

Books and Reading

Selected by Joan Pearce

Picture Books



The Wolf Who Fell Out of a Book

by Thierry Robberecht, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.0)

"In this illustrated fractured fairy tale for kids, a book falls to the floor and a wolf tumbles out. The wolf needs to get back to his story, but a hungry cat has other ideas. Jumping from book to book, this wolf is on a journey to find a new home (and to avoid becoming dinner.)" - Pub.

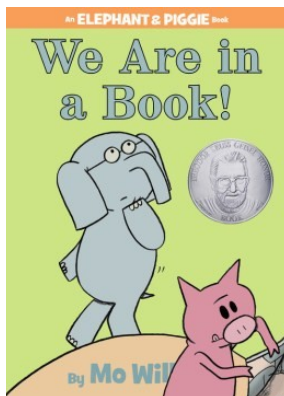
The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

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by B.J. Novak, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

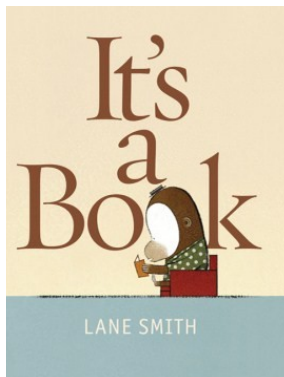
"You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except...here's how books work. Everything written on the page *has* to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words...are a preposterous song about eating ants for breakfast, or just a list of astonishingly goofy sounds like *BLAGGITY BLAGGITY* and *GLIBBITY GLOBBITY*." - Pub.



We Are In a Book

by Mo Willems, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.9)

"Piggie realizes that she and Gerald the elephant are in a book and that she can make the reader say words, but when Gerald comes to understand the danger of the book ending, Piggie comes up with a solution to get the reader to keep reading." - Follett



It's a Book

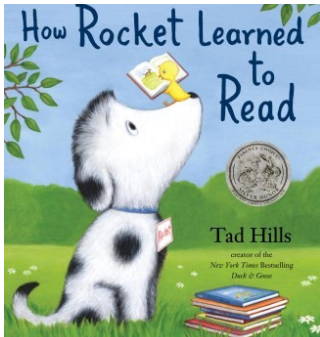
by Lane Smith, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.0)

"Playful and lighthearted with a subversive twist that is signature Lane Smith, *It's a Book* is a delightful manifesto on behalf of print in the digital age. This satisfying, perfectly executed picture book has something to say to readers of all stripes and all ages." - Pub.

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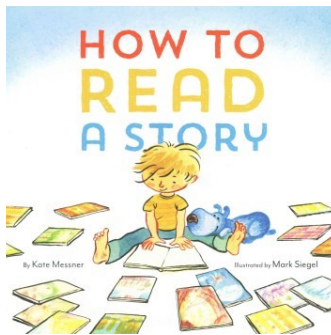
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How Rocket Learned to Read

by Tad Hills, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

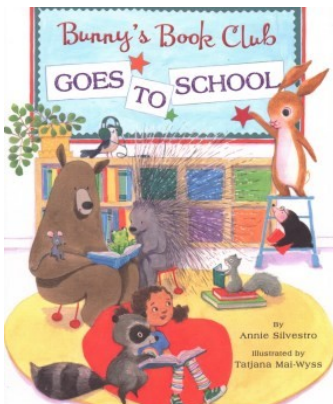
"Learn to read with this...picture book, starring an irresistible dog named Rocket and his teacher, a little yellow bird. Follow along as Rocket masters the alphabet, sounds out words, and finally...learns to read all on his own!" - Pub.



How to Read a Story

by Kate Messner, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

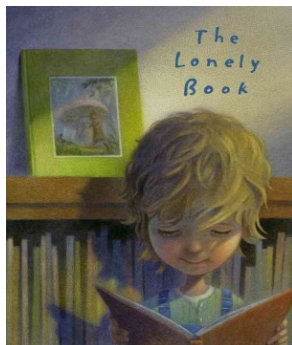
"Accomplished storytellers Kate Messner and Mark Siegel chronicle the process of becoming a reader: from pulling a book off the shelf and finding someone with whom to share a story, to reading aloud, predicting what will happen, and—finally—coming to The End. This picture book playfully and movingly illustrates the idea that the reader who discovers the love of reading finds, at the end, the beginning." - Pub.



