



Don't Eat Eustace

by Lian Cho

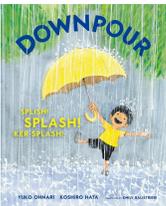
Bear lives alone in a lighthouse. Bear mends their clothes, sweeps the floors, and catches their own lunch. Today's lunch is Eustace. Eustace would really like to live. (He has a girlfriend after all.) Will Eustace be released back into the sea? Or will he end up in Bear's stock pot?



Don't Trust Fish

by Neil Sharpson

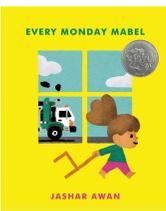
Why must you NEVER EVER trust fish? 1) They spend all their time in the water where we can't see them. 2) Some are as big as a bus—that is *not* okay. 3) We don't know what they're teaching in their "schools." 4) They are likely plotting our doom.



Downpour: Splash! Splash! Ker-Splash!

by Yuko Ohnari

A boy looks up at the sky and smells the air as the first raindrops hit the ground. He listens as it begins to pour, observing all the symphony of sound this welcome downpour makes. Great for reading aloud!

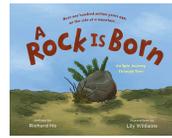


Every Monday Mabel

by Jashar Awan

Every Monday, Mabel wakes up early and peeks out her window to make sure she didn't miss the one thing she's been looking forward to the whole week. She drags her chair down the hallway, past her big sister and Mom and Dad, out the door, and *waits*. What is Mabel waiting for every Monday? According to Mabel, it's the best thing in the world.

Nonfiction Picture Books



A Rock Is Born: An Epic Journey Through Time

by Richard Ho

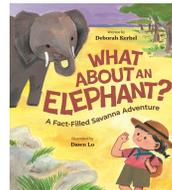
Over one hundred million years ago, on the side of a volcano... a rock is born. As time passes and the world changes, the rock changes, too. Mud erodes it. Lava melts it. And water compresses it. Eventually, the rock will be reshaped. And a new rock is born.



Some of Us: A Story of Citizenship and the United States

by Rajani Laroocca

Equal parts emotional and informative, here is a worthy picture book about citizenship and naturalization. This thoughtfully crafted text precisely breaks down the process by which new residents apply for and acquire US citizenship.



What About an Elephant?: A Fact-Filled Savanna Adventure

by Deborah Kerbel

While on a safari adventure, a budding photographer meets an elephant friend while taking pictures of the scenery. The encounter turns into an afternoon of observation and discovery.

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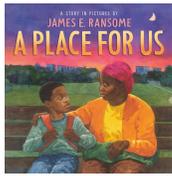
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Picture Books



A Place for Us

by James E. Ransome

A wordless picture book about a day in the life of a houseless little boy and his mom whose home is wherever they can find one, as long as they are together.



Aggie and the Ghost

by Matthew Forsythe

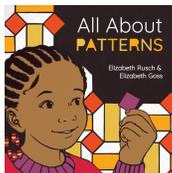
Aggie is very excited to live on her own--until she finds out her new house is haunted. Check out this subtle, sweet picture book about rules. And sharing. And an epic game of tic-tac-toe.



The Aliens Do Not Want to Go Home

by Adam Gustavson

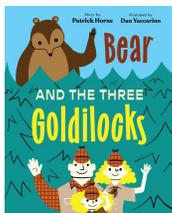
A group of excitable young aliens don't want to go home, so they stall and make up excuses to stay on planet Earth.



All about Patterns

by Elizabeth Rusch

This concept picture book explores the art, math, and emotion of patterns, encouraging young readers to see the world differently.



Bear and the Three Goldilocks

by Patrick Horne

When the Goldilocks family leaves their campsite to go on a hike, Bear comes along and makes a mess of their food and belongings--because that is how bears roll.



