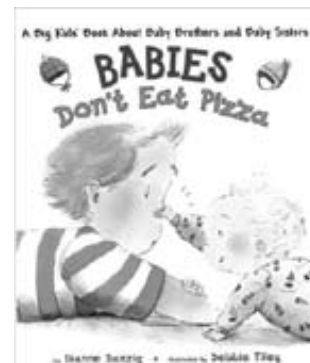
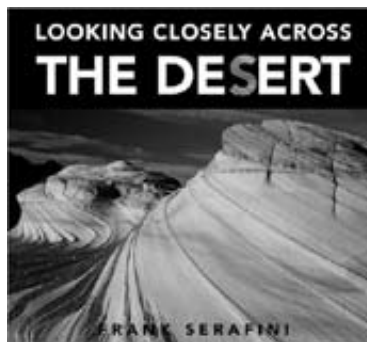
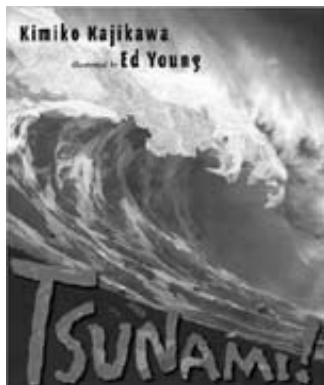


Children's Hardcover



NONFICTION

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LISTEN TO THE WIND

Mortenson, Greg

Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3

Dial Books for Young Readers (01/2009) L **\$16.99**

0803730586 9780803730588

Greg Mortenson stumbled, lost and delirious, into a remote Himalayan village after a failed climb up K2. The villagers saved his life, and he vowed to return and build them a school. The remarkable story of his promise kept is now perfect for reading aloud.

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CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Otto, Carolyn

Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5

National Geographic (12/2008) L **\$23.90**

1426303823 9781426303821

Learn how Chinese people everywhere ring in the new and ring out the old. As China takes its new place on the global stage, understanding Chinese culture and values becomes ever more essential to our next generation. With 25 colorful images and a simple, educational text, the book is a lively invitation to revel in this child-friendly, national and international holiday.

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TSUNAMI!

Kajikawa, Kimiko

Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1

Philomel Books (01/2009) L **\$16.99**

0399250069 9780399250064

Ojisan, the oldest and wealthiest man in the village, doesn't join the others at the rice ceremony. Instead he watches from his balcony. He feels something is coming—something he can't describe. When he sees the monster wave pulling away from the beach, he knows. Tsunami! But the villagers below can't see the danger. Will Ojisan risk everything he has to save them?

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LOOKING CLOSELY ACROSS THE DESERT

Serafini, Frank

Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1

Kids Can Press (09/2008) T **\$16.95**

1554532116 9781554532117

Look closely. Look very closely. Is it a pincushion? Monster's skin? Give up! Just turn the page and, lo and behold, it's a prickly pear cactus. See what looks like cornsilk revealed as sandstone, a birthday candle as a saguaro cactus flower, and many more surprises when you look closely across the desert.

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LOOKING CLOSELY INSIDE THE GARDEN

Serafini, Frank

Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1

Kids Can Press (09/2008) T **\$16.95**

1554532108 9781554532100

Look closely. Look very closely. Is it a stained-glass window? A jigsaw puzzle? Give up! Just turn the page and, lo and behold, it's a monarch butterfly. See what looks like a pair of chopsticks revealed as a mormon cricket, a sponge as a strawberry, and many more surprises when you look closely into the garden.

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BABIES DON'T EAT PIZZA

Danzig, Dianne

Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1

Dutton (01/2009) L **\$16.99**

0525474412 9780525474418

Welcoming a new family member—especially one who squirms, squeals, and steals the show—can be tricky for siblings. And answering the inevitable questions has been challenging for parents—until now. This warm and engaging book helps inform and reassure with the perfect blend of kid-friendly humor and honesty.

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ALL GOD'S CRITTERS, NEWLY ILLUSTRATED ED.

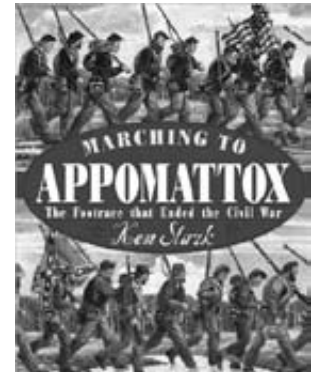
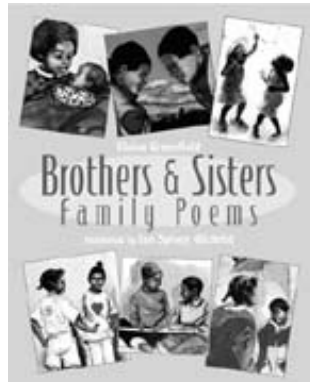
Staines, Bill

Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3

Simon & Schuster (01/2009) L **\$16.99**

0689869592 9780689869594

All God's critters have a place in the choir—it doesn't matter if they're big or small, quiet or loud, feathered or flipped or furred! And this jubilant and raucous picture book is your ticket to the show where everyone is invited to join in because everybody has a part to sing.



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MY PEOPLE
 Hughes, Langston
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Ginee Seo (01/2009) L \$17.99
 1416935401 9781416935407

Langston Hughes's spare yet eloquent tribute to his people has been cherished for generations. Now, acclaimed photographer Charles R. Smith Jr. interprets this beloved poem in vivid sepia photographs that capture the glory, the beauty, and the soul of being a black American today.

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THE NEGRO SPEAKS OF RIVERS
 Hughes, Langston
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Jump At The Sun (01/2009) L \$16.99
 0786818670 9780786818679

Langston Hughes has long been acknowledged as the voice of the Harlem Renaissance. Although he was only 18 when he composed this poem, Hughes already had the insight to capture in words the strength and courage of black people in America.

811.54 08846219
BROTHERS & SISTERS
 Greenfield, Eloise
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Amistad Press (01/2009) T \$17.99
 0060562846 9780060562847

Award-winning author-and-artist team Eloise Greenfield and Jan Spivey Gilchrist explore the special bond of brothers and sisters everywhere in this rich collection of poems for and about families. Filled with lyrical text and vibrant watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations.

