Adderson, Caroline. *Not in Love.* Kids Can Press, 2014. Jasper John Dooley is not happy to be paired with Isabel, who really likes him, for a reading partner, but when he goes to her house and plays on the trampoline, he begins to change his mind.


Adler, David A. *Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery.* Viking, 2010. At her school’s Green Fair, Cam and her friends are learning to keep the earth green when a student’s remote controlled car goes missing! Was it stolen? It’s up to Cam and her photographic memory to figure it out!

Applegate, Katherine. *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla.* Clarion, 2014. This picture book is an introduction to the true story of Ivan, the Shopping Mall Gorilla that inspired the Newbery-winning novel *The One and Only Ivan.*

Banks, Kate. *Max’s Math.* Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max is back and looking for problems to solve on this fun adventure in math that culminates in a rocket launch.

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy + Bean.* Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.


Becker, Aaron. *Quest.* Candlewick, 2014. A continuation of the book, *Journey,* this wordless story follows a girl on her adventure to save a kingdom armed with only a crayon, a map, and a friend.

Bell, Cece. *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover.* Candlewick, 2012. Rabbit has his best friend Robot coming to spend the night. Rabbit has everything planned out, but Robot has different ideas about his friend’s plans which ultimately result in an enjoyable time together.

Best, Cari. *Beatrice Spells Some Lulus and Learns to Write a Letter.* Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Beatrice enjoys learning to spell, and gets really excited about it after some encouragement from her grandmother, but she has trouble convincing her classmates that spelling is not boring.

Bottner, Barbara. *Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don’t).* Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. A first-grade girl—who does not like to read—stubbornly resists her school librarian’s efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.
Brendler, Carol. **Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Zany and whimsical drawings bring this story about Winnie, the worm farmer, to life. Winnie needs a new wagon, so she looks for ways to win first prize at the county fair; however, there are no prizes for worm farmers.


Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Haunted Library**. Grosset & Dunlap, 2014. Ghost boy, Kaz, is separated from his family when a wind carries him to a library, where he meets a real girl named Claire, and they team up to investigate strange noises in the library.

Chabon, Michael. **The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man**. Balzer + Bray 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

Chaconas, Dori. **Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson**. Viking, 2011. Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water. *Series*

Chin, Jason. **Gravity**. Roaring Brook, 2014. Minimal text and enthralling illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and what would happen without gravity. Additional specific, easy to understand information is included in the afterward.

Cox, Lynne. **Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas**. Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Elizabeth, an elephant seal in New Zealand, causes havoc on the roadway when she persists on living in town versus her natural habitat, the ocean.


Cronin, Doreen. **Diary of a Fly**. Joanna Cotler, 2007. A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

Daywalt, Drew. **The Day the Crayons Came Home**. Philomel, 2015. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.

Davies, Nicola. **Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes**. Candlewick, 2014. This engaging introduction to microbes explains how some of the smallest things on Earth have really big jobs.
Davis, Jill.  *Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer.*  Schwartz & Wade, 2010.  Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.

Dempsey, Kristy.  *A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina’s Dream.*  Philomel, 2014.  A young girl growing up in Harlem in the 1950s dreams of becoming a prima ballerina one day and is thrilled to see a performance of Janet Collins, the first “colored” prima ballerina.

DiCamillo, Kate.  *Louise: the Adventure of a Chicken.*  Joanna Cotler, 2008.  A restless chicken has exciting and fearsome adventures, and winds up bringing her fellow chickens along through her stories.

DiPucchio, Kelly S.  *Grace for President.*  Hyperion, 2008.  After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school’s mock election where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys’ votes.

Dutcher, Jim and Jamie.  *A Friend for Lakota.*  National Geographic, 2015.  Lakota, the shy wolf pup, is picked on by the other wolves until Matsi blocks the others’ nips and Lakota learns to be more courageous.


Elya, Susan Middleton.  *Little Roja Riding Hood.*  Putnam’s, 2014.  A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale in which a little girl saves her grandmother from a wolf.  Includes a glossary of Spanish words.

English, Karen.  *Nikki & Deja: Election Madness.*  Clarion, 2011.  Deja, excited by the announcement that Carver School is going to elect its first ever student body president, is confident she can nab the third grade nomination with her best friend Nikki as her campaign manager; but her tendency to rush into things and boss people around alienates Nikki when she needs her the most.  *Series*.

Ernst, Lisa Campbell.  *The Gingerbread Girl.*  Dutton, 2006.  After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie.

Feder, Sandra V.  *Daisy’s Big Night.*  Kids Can Press, 2014.  Daisy loves poetry and she must find a way to use that as her special talent in her school’s talent show.

