



## Little Owl Booklists • 2021- 2022

I am in love with books! Children and adult books, read-a-louds, fiction, non-fiction, old and new books all whisper to me, they call my name to come look inside, learn something new, discover a land I want to know more about and help me reflect on what matters in our world. The hidden hoarder comes out when it comes to books. I know the practicalities and sustainability issues promoting kindle or audio books and I do use them for some of my adult reading. Nothing, however, beats the physical act of holding a new book, lingering over the illustrations, wondering what art medium was used to create the lovely art. I want to be able to linger, write notes in the margins, highlight so I can come back and search for that one sentence or paragraph that jumped out and spoke to me and told me to return.

I didn't have a house full of books as a child, not even one small bookcase. I remember my grandmother telling me stories before naps and the wonderful family times of sitting around big tables sharing the stories of our families. My favorite summer memories were going to my grandparents and great-aunt and uncle's homes in North Dakota every summer. They had magazines and books. I fell in love with Ripley's Believe It or Not in big format books, like graphic novels. My Uncle's favorites, Charles Adams Cartoons and the New Yorker Annual Cartoon books shaped a rather twisted view of the world for a young person. He was a newspaper publisher and had huge tomes of the Annual yearbooks of the National Press Association. This bizarre collection led me to seek out more tales at the library. The first book I remember owning and re-reading many times was *Bat, The Bull Terrier* by Stephen Meader published in 1939. I was ten and it seemed so powerful to me...my first book about resilience! Years later, my husband found the out-of-print book online and surprised me with it! Books always make the absolute best gifts in my own families' holiday shopping.

My goal with this ongoing list is to stir that life-long love of books, stories and possibilities in the children and families around me now. Keep reading!!

Linda

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## Things Children Worry About:

- *Saying Good-bye to Lulu*-Corinne Demas-a heartwarming story of a little girl's emotional journey as she copes with the loss of her beloved pet
- *Lifetimes*- Bryan Mellonie-A beautiful way to explain death to children
- *The 10<sup>th</sup> Good Thing about Barney*
- *Good-bye, Mousie*-Robie Harris
- *The Memory Box..A Book About Grief* -Johanna Rowlan -A child copes with losing a close family member.
- *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* -Ryan T. Higgins-Transitioning into school (A young T-Rex) learning the ropes in a new place
- *Peaceful Piggy Meditation*-Kerry Lee MacLeon- Learning to handle the busy, noisy, hurry, hurry world.
- *Each Kindness* -Jacqueline Woodson-
- *The Dark* -Lemony Snicket- Laszlo is afraid, but eventually makes friends with the dark
- *Adventure Annie goes to Kindergarten*-Toni Busch
- *Big Friends* by Linda Sarah-2 best friends have their friendship changed when a new boy moves into the neighborhood
- *This is our House* by Michael Rosen- Children in an urban playground, work out fair/unfair play on their own
- *Sophie's Squash Goes To School* by Pat Zietlow Miller- A young girl only wants to be friends at her school with the baby squash she grew, fearful to make friends with the real children
- *Pssst! It's Me...the Bogeyman*-Barbara Park
- *Most People*-Michael Leannah-Sometimes the world can seem scary, it's true. But most people are good people, just like you
- *School's First Day of School*-Adam Rex-A brand new school is nervous about what its' first day will be like.
- *Anna Banana and Me*-Lenore Blegvad- a shy boy has a brave and fearless friend, but is fearful without her courage, until he finds his own magic. Recognizes the fears and triumphs of small children
- *When A Pet Dies*-Fred Rogers-Sensible and sensitive first book about death
- *Don't Forget To Come Back!* -Robie H. Harris
- *What Does Peace Feel Like?* -V. Radunsky
- *Ira Sleeps Over*- Bernard Waber-a small boy worries if he should bring his comfy object to his friend's home when he sleeps over.
- *The Dead Bird*-Margaret Wise Brown
- *Paul and the Wolf*-Margo Lemieux
- *Here and There*-Tamara Ellis Smith (getting used to 2 homes after divorce)
- *Shy Charles*-Rosemary Wells
- *I Miss You, A First Look at Death*-Pat Thomas
- *I Am Not A Label,34 disables artists, thinkers, athletes, and activists from the past to present*-Cerie Burnell
- *Blackout*-John Rocco
- *Lucy's Mask*-wearing masks because of Covid-19- Lisa Sirkis Thompson
- *Outside In, missing nature and outside spaces during Covid-19 quarantine*
- *Ralph Tells a Story*-Abby Hanlon
- *Lulu and The Hunger Monster*-Erik Talkin

## Social Justice Issues:

- *Pride, The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* by Rob Sanders-Traces the life of Harvey Milk and the symbol of hope for the LGBTQ+ individuals. True story of love, equality, hope and pride.
- *Old Turtle and the Broken Truth* by Douglas Wood-A co-existing tale of peace
- *Old Turtle and Questions of the Heart* by Douglas Wood- spiritual tale of what is important in life
- *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood
- *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright- A tiny meek mouse finds his bravery. Finding your true voice.
- *Extra Yarn*-Mac Barnett- sharing what you have, recycling, giving back to your community.
- *Her Right Foot*-Dave Eggers- a beautiful history and relevant look at what the Statue of Liberty stands for.
- *We March*-Shane W. Evans
- *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise our Voices*-Wade Hudson & Cheryl Willis Hudson
- *Akira To Zoltan, Twenty-six Men Who Changed the World*- Cynthia Chin-Lee
- *Amelia To Zora, Twenty-six Women Who Changed the World*- Cynthia Chin-Lee
- *Dolores Huerta, A Hero to Migrant Workers*-Sarah Warren
- *Mommy, Am I American ?*-Aila Malik
- *Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights*- Rob Sanders
- *Sometimes People March*-Tessa Allen
- *Something Happened in Our Town*, A child's story about Racial Injustice-Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard
- *We Are The Change, Words of Inspiration from Civil Rights Leaders*-intro by Harry Belefonte
- *Get Up, Stand Up*-based on the song by Bob Marley, Adapted by Cedella Marley
- *Same, Same but Different*-
- *Just Ask*-Sonia Sotomayor
- *We Are Water Protectors*-Carol Lindstrom
- *Say Something*-Peter Reynolds