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VOICE FROM AFAR
 Johnston, Tony
 Ages: 10-14 Grades: 5-9
 Holiday House (09/2008) L \$16.95
 0823420124 9780823420124

The poems in this collection present haunting images of war and peace. Set all over the world, from Belfast to Africa to the Middle East, these lyrical snapshots show the effects of war on ordinary people, as well as the hope and cautious joy that mark each person's journey to survive. Full of sweeping, vivid color and emotion, Susan Guevara's accompanying acrylic paintings astonish, move, and provide a fascinating interpretation of and tribute to Tony Johnston's call for peace.

932 08281335
ANCIENT EGYPT
 Strachan, Bruce
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Henry Holt (08/2008) L \$16.95
 0805074325 9780805074321

The civilization of ancient Egypt disappeared 2,000 years ago, yet we still marvel at the wonders it left behind. Introduces the land, people, and culture of Egypt, including the pyramids, the Great Sphinx, and mummification. In his signature style of creating three-dimensional illustrations, Bruce Strachan brings to life the monuments and everyday customs of an enthralling society for children just beginning their discovery of ancient Egypt.

973.738 08868042
MARCHING TO APPOMATTOX
 Stark, Ken
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Putnam (01/2009) L \$17.99
 0399242120 9780399242120

We always hear about how wars start, but how they end can be just as fascinating. That is certainly the case with America's Civil War. After the fall of Richmond, Robert E. Lee and his Confederate troops were racing toward North Carolina for supplies and reinforcements. Ulysses S. Grant's Union troops were determined to stop them. Both sides were certain they would prevail. Find out how geography, luck, perseverance, and compassionate diplomacy by Lee and Grant combined to change the course of our nation's history.

974.73 08868018
RIVER OF DREAMS
 Talbott, Hudson
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Putnam (01/2009) L \$17.99
 0399245219 9780399245213

The Hudson River has been a source of inspiration and a means of livelihood to all who have lived along its shores. It played a key role in the settling of the New World and the outcome of the Revolutionary War, and was the birthplace of the environmental movement. Now Hudson Talbott pays homage to the river that shares his name in a gorgeously illustrated, fascinating account of the river's history.

CHILDREN'S HARDCOVER



B 08846413
PELE, KING OF SOCCER = PELE, EL REY DEL FUTBOL
 Brown, Monica
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Rayo (01/2009) T **\$17.99**
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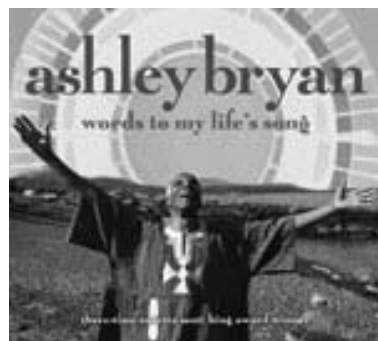
A visually stunning account of the life and career of Pele, the best-known soccer player in the world! Soccer fans will love award-winning author Monica Brown's newest bilingual picture-book biography, and Rudy Gutierrez's dynamic illustrations will make readers want to shout: Goal!

B 08868174
HOME ON THE RANGE
 Hopkinson, Deborah
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Putnam (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 0399239960 9780399239960

When John was a boy in Texas, he wrote down all he'd learned from cowboys. Years later, with the encouragement of a beloved teacher, John set out on a cross-country trip to find more songs for a book. Taking along his clunky Ediphone recording device, he convinced cowboys and Gypsies to sing for him and soon he had hundreds of songs preserved for generations to come.

B 02717441
BIG GEORGE
 Rockwell, Anne F.
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Harcourt (01/2009) T **\$17.00**
 0152165835 9780152165833

This picture book biography follows George Washington from his boyhood in Mount Vernon, to his success as a general in the revolution, to his inauguration as first president of the United States. Anne Rockwell balances the up-close view of young George with exciting, accurate wartime stories, giving us one of the most human portrayals of this American hero to date.



B 08846898
WHAT LINCOLN SAID
 Thomson, Sarah L.
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Collins (01/2009) L **\$18.89**
 0060848200 9780060848200

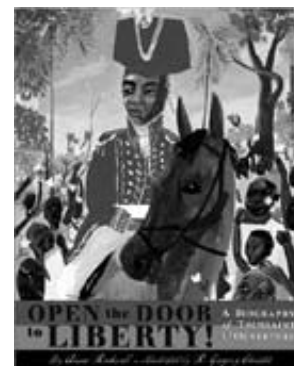
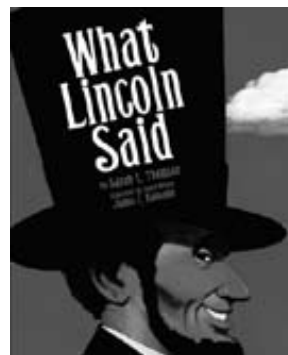
The year 2009 marks the 200th birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. Now children everywhere can join in celebrating Lincoln and the strength of will that made him such an outstanding leader. In this unique picture book, Thomson deftly integrates Abraham Lincoln's famous words to tell the story of Lincoln's life from a farm boy to a lawyer in Springfield to the President of the United States.

B 08880506
ASHLEY BRYAN
 Bryan, Ashley
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Atheneum (01/2009) L **\$18.99**
 1416905413 9781416905417

Here is the biography of an African American who lived his life doing art and drawing, even though he was told that he couldn't, and for 30 years has been writing and illustrating children's books.

B 08185832
ONE BEETLE TOO MANY
 Lasky, Kathryn
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Candlewick Press (01/2009) T **\$17.99**
 076361436X 9780763614362

From the time Charles Darwin was a boy, he was happiest when he was out alone collecting specimens (especially beetles). And despite his father's efforts to turn young Darwin, a poor student, into a doctor or clergyman, the born naturalist jumped instead at the chance to sail around South America, observing and collecting flora and fauna all the way.

