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. *Series*

Adler, David A. **Don’t Throw it to Mo.** Penguin Press, 2015. Although Mo, the youngest kid on the Robins football team, is being teased, his coach has a plan to turn things around.

Alexander, Kwame. **Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band.** Sleeping Bear Press, 2011. Acoustic Rooster forms a jazz band with Duck Ellington, Bee Holliday, and Pepe Ernesto Cruz to compete in the annual Barnyard Talent Show against such greats as Thelonius Monkey, Mules Davis, and Ella Finchgerald. Includes glossary, notes on the characters and songs, and jazz timeline.


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.*

Arnold, Tedd. **Fly Guy Presents: Bats.** Scholastic, 2015. Learn all about bats with Fly Guy! *Series*

Archer, Micha. **Daniel Finds a Poem.** Nancy Paulsen, 2016. When Daniel sees a sign for poetry in the park on Sunday, he spends the week asking animals he encounters in the park, “What is poetry?” and has his poem to share on Sunday.

Asim, Jabari. **Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington.** Little, Brown, 2012. This illustrated picture book follows young Booker T. Washington as he desires and perseveres to go to college and earn a degree.

Aureliani, Franco. **Dino-Mike and the Lunar Showdown.** Stone Arch Books, 2016. Mike and Shannon take to space to face off against their archnemesis, Mr. Bones, in a lunar showdown of dino-sized proportions, finally realizing that Mr. Bones isn’t at all what he seems to be! *Series*

Banks, Kate. **Max’s Math.** Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max is 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. *Series*

Beaty, Andrea. **Ada Twist, Scientist.** Abrams Books, 2016. Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.
Bell, Cece. **Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit.** Candlewick, 2016. Rabbit is excited to surprise Robot with a visit, but Robot already has his friend Ribbit over to play, and Rabbit is not so sure about Ribbit. *Series*

Blabey, Aaron. **Thelma the Unicorn.** Scholastic, 2017. Told in rhyme, Thelma the pony wants to be a unicorn--but when her wish comes true she discovers that there is a downside to fame and realizes that she was happier at home with her friend.

Blabey, Aaron. **The Bad Guys.** Scholastic, 2016. In this illustrated chapter book series, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is to free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry. *Series*

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.

Broach, Elise. **The Miniature World of Marvin & James.** Henry Holt, 2015. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. *Series*


Burks, James. **Bird & Squirrel On the Edge!** Graphix, 2015. Laughter ensues in Burks’ third graphic novel featuring Bird and Squirrel. Amnesia, crossing a mountain, and rescuing a baby bear keep this Bird and Squirrel adventure laughter filled. *Series*

Butler, Dori Hillestad. **King and Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code.** Peachtree, 2017. When a mysterious letter written in code arrives at King’s house for his human, Kayla, he follows the trail of the person who left it. *Series*

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.

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

Churnin, Nancy. **The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game.** Whitman, 2016. When deaf professional baseball player William Hoy asks an umpire to use hand signals for calls, it changes the way the game is played forever.


Coleman, Evelyn. *White Socks Only.* Whitman, 1996. Grandma tells the story about her first trip alone into town during the days when segregation still existed in Mississippi.

Cornwall, Gaia. *Jabari Jumps.* Candlewick, 2017. With his father’s support and encouragement, Jabari overcomes his fear, musters up his courage, and jumps off the swimming pool diving board.


Cummings, Troy. *Rise of the Balloon Goons.* Scholastic, 2013. Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but because the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue where he finds a notebook full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. *Series*

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 whom has run away or been left behind, and all of whom 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.

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!* Scholastic, 2017. When the mayor of a noisy village passes harsh rules about singing, a persistent rooster inspires the villagers to rebel and bring back singing.

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 by Janet Collins, the first “colored” prima ballerina.

Diggs, Taye. *Mixed Me!* Feiwel and Friends, 2015. Mike, a mixed-race boy, answers all the questions about being mixed with lots of energy and joy.

Dutcher, Jim and Jamie. *A Friend for Lakota: The Incredible True Story of a Wolf Who Braved Bullying*. 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.

Egan, Tim. *Dodsworth in Tokyo*. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again, Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series*

Elliott, Rebecca. *Eva’s Treetop Festival*. Scholastic, 2015. Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea - but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help. *Series*


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


Green, Poppy. *A New Friend*. Little Simon, 2015. Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student - a snake - and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard that snakes are awful. *Series*


Haas, Jessie. *Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl*. Candlewick, 2012. Maggie, a little girl who longs for a horse of her own, finds her match in Bramble, a horse who has grown tired of riding lessons and walking in circles. *Series*


Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory*. Dial Books, 2014. Dory, the youngest in the family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts. *Series*
Heos, Bridget. *I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are.* Holt, 2015. In this fact-filled narrative, Fly explains why his species is cooler than butterflies, who seem to get all the attention.

Hernandez, Laurie. *She’s Got This.* Harper, 2018. This is a beautiful story of a young girl who learns that hard work and perseverance are worth it, especially when accompanied by the encouragement and support of her family.

