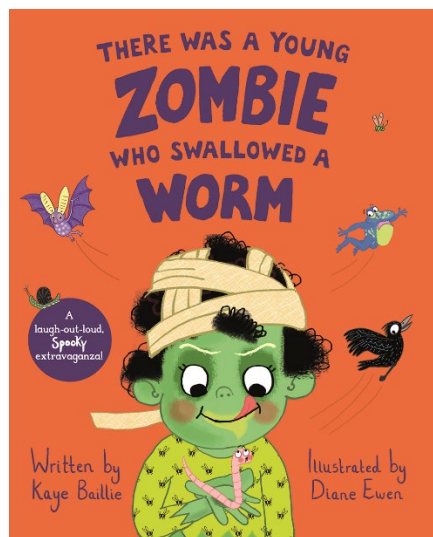
by Kaye Baillie, illustrated by Diane Ewen

School Library Journal

"This novelty picture book is a festive retelling of the famous children's song, "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." ... A silly holiday story that is good for read-alouds."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"The rhyming text is sure to engage ...The pictures are beautifully done watercolors, which are colorful and take up most of the pages. ... A great book to add to any elementary school library, and fun to read around the holidays."



There Was a Young Zombie Who Swallowed a Worm

by Kaye Baillie, illustrated by Diane Ewen

School Library Journal

"The author's use of rhyme and alliteration adds a playful cadence to the narrative. ... This lighthearted read-aloud is a good choice for parents and librarians seeking a Halloween story that will leave youngsters giggling and eager for tales more silly than spooky."

Jamie Bills

"[N]ot at all spooky, just pure Halloween fun."

Mom Read It

"[K]ids will be able to chime in with some passages they remember, and there are plenty of chances to get readers up and squirming, fluttering and flapping, giggling, and cackling. Colorful, expressive characters are cartoony, never scary, and endpapers show everyone who ends up in the Young Zombie's hungry maw. A fun additional purchase for holiday collections."

Across the Avenue

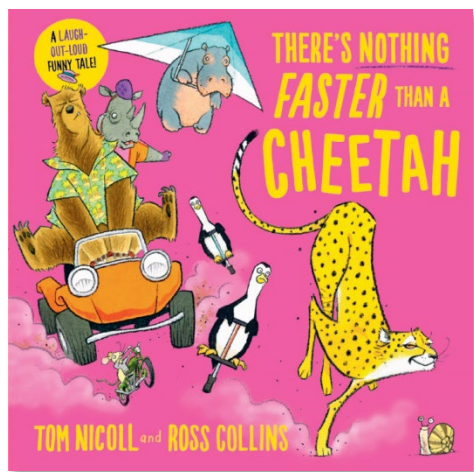
'[F]antastically festive ... We won't ruin the surprise ending, but it's a great one!"

Meridian Magazine "Newton's Book News: Halloween Books for All to Enjoy"

"This humorous story, about a zombie instead of an old lady, will be fun to sing and giggle about along the way."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"The pictures skillfully tell the story for non-readers and help them to predict what will happen next. The illustrations are adorable and non-violent or scary. ... This a perfect Halloween gift for any preschooler or early elementary school child. It would be a fun addition to a classroom ..."



There's Nothing Faster Than a Cheetah

by Tom Nicoll, illustrated by Ross Collins

Kirkus Reviews

"Don't miss the endpapers, which provide average speeds for many species (in kilometers per hour). Collins' illustrations are sure to elicit giggles: The animals' facial expressions are a hoot, and the small details will make even adult readers grin."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"Alliteration and rhyme accompanied by the colorful illustrations that stand out on the page make this book very entertaining! The end pages also include images of animals and their speeds in order from slow to fast this could be an educational book for a science or math lesson."



Thinking Skills

Matching Things

Putting In Order

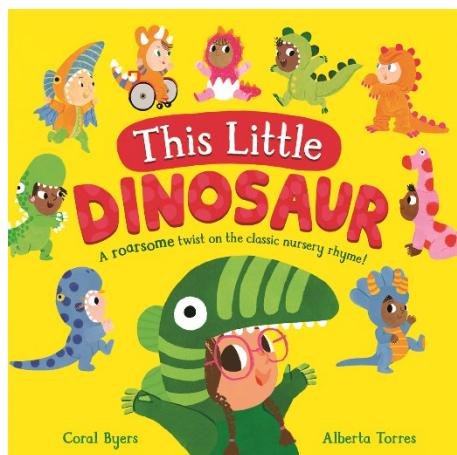
Same & Different

Using Logic

by Amanda Lott, illustrated by Laura Garrido

Little Cub Literacy

"[P]erfect for developing brain power!"