Bunny's Book Club

by Annie Silvestro, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

"...Bunny learns that Josie, a little girl who reads with him, will be starting school. After she confides that she's worried about making friends there, he decides to go too...As he walks through the woods toward school that first morning, the other animals join him, one by one...they're easily distracted: Bear and Mouse by the lunchroom, Bird by the music room, etc. Finally they all join Josie on the playground, where the animals and children play happily." - Booklist



The Lonely Book

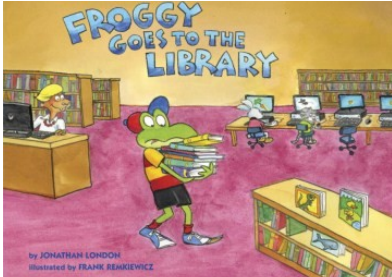
by Kate Bernheimer, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.7)

"When a wonderful new book arrives at the library, at first it is loved by all, checked out constantly, and rarely spends a night on the library shelf. But over time it grows old and worn, and the children lose interest in its story. The book is sent to the library's basement where the other faded books live. How it eventually finds an honored place on a little girl's bookshelf --and in her heart--makes for an unforgettable story sure to enchant anyone who has ever cherished a book." - Pub.

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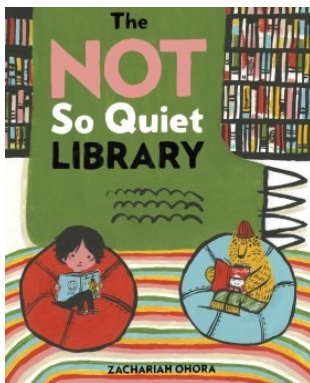
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Froggy Goes to the Library

by Jonathon London, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.0)

"Froggy loves the library! When Froggy and Mom and Pollywogilina set out for the library, Froggy brings a wheelbarrow to hold all the books he plans to borrow. There are so many to choose from: Dinosaur books! Books about Space Frog! Froggy is so excited that he forgets to use his indoor voice." - Pub.



The Not-So-Quiet Library

by Zachariah Ohora, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.8)

"It's Saturday, which means Oskar and Theodore get to go to the library with their dad...But on this not so quiet Saturday, Oskar and Teddy get a rude surprise when they're interrupted by a five-headed, *hangry* monster Will Oskar ever get to finish his book in peace? Will Teddy ever get to gorge on his donuts? Or might both of them hold the secret weapons to taming the beast?" - Pub.



Book Uncle and Me

by Uma Krishnaswami, c2016 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.8)

"Every day, nine-year-old Yasmin borrows a book from Book Uncle, a retired teacher who has set up a free lending library next to her apartment building. But when the mayor tries to shut down the rickety bookstand, Yasmin has to take her nose out of her book and do something...And so the children get to work, launching a campaign to make sure the voices of the community are heard." - Pub.

Beatrice Doesn't Want To



Laura Numeroff illustrated by Lynn Munsinger

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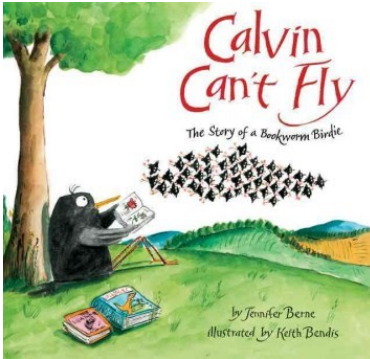
by Laura Numeroff, c2004 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

"Beatrice doesn't like books or reading—and she especially doesn't like accompanying big brother Henry to the library three days in a row. But that's where he has to take her while he works on his dinosaur report. Naturally, Beatrice doesn't want to get books from the shelf. Beatrice doesn't want to let Henry work. And Beatrice certainly doesn't want to sit in a room full of boys and girls during story hour. Is there anything that could possibly change her mind?" - Pub.