Bear in the Air

by Allison Wortche

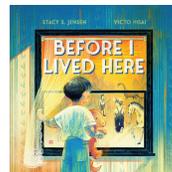
Bear is on an adventure in a hot air balloon... *all by himself!* As he flies proudly above his friends—Moose in the lake, his sisters in a tall tree—he feels independent and brave. But, when he's ready to rejoin his friends on the ground, he realizes he doesn't know how to get down!



The Bear Out There

by Jess Hannigan

The signs are clear--there's a BEAR OUT THERE! You're lucky to be safe in this cabin in the woods, with a host who is levelheaded, trustworthy, and smart about bear safety. There's certainly no need to worry about any dark shadows or sneaky schemes in this book...RIGHT?



Before I Lived Here

by Stacy S. Jensen

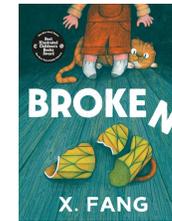
A boy peels away each layer of the history of the land his house sits on. Follow along from the construction of the neighborhood back to the planning of it; from the ranchers and log cabins that predated it, back to the region's Indigenous people and their eviction from the land... all the way back to the dinosaurs.



Big Rhinoceros, Little Rhinoceros

by Jerrold Connors

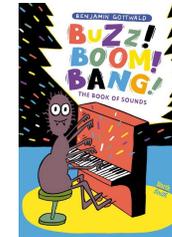
A simple follow-the-leader story of discovery. Little Rhinoceros has the confidence to explore, knowing that Big Rhinoceros is there—and maybe he even teaches Big Rhinoceros a thing or two.



Broken

by X. Fang

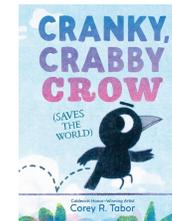
When Mei Mei accidentally breaks her ama's favorite cup, she's convinced it's the end of the world. What if Ama is angry? Mei Mei can't face it. But when Mimi, the innocent cat who witnesses her crime, ends up being blamed, the guilt is too much!



Buzz! Boom! Bang!: The Book of Sounds

by Benjamin Gottwald

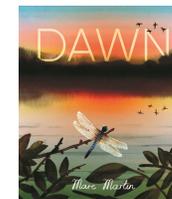
This wordless picture book is meant to be read aLOUD! Can you bang and boom, caw and crash, buzz and blub, pitter-patter and pfffft? Will you whoosh, yawn, moo or roar?



Cranky, Crabby Crow (Saves the World)

by Corey R. Tabor

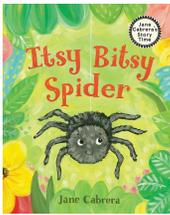
Cranky, crabby Crow does not want to play with Squirrel or do loop-de-loops with Hummingbird. He doesn't have time for Rat or Bat. But, unbeknownst to all, Crow has bigger, world-saving fish to fry...



Dawn: Watch the World Awaken

by Marc Martin

As the sun slowly rises, many things happen in a small window of time. The world comes alive with the actions of animals, plants, clouds, and sky. Marc Martin's ode to the slow-blooming beauty of a sunrise and the life that unfolds in its radiance narrows the lens to show the wonder of time passing.



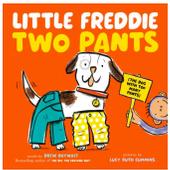
Itsy Bitsy Spider

by Jane Cabrera
Itsy Bitsy Spider can't wait for the rain to come down—that's when he gets to ride his bug water slide! But not all of his bug friends know how to swim. They'll have to put their heads together to dream up a different way to have fun.



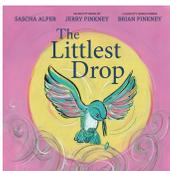
Let's Be Bees

by Shawn Harris
The only thing better than playing make believe is playing make believe with your favorite grown-up! Especially when that grown-up's imagination is as big as yours, and you both get to make all kinds of funny sounds.



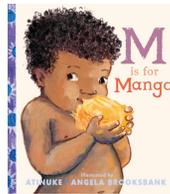
Little Freddie Two Pants: (the Dog With Too Many Pants)

by Drew Daywalt
Laugh along with a dog named Little Freddie who doesn't know how many pants to wear, where he should wear them, if he should wear underwear, and if so, where he should put that underwear!