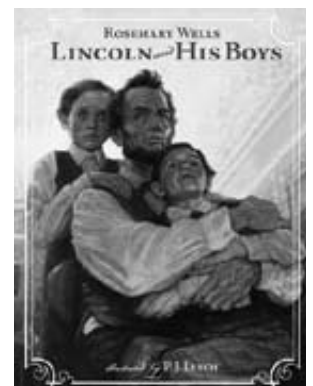
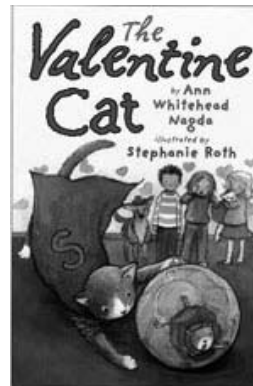
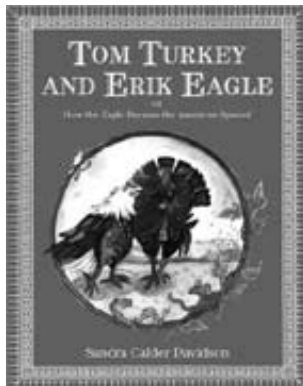


B 08894035
OPEN THE DOOR TO LIBERTY
 Rockwell, Anne
 Ages: 08-12 Grades: 3-7
 Houghton Mifflin (01/2009) T **\$18.00**
 0618605703 9780618605705

The island now known as Haiti was once a French colony called St. Domingue, where white plantation owners forced hundreds of thousands of African slaves to farm sugar cane. Toussaint L'Ouverture was one of those slaves . . . but not for long. The day would come when L'Ouverture would lead his island's slaves into a revolution for freedom, and his efforts would influence the course of world history.

B 08846944
CORETTA SCOTT
 Shange, Ntozake
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 HarperCollins (01/2009) L **\$18.89**
 0061253650 9780061253652

Walking many miles to school on the dusty road, young Coretta knew, too well, the unfairness of life in the segregated south. A yearning for equality began to grow. Together with Martin Luther King, Jr., she gave birth to a vision and a journey—with dreams of freedom for all. This extraordinary union of poetic text by Ntozake Shange and monumental artwork by Kadir Nelson captures the movement for civil rights in the U.S. and honors its most elegant inspiration, Coretta Scott.



FICTION

____ Davidson, Sandra Calder F 08287570
TOM TURKEY AND ERIK EAGLE
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Arcade (12/2008) T **\$16.99**
 1559708913 9781559708913

When the deadlocked Founding Fathers turn the selection of the national symbol over to Drew Duck, the wise quacker and his animal friends follow democratic principles in making their decision.

____ English, Karen F 08894213
NIKKI & DEJA
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Clarion (01/2009) T **\$15.00**
 0618977872 9780618977871

As her eighth birthday approaches, Deja's biggest concern is whether her father will attend her party, until her aunt is called away on business and a classmate schedules a "just because party" on the same afternoon.

____ Gardner, Sally F 08328862
MAGICAL KIDS
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Dial Books for Young Readers (10/2008) T **\$16.99**
 0803731590 9780803731592

Sally Gardner expands her *Magical Kids* series with two more delightfully quirky chapter books, packaged together in this fun "flip" format for twice the magic!

____ Hale, Bruce F 08894108
FROM RUSSIA WITH LUNCH
 Ages: 08-12 Grades: 3-7
 Harcourt (01/2009) T **\$15.00**
 015205488X 9780152054885

Chet Gecko's school seems possessed by forces that are upsetting the natural order of things: kindergartners are beating up sixth graders; teachers' pets are talking back; and worst of all, Chet's faithful partner, Natalie Attired, has abandoned him in his hour of need. Will Chet be able to restore his friendship and bring peace to Emerson Hicky Elementary?

____ Hoestlandt, Jo & Y. Maudet F 08217041
GRAN, YOU'VE GOT MAIL!
 Ages: 08-12 Grades: 3-7
 Delacorte (09/2008) L **\$17.99**
 038590553X 9780385905534

Annabelle's father wants her to master her computer keyboard. Annabelle thinks the chore will be more tolerable if she writes letters to someone. She chooses Gran, her great-grandmother. Of course, Gran is most definitely not online, so Annabelle prints and mails her letters off. At first, Gran takes her time answering—and she's in the habit of repeating herself—but soon the two are keeping up a steady correspondence. Letter by letter, a true, tender friendship evolves.

____ Nagda, Ann Whitehead F 08109567
THE VALENTINE CAT
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Holiday House (10/2008) T **\$16.95**
 0823421236 9780823421237

Jenny writes an editorial for her fourth-grade classroom newspaper urging that her beloved cat, Munchkin, become the official school cat, despite his mischievous behavior before and during a Valentine's Day pet party.

____ Paratore, Coleen F 08845824
SUNNY HOLIDAY
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Scholastic (01/2009) L **\$15.99**
 0545075793 9780545075794

Spunky third-grader Sunny Holiday tries to make the best out of every situation, and even though her father is in prison, she and her mother count their blessings and manage to find joy in every day.

____ Stuchner, Joan Betty F 07724055
HONEY CAKE
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Random House (08/2008) L **\$14.99**
 037595189X 9780375951893

David and his family live in Denmark during the Nazi occupation, until September 1943 when their neighbors help smuggle them to Sweden to escape Hitler's orders to send the Danish Jews to concentration camps. This book includes a recipe for honey cake, typically made to celebrate the Jewish New Year.

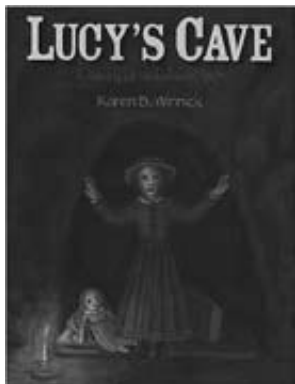
____ Tripp, Jenny F 08894094
PETE'S DISAPPEARING ACT
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Harcourt (01/2009) T **\$16.00**
 0152061770 9780152061777

When Pete the performing poodle and Rita the chimp are swept away from the circus in a tornado, they encounter frightening adventures—and make new friends—as they try to return home.

