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## **BUILDING**

Banks, Kate – [The Night Worker](#) Alex's father takes him to his construction site in the middle of the night.

Barton, Byron – [Building a House](#) A house is built, section by section, step by step.

Barton, Byron – [Machines at Work](#) Various machines work at their specialties during a day.

Bee, William – [Stanley the Builder](#) Stanley the hamster and his friend Charlie build a house for Myrtle.

Bean, Jonathan – [Building Our House](#) A family works together to build their own home.

Beaty, Andrea – [Rosie Revere, Engineer](#) Young Rosie Revere, a second grader, works on gadgets and gizmos and perseveres.

Burton, Virginia Lee – [Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel](#) Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel Mary Anne try to dig out the cellar for a new town hall in just a day.

Gibbons, Gail – [New Road!](#) Step by step, a new road is built.

Hines, Anna Grossnickle – [I Am a Backhoe](#) A little boy pretends to be various types of trucks.

Hoban, Tana – [Construction Zone](#) Colorful photos of various trucks at work.

Hopkinson, Deborah and Ransome, James E. – [Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building](#) A boy observes the men working to build the Empire State Building.

Mayo, Margaret – [Dig Dig Digging](#) Bright illustrations and descriptions of many kinds of enthusiastic trucks.

Meshon, Aaron – [Tools Rule!](#) The tools unite and decide to build themselves a shed.

Mitton, Tony and Parker, Ant – [Dazzling Diggers](#) Many types of diggers are introduced in rhyme.

Miura, Taro – [Ton](#) Spare, precise illustrations of progressively larger weights of materials up to a ton and then multiple tons are presented.

Rinker, Sherri Duskey and Lichtenheld, Tom – [Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site](#) Many types of construction vehicles work hard during the day and then say good night.

Roth, Susan – [Hard Hat Area](#) An apprentice ironworker visits her coworkers in their various capacities as they work on a building construction site high in the sky.

Tarsky, Sue – [The Busy Building Book](#) The stages of constructing a building are described, each with its many illustrations carefully labeled.

Zimmerman, Andrea – [Dig!](#) Mr. Rally tackles 5 big construction projects with his backhoe and his dog, Lightning.

## CIRCUS

Blos, Joan – [Lottie's Circus](#) Lottie imagines she plays all roles of the various people involved in a circus.

Bogacki, Tomek – [Circus Girl](#) A boy recalls how a girl in a traveling circus joined his class for a time.

Clements, Andrew – [Circus Family Dog](#) Grumps the beloved circus family dog is old and weary but he still has a trick up his sleeve.

Ehlert, Lois – [Circus](#) A brightly colored, playful introduction to a circus.

Sendak, Jack – [Circus Girl](#) Flora, a girl who is part of the circus, wonders how the audience, the “outside people,” live.

Van Dusen, Chris – [The Circus Ship](#) All the animals in a circus end up on a small island and make friends with the human inhabitants in this humorous story.

## CUMULATIVE

Andrews-Goebel, Nancy – [The Pot that Juan Built](#) Juan builds beautiful pots by hand in Mexico.

Beaumont, Karen – [Move Over, Rover!](#) Many animals join Rover in his doghouse during a storm.

Beil, Karen Magnuson – [Jack's House](#) Max the dog does all the work involved in making the house that Jack says he built.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin – [Inside a Zoo in the City](#) Using rebuses, the story of animals waking each other up and heading together to the city zoo is told.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin – [Inside a Barn in the Country](#) The story of animals waking each other up in the middle of the night on a rural farm is told through rebuses.

Dragonwagon, Crescent – [This is the Bread I Baked for Ned](#) Glenda works hard all day to make a meal for Ned, but it turns into a party with many friends and their pets.

Edwards, David – [The Pen that Pa Built](#) Here is an explanation of how a rural family in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century made a blanket.

Fleming, Candace – [This is the Baby](#) Mom spends a lot of time dressing baby, garment by garment, but baby does not want to be dressed, and soon removes each garment.

Hennessy, B.G. – [Jake Baked the Cake](#) Everyone prepares for a wedding, and Jake does his part by baking the cake.

Howe, James – [There's a Dragon in My Sleeping Bag](#) Two brothers tell each other tall tales of imaginary animal friends.

Manson, Christopher – [A Farmyard Song: An Old Rhyme with New Pictures](#) Various animals make sounds.

Neitzel, Shirley – [I'm Not Feeling Well Today](#) In a humorous tale using rebuses, a child asks for various items to help feel better.

Neitzel, Shirley – [Our Class Took a Trip to the Zoo](#) A funny tale is told via rebuses of a boy who visits the zoo and has various mishaps.

Rockwell, Anne – [Root-a-Toot-Toot](#) Rebuses are featured in this jolly tale of boy and the animals he meets.

Schaefer, Lola M. – [This is the Rain](#) The story of the earth's water cycle is told with realistic illustrations.

Scieszka, Jon – [The Book That Jack Wrote](#) Various characters from Mother Goose appear unexpectedly in this hilarious tale.

