

## Younger Readers

April and Esme, Tooth Fairies. By Bob Graham. Illus. by the author. Candlewick.  
On their first assignment, two young tooth fairy sisters journey by night into the huge world of humans to collect a young boy's tooth and fly it safely home.

Back of the Bus. By Aaron Reynolds. Illus. by Floyd Cooper. Philomel.  
A young boy and his mother take a familiar ride on a city bus unaware of the historic event they are about to witness: passenger Rosa Parks refuses to move from her seat.

Big Red Lollipop. By Rukhsana Khan. Illus. by Sophie Blackall. Viking.  
Rubina's excitement over an invitation to a birthday party is dimmed by her mother's insistence that she take her younger sister Sana with her.

Bink and Gollie. By Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee. Illus. by Tony Fucile. Candlewick.  
Dissimilar, yet steadfast friends, celebrate the ups and downs of their daily escapades in three lively chapters that explore compromise, asserting independence, and jealousy. *Geisel Award Book*

Chalk. By Bill Thomson. Illus. by the author. Marshall Cavendish.  
In this wordless picture book, three young children arrive at the park to find a bag of colored chalk that turns their imaginary drawings into something very real.

City Dog, Country Frog. By Mo Willems. Illus. by Jon J. Muth. Hyperion.  
Unleashed on his visit to the country, a dog meets a new friend in frog and together they experience the seasons and the cycle of life.

Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin. By Duncan Tonatiuh. Illus. by the author. Abrams.  
The universality of childhood experiences is shown through the lives of two cousins, one in the United States and one in Mexico. *Belpré Illustrator Honor Book*

Fiesta Babies. By Carmen Tafolla. Illus. by Amy Córdova. Tricycle Press.  
The simple rhyme scheme is embellished by colorful illustrations of multicultural babies and toddlers celebrating at a local fiesta. *Belpré Illustrator Honor Book*

Grandma's Gift. By Eric Velasquez. Illus. by the author. Walker.  
This personal tale is based on the author's special relationship with his grandmother, who influenced his dream of becoming an artist. *Belpré Illustrator Award*

Hip-Pocket Papa. By Sandra Markle. Illus. by Alan Marks. Charlesbridge.  
The papa hip-pocket frog from Australia, who carries his babies in his hip pocket, is introduced with attractive watercolor illustrations.

Interrupting Chicken. By David Ezra Stein. Illus. by the author. Candlewick.  
This hilarious story presents Little Chicken and her long-suffering papa, who just wants to get through a bedtime story without his daughter's metafictional disruptions. *Caldecott Honor Book*

In the Wild. By David Elliott. Illus. by Holly Meade. Candlewick.  
A joyful collection of brief poems paired with dynamic woodblock prints celebrates favorite animals from every continent.

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! By Grace Lin. Illus. by the author. Little, Brown.  
Six vignettes chronicle the daily adventures of identical twins as they get haircuts, make dumplings, perform magic and take a trip to the library. *Geisel Honor Book*

LMNO Peas. By Keith Baker. Illus. by the author. Beach Lane.  
Tiny green peas take readers on a fun, whimsical tour of the alphabet.

Pecan Pie Baby. By Jacqueline Woodson. Illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Putnam.  
Unlike her friends and relatives, Gia is not looking forward to the birth of her first sibling, "that ding-dang baby".

Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes. By Salley Mavor. Illus. by the author.  
Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.  
Familiar and lesser known nursery rhymes, illustrated with superb needlework and appliqué, create a charming dollhouse of a book.

The Quiet Book. By Deborah Underwood. Illus. by Renata Liwska. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.  
Quiet comes in many varieties, from "Sleeping sister quiet" to "First snowfall quiet" to "Right before you yell 'SURPRISE' quiet".

Rubia and the Three Osos. By Susan Middleton Elya. Illus. by Melissa Sweet. Hyperion.  
A bouncy, rhyming story about a little golden-haired niña who helps herself to everything in the house of the three bears.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee. By Philip C. Stead. Illus. by Erin E. Stead. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter.  
Zookeeper Amos McGee gets the sniffles and receives a surprise visit from his caring animal friends. *Caldecott Medal*

Tuck Me In! By Dean Hacohen. Illus. by Sherry Scharschmidt. Candlewick.  
Readers interact with this deceptively simple good-night book, tucking sweet animals into bed.

We Are in a Book! By Mo Willems. Illus. by the author. Disney/Hyperion.  
Elephant and Piggie discover that someone, the reader, is looking at them in this hilarious, interactive story about the joys of reading and being read. *Geisel Honor Book*

Yucky Worms. By Vivian French. Illus. by Jessica Ahlberg. Candlewick.  
While digging with Grandma in the garden, a child learns why earthworms are so important in helping plants grow.

## Middle Readers

Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring. By Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan. Illus. by Brian Floca. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter.