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. *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 to save his friends, and the world, from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*

Howe, James. *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*


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.
Kirby, Stan. **Captain Awesome and the New Kid.** Little Simon, 2012. Looking for super-silly superhero adventures? It’s Captain Awesome and Nacho Cheese Man to the rescue! Eugene and Charlie continue their hijinks and discover the “new kid” is Super Dude.  *Series*

Klise, Kate. **Stay: A Girl, A Dog, A Bucket List.** Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Eli the dog has been with Astrid since she was a baby, and now that Eli is getting older and slowing down, Astrid wants to make fun memories with him, but she knows what is most important to Eli is the time he spends with Astrid.

Levine, Sara. **Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Chompers.** Millbrook, 2016. This nonfiction book explains the similarities and differences of teeth in humans and animals. It includes more information about mammals, a glossary, further reading suggestions, and websites.

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

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad Are Friends.** First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad.  *Series*

Mallery, Sydra. **A Most Unusual Day.** Greenwillow, 2018. Something is unusual about today, from the time Caroline wakes up, throughout her day at school, until her parents greet her with an unusually perfect surprise.

Marko, Cyndi. **Let’s Get Cracking!** Scholastic, 2014. Gordon Blue and his brother, Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens’ feathers to fall off.  *Series*

Marshall, James. **Fox On the Job.** Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money.  *Series*

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.

McCleery, Peter. **Bob and Joss Get Lost.** HarperCollins, 2016. Two best friends get more than they bargained for in this funny adventure when they are shipwrecked on what may or may not be a deserted island.

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*
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 minds… *Series*

Mosca, Julia Finley. **The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath.** Innovation Press, 2017. As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath dreamed of becoming a doctor, and not only did she fulfill that dream, but she also invented a procedure to remove cataracts and became the first African American female doctor to hold a medical patent.

Medina, Juana. **Juana and Lucas.** Candlewick, 2016. Juana lives in Bogota, Colombia, and loves drawing and her dog, Lucas, but she does not love having to learn English. When her abuelos plan a trip - one that will require speaking in English - she reconsiders. *Pura Belpre Award 2017*

Murray, Carol. **Cricket in the Thicket.** Holt, 2017. Over 30 common insects are described in a variety of amusing poems combined with interesting facts and collage illustrations.

Nees, Susan. **Missy’s Super Duper Royal Deluxe Picture Day.** Scholastic, 2013. After her mother helps with her outfit, Missy is afraid her school picture will not be special this year. *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, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike, so Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*

Petty, Dev. **I Don’t Want to be a Frog.** Doubleday, 2015. A frog who yearns to be any animal that is cute and warm discovers that being wet, slimy, and full of bugs has its advantages.

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.

Raczka, Bob. **Niko Draws a Feeling.** Carolrhoda Books, 2017. A young boy draws his feelings, but no one seems to understand what he is drawing until he meets Iris, the new girl who moves in next door.

Rex, Adam. **XO, OX: A Love Story.** Roaring Brook, 2017. This is the hilarious tale of an ox who is in love with a gazelle, told in series of letters.

Reynolds, Peter H. **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.

Rylant, Cynthia. *The Old Woman Who Named Things*. Harcourt, 1996. An old woman who has outlived all her friends is reluctant to become too attached to the stray dog that visits her each day.

Santat, Dan. *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*. Roaring Brook, 2017. After his famous fall, Humpty Dumpty summons his courage to get back up and is rewarded with something amazing.

Schlitz, Laura Amy. *Princess Cora and the Crocodile*. Candlewick, 2017. Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons, exercising in the dungeon gym, and especially taking three baths a day. But when she writes to her fairy godmother for help, she doesn't expect that help to come in the form of a crocodile--a crocodile who doesn't behave properly.

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.


Spires, Ashley. *The Most Magnificent Thing*. Kids Can Press, 2014. A little girl has creative ideas to build the ‘most magnificent thing,’ and despite set-backs and problems, she perseveres and is very pleased with the finished product.

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*

Stein, David Ezra. *Because Amelia Smiled*. Candlewick, 2012. As she skips down the street in New York, a little girl's smile inspires a neighbor to send cookies to her grandson in Mexico, and the goodwill soon spreads around the world.

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. Using vivid illustrations and snappy verse, nineteen animals with stripes are described to show the importance of animals' stripes.


Vere, Ed. *Max and Bird*. Sourcebooks, 2017. Max, a kitten, and Bird, a very young bird, want to be friends, but Max also wants to eat Bird, so they strike a deal. Series


West, Tracey. *Rise of the Earth Dragon*. Scholastic, 2014. Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffiths that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo - and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers. Series

Winter, Jeanette. *Henri’s Scissors*. Beach Lane Books, 2013. When he became an old man confined to a wheelchair, artist Henri Matisse continued to make spectacular art, but not using paint and canvas – he used scissors to create enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Day You Begin*. Nancy Paulsen, 2018. Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself, but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.


Young, Amy. *A Unicorn Named Sparkle*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. Lucy wants a unicorn, and although when he arrives he is not at all what she imagined, she warms up to him and realizes he is special after all.
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