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PICTURE BOOK

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Happy Holidays!

It's gift guide time! I'm excited to share a list of some great books that make great read alouds for the whole family (don't think picture books are just for pre-readers)!

This year's list includes 30 picture books titles from silly read alouds to poignant titles that will tug at your heartstrings. Picture books are beautiful works of art and writing with a variety of diverse voices sharing their worlds.

Whether you're buying for a reader in your life or finding a few titles for your own holiday break there's a little something for everyone.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,

Laura

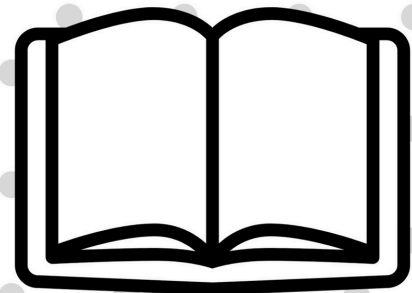
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**Looking for fun gifts for
readers this holiday season?**

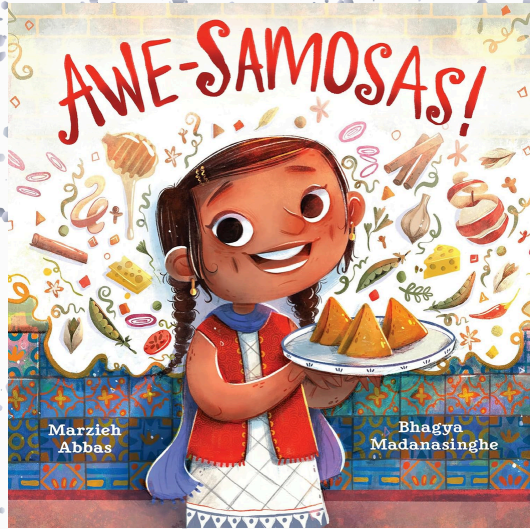
**My Alphabet
Workbook**

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**Check out the Literacious Etsy shop
for holiday gifts for all ages!**

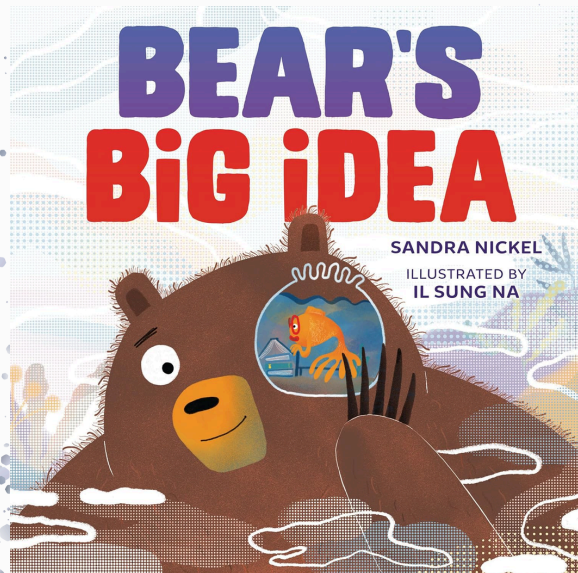
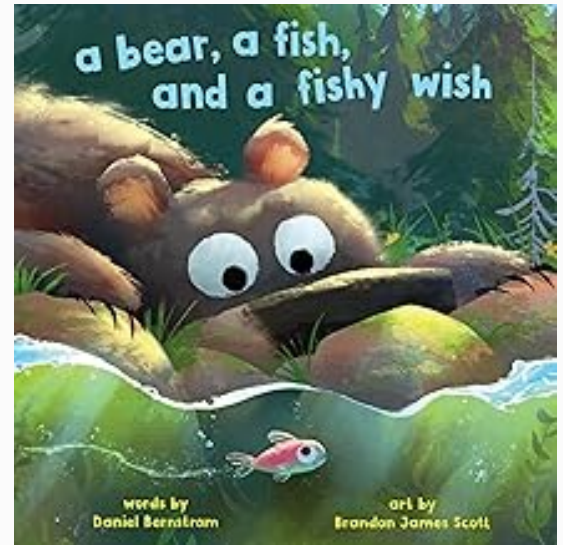


Awe-Samosas! by Marzieh Abbas, illustrated by Bhagya Madanasinghe

It's Noor's first time making her Dadijaan's Special Samosa recipe. When she can't get in touch with her Dadijaan because it's nighttime in Pakistan, Noor must improvise to make her family's recipe without all of the correct ingredients.