Waber, Bernard – [Bearsie Bear and the Surprise Sleepover Party](#) Rollicking, charming tale of bearsie bear's friends, who ask one by one to share his bed one stormy night.

Wood, Audrey – [The Napping House](#) A flea sets off a chain awakening of a houseful of animals and humans.

Ziefert, Harriet – [Oh, What a Noisy Farm!](#) The farmer and his wife set off after cow and bull, and are followed by other animals.

## DINOSAURS

Baker, Liz – [Dinosaur Days](#) Harold reads about dinosaurs and is inspired to draw a world of them with his purple crayon.

Barton, Byron – [Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones](#) A cast of characters looks for, finds and assembles some dinosaur bones.

Barton, Byron – [Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs](#) Dinosaurs of many types, even sleepy ones, are described for young readers.

Carmine, Mary – [Daniel's Dinosaurs](#) Daniel is preoccupied with dinosaurs and imagines them in a variety of human roles during the day.

Carrick, Carol – [Patrick's Dinosaurs](#) As his big brother describes how enormous dinosaurs were, a young boy thinks he sees dinosaurs following him.

Carrick, Carol – [Patrick's Dinosaurs on the Internet](#) One night, friendly dinosaurs take Patrick on a spaceship ride to their planet.

Carrick, Carol – [What Happened to Patrick's Dinosaurs?](#) Patrick imagines a time when dinosaurs and people lived together.

Clark, Emma Chichester – [The Bouncing Dinosaur](#) Although reluctant at first to have a noisy dinosaur move into their community, the animals change their minds when that dinosaur guards them from a fox.

Cyrus, Kurt – [Tadpole REX](#) Rex the tadpole lives among dinosaurs and feels at one with them.

Donaldson, Julia – [Tyrannosaurus Drip](#) A young dinosaur is raised in a fierce Tyrannosaurus family, but is actually a plant-eating duck bill dinosaur.

Edwards, Pamela – [Dinorella: A Prehistoric Fairy Tale](#) Here is a fun spin on Cinderella featuring dinosaurs.

Grambling, Lois G. – [Can I Have a Tyrannosaurus Rex, Dad? Can I ? Please!?](#) A boy thinks of all the ways his own dinosaur would be helpful in so many situations.

Hearn, Diane Dawson – [Dad's Dinosaur Day](#) A boy's father turns into a dinosaur one exciting day.

Hennessy, B.G. – [The Dinosaur Who Lived in My Backyard](#) The time that the dinosaurs lived in this boy's backyard was long, long ago, but he enjoys thinking about them.

Houran, Lori Haskins – [Dig Those Dinosaurs](#) A group of paleontologists digs and discovers dinosaur bones, then reconstructs a dinosaur skeleton.

Howe, James – [Brontorina](#) A dinosaur dreams of being an accomplished ballerina, and takes lessons.

Idle, Molly – [Camp Rex](#) Children go camping with some dinosaur friends.

Joyce, William – [Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lazardo](#) A Brontosaurus joins a 20<sup>th</sup> Century family for adventures and fun, including a baseball game.

Lewis, Kevin – [Dinosaur Dinosaur](#) A day in the life of a happy dinosaur, whose life is much like that of a little boy.

Liu, Julia – [Gus, the Dinosaur Bus](#) Every day, Gus the dinosaur picks up students and transports them like a bus to school, but problems ensue.

Lund, Deb – [Dinosailors](#) Brave dinosaur friends board a boat bound for adventure, but become seasick.

McCarthy, Peter – [T is for Terrible](#) A Tyrannosaurus Rex, known for viciousness, tells his side of the story.

McClatchy, Lisa – [Dear Tyrannosaurus Rex](#) A girl invites a Tyrannosaurus to her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

McGuire, Leslie – [Who Will Play with Little Dinosaur?](#) Little dinosaur searches everywhere for a friend to play with and finally finds one.

McMullan, Kate and Jim – [I'm Bad!](#) An intimidating dinosaur searches everywhere for food but has no luck until his mother brings him some.

Most, Bernard – [How Big Were the Dinosaurs?](#) Descriptions of how big various dinosaurs were, with contemporary comparisons, are given.

Most, Bernard – [If the Dinosaurs Came Back](#) This book considers the many ways dinosaurs could help humans, if they were to return.

Most, Bernard – [A Pair of Protoceratops](#) A couple of young protoceratops enjoy a busy day filled with words beginning with the letter “p.”

Nolan, Dennis – [Dinosaur Dream](#) A young boy dreams he meets a dinosaur and travels through time to return him to his family.

O'Malley, Kevin – [Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery](#) In graphic novel format, the interstellar adventures of dinosaur Captain Raptor are presented.

Otto, Carolyn – [Dinosaur Chase](#) A dinosaur father reads his son a bedtime adventure story.

Rosenbloom, Joseph – [The Funniest Dinosaur Book Ever](#) Here are lots of dinosaur jokes.

Royston, Angela – [Dinosaurs](#) Simple explanations and striking illustrations of various types of dinosaurs are given.

Ryder, Joanne – [Tyrannosaurus Time](#) Imagine you lived millions of years ago as a dinosaur.