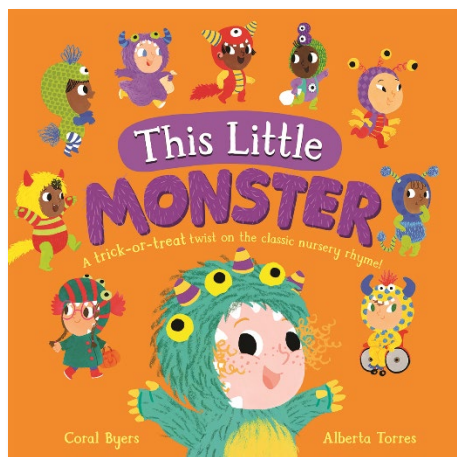


This Little Dinosaur

by Coral Byers, illustrated by Alberta Torres

Bookish Burnsss

"This is an adorable book for your little ones! ... It promotes counting skills and includes tips for parents and caregivers in the back! Such a cute one!"



This Little Monster

by Coral Byers, illustrated by Alberta Torres

Stories with Jojo

"Say hello to the Halloween twist on *This Little Piggy* in this cheery, non-spooky counting picture book ... This clever spin on the classic nursery rhyme boasts of cheery, rhythmic text, vibrant and eye-catching illustrations, and a cast of ten diverse characters that will be sure to make counting fun. A silly, lighthearted read aloud—one that can be enjoyed by readers of all ages."



Tiger Warrior

Attack of the Dragon King

War of the Fox Demons

Rise of the Lion Beast

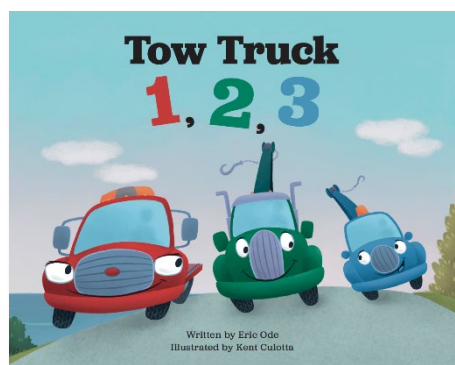
by M. Chan, illustrated by Alan Brown

Log Cabin Library

"[P]lenty of action and a little humor sprinkled in. The illustrations ... are done very well ... I also especially enjoyed the various cultural references to Chinese foods and the tradition of giving red envelopes with money or hongbao. Overall, this was a very enjoyable read."

What Are We Reading

"[T]his series is awesome!"



Tow Truck 1, 2, 3

by Eric Ode, illustrated by Kent Culotta

The Storytellers

"Kids will enjoy the expressions on the headlights of the trucks."

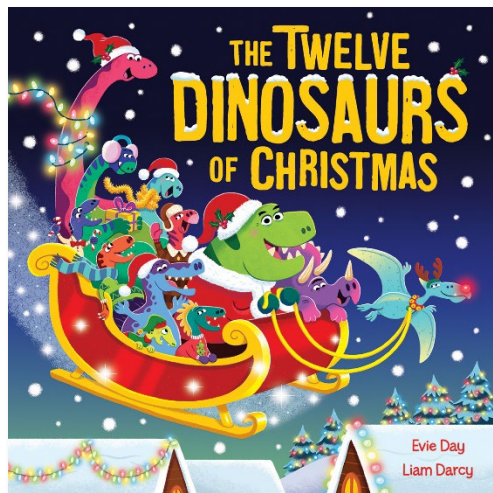
Mom Read It

"Three friendly tow trucks save the day in this fun rhyming story that teaches color concepts. Each tow truck has a different color, size, and function; they work together to help rescue other vehicles that need help. ...The rhyme scheme makes for a good readaloud, and kids love car stories."



Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"With repetition, colors, and numbers this book makes for a great early reading experience. Young children are sure to enjoy the personification of the trucks in this town! Definitely a must read for vehicle lovers!"