____ Wells, Rosemary F 08697361
LINCOLN AND HIS BOYS
 Ages: 08-12 Grades: 3-7
 Candlewick Press (01/2009) T **\$16.99**
 0763637238 9780763637231

Historians claim him as one of America's most revered presidents, but to his rambunctious sons, Abraham Lincoln was above all a playful and loving father. Here is Lincoln as seen by two of his boys: Willie, thrilled to be on a train trip when his father was deciding to run for president; Willie and Tad barging into Cabinet meetings to lift Lincoln's spirits during the Civil War; and Tad accompanying him to Richmond just after the South's defeat.

CHILDREN'S HARDCOVER



Winnick, Karen B. F 08296952
LUCY'S CAVE
 Ages: 07-10 Grades: 2-5
 Boyd's Mills Press (11/2008) T \$16.95
 1590781945 9781590781944

During the attack on Vicksburg in 1863, Lucy and her family are forced to leave their home and live in a cave with other townspeople, and while she is there she learns to overcome her fears and makes new friends.



Bell, Cece E 08185069
BEE-WIGGED
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Candlewick Press (11/2008) T \$16.99
 0763636142 9780763636142

All Jerry Bee wants is to make friends, but that's hard to do when you're the most enormous bee anyone has ever seen. In this zany and tender tale, Jerry finds that having friends you can "bee" yourself around is as sweet as honey.



Berger, Carin E 08256888
THE LITTLE YELLOW LEAF
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Greenwillow Books (09/2008) L \$17.89
 0061452246 9780061452246

As all the other leaves float off and fly past, Little Yellow Leaf thinks, I'm not ready yet. As the seasons change all around, Little Yellow Leaf holds on to the tree. Will Little Yellow Leaf ever be ready? This is a story for anyone who has ever been afraid of facing the unknown—and a celebration of the friends who help us take the leap.



Black, Michael Ian E 08879818
CHICKEN CHEEKS
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Simon & Schuster (01/2009) L \$15.99
 1416948643 9781416948643

Some bears will go to any length to get some honey. This one recruits every animal that comes along to form, well, a stack, from tail of the duck to the gluteus maximus of the duck-billed platypus. Readers will giggle with delight at the bird's-eye views of some hysterical animal bottoms. Follow this back-sided journey up the tree—where the real surprise awaits.

EASY

Alban Gosline, Andrea E 08362890
THE HAPPINESS TREE
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Feiwel and Friends (09/2008) T \$14.95
 0312370172 9780312370176

This celebration of one of Earth's most precious resources embraces the beauty of trees and brings them to life with attributes sure to resonate with readers of all ages: peace, generosity, love, and happiness. With a detailed index of state trees, this book is a welcome reminder that everything good begins right here.

Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta E 08867585
THE HOG PRINCE
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Dutton (01/2009) L \$15.99
 0525479007 9780525479000

When he learns from a mixed-up fairy godmother that his true love's kiss will transform him from dirty hog to pampered prince, Eldon smooches anyone in sight. But what if true love has been waiting under his snout all along? Kids will crack up at the disgusted reactions of their favorite fairytale princesses when Eldon gives them a juicy smack.

Bergman, Mara E 08879036
YUM YUM! WHAT FUN!
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Greenwillow Books (01/2009) T \$17.99
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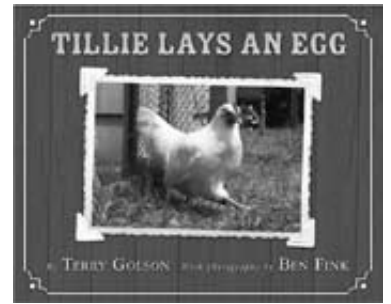
Katie and James and their little dog Harry are in for a big surprise in this giggle of a picture book. Readers may see the animals who keep sneaking, slithering, and skipping in through the window—drawn by the sweet smell of delicious things in the oven—but Katie and James do not. They are measuring, mixing, and baking, completely focused on the task at hand.

Brown, Jason Robert E 08846278
TICKETY TOCK
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 HarperCollins (01/2009) T \$17.99
 006078752X 9780060787523

Schmuel is a boy who hurries his whole life—until a magic clock gives him all the time he needs to follow his heart's desire. This lyrical tale is a magical story about taking the time to appreciate the world around you.

Brown, Margaret Wise E 08846960
A CHILD'S GOOD MORNING BOOK
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 HarperCollins (01/2009) L \$18.89
 0061288616 9780061288616

Four small children wake up with the sun. Little rabbits and flowers are waking up, too! First published in 1952, the lyrical text by the author of *Goodnight Moon* has been reillustrated by bestselling author-artist Karen Katz.



Capucilli, Alyssa Satin E 08884102
KATY DUCK IS A CATERPILLAR
 Ages: 02-05 Grades: P-K
 Little Simon Books (01/2009) L **\$14.99**
 1416960619 9781416960614

It's time for Katy Duck's spring dance recital and as usual Katy is looking forward to taking the stage by storm. But she's not cast as a daffodil or the bright sun or even a fluffy cloud. Katy is cast as a caterpillar. A wiggling, crawling caterpillar. As usual Katy has to learn to manage disappointment and, as only Katy can do, turn a small part into the starring role as she realizes that caterpillars always emerge as beautiful butterflies.

Carlson, Nancy L. E 08329753
HENRY AND THE VALENTINE SURPRISE
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Viking (12/2008) L **\$15.99**
 0670062677 9780670062676

Just before Valentine's Day, Henry and his classmates discover a heart-shaped box on their teacher Mr. McCarthy's desk. Who's it for? As the students spy on Mr. McCarthy, they see him talking to the playground monitor, smiling at the lunch lady, and eating with the French teacher! How many girlfriends does Mr. McCarthy have? When Henry finally asks Mr. McCarthy just who that heart-shaped box is for—the class gets a big surprise!

Chagnon, Dori E 08868948
CORK & FUZZ
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Viking (02/2009) T **\$13.99**
 0670011134 9780670011131

Cork is a short muskrat who likes to find things. Fuzz is a tall possum who likes to keep things. Fuzz finds Cork's lost stone, and he wants to keep it. But a chipmunk runs off with it. Who will say finders-keepers now? The whimsical story and playful illustrations in this Easy-to-Read title will delight young readers.