Sedaka, Marc – [Dinosaur Pet](#) A little boy thinks of how he would enjoy each month of the year if he had a dinosaur for a pet.

Shea, Bob – [Dinosaur Bedtime](#) Dinosaur encounters many challenges during a day, and triumphs over them until the very end.

Shields, Carol Diggory – [Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp](#) Dinosaurs assemble for a party.

Sperring, Mark – [Find-a-Saurus](#) Marty searches for real dinosaurs and finds things like dragons and giants, but not what he is looking for.

Stein, David Ezra – [Dinosaur Kisses](#) Dinah the young dinosaur tries to kiss different creatures, but doesn't know her own strength, and overwhelms them.

Steinberg, Laya – [Thesaurus Rex](#) A dinosaur introduces children to synonyms in this rhyming text.

Stickland, Paul and Henrietta – [Dinosaur Roar](#) Many adjectives are used to describe different dinosaurs in this light-hearted romp.

Suen, Anastasia – [We're Going on a Dinosaur Dig](#) Children dig for dinosaur bones and instead find a live one.

Thomson, Bill – [Chalk](#) In this wordless book, some children draw with chalk, and when they draw a dinosaur, it comes alive.

Waddell, Martin – [The Super Hungry Dinosaur](#) A dinosaur chases a little boy named Hal and threatens to eat his family, until Hal and his dog Billy gain control.

Wallace, Karen – [I Am a Tyrannosurus](#) See life through the eyes of a Tyrannosaurus.

Whybrow, Ian – [Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs](#) Harry finds some dinosaurs in the attic but then loses them on the train.

Whybrow, Ian – [Harry and the Dinosaurs at the Museum](#) Harry gets lost in the museum looking at dinosaur skeletons.

Whybrow, Ian – [Sammy and the Dinosaurs](#) Sammy finds some dinosaurs in the attic but then loses them on the train.

Wilson, Karma – [Dinos in the Snow](#) Dinosaur friends have fun in the snow.

Yolen, Jane – [How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?](#) Dinosaurs use good manners when eating.

Yolen, Jane – [How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?](#) Dinosaurs behave well when ill so they'll get better soon.

Yolen, Jane – [How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?](#) Dinosaurs prepare for bedtime.

Yolen, Jane – [How Do Dinosaurs Stay Safe?](#) Dinosaurs learn about safety habits.



## DRAGONS

Aitken, Amy – [Ruby the Red Knight](#) Ruby is a young knight and she won't ever be intimidated.

Ashburn, Boni – [Over at the Castle](#) This counting story in rhyme features goings-on at a castle.

Bass, Jules – [Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon](#) Herb is a peaceful dragon who only eats plants but one day he is captured by knights who assume he is wicked.

Baumgart, Klaus – [Where Are You, Little Green Dragon?](#) Little green dragon sets off on an adventure, but he is really inside a refrigerator.

Bently, Peter and Oxenbury, Helen – [King Jack and the Dragon](#) Boys pretend to fight dragons and monsters in the backyard.

Bergsma, Jody – [Dragon](#) Born on the same night, a gentle prince and a fierce dragon find their destinies linked.

Bertrand, Lynne – [One Day, Two Dragons](#) In this counting story, two dragon friends dread getting their vaccinations, but find that it's not so bad.

Cherry, Lynne – [The Dragon and the Unicorn](#) A dragon and unicorn live happily in the forest until the day they are threatened by humans approaching. A princess befriends them.

De Paola, Tomie – [The Knight and the Dragon](#) A knight and a dragon prepare to do battle.

Deedy, Carmen Agra – [The Library Dragon](#) Miss Lotta Scales is a dragon who is a librarian, and she scares all except one girl.

Demi – [The Boy Who Painted Dragons](#) Ping is afraid of dragons but he dares to paint them, and one day is challenged by the Heavenly Dragon.

Donaldson, Julia – [A Gold Star for Zog](#) Zog, a young dragon in training, is helped many times by a princess named Pearl.

Ellery, Tom and Amanda – [If I Had a Dragon](#) A boy at first wishes his little brother would turn into a dragon, but changes his mind.

Enderle, Judith and Tessler, Stephanie Gordon [The Good-for-Something Dragon](#) James, the giant catcher's son, wants to keep his baby dragon but his father says a castle is no place for a dragon and James has three days to prove otherwise.

Eversole, Robyn – [East Dragon, West Dragon](#) East Dragon and West Dragon live on opposite sides of the world and are pleased with that, for they fear each other a bit. One day, they do meet.

Florian, Douglas – [How to Draw a Dragon](#) The author makes humorous suggestions with colorful illustrations about how to draw your dragon.

Gliori, Debi – [The Trouble with Dragons](#) Dragons overuse the earth and its natural resources and must learn to mend their ways, much like humans.

Gorbachev, Valeri – [How to Be Friends with a Dragon](#) Big sister Emma gives Simon tips on how to befriend a dragon.

Kent, Jack – [The Once-Upon-a-Time Dragon](#) Sam the dragon wants to become a man, and one day he does.

Kent, Jack – [There's No Such Thing as a Dragon](#) Billy's mother says dragons don't exist, but one moves their house away with them inside.