## Families/Different Generations:

- *Weird Parents*-Audrey Wood-An affectionate story about a boy who loves his parents, no matter how embarrassing they can be. A perfectly nutty treat for any kid who has parents, weird or not.
- *A Family Is a Family Is a Family*-Sara O'Leary-Honoring the many different types of families
- *Please, Baby, Please*-Spike Lee & Tonya Lewis Lee-A day in the life of an energetic toddler and parents.
- *How Far Do You Love Me?* – Lulu Delacore
- *Windows*-Julia Denos-A child walks her neighborhood, the magic of home, curiosity and a sense of safety, love and belonging is there, something which each child is entitled to have.
- *The Wonderful Things You Will Be*-Emily Winfield Mann- A mother's hopes and dreams and wonderings about her new baby.
- *Ocean Meets Sky*-The Fan Brothers-A young boy honors his grandfather by remembering the powerful stories he was told.
- *Alma, and How She Got Her Name*-Juana Martinez-Neal- A child with Peruvian family is told the story of her very long name.

- *Love*-Matt de la Pena-The many ways we experience the universal bond of love
- *Once There Were Giants*-Martin Waddel
- *A Different Pond*-Bao Phi- Story of an immigrant family from Vietnam and a father/son early morning fishing trip,
- *Families*-Todd Parr
- *Thunderboy, Jr.*-Sherman Alexie- A Native American boy wants his own name, not to be a Jr. with his dad's name.
- *Last Stop on Market Street*-
- *Here We Are...Notes For Living on Planet Earth*-Oliver Jeffers-A dad shares beautiful life lessons with his newborn child
- *Stella Brings The Family*-Miriam B. Schiffer-A child whose class is celebrating Mother's Day is worried. She has two Dads. How she shares her loving family.
- *Families*-Shelley Rotner- Lovely photos and text sharing the many ways people make families
- *Hazel's Amazing Mother*-Rosemary Wells
- *David's Dad*-Robert Munsch
- *Blueberry Girl*- Neil Gaiman-a beautiful poem of best wishes and joy to girls of all ages
- *I Love You, Stinky Face*- Lisa McCourt
- *Tucking Mommy In*-Morag Loh
- *A Morning With Grandpa*-Sylvia Liu-Mei Mei and her grandfather practice t'ai chi
- *Tar Beach*-Faith Ringgold-A family's good times on a roof in the city
- *Grandma Gets Grumpy*-Anna Gossnickle Hines
- *Virginia Wolf*- Kyo Maclear- A little girl's sister gets grumpy and turns "wolfish".
- *Jin Woo*-Eve Bunting- A young boy welcomes his adopted brother from Korea
- *I Wonder-Celebrating Daddies Doin' Work*-Doyin Richards- Brilliant photos of dads and children together
- *In Our Mothers' House*-Patricia Polacco-Marmee, Meema , and the kids enjoy their family with two moms and teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong.
- *Two Homes*- Clair Masurel-An extremely positive take on an often-painful subject
- *Tell Me a Tattoo Story*-Alison McGhee-A father tells his young son the story behind each of his tattoos. An ode to love
- *Families*-Ann Morris-
- *Daddy, Papa, and Me*-Leslea Newman
- *And Tango Makes Three*-Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell-A true story of 2 male penquins who want to be a family
- *Owl Moon*-Jane Yolen
- *Miss Rumphius*-Barbara Cooney
- *Miss Tizzy*-Libba Moore Gray
- *A Special Kind of Love*-Stephen Michael King
- *Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs*- Tomie dePaola
- *Little Boy*-Alison McGhee & Peter Reynolds
- *More, More, More Said the Baby*- Mem Fox
- *Girl of Mine*-Jabari Asim
- *My Family, Your Family*-Lisa Bullard

## Folk and Fairy Tales:

- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears, a Tale Moderne*-Steve Guarncais
- *Abiyoyo*-retold by Pete Seeger
- *Abiyoyo Returns*-Pete Seeger & Paul DuBois Jacobs
- *The Mermaid and the Shoe*-K.G. Campbell-A king has 50 mermaid daughters, all remarkable, except the youngest, who only asks So Many questions. A tongue in cheek story of finding your own purpose.
- *Sleeping Ugly*-Jane Yolen- a different take of the original Fairy Tale and what is real beauty, plain and kind or beautiful and cruel.
- *The Paperbag Princess*-Robert Munsch- A princess saves a prince from a fearsome dragon
- *A Promise Is a Promise*-Robert Munsch- An Inuit folktale about creatures who live under the sea and a mother's love.
- *Heckedy Peg*-Audrey Wood-A mother saves her seven children from a witch who changes her children into food.
- *Borreguita and the Coyote*-Verna Aardema
- *The Beautiful Butterfly, a Folktale from Spain*-Judy Sierra
- *The Girl Who Wore Too Much, a Folktale from Thailand*-retold by Margaret Read MacDonald
- *The Three Little Pigs, An Architectural Tale*-Seven Guarnaccia
- *King Bidgood's in the Bathtub*-Audrey Wood
- *Clay Boy*-Mirra Ginsburg
- *CinderEdna*-Ellen Jackson
- *Lon Po Po, a Red-Riding Hood Story from China*-Ed Young
- *Sleeping Bobby*-Will and Mary Pope Osborne
- *Kate and the Beanstalk*-Will and Mary Pope Osbourne
- *The Barking Mouse*-Antonio Sacre
- *A Mango in the Hand*-Antonio Sacre
- *Strega Nona*-Tomie dePaola
- *A Promise Is A Promise*-retold by Robert Munsch- An Inuit tale from Alaska
- *The Elephant's Tale and other Tales from Ancient India*-Marcia Williams
- *Japanese Children's Favorite Stories*-Florence Sakade
- *The People Could Fly, African American folk tales*- Virginia Hamilton