Cole, Henry E 08879052
TRUDY
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Greenwillow Books (01/2009) L **\$18.89**
 0061542687 9780061542688

When Esme brings Trudy home from the county auction, she knows there's something special about the little goat. But soon she finds out just how special she really is: Trudy can predict the weather! Soon, Trudy becomes a local superstar, with people coming from all around to visit her. But one day Trudy disappears inside her barn and doesn't come out. What's wrong with Trudy? Trudy is having a baby, her most special surprise yet!

Cowley, Joy E 08296022
THE BEDTIME TRAIN
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Front Street (10/2008) T **\$16.95**
 1590784936 9781590784938

When it's hard to go to sleep, watch out for Brad (who looks like Dad!), engineer of the Bedtime Train! He'll take you to places full of wolves and alligators, and full of adventures. Will those dinosaurs bite? Not to worry, the Bedtime Train is especially safe with Brad at the throttle and you in command! And at home, sleep awaits you in a warm bed.

Demas, Corinne E 08845484
ALWAYS IN TROUBLE
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Scholastic (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 0545024536 9780545024532

Emma's dog, Toby, was always in trouble. On Monday he got into the garbage. On Tuesday he ran into the road. On Wednesday he ate a loaf of bread that Emma's dad had just baked. No matter what day of the week it is, Toby's up to no good. His owner, Emma, doesn't know what to do! So she takes him to dog training school, where Ms. Katz teaches him everything a dog needs to know.

Feiffer, Kate E 08879931
MY MOM IS TRYING TO RUIN MY LIFE
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Paula Wiseman Book (03/2009) L **\$16.99**
 1416941002 9781416941002

Everyone has only nice things to say about my mom. Everyone likes her. She looks nice. She bakes great cookies and makes me feel better when I have a bad day. But would a really nice mom do embarrassing things like kiss me in public and tell loud jokes that no one thinks are funny? Well, my mom does those terrible things and worse—that's why I am sure that I have the most embarrassing mom in the world and that my mom is trying to ruin my life . . . Or is she?

Golson, Terry Blonder E 08845492
TILLIE LAYS AN EGG
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Scholastic (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 054500537X 9780545005371

Snowball is not like the other chickens. Marge, Ginger, Twinkydink, and the others are creatures of habit; they always lay their eggs in the same old boxes. But Snowball sets off each day to do a bit of exploring beyond the henyard—even inside the farmer's house! She lays her eggs in rather unusual spots, and finds some tasty worms along the way. Can you spot Snowball's eggs in this farmhouse packed with funny, vintage chicken ephemera?

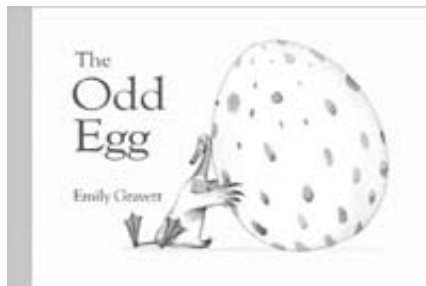


Gourley, Robbin E 08894132
BRING ME SOME APPLES AND I'LL MAKE YOU A PIE
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Clarion Books (01/2009) T \$16.00
 0618158367 9780618158362

Long before the natural-food movement gained popularity, before greenmarkets sprouted across the U.S., Edna Lewis championed purity of ingredients, regional cuisine, and the importance of bringing food directly from the farm to the table. She was a chef when female chefs—let alone African-American female chefs—were few and far between, and she received many awards for her work. With lyrical text and glorious watercolor illustrations, author/illustrator Robbin Gourley traces the childhood roots of Edna's appreciation for the bounties of nature.

Gravett, Emily E 08879982
THE ODD EGG
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Simon & Schuster (01/2009) L \$15.99
 1416968725 9781416968726

Each of the birds has an egg—except for Duck. So when Duck finds a beautiful egg of his own he's delighted—even though the other birds make fun of it. But everyone's in for a BIG surprise when his egg finally hatches! The witty text and playful illustrations appear on cleverly designed cut pages that allow the visual jokes to unfold.



Harper, Jessica E 08868514
UH OH, CLEO
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Putnam (01/2009) T \$14.99
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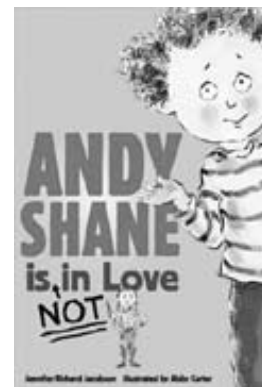
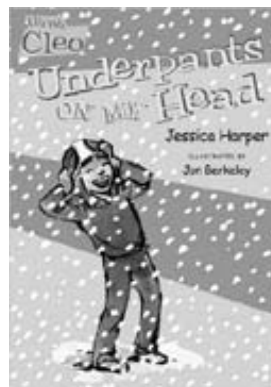
In the Small family, it's best to expect the unexpected—six kids make for a lot of surprises—but who would ever imagine getting caught in a snowstorm in August? When the whole crew goes to visit Grandma in Colorado and Cleo, Jack, and Jenna go on a mountain camping trip with Mom and Dad, that's exactly what happens. With lots of family fun, silly songs by Mom and creative problem solving, kids will be glad to laugh along with Cleo and her family's "small disasters."

Hegamin, Tonya E 08894027
MOST LOVED IN ALL THE WORLD
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Houghton Mifflin (01/2009) T \$17.00
 0618419039 9780618419036

With a poet's keen ear, Tonya Hegamin tells the account of a little girl whose mother is a secret agent on the Underground Railroad. Before sending her daughter north to freedom, the mother sews a quilt for her, not only to guide her with its symbols, but also to remind her always that the smiling girl in the center of the quilt is "most loved in all the world."

Hummon, Marcus E 08312079
ANYTIME, ANYWHERE
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Atheneum (01/2009) L \$16.99
 1416948562 9781416948568

At the end of a busy day, a little boy surprises and amuses his father with a rather unusual list of people and things he wants to pray for. From the littlest ladybug to the mailman who broke his leg, this boy's prayer celebrates the wonder of one child's imagination—and every child's ability to care deeply about others.