Kostermann, Penny Parker – [There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight](#) Here is a funny spin on "There Was an Old Lady."

Knudsen, Michelle – [Argus](#) All of the students are given an egg to watch by the science teacher and all of the eggs hatch into chicks, except for Sally's, which hatches into a dragon.

Kraegel, Kenneth – [King Arthur's Very Great Grandson](#) On his sixth birthday, Henry sets out to do battle with some fierce mythological creatures.

La Rochelle, David – [The End](#) A tale featuring royalty, a giant, and a dragon is told backwards.

Martin, C.L.G. – [The Dragon Nanny](#) The former royal nanny takes care of the young dragons of Dragonia.

Matthews, Ann – [Barefoot Bear and the Dragon](#) A bear dreams that he protects a princess from a dragon.

Mayhew, James – [The Knight Who Took All Day](#) A knight wishes to fight a dragon in order to impress a princess, but he takes a long time preparing.

Mayhew, James – [Who Wants a Dragon?](#) Will baby dragon find someone to love him?

Minarik, Else Holmelund – [The Little Girl and the Dragon](#) A dragon from a book a girl is reading comes alive.

Munsch, Robert – [The Paper Bag Princess](#) A princess rescues a prince from a dragon.

Myers, Walter Dean – [The Dragon Takes a Wife](#) Harry the dragon consults a fairy for advice about battling a dragon.

Nash, Ogden – [The Tale of Custard the Dragon](#) Custard is a cowardly dragon until the day the pirate arrives.

Nolen, Jerdine – [Raising Dragons](#) A girl discovers a dragon that hatched near her family's farm.

Peet, Bill – [How Droofus the Dragon Lost His Head](#) The king sets out to have Droofus the two-ton dragon's head on the wall of his great hall.

Repchcuk, Caroline – [The Glitter Dragon](#) Geoffrey is not pleased with his glittery scales, and is constantly teased about them, so he runs away.

Riddell, Chris – [The Emperor of Absurdia](#) A little boy dreams of adventures featuring a scary dragon.

Rowe, John – [Jasper the Terror](#) Jasper the dragon doesn't mean any harm, but he keeps setting his animals neighbors' pants on fire.

Rubin, Adam – [Dragons Love Tacos](#) Don't ever feed a dragon tacos with spicy salsa or you'll be sorry.

Schaefer, Carole Lexa – [Dragon Dancing](#) Imagine a colorful dragon that a classroom of children created traveling through many different lands.

Thayer, Jane – [The Popcorn Dragon](#) Dexter the dragon alienates his friends because he shows off by breathing smoke, but when he discovers he can pop corn with his breath, his friends return.

Ward, Helen – [The Dragon Machine](#) George discovers and collects dinosaurs nobody else notices, until he returns them to their land.

Wojtowycz, David – [Elephant Joe, Brave Knight](#) Elephant Joe and Zebra Pete are off to retrieve the king's crown from the dark knight, and a dragon helps them.

Yarrow, Peter – [Puff, the Magic Dragon](#) The well-loved song of a dragon who lives by the sea is colorfully illustrated.

## HOLIDAYS

Alko, Selina – [Daddy Christmas and Hanukkah Mama](#) A girl describes all the decoration, preparation, and festivities in her home at holiday time, with her parents, one of whom brings the traditions of Christmas and the other of Hanukkah.

Balian, Lorna – [A Garden for a Groundhog](#) Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary are eager to begin gardening after a long winter, but what will happen on Groundhog Day?

Bateman, Teresa – [April Foolishness](#) Grandpa's grandchildren tell him tall tales of things gone wrong on the farm.

Blackaby, Susan – [Brownie Groundhog and the February Fox](#) On Groundhog Day, a fox and a groundhog search for signs of spring.

Bunting, Eve – [The Mother's Day Mice](#) Three mice bring gifts to celebrate Mother's Day, and the little one has a surprise.

Bunting, Eve – [A Perfect Father's Day](#) Susie thinks of many places to go and things to do with her dad for Father's Day.

Callahan, Sean – [A Wild Father's Day](#) A dad suggests celebrating Father's Day by having fun imitating animals.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin – [Biscuit Loves Father's Day](#) A little girl invites her dog, Biscuit, to help celebrate Father's Day.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin – [Biscuit Loves Mother's Day](#) A little girl invites her dog, Biscuit, to help celebrate Mother's Day.

Chall, Marsha Wilson – [Happy Birthday, America!](#) An extended family celebrates July 4<sup>th</sup> by a lake.

Cohlene, Terri – [Won't Papa Be Surprised!](#) A girl does many fun things with her father on Father's Day, and has a surprise gift for him, as he does for her.

Cox, Judy – [Cinco de Mouse-O!](#) Mouse wants to celebrate Cinco de Mayo like the humans, but a cat is after him.

Cox, Judy – [Go to Sleep, Groundhog!](#) Groundhog hibernates on Columbus Day and keeps waking up just in time for fall and winter holidays until Groundhog Day.