## Social ,Emotional, Mindfulness

- *When Miles Got Mad* by Samantha Kurtzman-Counter
- *I Can Handle It!* Mindful Mantras-Laurie Wright
- *Anh's Anger*-Gail Silver-This book helps children learn to acknowledge and understand the causes of strong emotions and how to feel safe expressing them.
- *Only One You*-Linda Kranz-A beautifully colorful book with honest insights meant to comfort and guide children of all ages through life.
- *Why Do You Cry?* Not a Sob Story-Kate Klise=Little Rabbit decides to invite only those who are too old to cry for his 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday party until he learns that others of all ages cry for all sorts of reasons.

- *When The Anger Ogre Visits*-Andree Salom-a child learns that anger is a natural and manageable part of life
- *A Handful of Quiet*-Happiness in Four Pebbles-Thich Nahat Hanh
- *I Am Peace, a book of Mindfulness*-Susan Verde
- *Good Morning Yoga*-a pose-by-pose wake up story-Miriam Gates
- *Good Night Yoga*-a pose-by-pose bedtime story-Miriam Gates
- *No One But You*-Douglas Wood- An empowering look at the experiences that belong only to us, marking a place on Earth that is ours alone.
- *Buddy and Earl*—Maureen Fergus-How to connect with someone quite different from yourself. A dog and a hedgehog find out about friendship
- *Hey, Little Ant*-Phillip & Hannah Hoose- Should the boy step on the ant? Seeing another's perspective-Developing empathy
- *Accident*-Andrea Tsurumi-Avoiding or running away from mistakes, this book shows that making a mistake isn't a disaster and we grow and learn from them
- *Rulers of the Playground*-Joseph Kuefler-A deadpan tale of playground politics and child created solutions
- *The Heart and the Bottle*-Oliver Jeffers-A happy little girl hides her heart after a loss and finds better ways to cope.
- *When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry*-Molly Bang
- *When Sophie Gets Sad, Really, Really Sad*-Molly Bang
- *Tough Boris*-Mem Fox-Even scruffy pirates cry when their pet dies
- *La La La*-Kate DiCamillo-A story of hope. Alone and afraid, even if we're small, if we sing, sometimes someone answers back. Finding a friend
- *The Girl With the Parrot on Her Head*-Daisy Hirst-An original story, when a good friend moves away, a girl deals with change, loneliness, imaginative play and finding a new friend.
- *The Invisible Boy*-Trudy Ludwig-The story shows how a simple act of kindness can help a child feel included and flourish
- *I Walk With Vanessa*- A child chooses to help a new child in school after she sees others ignore or tease her
- *The Rabbit Listened*-Cori Doerrfeld-Healing heartaches big and small by taking the time to be present and just listen...one of my new favorites
- *Be Kind*-Pat Zietlow Miller-What does it mean to be kind? The story explores how any act of kindness, big or small, can make a difference.
- *Fraidy Zoo*-Thyra Heder-Honors the bravery it takes to face your fears
- *Niko Draws A Feeling*-
- *Wait*-Antoinette Portis- A charming real to life story about one morning with a boy and his mother, with only two words showing each of their perspectives...Wait and Hurry.
- *The Book of Mistakes*-Corinna Luyken-Reminds readers of all ages that the way we look at the world and ourselves is always a work in progress.
- *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*-Maria Dismundy-Having the courage to be who you are
- *In My Heart, a Book of Feelings*-Jo Witek
- *Our House*-Michael Rosen- when children are excluded because of being different; they work out a way for everyone to feel a part of the play
- *You Belong Here*-M.H. Clark

- *What do You Do with a Problem?* Kobi Yamada
- *Tell Me About Your Day Today*-Mem Fox
- *Paul and The Wolf*-Margo Lemiew
- *I Am Human*-Susan Verde- A Book of Empathy
- *Tough Guys (Have Feelings Too)*-Keith Negley
- *How To Heal A Broken Wing*-Bob Graham- A book of hope and healing
- *Elwood Bigfoot, Wanted: Birdie Friends*-Jill Esbaum
- *Ricky, the Rock that Couldn't Roll*-Jay Miletsky
- *Better Than You*-Trudy Ludwig
- *Horace, Morris, But especially Delores*-
- *When I Feel Angry*- Cornelia Maude Spelman
- *Is The KING Too Small to Play Ball ???*- Arthur Lewis Jr.
- *The Way I Feel*-Janan Cain
- *Maybe, a story about the endless potential in all of us*-Kobi Yamada
- *You Matter*-\_Christian Robinson
- *The Invisible Web, a story celebrating Love and Universal connection*-\_Patrice Karst
- *You, Me, and Empathy*-Jayneen Sanders
- *Your Fantastic Elastic Brain, The Growth Mindset Book*- JoAnn Deak, PhD