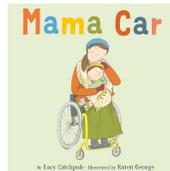
The Littlest Drop

by Sascha Alper
When a forest fire attacks their home, one brave hummingbird attempts to extinguish the flames, inspiring the other animals, paralyzed by fear and doubt, to do their part.



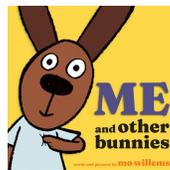
M Is for Mango

by Atinuke
M is for morning, and M is for little Mo and his beloved mu mu. M is for Mama pouring milk in a cup, and M is for the moi-moi in Mo's bowl that is mushy. Outside, a man tinkers with a motorbike, playing music that sets Mo to dancing. But when Mo spies a perfectly ripe mango in a tree, only to see it snatched by a monkey, it's mayhem!



Mama Car

by Lucy Catchpole
All aboard the Mama Car! The Mama Car can take children on adventures, big and small. Even just going to the kitchen for snacks becomes an exciting expedition. And when a child falls and hurts herself, the Mama Car is always there, and so is Mummy.



Me and Other Bunnies

by Mo Willems
There are ME bunnies. There are YOU bunnies. There are US bunnies... and WE bunnies... and THEM bunnies. There are a lot of bunnies in Me and Other Bunnies.



Menudo Sunday: A Spanglish Counting Book

by María Dolores Águila
Sundays are the best--that's when a little girl and her mamá, abuelitos, tías and primos all gather together to eat yummy menudo, a traditional Mexican soup. But when playtime gets out of hand and Abuelito Esteban's special bowl of menudo breaks, everyone has to pitch in to make a new batch!

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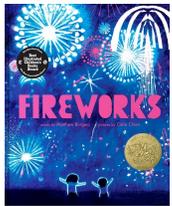
Picture Books



Field Trip to Dinosaur Valley

by John Hare

In this wordless picture book a student accidentally strays from a class trip in dinosaur valley and meets friendly and not-so-friendly dinosaurs.



Fireworks

by Matthew Burgess

POP! As a hot day sizzles into evening, everyone on stoops and sidewalks looks skyward on this special summer night--the Fourth of July! Words and art blossom into flowers of fire across the sky.



Five Little Friends: A Collection of Finger Rhymes

by Sean Taylor

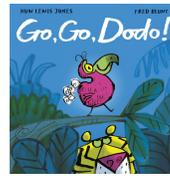
What better way to get little ones excited about poems than to make them part of the delivery? In the hallowed tradition of nursery rhymes and songs like Itsy Bitsy Spider, this imaginative collection entices children to use their fingers, hands, and sometimes whole bodies to bring a variety of verses to life.



Gather Grateful

by Megan Litwin

As colors in nature start to change, animals begin gathering items--squirrels their acorns, crows their treasures, raccoons the bits and pieces needed to fortify their homes. Animals of all species prepare to gather with each other too.



Go Go Dodo!

by Huw Lewis Jones

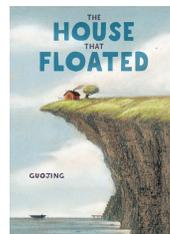
A carefree dodo takes a gentle stroll through a very friendly jungle, across a very peaceful swamp, and over a very gentle sea . . . completely unaware that not only is the journey full of peril, but that a VERY hungry tiger is following close behind!



Go, Sloth, Go!

by Toni Yuly

After some sleep, sloth is ready to eat. Go, Sloth, go! In a world where the pressure to speed ahead seems relentless, now is the time to take a trip to the rainforest and cheer for the slowest mammal on Earth--a hungry sloth--who takes her time moving through thicket and vine in search of the tastiest leaves.



The House That Floated

by Guojing

In this gorgeous, wordless story, a family makes their home on a cliff overlooking the sea. They live peacefully, spending their days exploring the ocean and filling their home with warmth and laughter. But as seasons pass, the waters rise, bringing the tides closer to the clifftop and the house....