De Groat, Diane – [Mother, You're the Best! \(But Sister, You're a Pest!\)](#) Gilbert the opossum is trying to do something special for Mother's Day, but he feels like he's not succeeding.

Freeman, Don – [Gregory's Shadow](#) Gregory the groundhog becomes separated from his shadow for a time.

French, Vivian – [A Present for Mom](#) Stanley the cat wants to give his mom something special for Mother's Day and he comes up with a unique idea.

Gellman, Ellie B. – [Netta and Her Plant](#) Young Netta celebrates Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year for trees, every year.

Gibbons, Gail – [Groundhog Day!](#) A simple, clear explanation of Groundhog Day and groundhogs is presented.

Glass, Marvin – [What Happened Today, Freddy Groundhog?](#) Freddy the groundhog has his first experience of being watched by humans on Groundhog Day.

Hill, Susanna Leonard – [April Fool, Phyllis](#) Phyllis the groundhog knows that a snowstorm is coming on April first, and is worried it will ruin the Spring Treasure Hunt.

Holub, Joan – [Groundhog Weather School](#) Professor Groundhog decides to open a weather school for groundhogs, where he teaches them much about groundhogs, the seasons, and Groundhog Day.

Johnson, Crockett – [Will Spring Be Early? Or Will Spring Be Late?](#) On Groundhog Day, the groundhog mistakenly tells the other animals Spring has arrived now.

Keller, Holly – [Henry's Fourth of July](#) Henry the opossum's July 4th is full of fun activities.

Kroll, Steven – [Happy Father's Day](#) Surprises abound for Dad from his children and wife on Father's Day.

Lasky, Kathryn – [Fourth of July Bear](#) When her family leaves the city for a summer vacation on an island, Rebecca is unhappy at first, but soon she agrees to dress up as a bear for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and has a great time.

Mair, J. Samia – [The Perfect Gift](#) Sarah finds a special way to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Eid.

Miller, Pat – [Substitute Groundhog](#) Groundhog becomes ill right before Groundhog Day, so he interviews other animals to take his place for that day.

Nolan, Janet – [A Father's Day Thank You](#) With Father's Day approaching, Henry the bear wonders what to get for his dad.

Riehecky, Janet – [Japanese Boys' Festival](#) Kenji and his family celebrate Boys' Festival and Kite Day.

Roberts, Bethany – [Fourth of July Mice!](#) In this simple rhyming story, mice celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with a fun picnic.

Silverhardt, Lauryn – [Happy Chinese New Year, Kai-lan!](#) Kai-lan and her friends learn to cooperate in carrying the dragon costume for Chinese New Year.

Spinelli, Eileen – [I Like Noisy, Mom Likes Quiet](#) Little raccoon, who usually prefers to be loud and busy, is quiet and careful for his mother on Mother's Day.

Thong, Roseanne Greenfield – [Dia de los Muertos](#) A family participates in the traditions of the Latin holiday, Day of the Dead.

Wardlaw, Lee – [Red, White, and Boom!](#) People celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> in different ways.

Wing, Natasha – [The Night Before New Year's](#) A family has fun counting down to midnight on New Year's Eve.

Wright, Maureen – [Earth Day, Birthday!](#) The animals are observing Earth Day with ecological projects and Monkey insists it's his birthday.

Zalben, Jane Breskin – [Beni's Family Treasury: Stories for the Jewish Holidays](#) A bear family observes the Jewish holidays throughout the year in this collection of separate stories.

Zucker, Jonny – [Fasting and Dates: A Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr Story](#) In this story, a girl gives a simple explanation of how she observes Ramadan and enjoys the holiday of Eid-ul-Fitr with a family feast.

## MAIL/LETTERS

Ada, Alma Flor – [Dear Peter Rabbit](#) A behind the scenes adventure begins when Peter Rabbit is invited to housewarming party. Through a series of letters we get a rare glimpse into the lives of well-loved characters.

Ada, Alma Flor – [Yours Truly, Goldilocks](#) Through a series of letters Goldilocks, the Three Pigs and friends plan to attend a housewarming party for the pigs and avoid the evil wolves.

Brisson, Pat – [Kate Heads West](#) Kate is on the road again traveling with her best friend Lucy. With stops in four states and Mexico, the travelers have an exiting itinerary. You can bet that Kate's family and friends are watching the mail for a letter from Kate.

Crimi, Carolyn – [Dear Tabby](#) Tabby D. Cat has been helping the creatures of Critterville for all nine of her lives. Her advice column has the right advice for any pet. The question is, can Tabby find happiness for herself?

Dannenberg, Julie – [First Year Letters](#) Of First Day Jitters fame, Mrs. Sarah Jane Hartwell is back. As the letters show, Mrs. Hartwell's class can be a handful. How will they make it through the school year?

Day, Alexandra – [Special Deliveries](#) Taffy delivers the mail in the valley and her whole family helps. When they discover that some of their neighbors never get any letters they decide to create their own special deliveries.

Husband, Amy – [Dear Teacher](#) Can Michael's imagination save him from the first day of school? A collection of hilarious letters from Michael to his new teacher.