Making Appalachian Spring – Spare, dramatic text and uncluttered watercolors relay the story of the collaborative creation of a classic American ballet. *Sibert Honor Book*

The Bat Scientists. By Mary Kay Carson. Illus. by Tom Uhlman. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Exceptional photography and clear text capture the lives of bats and explore the myths and threats to these amazing mammals.

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave. By Laban Carrick Hill. Illus. by Bryan Collier. Little/Brown. Poetic text and lush illustrations tell the true story of an extraordinary artist living in 19th-century South Carolina. *Caldecott Honor Book & ALA Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award*

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester. By Barbara O'Connor. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

In this summer adventure, Owen is enthralled by his conviction that something amazing has fallen from a train.

Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature. By Sarah C. Campbell. Illus. by Sarah and Richard P. Campbell. Boyds Mills.

Crisp design and clear photography introduce and depict Fibonacci patterns in nature.

Gyoku: A Year of Haiku for Boys. By Bob Raczka. Illus. by Peter H. Reynolds. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Six haiku for each season of the year, celebrating the interaction of boys and nature, combine with loose, expressive cartoons to make a winning combination.

The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe. By Loree Griffin Burns. Illus. by Ellen Harasimowicz. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

After beekeepers discover the strange abandonment of hundreds of hives, scientists seek to understand this catastrophic phenomenon.

How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships. By Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. Illus. by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Animal partnerships often defy explanation; Jenkins and Page explore and clarify these relationships in concise text and glorious torn-paper collage.

Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot. By Sy Montgomery. Illus. by Nic Bishop. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Saving the World's Strangest Parrot – This book documents the successes and failures of a

rescue effort in New Zealand dedicated to saving a species of flightless parrots numbering fewer than 100. *Sibert Medal*

Me, Frida. By Amy Novesky. Illus. by David Diaz. Abrams.

This story of newlywed artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera in 1930 San Francisco is accompanied by paintings resembling Kahlo's folkloric style. *Belpré Illustrator Honor Book*

Nic Bishop Lizards. By Nic Bishop. Illus. by the author. Scholastic.

Using photographs so vivid and sharply focused that one can see a bit of dry scale on a glass lizard's skin, Bishop treats readers to new appreciations of the diversity within the lizard world.

The Night Fairy. By Laura Amy Schlitz. Illus. by Angela Barrett. Candlewick.

Flory loses her wings after a bat attack and struggles to adapt to life as a day fairy.

Ninth Ward. By Jewell Parker Rhodes. Little, Brown.

In this story of survival, twelve-year-old Laneshia and her adopted grandmother have little choice but to stay in New Orleans and weather Hurricane Katrina. *ALA Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book*

¡Ole! Flamenco. By George Ancona. Illus. by the author. Lee & Low.

In this nonfiction introduction to Spanish flamenco, the art form is described in easy, understandable language. *Belpré Author Honor Book*

One Crazy Summer. By Rita Williams-Garcia. Harper/Amistad.

Three sisters find adventure when they are sent to Oakland in 1968 to meet their estranged poet-mother, who prints flyers for the Black Panthers. *Newbery Honor Book*

Ruth and the Green Book. By Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Gwen Strauss. Illus. by Floyd Cooper. Carolrhoda.

Using the Green Book, a guide to find welcoming places for African-Americans, Ruth's family travels through the segregated South of the 1950s.

Saltpie: A Choctaw Journey from Darkness into Light. By Tim Tingle. Illus. by Karen Clarkson. Cinco Puntos.

This picture book autobiographical vignette shows a modern Choctaw family enduring and supporting each other with love, courage, and fortitude.

Shake, Rattle & Turn That Noise Down! How Elvis Shook Up Music, Me and Mom. By Mark Alan Stamaty. Knopf.

An autobiography in graphic novel format shows how Stamaty's love of Elvis and rock and roll, at first drove his mother crazy but ultimately made her proud.

Smile. By Raina Telgemeier. Illus. by Raina Telgemeier and Stephanie Yue. Scholastic/Graphix.

Through artwork showing the details, the reader shares Raina's pain as the angst of middle school is exacerbated by her disfiguring dental mishap.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda. By Tom Angleberger. Amulet Books.  
In this hilarious tale, Tommy and his sixth grade friends must decide if the advice of an origami finger puppet can be trusted.

A Tale Dark and Grimm. By Adam Gidwitz. Dutton.  
As dark and bloody as the title suggests, these six retellings tweak the classic fairy tale as Hansel and Gretel embark on an epic journey of self-discovery.

Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection. Edited by Matt Dembicki. Illus. Fulcrum Books.  
This collaborative effort by more than 40 writers and artists presents 21 Native American trickster tales in graphic novel format.

Turtle in Paradise. By Jennifer L. Holm. Random.  
Sassy eleven-year-old Turtle finds her life turned on end when she is sent to live with her aunt in Depression-era Key West. *Newbery Honor Book*