A Bear, a Fish, and a Fishy Wish by Daniel Bernstrom, illustrated by Brandon James Scott

Bear has spotted a fish! And his wish? To gobble up this delicious fish dish, of course! Sadly for Bear, this is no ordinary fish—he's a homesick fellow determined to get back upstream where he belongs.

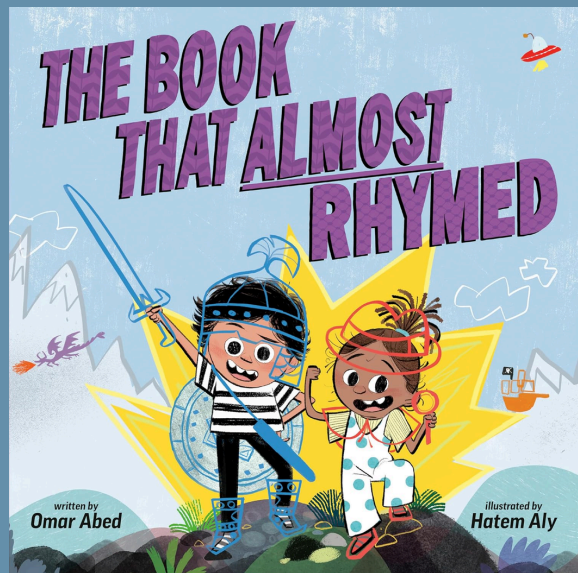


Bear's Big Idea by Sandra Nickel, illustrated by Il Sung Na

One day, it's Bear's turn to make a plan. She promises Fish something BIG! But when Bear goes looking for her brand-new big idea, she can't see one anywhere.....

Being Home by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Michaela Goade

As a young Cherokee girl says goodbye to the swing, the house, and the city she's called home her whole life. She looks forward to the end of the journey, where she'll eat the feast her family has prepared, play in the creek with her cousins, and settle into the new rhythm of home.



The Book That Almost Rhymed by Omar Abed, illustrated by Hatem Aly
What do you do with an interrupting sibling? Especially when she's stepping all over your story with wild ideas that don't. Even. Rhyme. Knights riding rockets? Dancing pirates? Who's ever heard of a fire-breathing armadillo?!

Built to Last by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat
Meet two friends who think they're building imaginative worlds with blocks but come to realize they've been building something far greater--a sturdy, solid friendship!



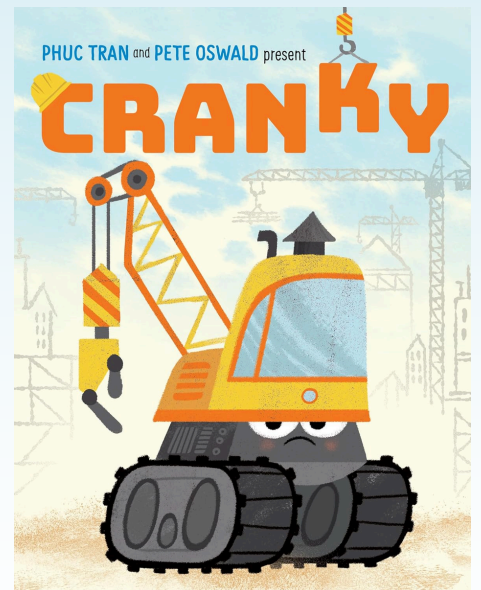


Bye Land, Bye Sea by René Spencer, illustrated by Rodolfo Montalvo

A boy and a girl lost at sea run into each other on an island, but they quickly realize there is a huge barrier between them. They speak two different languages. Hesitant and unsure, they must figure out how to connect despite their differences, if they want to find a way home.