James, Simon – [Dear Mr. Blueberry](#) Emily and Mr. Blueberry exchange letters throughout the summer. In the process, Emily learns about Whales and Mr. Blueberry learns about imagination, faith, and love.

Ruzzier, Sergio – [A Letter for Leo](#) Leo delivers the mail to everyone in town. Leo, himself never gets a letter. He wishes and waits and then....

Stein, David Ezra – [Love, Mouserella](#) Mouserella writes a letter to her grandmouse because she misses her. At first she doesn't know what to say. Once the words start to flow there is plenty of news.

Teague, Mark – [Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School](#) Through a series of letters, Ike LaRue complains of his imprisonment at the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy. He tries everything to get sent home. In reality it's more like camp than prison and he misses his creature comforts.

Teague, Mark – [Detective LaRue](#) Ike LaRue dog hero finds himself in jail wrongly accused of terrorizing the Hibbins' cat and stealing their candy. Mounting an investigation to prove his innocence will be dangerous but it's a risk he take.

Teague, Mark – [LaRue Across America](#) Ike LaRue's plans for a peaceful cruise are halted when he and Mrs. LaRue must care for a sick neighbor's cat. Mrs. La Rue decides to take them all on a road trip.

## NATURE TALES

Arnosky, Jim – [At This Very Moment](#) This book reminds children that at each moment in their day, animals in the wild are also busy with their own activities.

Arnosky, Jim – [Crinkleroot's 25 More Animals Every Child Should Know](#) Here are large labeled pictures of common animals including bugs.

Arnosky, Jim – [Rabbits and Raindrops](#) A rabbit family runs under a hedge for shelter during a rainstorm.

Arnosky, Jim – [Raccoon on His Own](#) A young raccoon ends up alone on a boat.

Arnosky, Jim – [Turtle in the Sea](#) A turtle mother about to dig a hole for her turtle eggs to hatch out of, remembers many of the difficulties she has been through.

Bailer, Darice – [Humpback Goes North](#) A baby humpback whale and her mother travel from north of the Dominican Republic to Maine.

Chermayeff, Ivan – [Feathery Facts](#) Here are interesting facts about different kinds of birds.

Chermayeff, Ivan – [Scaly Facts](#) Interesting facts about different kinds of reptiles are presented.

Day, Nancy Raines – [What in the World?: Numbers in Nature](#) Numerical sets in nature are listed.

DePalma, Mary Newell – [A Grand Old Tree](#) A tree has many beautiful seasons in its life, houses many animals, and has many grandchildren.

Fleming, Denise – [Where Once There Was a Wood](#) Many different creatures lived in the wood, meadow and creek before it houses were built on it.

Ford, Miela – [Mom and Me](#) Photographs of a baby polar bear and its mother accompany text about playing together and having fun.

Ryder, Joanne – [Jaguar in the Rain Forest](#) The author encourages the child reading the book to imagine they are a jaguar, and what life is like.

Ryder, Joanne – [Shark in the Sea](#) The author encourages the child reading the book to imagine they are a shark, and what life is like.

Ryder, Joanne – [White Bear, Ice Bear](#) The author encourages the child reading the book to imagine they are a polar bear, and what life is like.

Salas, Laura Purdie – [A Leaf Can Be...](#) In rhyming poetry, this book describes many surprising things a leaf can be.



## PIRATES

Andreae, Giles – [Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs](#) A boy named Flinn battles pirate dinosaurs.

Bateman, Teresa – [Fluffy, Scourge of the Sea](#) Fluffy was just a pampered poodle in a yacht, but when he is taken on board a ship of pirate dogs, he must prove himself.

Bunting, Eve – [Pirate Boy](#) A little boy asks his mother if she would save him if he boarded a pirate ship but then wanted to return to his family.

Faulkner, Matt – [The Pirate Meets the Queen](#) A woman pirate named Granny O'Malley meets up with the queen of England and they become friends.

Funke, Cornelia – [Pirate Girl](#) A girl named Molly is captured by pirates, but is later rescued by her mother, a fearsome pirate named Barbarous Bertha.

Griswell, Kim T. – [Rufus Goes to Sea](#) Though he longs to become a pirate, Rufus the pig is not accepted aboard the ship run by Captain Wibblyshins.

Harley, Bill – [Dirty Joe, the Pirate: A True Story](#) In rhyme, this is the silly tale of a pirate whose men plunder dirty socks, and the other pirate he meets up with, whose crew steals underwear.

Harris, Peter – [The Night Pirates](#) A band of girl pirates lets Tom join them for an adventure plundering an island of grown-up pirates.

Helquist, Brett – [Roger, the Jolly Pirate](#) Unable to tell one part of a ship from another, and happy instead of scowling, Roger's crewmates call him Jolly Roger and don't take him seriously until, by coincidence, he saves the day.

Jarman, Julia – [Class Three at Sea](#) A classroom of students is taken captive by a band of pirates and later freed by an octopus and his brother.

Jones, Rob Lloyd – [1001 Pirate Things to Spot](#) Illustrations of pirate life are presented with lists of objects for the reader to search for.

Keats, Ezra Jack – [Maggie and the Pirate](#) Maggie's pet cricket is stolen by a pirate.