### Imagination:

- *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*-Mac Barnett-Two boys dig and dig and find something spectacular
- *The Incredible Cabinet Of Wonders*-Joe Fullman-interactive Pop-up book, beautifully illustrated with 100 little drawers full of weird and wonderful finds in real museums around the world.
- *Forever or A Day*-Sarah Jacobs
- *Ideas Are All Around*-Phillip C. Stead- Photos and drawings from the author explain how he gets ideas for stories
- *The Whisperer*-Pamela Zagarensk-A girl finds a book full of pictures and a whispering voice urges her to create words she cannot see
- *Stuck*-Oliver Jeffers-A kite in a tree, problem solving in silly ways
- *Green Pants*-Kenneth Kraegel- Jameson only wears green pants because in green pants, he can do anything.
- *Not a Box*-Antoinette Portis-A child and all the things he can do with a box
- *Not a Stick*-Antoinette Portis-A child and all the things he can do with a stick
- *A Child of Books*-Oliver Jeffers-Beautifully illustrated with letters, words, sentences, book titles...a girl soars with her imagination through a world of books.
- *Shy*-Deborah Freeman-Shy hides in books, then hears a real bird sing and longs to meet her
- *When You Were Small*-Sara O'Leary-Henry's father tells him tales about when he was small (not baby small but shrunk in size small). Charming, like when he was small he would take his pet ant for a walk on a leash
- *A Sick Day For Amos McGee*-Phillip Stead-



- *Roxaboxen*-Barbara Cooney-An older person recollects the magical world of making forts, shops and a community in the desert of Arizona with all his neighborhood kids with rocks, sticks and sea glass. Magical and lyrical
- *What Do You Do with A Box?*- Jane Yolen
- *The Adventures of Beekle, The Unimaginary Friend*-Dan Santat-An imaginary friend is born and wants to be adopted by a real child. A story about friendship, imagination and courage.
- *Bubble Trouble*-Margaret Mahy-Little brother floats away in a bubble, how to get him down safely??
- *Creepy Carrots*-Aaron Reynolds
- *Creepy Pair of Underwear*-Aaron Reynolds
- *Tea With Oliver*-Mika Son- A mouse desperately wants to make friends and have tea with a cat named Oliver.
- *Today*-Julie Morstad- This book takes the reader through a day of many choices
- *Raising Dragons*-Jerdine Nolan- A little girl shares her secrets of raising baby dragons
- *Dear Fish*-Chris Gall-After a day at the beach, a boy invites the fish to come visit him at home
- *How to Catch a Star*-Oliver Jeffers
- *Inside My Imagination*-Marta Artega
- *Dragons Love Tacos*-Adam Rubin
- *The Book With No Pictures*-B.J. Novak
- *The Tea Party in the Woods*-Akiko Miyakoshi
- *A Bad Case of Stripes*-David Shannon
- *The Reader*-Amy Hest
- *Loud Lulu*-Katy S. Duffield
- *The Digger and the Flower*-Joseph Kuefler
- *This Is A Good Story*-Adam Lehrhaupt
- *The Ghost-Eye Tree*- Bill Martin Jr.
- *Those Darn Squirrels!* -Adam Rubin
- *17 Things I'm Not Allowed To Do Anymore*-Jenny Offill
- *Pirateria*-Calef Brown-The wonderful, plunderful Pirate Emporium
- *Frank Was A Monster Who Wanted To Dance*-Keith Graves
- *How I Became a Pirate*-Melinda Long
- *Pirates Don't Change Diapers*-Melinda Long
- *Pirate School*-Colin McNaughton
- *Alvie Eats Soup*-Ross Collins
- *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*-Christine Baldacchino
- *The Way Home in the Night*-Akiko Miyakoshi
- *Sky Color*-Peter Reynolds
- *Stick and Stone*-Beth Ferry
- *Finding Wild*-Megan Wagner Lloyd
- *Magical, Do Nothing Day*-Beatrice Alemagna
- *Book*- David Miles
- *Perfect*-Max Amato
- *There Is a Tribe of Kids*- Lane Smith
- *How To Read A Book*-Kwame Alexander
- *Yes Day!*-Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- *Ava and the Rainbow (who stayed)*-Ged Adamson

- *How To Read A Book*-Kwame Alexander
- *Never Let A Unicorn Scribble*-Diane Alber
- *Noodlephant*-Jacob Kramer

### Diversity:

- *One Green Apple*-Eve Bunting-Touching story of a young Muslim immigrant trying to fit in a new country
- *My Name is Yoon*-Helen Recorvits-A young girl from Korea does not like her foreign name when she comes to a new country. How she finds pride and reclaims her heritage.
- *All The Colors We Are*-Katie Kissinger- The story of how we get our skin color, bi-lingual Spanish/English.
- *Mixed, A Colorful Story*- Aree Chung-Playful and inspiring book about colors, tolerance and embracing differences
- *Say Hello*-Rachel Isadora-A child enjoys saying hello in the many languages of her community
- *The Skin I'm In*-Bell Hooks
- *The Water Princess*-Susan Verde-Imagine a life with no water in your home or village
- *All Around Us*-Xelena Gonzales-A grandfather and young girl look at what's seen and not seen on a walk, cycles of life and nature.
- *The Paper Flower Tree*-Jacqueline Ayer-A child in Thailand plants a seed (a black bead) from a paper flower and waits patiently for it to grow
- *The Children of Morocco*-Jules Hermes- This is one of a beautiful series of color photos of children in different countries going through everyday life.
- *I Love My Hair*-Natasha Anastasia Tarpley
- *Stepping Stones, A Refugee Family's Journey*-Margariet Ruurs
- *Cherry Tree*-Ruskin Bond-Story of a girl in India planting a seed
- *I Have An Olive Tree*- A young girl travels to visit her family's previous home in Greece
- *The Boy & The Bindi*-Vivek Shraya-
- *Lost and Found Cat, the True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey*-Doug Kuntz & Amy Shrodes
- *Thanking The Moon, Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival*-Grace Lin
- *Dreamers*- Yuyi Morales
- *The Day You Begin*-Jacqueline Woodson
- *Many Ways*-Shelly Rotner & Sheila M. Kelly-How families practice their beliefs and religions
- *Celebrating Chinese New Year*-Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith
- *Festival of Colors*-Kabir Sehgal & Surishtha Sehgal
- *The Girl With A Brave Heart, A Tale from Tehran*-Rita Jahanforuz
- *Fiesta Femenina, Celebrating Women of Mexican Folklore*-Mary-Joan Gerson
- *Call Me Tree, Llamame arbol*- Maya Christina Gonzales
- *Same, Same but Different*- Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
- *Martita and the Magical Sewing Machine/Maritita y La Maquina DeCoser Magica*-Karen Gonzales Penaflor
- *Skin Like Mine*-Latasha M. Perry
- *Parker Looks Up, an extraordinary Moment*- Parker Curry & Jessica Curry
- *What We Wear, Dressing Up Around the World*- Maya Ajmera