Cranky by Phuc Tran, illustrated by Pete Oswald

It's the last day at the construction site and Cranky the crane truck is feeling, well, cranky. And he doesn't want to talk about it. His friends Zippy, Wheezy, and Dump Chuck try to cheer him up. But you know what doesn't help when you're feeling cranky? A lot of talking. But what will help?



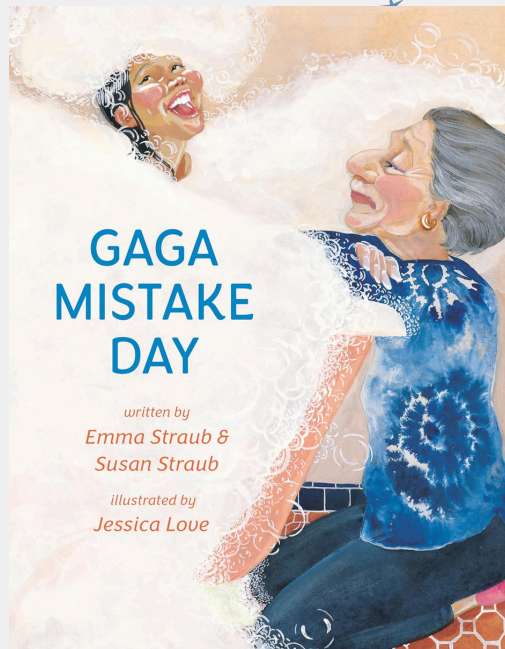
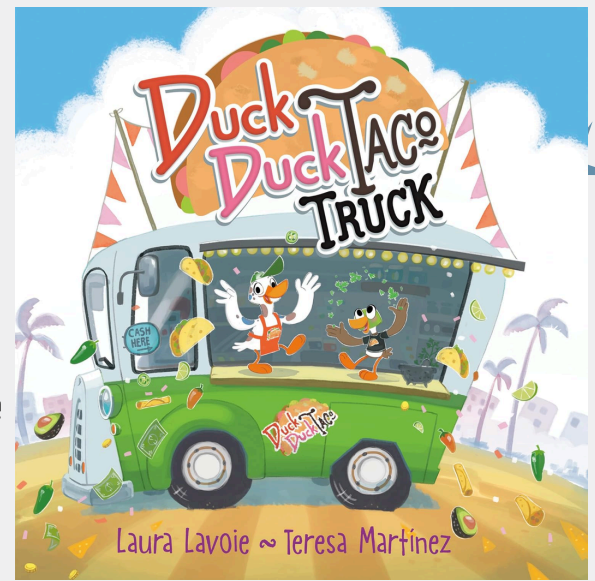
Don't Wash Winston by Ashley Belote

When Winston, Liam's favorite teddy bear, gets muddy, Dad decides that Winston needs to be washed. But the washing machine is big and loud and scary! Liam decides that the only solution is to hide Winston away from this terrible fate.



Duck Duck Taco Truck by Laura Lavoie, illustrated by Teresa Martinez

Two food trucks staffed by sworn enemies: ducks vs. geese. Before you can say "curly fries", these two rivals are in an epic food truck face-off. "Battle on! At dawn, we ride!"