Krosoczka, Jarrett J. – [Bubble Bath Pirates!](#) Mommy gives her pirate boys a bath.

Krupinski, Loretta – [Pirate Treasure](#) A pirate mouse and his wife decide to spend some months on land farming while they repair their ship.

Long, Melinda – [How I Became a Pirate](#) Young Jeremy Jacob remembers the good times he had when a band of pirates brought him on their ship.

Long, Melinda – [Pirates Don't Change Diapers](#) After Jeremy Jacob's mother asks him to babysit his baby sister, his pirate friends arrive to help.

McElligott, Matthew – [Backbeard: Pirate for Hire](#) Warned by the Pirate Council that he does not look fearsome, hairy, smelly Pirate Backbeard finds new work in a teashop.

McNaughton, Colin – [Captain Abdul's Pirate School](#) Sent by his father to pirate school to toughen him up, a boy keeps a diary of who he meets and what he learns.

McPhail, David – [Edward and the Pirates](#) Edward is reading about pirates in a book he got from the library when a band of pirates arrives and demands the book to see if it will lead them to treasure.

Preller, James – [A Pirate's Guide to First Grade](#) A boy starting school imagines everything through a pirate's eyes.

Priest, Robert – [The Old Pirate of Central Park](#) A retired pirate and a retired queen launch their respective ships in the Central Park Sailboat Pond, and a battle erupts.

Spires, Ashley – [Small Saul](#) Mild, gentle and small, Saul is not your typical pirate, and his crew doesn't appreciate him.

Stills, Caroline – [An A to Z of Pirates](#) A dictionary of pirate terms is presented in rhyme.

Sturges, Philemon – [This Little Pirate](#) A band of pirate animals sails to an island where at first they fight but then cooperate and throw a party.

Winstanley, Nicola – [The Pirate's Bed](#) In a storm, a bed is swept away from a pirate and it ends up in the deep blue sea until it washes ashore.

## RECIPES

Bailey, Linda – [Toads on Toast](#) A hungry fox is about to make Mama Toad's children into a meal, when Mama comes up with a delicious vegetarian alternative.

Bastianich, Lidia – [Nonna's Birthday Surprise](#) A grandmother and her grandchildren prepare a surprise dinner for great grandmother's birthday.

Beil, Karen Magnuson – [A Cake All for Me!](#) In this simple rhyming story, a pig bakes a cake for himself but decides it's even better when you share with friends.

Best, Cari – [Easy as Pie](#) Jacob bakes a peach pie for his parent's anniversary.

Dooley, Norah – [Everybody Bakes Bread](#) A girl visits her neighbors' homes and tries the various ethnic breads they bake.

Dooley, Norah – [Everybody Cooks Rice](#) A girl looking for her little brother stops at different neighbors' homes and tries the various ways their families prepare rice.

Drummond, Ree – [Charlie the Ranch Dog](#) A dog named Charlie thinks he does a lot of work for the family that lives on the ranch, but actually it is another dog, his friend Suzie, who does most of it.

Florence, Tyler – [Tyler Makes Pancakes](#) Young Tyler goes to the market to get the ingredients for pancakes, and Mr. Jones teaches him about the sources of the ingredients.

Geeslin, Campbell – [How Nanita Learned to Make Flan](#) When her father the cobbler has no time to make her shoes, Nanita makes her own pair, but they lead her to a wicked couple for whom she must prepare flan daily.

Hall, Zoe – [The Apple Pie Tree](#) Throughout the seasons of the year, a young brother and sister observe and enjoy their apple tree.

Jenkins, Emily – [A Fine Dessert](#) With beautiful illustrations, a history of the dessert called blackberry fool is traced, starting in England and going through four families in four centuries.

Lewis, Paeony – [No More Cookies](#) A little girl asks her mother repeatedly for cookies and her mother finally shows her to make an alternative treat.

Moore, Eluka – [End of the Rainbow Fruit Salad](#) Kids prepare a fruit salad.

Moore, Eluka – [Garden Safari Vegetable Soup](#) Three children work together to make vegetable soup.

Nayar, Nandini – [What Should I Make?](#) While helping his mother as she prepares chapatis, a boy wonders what to do with the bit of extra dough she gives him.

Parish, Herman – [Amelia Bedelia's First Apple Pie](#) Amelia visits her grandparents and goes to the farmer's market with grandpa to buy apples and helps grandma bake a pie.

Priceman, Marjorie – [How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World](#) A girl travels the world over to source the ingredients to make an apple pie.

Purmell, Ann – [Apple Cider Making Days](#) During Fall, cousins arrive at Grandpa's farm to help pick apples and make cider.

Rael, Elsa Okon – [What Zeesie Saw on Delancey Street](#) Celebrating her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, Zeesie attends her first package party, a Jewish charity fundraising auction.

Rossell, Judith – [Ruby and Leonard and the Great Big Surprise](#) Two mice decide to bake some cupcakes as a surprise.

Rosoff, Meg – [Wild Boars Cook](#) Four horribly behaved wild boards decide to concoct a massive pudding.