The Twelve Dinosaurs of Christmas

by Evie Day, illustrated by Liam Darcy

Kirkus Reviews

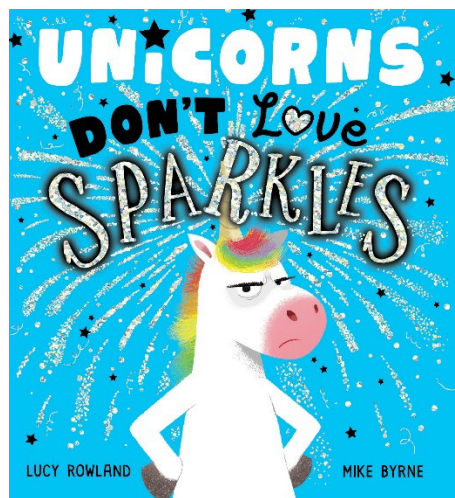
"The dinos are cute, and the bright illustrations ooze Yuletide appeal, with plenty of Santa hats, decorations, and gifts."

School Library Journal

"A helpful pronunciation key in the back of the book aids with the trickier dinosaur names ... A fun addition to any public or school library."

Nanny Miss Monique

"[A] roaring good time as your little ones read and sing along to a modern spin on a beloved classic. ... a delightful prehistoric tale that is charming, funny, and full of holiday cheer. The illustrations are bold, vibrant, and detailed, with a wide assortment of your kids' favorite dinos ..."



Unicorns Don't Love Sparkles

by Lucy Rowland, illustrated by Mike Byrne

Nanny Miss Monique

"Author Lucy Rowland hits it right on the horn with this quirky, endearing, and charming story. ... The look and feel of the book illustrated by Mike Byrne is as sparkly, vibrant, and sugary as you would expect. ... heart-warming fun, with a great message about acceptance and being comfortable in your own fur."

Stories with Jojo

"A delightful, humorous read with flowing, witty rhymes and a bit of a sarcastic punch—great for both parent and child alike!"



Water Wonders: Christmas

by Laura Garrido Amador

Little Cub Literacy

"[A] perfect gift for children who love art, creativity, and Christmas."



2023-2024 titles
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by Laura & Philip Bunting

“Nifty design ...”

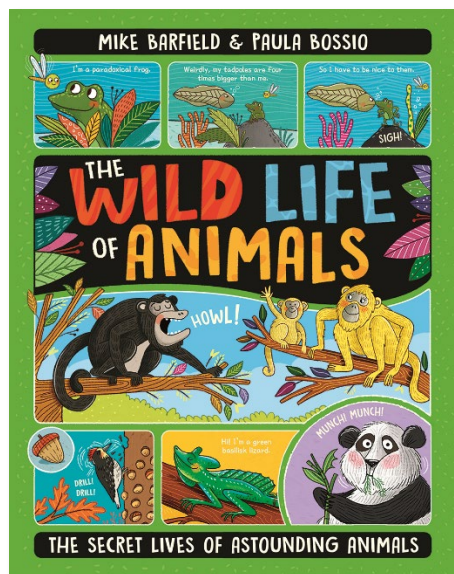
"[A] fun addition to back-to-school storytimes that answers questions while providing some relaxing laughter."

"The characters are endearing and the jokes will have readers of all ages giggling along as they prepare for the start of the school year!"

"This book will have the entire family laughing ... and would be an excellent gift for a teacher on the first day of school. ... Seriously the best read aloud I have ever read. ... The bright and fun illustrations will be loved by your wild one for sure!"

"[O]ne of the best books on how to help youngsters entering school for the first time. ... The animal depictions are fun, colorful, and full of humor."

"Although this book covers a lot of topics in a silly and comical fashion, the author also very intentionally covers some important (and practical!) themes that new students might feel anxious about ..."



The Wild Life of Animals

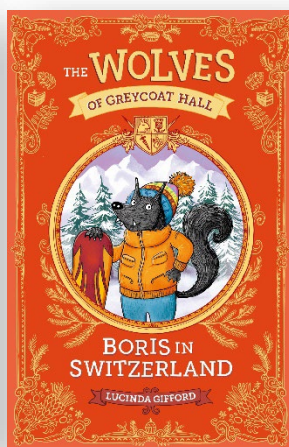
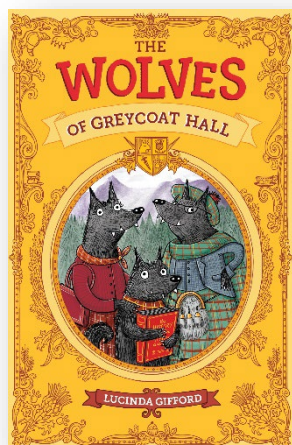
by Mike Barfield, illustrated by Paula Bossio

Mom Read It “Animals, Animals, Animals,”

“... the graphic novel format makes this an excellent add to nonfiction and graphic nonfiction shelves.”