Jacobson, Jennifer E 08185298
ANDY SHANE IS NOT IN LOVE
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Candlewick Press (12/2008) T \$14.99
 0763632120 9780763632120

On the day Ms. Janice introduces Lark Alice Bell to the class, Dolores is proud to be the new girl's helper at recess. Dolores is not so glad to see her friend Andy scribbling LAB inside a heart in his notebook, and she's mad to find out that Lark has visited Andy at home. Luckily, when they all go back to Lark's house—and take a peek at the squirming puppies in her basement—Dolores figures out what has really been on Andy's mind.

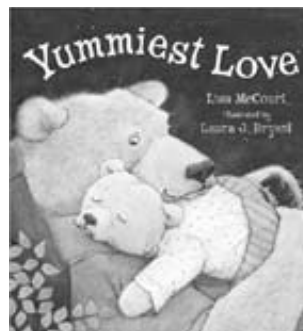
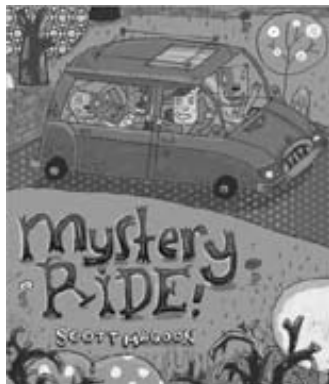
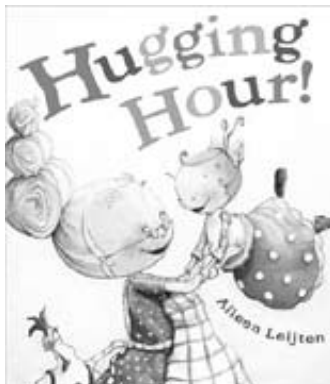
Jeffers, Oliver E 08867275
GREAT PAPER CAPER
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Philomel Books (01/2009) L \$17.99
 0399250972 9780399250972

The animals' homes are disappearing. Tree by tree, the forest is being cut down. Clues! There must be clues. For instance, look—there is a mysterious bear carrying an ax! But what would a bear want with so many trees? Perhaps the discarded paper airplanes littering the forest floor have a story to tell!

Katz, Karen E 08872325
PRINCESS BABY, NIGHT-NIGHT
 Ages: 02-05 Grades: P-K
 Schwartz & Wade Books (01/2009) L \$17.99
 0375944621 9780375944628

Poor Princess Baby. It's bedtime, but she isn't sleepy. After all, there is so much a princess baby needs to do. PJ's need to be put on, toys need to be put away, the perfect book needs to be chosen, and her beloved subjects need to brush their teeth! It's a very busy time in Princess Baby's room. Young readers will want to climb into their own beds when our pint-sized heroine finally pulls up the covers and goes "night-night."

CHILDREN'S HARDCOVER



____ Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody E 08185107
MY PENGUIN OSBERT IN LOVE
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Candlewick Press (01/2009) T **\$16.99**
 0763630322 9780763630324

Joe is surprised to find his friend Osbert knocking at his front door with an invitation to a South Pole extravaganza. Since penguins can't fly, and Joe has a helicopter from Santa, the boy is soon piloting a bunch of penguins on a long journey south. But when Osbert ignores the southern lights and only has eyes for a penguin named Aurora, Joe starts to worry. Will he ever get back in time for his own family's midwinter bash?

____ Leijten, Aileen E 08867291
HUGGING HOUR!
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Philomel Books (01/2009) L **\$15.99**
 0399246800 9780399246807

To Drool, it feels like her mom and dad have been gone an awfully long time. So long that she can hardly taste the fried ice cream Grandma made for dinner, or enjoy hide-and-seek with Kip, Grandma's pet chicken. Can anything put a smile on her face?

____ Lyon, George Ella E 08880484
SLEEPSONG
 Ages: 02-05 Grades: P-K
 Richard Jackson (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 0689869738 9780689869730

It's time for rambunctious youngsters, bears, moles, whales, oceans, even the Earth itself to say goodbye to the day. Scenes of a child being put to bed are paired with images from nature and ribbons of words that rise and fall like the tide.

____ Magoon, Scott E 08291764
MYSTERY RIDE
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Harcourt (11/2008) L **\$16.00**
 0152060219 9780152060213

Three siblings in this story know a mystery ride means their parents are taking them someplace they wouldn't ever want to go, like the laundromat, the dry cleaners, or the department store. But just when the boys think they're on the worst ride ever, they discover it's not the destinations that are important—it's the adventure they have along the way. And it certainly helps when the journey ends with sprinkles on top!

____ McCourt, Lisa E 08845557
YUMMIEST LOVE
 Ages: 02-05 Grades: P-K
 Orchard Books (01/2009) L **\$14.99**
 043975058X 9780439750585

Spend a day with Mama bear and her baby as they celebrate the joys of love. From playtime to eating to bedtime, this reassuring tale on the affection between parent and child is a book to be shared with that special someone in your life.

____ Meserve, Jessica E 08238561
CAN ANYBODY HEAR ME?
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Clarion Books (09/2008) T **\$16.00**
 0547028342 9780547028347

Jack is quiet—which wouldn't be so bad if the rest of his family wasn't so noisy. No one can hear him over the sound of their own voices. So when Jack tells them he's going up the mountain one day, nobody hears him. And when night falls, nobody knows where he is. Now Jack will have to find his voice in order to help his family find him.

____ Mewburn, Kyle E 08338191
KISS! KISS! YUCK! YUCK!
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Peachtree (09/2008) T **\$16.95**
 1561454575 9781561454570

Every time Auntie Elsie comes to visit, she gives Andy sloppy kisses on both cheeks. Andy is a fast runner, but not fast enough to outrun Auntie Elsie. Andy is good at hiding, but Auntie Elsie always finds him. Wherever he goes, she follows. But when Auntie Elsie breaks her leg and stops coming to visit, Andy realizes he misses her.