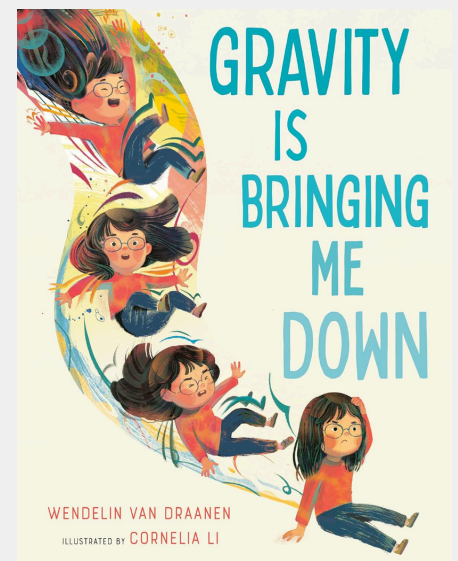


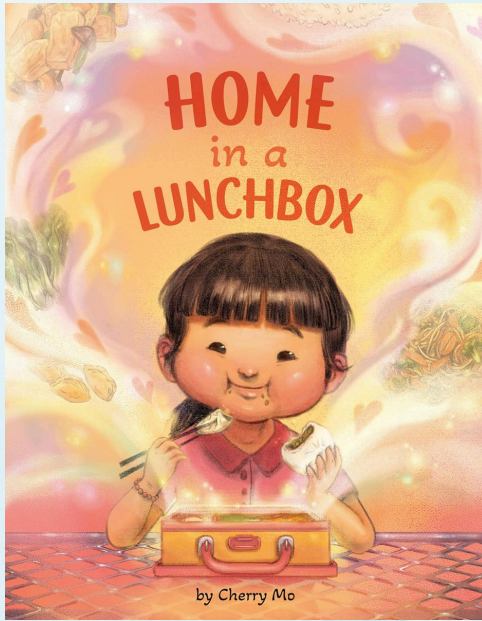
Gaga Mistake Day by Emma Straub and Susan Straub, illustrated by Jessica Love

Gaga days are the best! That's when this eccentric, mischievous grandma babysits her delighted granddaughter. These Gaga days are always full of the silliest "mistakes," like swapping eyeglasses and walking backwards to the park.

Gravity Is Bringing Me Down by Wendelin Van Draanen, illustrated by Cornelia Li

Gravity becomes a very personal problem for a girl as she stumbles and tumbles through a long day. A hilarious look at a core science concept for any kid who has ever had a case of the clumsies!



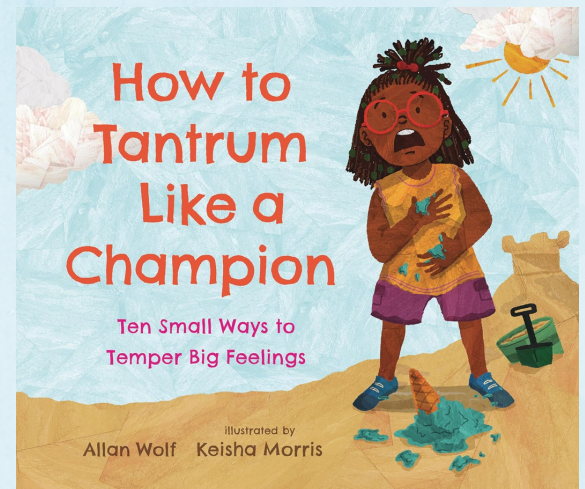


Home In a Lunchbox by Cherry Mo

When Jun moves from Hong Kong to America, the only words she knows are hello, thank you, I don't know, and toilet. Her new school feels foreign and terrifying. But when she opens her lunchbox to find her favorite meals—like bao, dumplings, and bok choy—she realizes home isn't so far away after all.

How to Tantrum Like a Champion: Ten Small Ways to Temper Big Feelings by Allan Wolf, illustrated by Keisha Morris

How do you throw the world's best tantrum? Here are ten ways to help little ones navigate big feelings using fun, calming exercises.

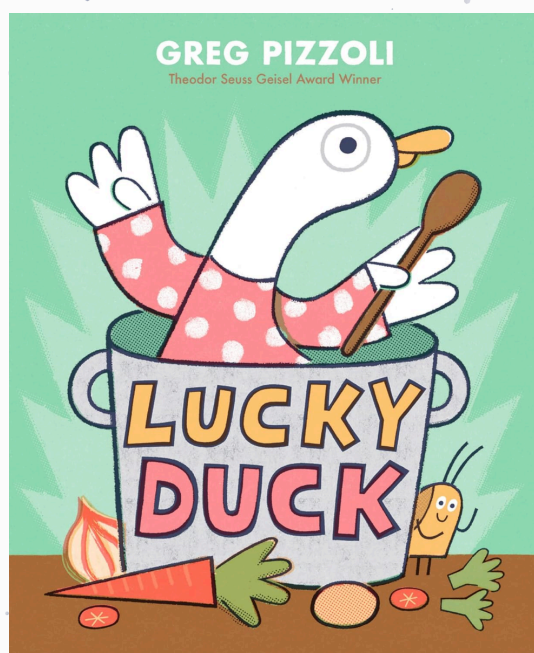


Like So by Ruth Forman, illustrated by Raissa Figueroa

Told from Nana's point of view, this simple, affirming, and comforting read-aloud shows how every family's love is natural and connected to the world around us. Just as the sun loves the day, the moon loves the waves, and the night sky loves the star glow...so is our love for each other.