Fenske, Jonathan.  *A Pig, a Fox, and a Box.*  Penguin, 2015.  Three humorous stories of two friends, Pig and Fox, and their shenanigans with a cardboard box (all of which involve Pig accidentally crushing Fox in the box).

Fucile, Tony. **Let’s Do Nothing!** Candlewick, 2009. Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have “done it all,” decide to do nothing for a while; but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.

Gibbons, Gail. **Ladybugs.** Holiday House, 2012. A colorful, illustrated introduction to ladybugs, describing their physical characteristics, lifecycle, diets and their benefits to the environment.

Gibson, Amy. **Around the World on Eighty Legs.** Scholastic, 2011. An illustrated collection of poems that provides information about animals around the world.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Flying Feet.** Wendy Lamb, 2011. Charlie has always lived in his big brother’s shadow, so when the Zigzag center organizes a “Come as a Character” day, Charlie hopes it will be his chance to shine as he shows off his latest invention. Series

Greene, Stephanie. **Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade.** Putnam’s, 2010. Posey is intimidated about the first day of school until Miss Lee invites Posey and her classmates to wear their favorite clothes to show how they “are all so different and creative.” Series

Hale, Shannon. **The Princess in Black.** Candlewick, 2014. While having hot cocoa with the Duchess Wigtower, Princess Magnolia must sneak away to fight monsters as her alter ego the Princess in Black. Series

Harper, Jessica. **Uh-Oh, Cleo.** Putnam’s, 2008. What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into Stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house. Series

Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny in Just Pretend.** Candlewick, 2008. Benny Mouse insists that his little sister, Penny, leave him alone while playing, until he thinks she is in danger. Suddenly he realizes his affection for her and joins her in a game of pretend. Series

Henkes, Kevin. **Penny and Her Marble.** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Penny finds a marble in Mrs. Goodwin’s yard and takes it home, as guilt overcomes Penny. Readers of this early chapter book will delight with Penny’s choice and the ending in another delightful tale of Penny. Series

Henkes, Kevin. **The Year of Billy Miller.** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.

Hicks, Betty. **Goof-Off Goalie.** Roaring Brook, 2008. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off; but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. Series
Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. *Forget-Me-Not: Poems to Learn by Heart.* Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children’s Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.

Holm, Jennifer. *Squish, #1: Super Amoeba.* Random House, 2011. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school and save his friends and the world from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*

Hopkins, Joseph H. *The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree Loving Woman Changed a City Forever.* Beach Lane Books, 2013. An illustrated look at the life of Kate Sessions, who planted a nursery in San Diego, California, after making a deal with the city.

Howe, James. *Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk.* Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *Series*


Jeffers, Oliver. *The Incredible Book Eating Boy.* Philomel, 2006. Henry loves to eat books until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.

Kaplan, Michael. *Betty Bunny Wants a Goal.* Dial Books, 2014. When a young rabbit quits soccer after a disappointing first game, her family encourages her to keep trying. *Series*

Keating, Frank. *Theodore.* Simon & Schuster, 2006. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt that imagines the president looking back on his life, describing his childhood, his youthful journeys throughout the world, his experiences as a leader, and the value he placed on knowledge, adventure, originality, and integrity.

Keller, Laurie. *Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners.* Holt, 2007. Mr. Rabbit is worried that he might not get along with his new neighbors. A wise owl gives him the advice "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you" and proceeds to explain what this means.

Kimmel, Eric A. *Anansi’s Party Time.* Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.


Lasky, Kathryn. *Poodle and Hound*. Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other’s company in spite of—or possibly because of—their differences. *Series*

Lester, Helen. *Tacky Goes to Camp*. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true. *Series*

Lies, Brian. *Bats in the Band*. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. As the weather warms up, the bats re-unite to stage a concert at an empty theater. *Series*

Lin, Grace. *Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly*. Little, Brown, 2014. Identical twins Ling & Ting like to be silly, tell jokes and laugh together. *Series*


Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Ellen’s Broom*. Putnam’s, 2012. Ellen, a young girl growing up in the Reconstruction Era, learns the significance of love and tradition as she encourages her parents to “Jump the Broom” to finalize their marriage vows.

MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. *Once I Ate a Pie*. Joanna Cotler, 2006. Fourteen free-verse poems and beautiful oil paintings capture the personality of each dog in these examples of a dog’s life from the perspective of the animals.


Mattick, Lindsay. *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World’s Most Famous Bear*. Little, Brown, 2015. A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn’s relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers’ horses during World War I, and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne’s Winnie-the-Pooh.