____ Minor, Wendell & Florence Friedmann Minor E 08846952
IF YOU WERE A PENGUIN
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 HarperCollins (01/2009) L **\$18.99**
 0061130982 9780061130984

If you were a penguin, you could swim really fast and toboggan on ice, sing a happy duet, once or twice. You could live on land but dive under the sea. There's a lot penguins can do, just like you and me! Wendell and Florence Minor create a charming tribute to all the playful fun and activity that comes with being a penguin, which young readers can delight in, too.

____ Naden, Corinne J. & Ronald E. McNair E 08867542
RON'S BIG MISSION
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Dutton (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 0525478493 9780525478492

One summer day in 1959, nine-year-old Ron McNair, who dreams of becoming a pilot, walks into the Lake City, South Carolina, public library and insists on checking out some books, despite the rule that only white people can have library cards. This biography includes facts about McNair, who grew up to be an astronaut.



____ *Napoli, Donna Jo & Elena Furrow* E 08856966
READY TO DREAM
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: K-3
Bloomsbury USA (01/2009) T **\$16.99**
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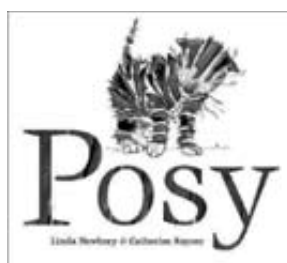
While drawing pictures of the animals she sees on her trip to Australia, a young girl named Ally meets Pauline, an aborigine woman and fellow artist, from whom Ally learns that art is not always created with just paper and paints, and that mistakes are actually happy accidents.

____ *Newbery, Linda* E 08880476
POSY
 Ages: 02-05 Grades: P-K
Atheneum (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 1416971122 9781416971122

Posy is one busy kitten. From catching spiders to scratching sofas, to ice-cream guzzling to leaf collecting, Posy has a lot to tend to. Watch this adorable kitten make her adventurous way around the house.

____ *O'Connor, Jane* E 08850666
FANCY NANCY: POISON IVY EXPERT
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
HarperTrophy (01/2009) T **\$16.99**
 0061236144 9780061236143

A young girl who uses fancy words and considers herself practically a poison ivy expert learns a valuable (and itchy) lesson about the plant after picking a bouquet of wildflowers in her backyard.



____ *Parr, Todd* E 08411964
THE I LOVE YOU BOOK
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
Little, Brown (01/2009) L **\$9.99**
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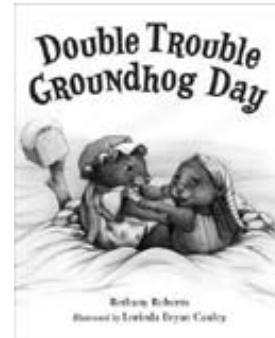
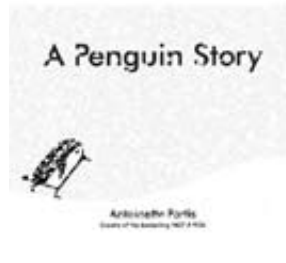
In his newest picture book, Todd Parr explores the meaning of unconditional love in a heartfelt, playful way. Parents and caregivers are sure to be inspired by Todd's vibrant illustrations and tender sentiments, and will enjoy sharing this special book with the little ones they love.

____ *Portis, Antoinette* E 08846294
A PENGUIN STORY
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
HarperCollins (01/2009) L **\$18.89**
 0061456896 9780061456893

Edna the penguin only knows the three colors that surround her: white ice, black night, and blue sea. She is convinced there is something more out there, so she sets out on a quest for color. When she finally finds what she's been looking for, it's everything she hoped for and more. But that doesn't mean she will ever stop looking.

____ *Richards, Lynne* E 08845433
PINK!
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
Chicken House (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 0545086086 9780545086080

When Patrick inexplicably turns bright pink, he sees red. Whoever heard of a pink penguin? After too much teasing, he runs away to Africa, but he doesn't fit in with the flamingoes. He can't stand on one leg, skim the water for food, or fly off with the rest of the flock, so he returns home, and everyone is happy to see him. In fact, they're green with envy over his exotic trip. It turns out hot pink can be pretty cool.



____ *Roberts, Bethany* E 08281548
DOUBLE TROUBLE GROUNDHOG DAY
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
Henry Holt (08/2008) L **\$16.95**
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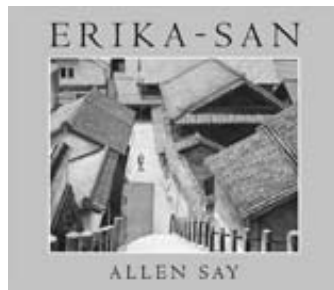
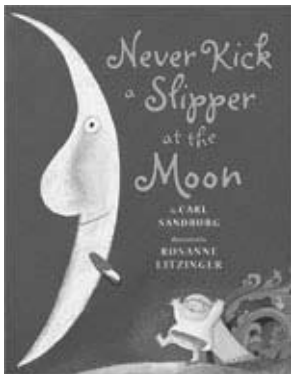
When Grampie Groundhog decides to retire from forecasting the weather, he has twins Greta and Gregory draw straws to see who will take over the important job, but the winner is so nervous the two put aside their squabbling and work together.

____ *Rotner, Shelley & Deborah Carlin* E 08412049
WHAT'S LOVE?
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
Roaring Brook Press (01/2009) L **\$14.95**
 1596433620 9781596433625

The many sides of love are shown through captured moments: pets, pals, and parents; giggles, tears, and surprises; a leap across a field; a hug when one needs it. Simple poetic captions give readers starting places to think and talk about the people and things they love, and examine the many meanings of this complex emotion.

____ *Sakai, Komako* E 08845417
THE SNOW DAY
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
Arthur A. Levine Books (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 0545013216 9780545013215

A young bunny wakes up to wonderful news: a snow day! School is canceled and the morning and afternoon that follow are full of games and excitement. But the weather brings bad news as well, as his father is stranded in a faraway city. When will he be able to come home?



Sandburg, Carl E 08108889
NEVER KICK A SLIPPER AT THE MOON
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Holiday House (09/2008) L \$16.95
 0823421600 9780823421602

Have you ever seen the moon go dancing? Have you ever seen shoes take themselves tipping and tapping, strutting and strolling on the sidewalks? Have you ever seen girls kick their slippers to the stars? In the Rootabaga Country when the moon is slim, funny things can happen in the nighttime.