- *It's Ok to be Different*-Sharon Purtill
- *I'm Mixed!*- Maggy Williams
- *Your Name Is A Song*-Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelowe
- *Nuestra America, 30 inspiring Latinas, Latinos who have shaped the United States*-Sabrina Vourvoulis
- *The Arabic Quilt, An Immigrant Story*-Aya Khalil
- *Luba and Pebble*-Wendy Meddour
- *It All Started in Africa*-Suzanne Bowman Williams
- *Our Family Tree, an Evolution Story*-Lisa Westberg Peters
- *When Water Makes Mud, A Story of Refugee Children*-Janie Reinbart
- *Tani's New Home, A Refugee finds hope and kindness in America*-Tanitoluwa Adewumi

### Nature, The Environment, Gardening, Food:

- *The Night Gardener*-Terry & Eric Fan
- *Mama Built a Little Nest*-Jennifer Ward-So many kinds of birds and nests
- *Sonya's Chickens*-Phobe Wahl-a child learns about the interconnectedness of nature and the true joys and sorrows of caring for another creature.
- *The Little Gardener*-Emily Hughes
- *Maybe Something Beautiful*-F. Isabel Campos- A little girl strives to bring art and beauty to her rundown neighborhood
- *Seeds and Trees*-Brandon Walden- the power of words(seeds)
- *Tell Me Tree, all about trees for kids*-Gail Gibbons-Guide and info into a wide variety of trees
- *Trees, Leaves and Bark*-Dianna L. Burns- a take along guide
- *The Ugly Vegetables*-Grace Lin
- *Rah, Rah, Radishes*-April Pulley Sayre-A vegetable chant
- *Go, Go, Grapes*-April Pulley Sayre-A fruit chant
- *Rainbow Stew*-Cathryn Falwell
- *Everyday Birds*-Amy VonDerwater
- *The Curious Garden*-Peter Brown- A curious boy comes into a drab city and helps a struggling garden. Through effort and persistence one person makes a difference.
- *If You Hold a Seed*-Elly Mackus-Plant a dream with a seed and with care and patience, it will bloom
- *The Girl Who Hugged The Trees*-adapted by Deborah Lee Rose
- *Eathdance*-Joanne Ryder
- *I Love Our Earth*-Bill Martin Jr.
- *Thank You, Earth, a love letter to our planet*-April Pulley Sayre
- *A Tree is Nice*-Janice May Udry
- *We're Going On A Leaf Hunt*-Steve Metzger
- *Autumn Leaves*-Ken Robbins
- *Someday a Tree*-Ronald Himler
- *Mystery Vine*-Cathryn Falwell
- *Cucumber Soup*-Vickie Leigh Krudwig
- *Leaf Man*-Lois Ehlert

- *By the Light of the Harvest Moon*-Harriet Ziefert
- *Full of Fall*-April Pulley Sayre
- *Don't Let Them Disappear*-Chelsea Clinton
- *Earthsong*-Sally Rogers
- *The Lonely Polar Bear*- Khoa Le , a book on climate change
- *Our House Is On Fire, Greta Thunberg's Call To Save The Planet*-Jeanette Winter
- *One Plastic Bag, Isato Ceesay and the Recycling Women of The Gambia*- Miranda Paul
- *The Tree Lady- the true story of How One Tree-loving Woman Changed a City Forever*- H. Joseph Hopkins
- *Be The Change, a Grandfather Gandhi story about resources and wasting*-Arun Gandhi
- *Up, Down, and Around- a garden book*-Katherine Ayers