McDonald, Megan. *Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown*. Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a “U” (for “Unsatisfactory”) in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*
McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Duck in the Park.** Albert Whitman, 2012. Lulu loves animals. When Lulu finds a duck egg that has rolled out of its nest, she takes it to class to keep it safe. Lulu isn’t allowed to bring pets to school, but she’s not really breaking the rules because it’s just an egg. Surely nothing bad will happen... Series

McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer.** Penguin Press, 2012. Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean’s first grade class, worry about their new teacher being “mean” until something surprising changes their mind...

McNulty, Faith. **If You Decide to Go to the Moon.** Scholastic, 2005. This book tells you how to get to the moon, what to do after you land, and, most importantly, how to get back home.

Miller, Zeitlow Pat. **Sophie’s Squash.** Schwartz & Wade 2013. Sophie goes to the farmer’s market and chooses a squash which she names Bernice and treats as a friend. What happens when Sophie has to give Bernice up?

Nees, Susan. **Missy’s Super Duper Royal Deluxe Picture Day.** Scholastic, 2013. Missy likes to do everything in a super duper royal deluxe way, including planning what she will wear for school picture day. However, her mother has other ideas for Missy’s picture day outfit. Series

Nevius, Carol. **Soccer Hour.** Marshall Cavendish, 2011. Using rhymed couplets, a narrator recounts the ups and downs of soccer practice from drills to scrimmage.

Numeroff, Laura. **The Jellybeans and the Big Art Adventure.** Abrams Books, 2012. Four friends who like to do different things such as paint, play soccer, read and dance --- paint a mural on an outside wall of Mrs. Petunia Dinkley-Sneezer’s candy shop that depicts them each doing what they love best. Series

O’Ryan, Ray. **Hello, Nebulon!** Little Simon, 2013. Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Galaxy Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people. Series.

Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia Means Business.** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike. Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. Series

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Songs.** Little Brown, 2013. A beautiful intertwining of the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and singer Mahalia Jackson, both civil right activists as their journeys brought them together in 1963’s March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Potter, Alicia. **Miss Hazeltine’s Home for Shy and Fearful Cats.** Albert A. Knopf, 2015. Miss Hazeltine opens her home to cats needing courage, and their new learned skills are put to use when she finds herself in trouble.

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Grade 1 and Grade 2

Reynolds, Peter. *The Dot.* Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.


Rosenstock, Barb. *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art.* Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Describes how Wassily Kandinsky's creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia which caused him to experienced colors as sounds and sounds as colors. Caldecott Honors 2015

Rylant, Cynthia. *Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club.* Simon Spotlight, 2011. Annie and Henry join the summer reading club at the library, and they vow to be "Book Bugs" for life. *Series*

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover.* Simon & Schuster, 2006. Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. *Series*

Rylant, Cynthia. *The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck.* Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*


Schneider, Josh. *Tales for Very Picky Eaters.* Clarion, 2011. A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like.

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat. *Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.* Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*


Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies.* Harcourt, 2010. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls. *Series*

Spinelli, Eileen. **The Best Story.** Dial Books, 2008. When a contest at the local library offers a prize for the best story, a girl tries to write one using her family’s suggestions, but her story does not seem right until she listens to her heart.

Steig, William. **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.** First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! *Caldecott Medal 1970*

Stewart, Melissa. **Feathers: Not Just for Flying.** Charlesbridge, 2014. This is a beautifully illustrated description of the many kinds of feathers and their uses.

Stockdale, Susan. **Stripes of All Types.** Peachtree, 2013. Animals wearing all kinds of stripes parade across the page and additional information is included in an afterword along with a matching game.


Talbott, Hudson. **United Tweets of America.** Putnam’s, 2008. A collection of detailed illustrations of state birds from all fifty United States.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. **Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth.** Dial Books, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. *Series*

Vernick, Audrey. **First Grade Dropout.** Clarion, 2015. Humor and empathy abound when an embarrassed first grader decides to quit school.

Viorst, Judith. **Lulu’s Mysterious Mission.** Atheneum, 2014. When her parents take a vacation, Lulu decides to misbehave to rid herself of Ms. Solinsky, the babysitter, until Ms. Solinsky reveals her secret. *Series*

Watkins, Angela Farris. **My Uncle Martin’s Words for America.** Abrams Books, 2011. Using words and phrases from Martin Luther King Jr.’s speeches, his niece explains the importance of his message and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement.

Willems, Mo. **That Is Not a Good Idea!** Balzer + Bray, 2013. A wolf and a goose meet on the street and decide to have dinner together. But, what, or who, are they going to eat?

Winter, Jeanette. **Henri’s Scissors.** Beach Lane Books, 2013. In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and amazingly, it was from there that he created among his most beloved works—enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.

Winter, Jonah. **Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates.** Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Each Kindness.* Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. It is only after Maya, the new girl, moves away that Chloe regretfully realizes that she and her friends have been unkind by excluding her from their games.