Shapiro, Jody Fickes – [Up, Up, Up! It's Apple-Picking Time](#) A boy and his parents visit his grandparents who own a farm to pick and sell apples.

Shoulders, Michael – [Goodnight Baby Bear](#) Baby bear enjoys one oatmeal cookie and one book read to him per night by various loving relatives.

Spinelli, Eileen – [Cold Snap](#) Frozen to the bone, the citizens of the town of Toby Mills endure a snap that gets ever colder until one resident thinks of some temporary relief.

Vamos, Samantha R. – [The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred](#) Here is a cumulative tale of a girl making rice pudding, featuring many Spanish words.

Wallace, Nancy – [Pumpkin Day](#) A family celebrates what it calls Pumpkin Day by going to a farm and learning about and picking pumpkins and using them in recipes.

Wellington, Monica – [Apple Farmer Annie](#) From her farm in the country, Annie brings apples and products made with them to sell at the farmer's market in the city.

Wellington, Monica – [Crepes by Suzette](#) On the streets of Paris, Suzette parks her cart to sell crepes.

Wellington, Monica – [Pizza at Sally's](#) Sally assembles the ingredients she needs and works hard to make the pizzas at her parlor.

Yacowitz, Caryn – [Pumpkin Fiesta](#) While Old Juana works hard to grow her beautiful pumpkins, her neighbor Foolish Fernando schemes to copy her methods.

## SONGS

Ahlberg, Allan – [Mockingbird](#) The song “Mockingbird” has old-fashioned illustrations and a surprise take at the end.

Alexander, Martha – [A You’re Adorable](#) Young children are enjoying themselves in this book.

Brown, Petra – [Hush, Little Baby](#) The song “Mockingbird” is illustrated with bears.

[A Child’s Book of Lullabies](#) This collection of lullabies features artwork by Mary Cassatt.

Dean, James – [Pete the Cat: The Wheels on the Bus](#) Pete the Cat is at the wheel on this school bus.

Hoberman, Mary Ann – [Bill Grogan’s Goat](#) This goat sure is hungry!

Hoberman, Mary Ann – [The Eensy-Weensy Spider](#) This spider has a very busy day.

Hoberman, Mary Ann – [Miss Mary Mack](#) The famous song is extended.

Hoberman, Mary Ann – [There Once Was a Man Named Michael Finnegan](#) Michael Finnegan has quite a rollicking adventure in this book.

Kellogg, Steven – [There Was an Old Woman](#) The old favorite song is comically illustrated.

Kovalski, Maryann – [Take Me Out to the Ball Game](#) Grandma surprises her grandchildren with a trip to the ball game.

Kovalski, Maryann – [The Wheels on the Bus: An Adaptation of the Traditional Song](#) Grandma teaches her children the song, “The Wheels on the Bus.”

Laffin, Jenna – [How Do We Listen?](#) This original song talks about the importance of listening attentively.

Lainez, Rene Colato – [Senor Pancho Had a Rancho](#) The traditional song, “Old McDonald” is alternated and then integrated with an original song using Spanish words.

Langstaff, John – [Frog Went A-Courtin’](#) An old story song is accompanied by distinctive illustrations.

Langstaff, John – [Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go](#) The folk song is extended with funny verses.

Langstaff, John – [Over in the Meadow](#) Here is a popular children’s counting song.

Lewis, E.B. – [This Little Light of Mine](#) This African American spiritual is inspiring.

Paley, Joan – [One More River: A Noah’s Ark Counting Song](#) Here is a variation on a traditional spiritual.

Peek, Merle – [Mary Wore Her Red Dress and Henry Wore His Green Sneakers](#) This folk song from Texas talks about many different colors.

Peek, Merle – [Roll Over! A Counting Song](#) Nine animal friends join a little boy in his bed.

Pinkney, Brian – [Hush, Little Baby](#) The song “Mockingbird” is jauntily illustrated.

Raffi – [Baby Beluga](#) A little white whale is on the go.

Raffi – [Down by the Bay](#) The watermelons grow down by the bay in this nonsense song.

Raffi – [Everything Grows](#) All creatures and plants grow.

Raffi – [If You're Happy and You Know It](#) An old preschool favorite is illustrated with romping animals.

Raffi – [Shake My Sillies Out](#) Campers and animals alike dance to this fun-filled song.

Raffi – [Spider on the Floor](#) A spider catches a man and woman and an assortment of animals in its web.

Seeger, Pete – [Abiyoyo](#) The giant monster Abiyoyo is coming to town, and everyone is terrified, but a boy and his father make him disappear.

Taback, Simms – [There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly](#) Vibrant colors contrast with a black background in the illustrations of this old favorite.

Weinstone, David – [Music Class Today!](#) This original song encourages everyone to participate in music class.

Westcott, Nadine Bernard – [I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly](#) This old lady swallows a succession of animals.

Westcott, Nadine Bernard – [The Lady with the Alligator Purse](#) In this telling, the lady with the alligator orders pizza for all.

Zemach, Margot – [Hush, Little Baby](#) Here is a classic version of the classic song, “Mockingbird.”