Look by Gabi Snyder, illustrated by Samantha Cotterill

The natural world is full of patterns to enjoy for those who can ground themselves, be mindful, and truly see.



Lucky Duck by Greg Pizzoli

Susan the duck has the worst luck. Her rollerskates are two sizes too big. She's lost her favorite marble. And she's run out of pickles. But with each unfortunate discovery, Wolf shows up with a gift she's won. Her luck has turned around . . . hasn't it? Come see just how lucky Susan is, in this slyly funny story about finding luck when you least expect it.

Mama in the Moon by Doreen Cronin and Brian Cronin

One night he tumbles from her arms to land in a soft patch of leaves far below. "I'll be there soon," Mama sloth calls down to him. But sloths never get anywhere soon. Baby becomes worried, but Mama finds clever ways to reassure and distract him using his senses of sight, sound, smell, and touch.



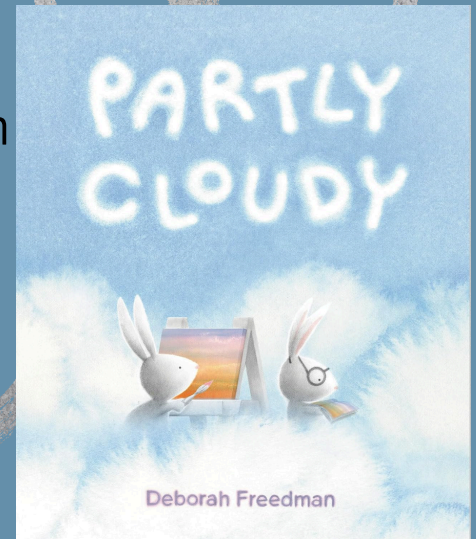


No Cats In the Library by Lauren Emmons

NO CATS are allowed in the library! That's not going to stop clever Clarisse, though. Once she sneaks in, she stumbles upon exciting new stories and even helps a little girl practice reading aloud. But when the librarian comes looking, will Clarisse be allowed to stay?

Partly Cloudy by Deborah Freedman

Two curious bunnies enjoy watching clouds go by. But when they look at the sky, they each see something completely different! While one bunny likes to use his imagination, the other bunny can only see the science behind them. Together they learn that cloud watching is much more fun when they can see it through each other's eyes.



Penny Lu Porcupine by Katie Gilstrap, illustrated by Maribel Lechuga

A cautious porcupine summons the courage to stand up to threats both real and imagined, reassuring readers that they, too, can face their fears.

The Quiet Forest by Charlotte Offsay,
illustrated by Abi Cushman

A mischievous mouse wanders alone in a quiet, nothing-to-do forest. Until one small mishap snowballs into a chain of outrageous events, causing the whole forest full of animals to have a very loud day indeed.



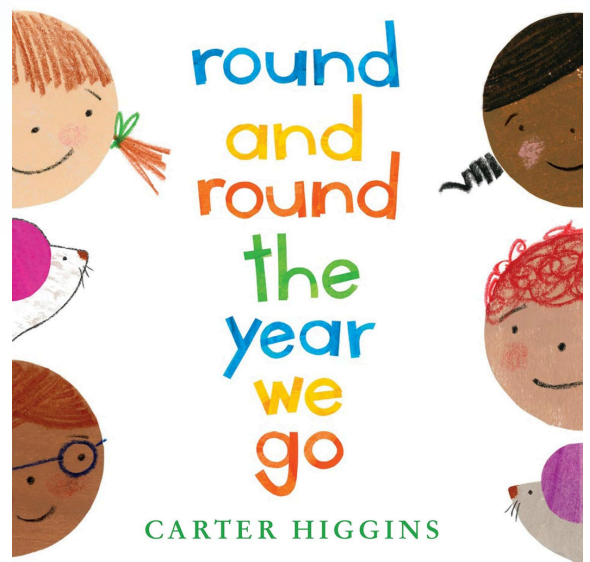
Rocket Ship, Solo Trip by Chiara Colombi,
illustrated by Scott Magoon