### Anti-Bias/Gender Equity:

- *Beautiful*-Stacy McAnulty-a broader definition of what is beautiful in girls
- *A Day in The Life of Marlon Bundo*-John Oliver
- *Lucia, The Luchadora*-Cynthia Garza- A young girl longs to be a superhero female wrestler
- *Women in Science, 50 fearless pioneers who changed the world*-Rachel Isnotofsky
- *She Persisted*-Chelsea Clinton
- *Made by Raffi*-Craig Pomerantz-A child feels different from the others and sometimes gets teased, then he discovers knitting and sewing and takes pride in his talents. Inclusion celebrates creativity and the differences we all have.
- *Julian is a Mermaid*-Jessica Love- A boy imagines himself a mermaid after watching the beautiful women around him at church and on the subway.
- *Pink Is For Boys*-Robb Pearlman-Boys can like colors other than blue and girls can like colors other than pink and purple, every color is for everybody.
- *Be Who You Are*-Todd Parr- Bold messages and bright pictures encourage readers to embrace all their unique qualities
- *I Am Enough*-Grace Byers-An ode to loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another
- *William's Doll*-Charlotte Zolotow- A wise grandmother knows it's ok for William to want a doll
- *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls*-Elena Favilli-100 tales of extraordinary women
- *Not All Princesses Dress in Pink*-Jane Yolen & Heidi E.Y. Stemple
- *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*-edited by Wade Hudson & Cheryl Willis Hudson
- *The Princess in Black*-Shannon & Dale Hale
- *Little Kunoichi, The Ninja Girl*- Sanae Ishida
- *The Boy & The Bindi*-Vivek Shraya
- *Stories For Boys Who Dare To Be Different, True tales of Amazing Boys Who Changed the World Without Killing Dragons*-Ben Brooks
- *Women In Science-50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed The World*-Rachel Ignotofsky
- *Pink is For Boys*-Robb Pearlman
- *Rad American Women, A-Z*, Kate Schatz
- *The Little Red Fort*- Brenda Maier
- *Born Ready, The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope*-Jodie Patterson

## Animal Stories:

- *Owl Babies*-Martin Waddel
- *Sparky (a sloth)*-Jenny Offil
- *Bunny's Book Club*-Annie Silverstro
- *Bear Has a Story to Tell*-Phillip Stead
- *Strictly No Elephants*-Lisa Mantchev-A boy and his pet elephant are excluded from neighborhood gatherings, finding a group that accepts you just as you are.
- *Roberto, The Insect Architect*-Nina Laden
- *Hello, My Name Is Ruby*-Philip C. Stead
- *Tiny Owl on the Ramshackle Farm*-Lotte Wotherspoon
- *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*-Eric Litwin
- *Duck,! Rabbit!* -Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- *Wolfie The Bunny*- Ame Dyckman
- *Too Tall Houses*-Gianna Marino
- *Big Al*-Andrew Clements
- *Dog Loves Drawing*-Louise Yates
- *Verdi*-Janell Cannon
- *Stellaluna*-Janell Cannon
- *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*-Janet Stevens
- *Possum's Harvest Moon*-Anne Harvey
- *Mr. Tiger Goes Wild*-Peter Brown
- *Interrupting Chicken*-David Ezra Stein
- *Ernest, the Moose Who Doesn't Fit*-Catherine Rayner
- *Toad*-Ruth Brown- full of beautiful and gross descriptive words
- *Black Dog*-Levi Pinfold
- *Louise, The Adventures of a Chicken*-Kate DiCamillo
- *Tiger Trail*-Kay Winters

## Non-Fiction/STEAM:

- *The Fort On Fourth Street, A Story about Six Simple Machines*-Lois Spangler
- *Book of Bones*-Gabrielle Balkan
- *How To Be An Engineer*-DK books
- *Ida Twist, Scientist*-
- *Iggy Peck, Architect*-
- *Rosie Revere, Engineer*
- *Violet, the Pilot*-Steve Breen-A young girl builds airplanes with amazing inventions
- *Jet Plane, How it Works*-David MacCalauly

## Ocean/Sea Life:

- *Sea Horse, The Shyest Fish in the Sea*-Chris Butterworth
- *This is the Sea that Feeds Us*-Robert F. Baldwin
- *Is A Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is?* -Robert E. Wells

- *Whale*-Judy Allen
- *A Swim Through the Sea*- Kristin Joy Pratt
- *Big Blue*-Shelley Gill
- *Secret Seahorse*-Stella Blackstone
- *Neptune's Nursery*-Kim Michelle Toft
- *Usborne 1000 Things Under The Sea*-
- *Surprising Sharks, Read and Wonder*-Nicola Davies

### **Construction/Building:**

- *Good-Night, Mighty Construction Site*-Sherri Duskey Rinker
- *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site*- Sherri Duskey Rinker
- *How Do You Lift a Lion?* -Robert E. Wells
- *On The Construction Site*-Carron Brown
- *Demolition*-Sally Sutton
- *Construction*-Sally Sutton
- *Look at That Building, a First Book of Structures*-Scot Ritchie
- *If I Built a House*-Chris Van Dusen
- *If I Built a Car*-Chris Van Dusen
- *What Do Wheels Do All Day?* -April Jones Prince
- *Giant Trucks, A True Book/Scholastic*-Katie Marsico
- *Building a House*-Byron Barton
- *Usborne 1000 Things That Go*
- *Boxitects*- Kim Smith

### **Space/Solar System:**

- *If You Decide to Go To the Moon*-Faith McNulty
- *The Universe Is My Home*-Bill and Sally Fletcher
- *Me and My Place in Space*-Joan Sweeney
- *You Are Stardust*- Elin Kelsey
- *Little Kids First Big Book of Space*-Catherine D. Hughes
- *Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers of Space*-Dr. Dominic Walliman
- *I Want To Be An Astronaut*-Byron Barton
- *Roaring Rockets*-Tony Mitton
- *Fillmore & Geary Take Off*-Mark Shulman-The adventures of a robot boy and a boy boy,
- *Mousetronaut Goes To Mars*-Astronaut Mark Kelly
- *The Big History Timeline Wall Book, Unfold the the history of the universe from the Big Bang to Present Day*-Christopher Lloyd

### **Dinosaurs:**

- *Usborne Picture World History/Dinosaurs*-Ann McCord
- *My Visit To the Dinosaurs*-Alikei
- *Tyrannosaurus Was A Beast*-dinosaur poems-Jack Prelutsky
- *Velocirator-a true book/Scholastic*-Elaine Landau
- *T-Rex*-Vivian French
- *How Big Were The Dinosaurs?* -Bernard Most

- *Digging Up Dinosaurs*- Aiki
- *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks, a Book of Dinosaur Riddles*-Noelle Sterne