I Hate Everything!

by Sophy Henn

A ghost is having a very bad day. He feels like he hates EVERYTHING! Lucky for him, he has a good ghost friend to talk it through with. Because if he doesn't *really* hate sweets or flowers or dressing up, and he definitely doesn't hate his friend, then maybe he doesn't hate everything after all.



If We Were Dogs

by Sophie Blackall

If we were dogs, what would we do together? Join two friends as they bark and growl, woof and howl--and maybe even quack--in a romp that makes room for everybody's ideas.



If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone

by Gideon Sterer

If you make a call from a banana phone, who will answer? What will you talk about? Will you share secrets or ask questions? No one knows what will happen, really. This very silly story is full of the joy and wisdom that comes from making new friends from unexpected places.



Island Storm

by Brian Floca

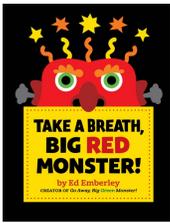
Can you tell when a storm is coming? Can you feel the wind coming and growing? Do you hear the branches bouncing together, hear the whispers of the wind through the leaves? Join in the journey as two siblings bear witness to it all.



It's Corn Picking Time!

by Jill Esbaum

It's corn-picking time, and the farmer has all her tools ready! The cornhead gobbles the stalks. The spreader spits out chaff. The grain wagon fills with corn! Sure to be loved by young fans of tractors, trucks, and all manner of machines.



Take a Breath, Big Red Monster!

by Ed Emberley

Big Red Monster is angry! Turning the pages reveals colorful illustrations of different parts of the cranky creature's face—from two mean green eyes to a big thundery loud mouth—as he gets increasingly upset. We can help him calm down by taking deep breaths.



This Year, a Witch!

by Zoey Abbott

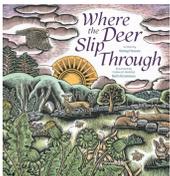
A little girl has been every adorable thing you can imagine for Halloween, and she is *done* with being cuddly, sweet, and precious. This year, she's rebelling big-time and going for the spookiest thing out there. She's going to be... *a witch!*



To Activate Space Portal, Lift Here

by Antoinette Portis

This book is an interstellar portal, and the aliens inside want to get to know you! Before you lift the cover, be sure you're ready to meet Zrk and Blrg. They're not so different from you—but to them, you're the alien!



Where the Deer Slip Through

by Katey Howes

Throughout the course of a beautiful summer day, from sunrise to moonrise, a host of animals find their way through a gap in the hedge, bringing a farm to life.



While We Wait

by Bee Johnson

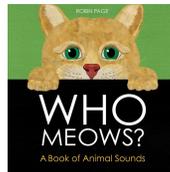
A charming picture book about two siblings who discover the unexpected delights of life's in-between moments while running errands with their mother. Invite your preschoolers to find beauty in patience and cherish the opportunity of boredom.



Who Ate Steve?

by Susannah Lloyd

Welcome to this extremely interesting book about size. Marcel is a bird and he is big. Steve is a worm, and he is.... Wait a minute! Steve has DISAPPEARED! Does Marcel know something about it? And can he be persuaded to return that poor worm RIGHT NOW?!



Who Meows?: A Book of Animal Sounds

by Robin Page

Meet many different inhabitants of the animal kingdom and learn what sound they make. The engaging question-and-answer text is perfect for little ones learning animal noises for the first time or just learning to read!



Yellow Is a Banana: A Picture Book

by John Himmelman

That yellow is a banana. No, a banana is yellow. These purples are grapes. No, these grapes are purple! Two children argue over the phrasing and description of different fruits' colors until they come across one they both agree upon.

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Next to Me

by Daniel Salmieri

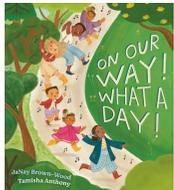
A walk home from school is an opportunity to observe all the happy details along the way: puffy clouds next to an airplane, the twisty slide next to swinging swings, a backhoe next to a big hole. What's next to *you*?