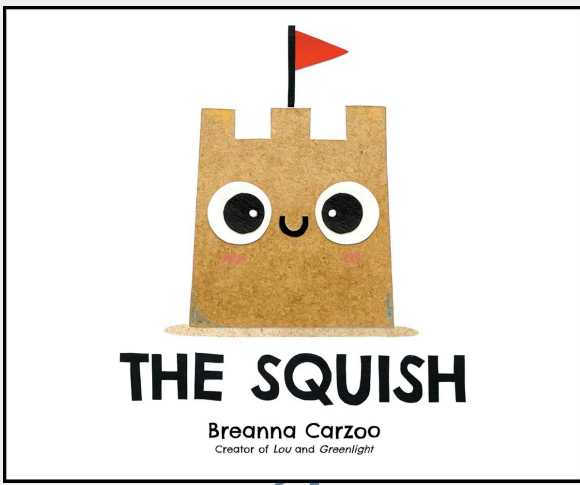
Rocket is embarking on her first solo mission. Her goal? Place a satellite into orbit to take pictures of the beautiful unknown. With a few words of encouragement from Ground Control, Rocket sparks ignition and blasts off to discover all the beauty of outer space.



Round and Round the Year We Go by Carter Higgins

This book works like a song: each month is a new verse, and readers transition into each new season by a chorus with a recurring refrain, which is riffed on throughout the year.





The Squish by Breanna Carzoo

Meet Sandcastle. Sandcastle's world was new and exciting until their very first... SQUISH!

In an effort to protect themselves from ever getting squished again, Sandcastle tries to be bigger and taller and stronger! But is that enough to stop all the squishes?

Thank You by Jarvis

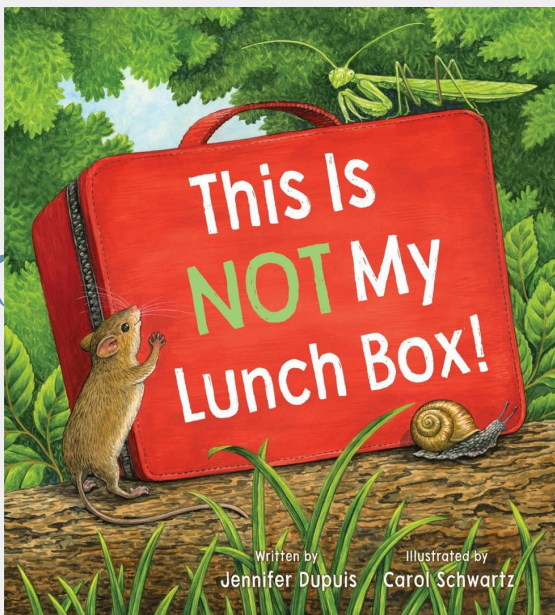
From oversized plants that offer hiding places to boots that somehow know the way, from siblings who bravely take the first plunge to yourself for being you, award-winning picture-book creator Jarvis spans the gamut from the silly to the sublime and opens the endless possibilities for giving thanks.