#### **Insects/Animals/Misc:**

- *From Caterpillar to Butterfly*-Deborah Heiligman
- *An Earthworm's Life*-John Himmelman
- *Insectigations, 40 Hands-on Activities to Explore the Insect World*-Cindy Blobaum
- *The Spider (part of Life Cycles books)*-Sabrina Crewe
- *Termites on a Stick*-Michele Coxon-A chimp learns to use a tool
- *Because of an Acorn*-Lola M. Schaefer
- *Where Do I Live?* -Neil Chesanow
- *If You Find a Rock*-Barbara Hirsch Lember
- *We Watch Squirrels*-Ada and Frank Graham
- *Squirrels-(Remember Me Series)*-Caroline Norsk
- *Usborne 1000 Things in Nature*-Hannah Watson
- *Usborne 1000 Animals*-Jessica Greenwald
- *Usborne 1001 Bugs to Spot*-Emma Helbrough
- *Ice Bear, Read and Wonder*-Nicola Davies
- *National Geographic Reader, Ellis Island*-Elizabeth Carney

#### **Concepts-Alphabet, Numbers, Shapes, Colors:**

- *Alphabet Under Construction*-Denise Fleming
- *ANTics*-Cathi Hepworth
- *The Victory Garden Vegetable Alphabet Book*-Jerry Pallotta
- *The Grandmother's Alphabet*-Eve Shaw-Grandma can be anything from A to Z
- *The Boat Alphabet Book*-Jerry Pallotta
- *ABC Dream*-Kim Krans
- *If Rocks Could Sing, a discovered alphabet*-Leslie McGurik
- *Arches To Zigzags, An Architecture ABC*-Machael J. Crosbie
- *Sky Color*-Peter Reynolds
- *Green*-Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- *Pattern Fish*-Trudy Harris
- *Swirl by Swirl, Spirals in Nature*-Joyce Sidman
- *City Shapes*-Diana Murray
- *City By Numbers*-Stephen T. Johnson
- *Alphabet City*-Stephen T. Johnson
- *Double Take! A New Look at Opposites*-Susan Hood
- *And to Name but Just a Few: Red, Yellow, Green, Blue*-Laurie Rosenwalk
- *Color*-Ruth Heller
- *Count Your Way Through India*-Jim Haskins-Other *Count your Way* books include: *Africa, The Arab World, China, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Russia*
- *Mouse Paint*-Ellen Stoll Walsh
- *A Million Dots*-Andrew Clements

- *Counting Crocodiles*-Judy Sierra
- *The Coin Counting Book*-Rozanne Lanczak Williams
- *How Tall, How Short, How Far Away ?*- David A. Adler
- *How Much Does A Ladybug Weigh?* -Alison Limentani
- *G Is For Galaxy, An Out of This World Alphabet*- Janis Campbell
- *Tribal Alphabet*- Nan Richardson
- *Into the A, B, Sea, an Ocean Alphabet*- Deborah Lee Rose
- *100 Bugs, A Counting Book*-Kate Narita
- *A Is For Activist and C is For Consent*-Innosant0 Nagara

### Books About Artists and other Biography of People:

- *Women Artists A To Z*-Melanie LaBarge
- *Beautiful Shades of Brown, The Art of Laura Wheeler Waring*-Nancy Churnin
- *A Life Made by Hand, the Story of Ruth Asawa*-Andrea D'Aguino
- *It Jes' Happened, When Bill Traylor Started to Draw*-Don Tate
- *Two Scarlet Songbirds, A story of Anton Dvorak*-Carole Lexa Schaefer
- *Gandhi, India's Great Soul*-Maura D. Shaw
- *The Secret Kingdom, Nek Chand, a Changing India, and a Hidden World of Art*-Barb Rosenstock
- *The Noisy Paint Box, the colors and sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*-Barb Rosenstock
- *Ron's Big Mission, a story from astronaut Ron McNairs childhood*-Rose Blue and Corinne J. Naden
- *What Miss Mitchell Saw, the story of Maria Mitchell, early astronomer*-Hayley Barrett
- *Keith Haring, The Boy who Just Kept Drawing*-Kay Haring
- *The True Story of Jadav Payeng, The Boy Who Grew a Forest*-Sophia Gholz
- *My Brother, Martin, a sister remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*-Christine King Farris
- *Is The King Too Small To Play Ball??* -Arthur Lewis
- *Traveling Man, the Journey of Ibn Battuta, 1325-1354*- James Rumford
- *Because, Mikhail Baryshnikov*-Vladimir Radunsky
- *Barak*-Jonah Winter
- *Stand For Children, Marian Wright Edleman*
- *A Girl Named Misty, the true story of Misty Copeland*-Kelly Starling Lyons
- *Jose, Born to Dance*-Jose Limon-Susanna Reich
- *Cloth Lullaby, the woven life of Louise Bourgeois*-Amy Novesky
- *Wangari's Trees of Peace, A true story from Africa*-Jeanette Winters
- *Wangari Maathai, The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees*-Frank Prevot
- *Emmanuel's Dream: The true Story of Emmanuel Ofusm Yeboah*-Laurie Ann Thompson
- *Ada's Violin, The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay*-Susan Hood (great videos available to share real story)
- *Yayoi Kusama, From Here to Infinity*-
- *Hi, Konnichiwa, Art of Yayoi Kusuma.*