Oh Dear, Look What I Got!

by Michael Rosen

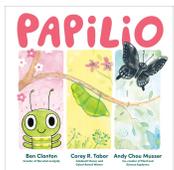
As a hapless boy goes from shop to shop, requesting a series of perfectly reasonable items—a hat, a coat, a cake, a chair—he finds himself thwarted at every turn, amassing instead a growing menagerie of animals who happily follow him on his errands.



On Our Way! What a Day!

by Janay Brown-Wood

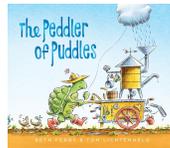
It's Gram's birthday, and the grandkids can't wait to celebrate with her. There's just one thing missing: a gift! So on their way to the party, the search is on. They spot lots of interesting things—a scratchy-scratchy pine cone, three jingly-jangly quarters, some clicky-clacky stones—but are any of them good enough for Gram?



Papilio

by Ben Clanton, Corey R. Tabor, & Andy Chou Musser

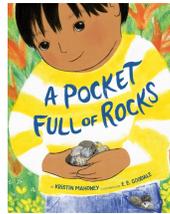
Introducing Papilio! She's an adorable caterpillar who is ready to join the world and become a butterfly! But growing up is a complicated work in progress...



The Peddler of Puddles

by Beth Ferry

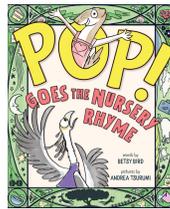
The Peddler travels the countryside making perfect puddles for all his forest friends. But being constantly on the go can be lonely, and it's not until his friends step in that the Peddler discovers the joys of a home sweet home of his own.



A Pocket Full of Rocks

by Kristin Mahoney

Rocks make excellent chairs for fairies; they are perfect for writing your name on the sidewalk, or just to hold in your hand when you need reassurance. And so the rocks pile up—until the season turns and you need to make room for pockets full of petals. And shells. And acorns!



Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme

by Betsy Bird

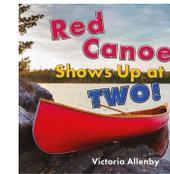
The sensible Secretary Bird wants nothing more than to get on with their job of properly narrating a classic nursery rhyme book. But something is afoot in the orderly land of nursery rhymes... a zippy little Weasel has entered the scene!



A Quick Trip to the Store

by Sam Wedelich

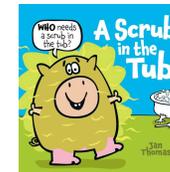
When her family runs out of bananas, a young girl goes on a quick trip to the grocery store, and while Mom's distracted, the boring banana run turns into a wild adventure through the aisles.



Red Canoe Shows Up at Two!

by Victoria Allenby

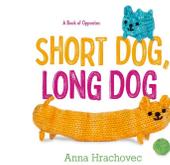
A day on the dock is never dull when boats of all shapes, sizes, and colors are zooming on by! Indulge your preschoolers' love for vehicles while also subtly teaching them about colors and time!



A Scrub in the Tub

by Jan Thomas

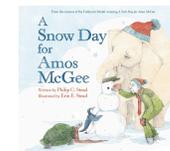
Rabbit and Weasel know their pal Pig needs a scrub in the tub. There's just one problem: Pig does *not* like baths! He tries every alternative, from a single splash to a mud bath, but alas, the stink persists.



Short Dog, Long Dog: A Book of Opposites

by Anna Hrachovec

"Short dog, long dog, / huge or tiny. / Itchy on the head, or / scratchy on the hiney. / Curly hair, straight hair, / smooth or bumpy. / Going with the flow, or / jumpy, jumpy, jumpy!" Introduce opposites with these adorable pups!



A Snow Day for Amos McGee

by Philip C. Stead

Amos McGee, the friendly zookeeper, loves spending time with his good friends no matter the season. But when overnight a surprise snowfall blankets the town in fluffy white, what shall his lovable squad of animals do? Visit Amos and play in the snow, of course!