This Is Not My Lunch Box! by Jennifer Dupuis,

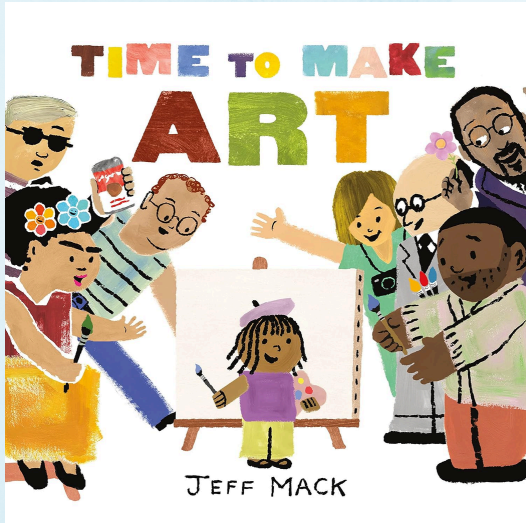
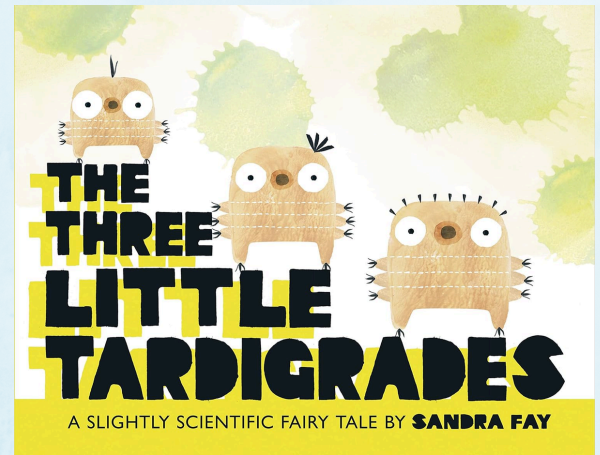
illustrated by Carol Schwartz

Join in on a surprising camping trip and discover the favorite meals of all your favorite forest creatures--from the wood frog (who loves a lunch of spiders and snails!) to the moose.



The Three Little Tardigrades: A Slightly Scientific Fairy Tale by Sandra Fay

In this hilarious retelling of "The Three Little Pigs", three little tardigrades set out to find a home that's just right for them—all while watching out for the Big Hairy Wolf Spider.



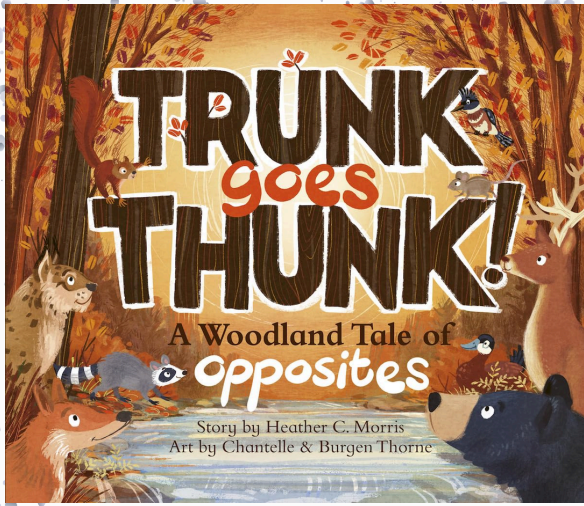
Time to Make Art by Jeff Mack

Does art have to be perfect? Where do you begin? This inspiring picture book about making art doubles as an introduction to the multifaceted and diverse global history of art empowering readers to get creative.

Touch the Sky by Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic, illustrated by Chris Park

Vern longs to be one of the kids who swoop until their toes touch the sky. He heads to the swings and desperately tries to pump his legs, but he just can't get it. A chance encounter with Gretchen gives him just what he needs to know, and he finally learns to soar.