## Parent and/or Teacher Resources:

- *Balanced and Barefoot*-Angela J. Hanscom-How unrestricted Outdoor Play Makes for Strong, Confident, and Capable Children (Parent & Teacher R.)
- *Last Child in the Woods*-Richard Louv (P & T)
- *The Whole-Brained Child*-Tina Payne Bryson & Dan Siegel (P & T)
- *Free-Range Kids*-Lenore Skenazy
- *Elevating Childhood*-Janet Lansbury
- *No Bad Kids*-Janet Lansbury
- *Making & Tinkering with STEAM*-Cate Heroman-Solving Design Challenges with Young Children
- *Loose Parts*-Lisa Daly, Miriam Beloglovsky-Inspiring play in young children
- *Endangered Minds*-Jane M. Healy-Why Children Don't Think-and What We Can Do About It
- *Playful Parenting*-Laurence J. Cohen
- *The Philosophical Baby*-Alison Gopnik-What Children's Minds Tell Us About Truth, Love and the Meaning of Life
- *Positive Parenting for a Peaceful World*-Ruth Tod
- *Taking Back Childhood*-Nancy Carlsson-Page- A Proven Road Map for Raising Confident, Creative , Compassionate Kids
- *P.E.T. -Parent Effectiveness Training*- Dr. Thomas Gordon- The Proven Program for Raising Responsible Children
- *The Scientist in The Crib*-Alison Gopnik, Andrew Meltzoff, Patricia Kuhl
- *Magic Capes, Amazing Powers*-Eric Hoffman-Transforming Superhero Play in the Classroom
- *Mindsight*-Daniel J. Siegel-The New Science of Personal Transformation
- *The Gardner and the Carpenter*-Alison Gopnik
- *Mind In The Making*-Ellen Galinsky-The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs
- *The Case for Make Believe*-Susan Linn-Saving Play in a Commercialized World
- *Consuming Kids*-Susan Linn
- *Black Ants and Buddhists*-Mary Cowhen
- *The Language of Art*-Ann Pelo-Inquiry based studio practices in Early Childhood settings
- *Big Body Play*-Frances M. Carlson-Why Boisterous, Vigorous and Very Physical Play is Essential to Children's Development and Learning
- *Teaching Community*- A Pedagogy of Hope-Bell Hooks
- *The Gender Creative Child*-Diane Ehrensaft-Pathways for nurturing and supporting Children who live outside gender boxes.
- *The Power of Play*-David Elkind
- *The Schools Our Children Deserve*-Alfie Kohn
- *Punished By Rewards*-Alfie Kohn
- *Unconditional Parenting*-Alfie Kohn
- *The Hundred Languages of Children*-Carolyn Edwards, Lella Gandini, George Fore
- *Rethinking Early Childhood Education*- Edited by Ann Pelo
- *The Art of Teaching Writing*-Lucy Calkins
- *Reading Magic*-Mem Fox-Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever
- *The Importance of Being Little*-Erika Christakis-What Young Children Really Need From Grownups
- *It's OK To Go Up The Slide..and other Renegade Rules for Raising Competent and Compassionate Kids*-Heather Shumaker

- *It's OK NOT to Share*-Heather Shumaker
- *The Homework Myth*-Alfie Kohn
- *The Hundred Languages of Children*-Carolyn Edwards, Lella Gandini, George Foreman- The Reggio Emilia Approach, Advanced Reflections
- *Teacher Tom's First Book, Teaching and Learning from Preschoolers*-Tom Hobson
- *Simplicity Parenting, Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise calmer, Happier, and More Secure Kids*- Kim John Payne
- *Positive Parenting, An Essential Guide, Ending the Power Struggles and Reconnecting from the Heart*-Rebecca Eanes
- *The Power of Showing Up-How Parental Presence shapes who our kids become and How their Brains get wired*-Daniel Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson
- *Daring Greatly*-Brene Brown
- *The Gifts of Imperfection*-Brene Brown
- *Bad Guys Don't Have Birthdays, Fantasy play at four*-Vivian G. Paley
- *Braiding Sweetgrass, Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*-Robin Wall Kimmerer

#### Chapter Books for Older Readers or Read Alouds:

- *Charlotte's Web* -E.B. White
- *Wishtree* -Katherine Applegate
- *The One and Only Ivan*- Katherine Applegate
- *Wonder* - R.J. Palacio
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* -Kate DiCamillo
- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* - Kate DiCamillo
- *The Tale of Despereaux* - Kate DiCamillo
- *The Tiger Rising* - Kate DiCamillo
- *Flora and Ulysses* - Kate DiCamillo
- *Skinnybones*-Barbara Park
- *Frindle*-Andrew Clements
- *Mostly Monty*-Johanna Hurwitz
- *The Stories Julian Tells (series)*-Ann Cameron
- *Detora Quest: The Forests of Silence(series)*-Emily Rodda
- *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*-Bette Bao Lord
- *The Land I lost* -Huynh Quang Nhuong
- *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*-Louis Sachar
- *Mightier Than The Sword; World Folktales for Strong Boys*-Collected and retold by Jane Yolen
- *The People Could Fly, American Black Folktales*- Virginia Hamilton (retold)
- *All About Sam*- Lois Lowry
- *Atta Boy Sam*-Lois Lowry
- *The Giver*-Lois Lowry
- *Number the Stars*- Lois Lowry
- *Sideways Tales of Wayside School*-Louis Sacher

- *The Watsons Go To Birmingham, 1963*-Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Pippi Longstocking*-Astrid Lindgren
- *The Wizard of Oz*- L. Frank Baum
- *Junie B Jones series*- Barbara Park
- *Crenshaw*-Katherine Applegate
- *Home of the Brave*-Katherine Applegate
- *Front Desk*-Kelly Yang
- *Three Keys*-Kelly Yang
- *When Stars Are Scattered, a true story in graphic novel form about a young Somalian boy and his disabled brother in a refugee camp* -Victoria Jamies and Omar Mohamed