Say, Allen E 08894019
ERIKA-SAN
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Houghton Mifflin (01/2009) T \$17.00
 0618889337 9780618889334

In her grandmother's house, there is a Japanese print of a small house with lighted windows. Even as a small girl, Erika loved that picture. It will pull her across vast oceans and modern cities, then into older, quieter places she has only ever dreamed about. But Erika cannot truly know what she will find there, among the rocky seacoasts, the rice paddies, the circle of mountains, and the class of children. Can Japan be all that she has imagined?

Shapiro, Zachary E 08867992
WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Putnam (01/2009) L \$16.99
 0399243933 9780399243936

After being on the ark for months and months, the ants get antsy, the bees get bored, and the llamas get livid, and Noah must find a way to make everyone get along.

Sharratt, Nick E 08184771
THE FOGGY, FOGGY FOREST
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Candlewick Press (11/2008) T \$12.99
 0763639214 9780763639211

Peek through each foggy vellum page to guess what lies beyond in an innovative novelty book that's a surefire page turner. What can this be in the foggy, foggy forest? That's the question on every spread, each depicting the black-and-white silhouette of a fairy-tale figure or scene. Readers may take a guess and turn the page to see if they're right, and the answering image appears in full color.

Slate, Joseph E 08868050
I WANT TO BE FREE
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 Putnam (01/2009) L \$16.99
 0399243429 9780399243424

A runaway slave has broken the chains that bound him, but as he sets out for the land of the free, he still carries the weight of an iron ring around his ankle. But rescuing an orphaned slave child from certain capture gives him the strength to keep moving on, and miraculously, the child's love and gratitude are all that is needed to destroy the shackle once and for all. This moving, poetic text is based on a story from the sacred literature of Buddha.

Staake, Bob E 08213860
THE DONUT CHEF
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Golden Books (09/2008) L \$17.99
 0375947167 9780375947162

In this delicious tale, a baker hangs out his shingle on a small street, and soon, the line for his doughnuts stretches down the block. But it's not long before the competition arrives and a battle of the bakers ensues. In the competitive frenzy, both bakers' doughnuts become quite bizarre, like Cherry-Frosted Lemon Bar, and Peanut-Brickle Buttermilk, or Gooey Coca-Mocha Silk! Some are not even very tasty!

Stewart, Amber E 08489440
NO BABYSITTERS ALLOWED
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Bloomsbury USA (11/2008) L \$17.89
 159990313X 9781599903132

Hopscotch is a very brave bunny—except when his parents go out and Mrs. Honeybunch comes to stay. She wants to play, but Hopscotch would rather be alone in his special NO BABYSITTERS ALLOWED fort...that is, until he hears Mrs. Honeybunch reading his books all wrong. But explaining the right way to tell the stories would mean leaving his fort, and Hopscotch isn't sure he's brave enough for that.

Thomas, Jan E 08879702
RHYMING DUST BUNNIES
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Atheneum (01/2009) T \$12.99
 141697976X 9781416979760

As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.

Thompson, Lauren E 08880018
WEE LITTLE LAMB
 Ages: 02-05 Grades: P-K
 Simon & Schuster (01/2009) L \$14.99
 1416934693 9781416934691

A newborn lamb is too shy to say hello to the rabbit, jump with the cricket, or sing with the robin, and he is far too shy to go exploring with the owl. But another shy animal even smaller than the wee lamb is also hiding on the farm. Together, they can play right beside their mothers.



Thomson, Sarah L. E 08311927
IMAGINE A PLACE
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Atheneum (09/2008) L **\$17.99**
 1416968024 9781416968023

If you can imagine a place, you can go there. Imagine a place that makes you feel as free as a bird. Imagine a place where getting there is worth whatever it takes. Imagine a place that makes you feel like it's always been your destination. Imagine a place made out of pure imagination. This book reminds us that imagination is powerful enough to take us anywhere we want to go.

Vega, Denise E 08411980
GRANDMOTHER, HAVE THE ANGELS COME?
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Little, Brown (02/2009) L **\$16.99**
 0316106631 9780316106634

With its lyrical text and vibrant illustrations, Denise Vega celebrates the relationship between old and young while touching on the subject of aging in a subtle, sensitive manner.

Weigelt, Udo E 08489858
BECKY THE BORROWER
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 North-South Books (09/2008) T **\$16.95**
 0735822050 9780735822054

Like kindergartners the world around, Becky loves to borrow. Now her room is so filled with other children's things that she can't remember what belongs to whom. This independent kindergartner comes up with the perfect solution.

Willems, Mo E 08853258
NAKED MOLE RAT GETS DRESSED
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Hyperion (01/2009) L **\$16.99**
 142311437X 9781423114376

Wilbur is different from the other naked mole rats in his colony, because he wears clothes and he likes it! But what will happen when Grandpah, the oldest, wisest, and most naked mole rat ever, discovers Wilbur's secret?

Wolfe, Frances E 08607524
THE LITTLE TOY SHOP
 Ages: 03-06 Grades: P-1
 Tundra (10/2008) T **\$19.95**
 0887768652 9780887768651

Come and explore Mr. Kringle's special little toy shop, where he spends his days helping every customer find just the right toy. When a box arrives at the shop with a small stuffed bunny inside, Mr. Kringle determines to find him a loving home in time for Christmas. Could the little girl who peers through the toy-shop window be the one who provides just the home he seeks?

Wolff, Ferida & Harriet May Savitz E 08338272
THE STORY BLANKET
 Ages: 03-08 Grades: P-3
 Peachtree (09/2008) T **\$16.95**
 1561454664 9781561454662

With no wool to be found in the village, Babba Zarrah, the storyteller, starts unraveling her story blanket bit by bit, to secretly supply the needs of the community, and when the villagers realize what is happening, they return the favor.

Yep, Laurence E 08846197
AUNTIE TIGER
 Ages: 05-08 Grades: K-3
 HarperCollins (01/2009) L **\$18.89**
 006029552X 9780060295523

In this version of Red Riding Hood set in China, Big Sister sets aside her differences with Little Sister to rescue her from a tiger in disguise.