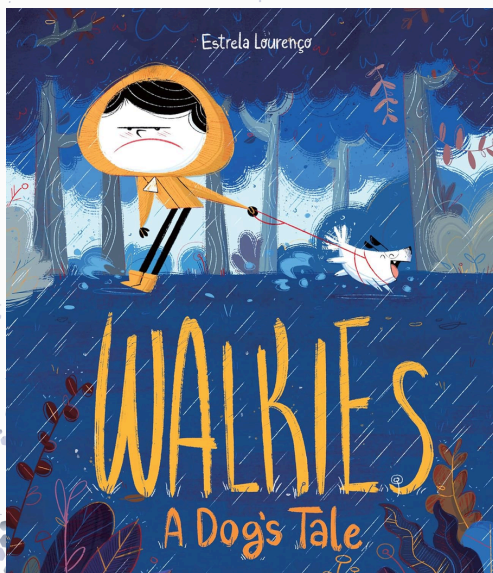
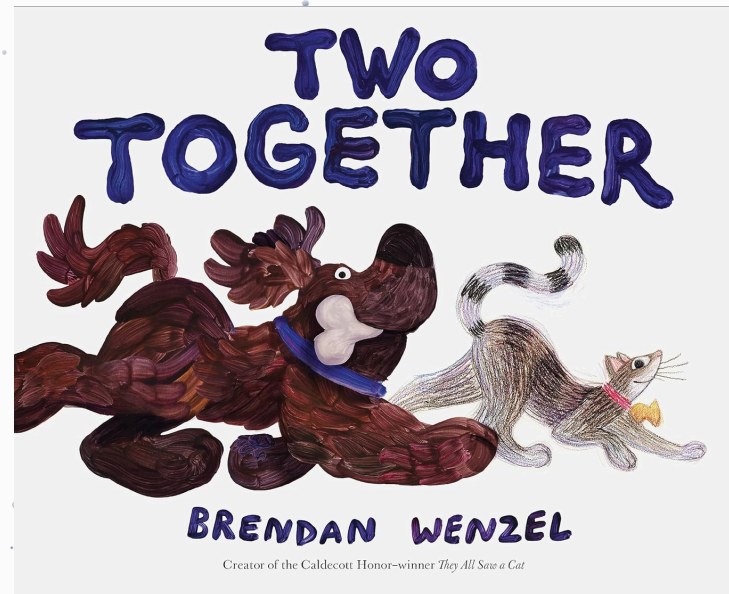
Trunk Goes Thunk: A Woodland Tale of Opposites

by Heather C. Morris, illustrated by Chantelle & Burgen Thorne

This lyrical nonfiction story uses word opposites such as small and large, dark and light, high and low, and fast and slow to introduce young readers to the natural recycling of fallen timber into log bridges.

Two Together by Brendan Wenzel

Cat and Dog are headed home. A simple route lies ahead of them . . . or does it? There's so much to see and smell and hear, and the two of them experience the world very differently.



Walkies: A Dog's Tale by Estrela Lourenço

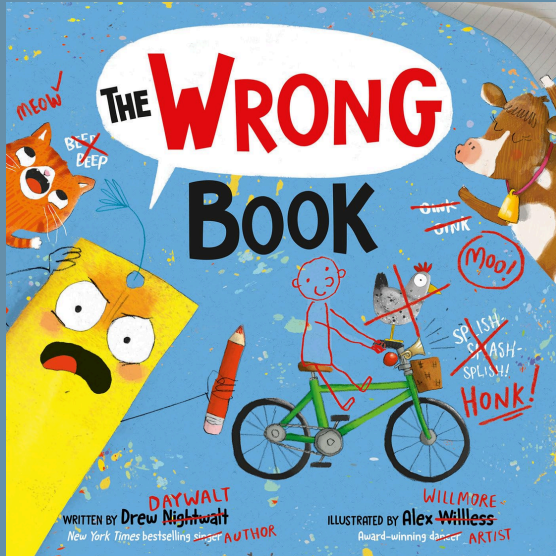
On a gloomy, dripping, rain-boots-required kind of day, Kid is ready to stay inside, warm and dry, and play video games. But to Dog, Kid's arrival home means only one thing: it's time for WALKIES!

When You Have to Wait by Melanie Conklin,
illustrated by Leah Hong

Sometimes, you have to wait.

The seconds drag on... each one feels like forever.

Why can't you have it now? But while you wait, you
might notice how beautiful the world is when
you're not racing by.



The Wrong Book by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by
Alex Willmore

Do bicycles say cock-a-doodle-doo? Do firefighters
shout Ding Dong! before they put out a fire? That's
what the narrator of this hilarious picture book
thinks! Good thing there are some other characters
in this book to set him straight...

You're Going to Love This Book! by Jory John,
illustrated by Olivier Tallec

Attention, reader: You're going to LOVE this book!

No, really, you are. It's got everything you could
ever want: comedy, drama, action, heart.

Plus—are you ready? It's got homework! Ahh
yeah! And a trip to the best place ever, the
dentist! Ahhhh yeahhh!



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