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

“A great combination of comedy, whimsy, and trivia about wildlife around the world ... This book is perfect for readers who love the natural world, and it allows science-minded kid experts to learn information about lesser-known animals. This book would be great for science read-alouds, as well as for students to read independently. It would be a welcome addition to any classroom or library.”



The Wolves of Greycoat Hall Boris in Switzerland

by Lucinda Gifford

Kirkus Reviews

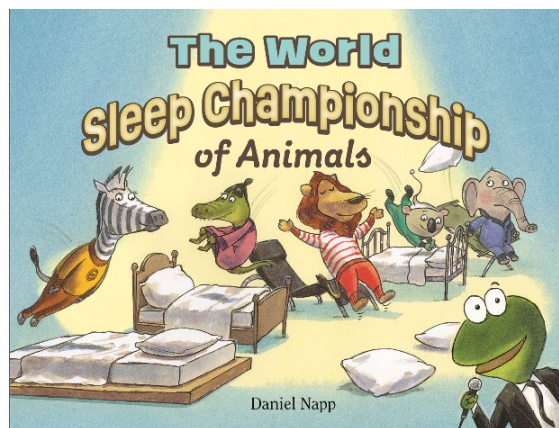
The Wolves of Greycoat Hall

"[T]his delightful tale includes frequent comical tableaux that offer views of turreted castles, quaint shops, and cozy homes as well as resident humans of diverse hue. ... Furry fun, with much affectionate tweaking of local culture and attitudes."

Kirkus Reviews

The Wolves of Greycoat Hall: Boris in Switzerland

"Along with lots of spot art interspersed with larger snowy Swiss scenes, the author also tucks encounters with lebkuchen (defined in a footnote as "Love cakes—unbelievably delicious spongy gingerbread and jam cookies") and other delectable desserts into her tongue-in-cheek tale, not to mention multiple reassurances that wolves are amiable company so long as they are kept well enough fed to prevent "Unfortunate Incidents" involving sheep or chocolate. A delectably sly howler."



The World Sleep Championship of Animals

by Daniel Napp

Mom Read It

"[A]n excellent Pajama Storytime choice! ... A scoreboard pops up throughout the story, providing a good opportunity for a feltboard storytime and some counting and predicting skills. ... A good purchase for a fun readaloud."

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

"The fierce competition and Viktor's humorous commentary filled with puns and alliteration will keep readers on the edge of their seats. ... Math teachers take note. Could the scoreboard be a fun introduction to reading charts?"



Worries Big and Small,

A Child's Guide to Talking About Feelings

by Hannah Wilson, illustrated by Samara Hardy

Kirkus Reviews

"The writing is conscientious and the advice rooted in sound mental health practices. The accompanying cartoon illustrations depict racially diverse characters. Big help for little worriers."



A Year in the Forest

Badger

Bear

Beaver

Squirrel

by Katarzyna Piętka, illustrated by Emilia Dziubak

Stories with Jojo

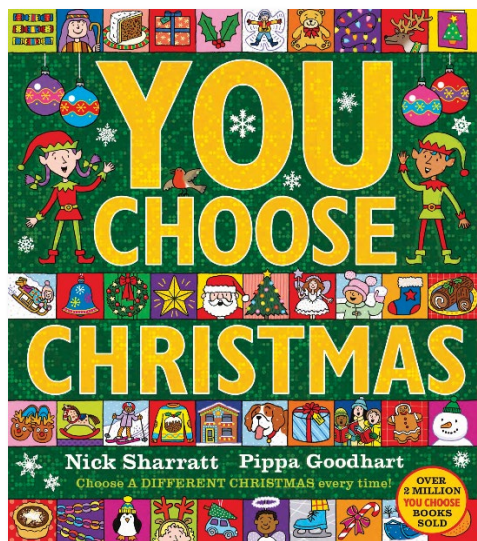
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"Comparing the days of lives of these furry animal friends will teach young children so much about nature, while keeping them engaged at every turn of the page."

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Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

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Meridian Magazine, "Newton's Book News: 'Tis the Season for Christmas Books"

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