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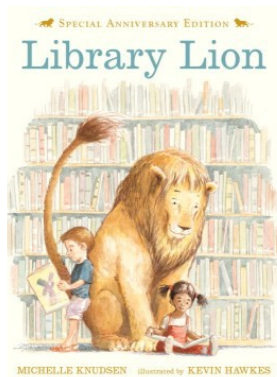
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Calvin Can't Fly: The Story of Bookworm Birdie

by Jennifer Berne, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.8)

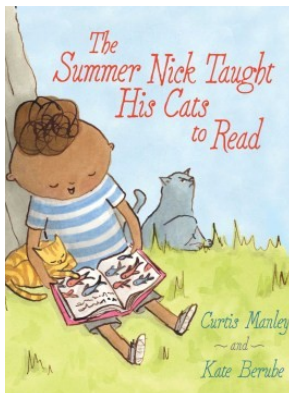
"Calvin is one unusual starling! While his siblings and cousins learn to fly, this rare bird lets his imagination soar while reading about pirates, dinosaurs, and other fascinating things... Yet, when it comes time to migrate, poor Calvin suddenly realizes he can't fly... On their way south, the winds blow hard, the trees bend, and the air starts to smell strange. It's a hurricane, and only Calvin can save the day—because he has read all about it!" - Pub.



The Library Lion

by Michelle Knudsen, c2006 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

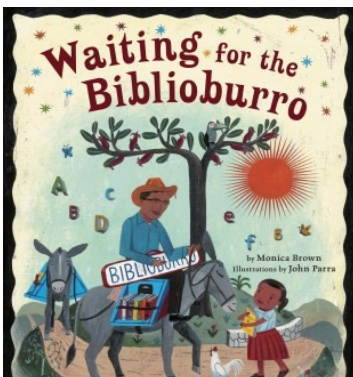
"A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend." - Follett



How Nick Taught His Cats to Read

by Curtis Manley, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"It's not easy to teach a cat to read, but one boy tries to anyway in this sweet and silly picture book debut that captures the challenges and rewards of learning to read." - Pub.



Waiting for the Biblioburro

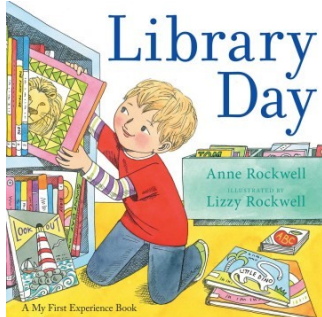
by Monica Brown, c2011 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"When a man brings to a remote village two burros, Alfa and Beto, loaded with books the children can borrow, Ana's excitement leads her to write a book of her own as she waits for the BibliBurro to return." - Follett

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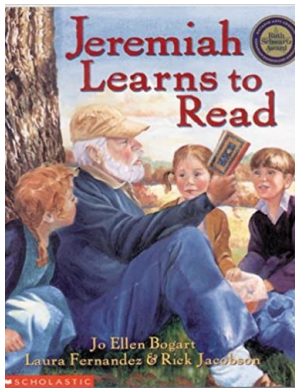
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Library Day (My First Experience Book)

by Anne Rockwell, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL:2.3)

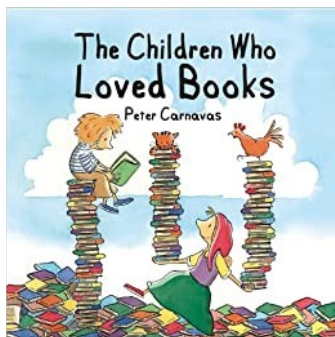
"One day, a young boy visits the library for the very first time. While he's there he listens to stories, reads books and magazines, and learns that there are also movies, crafts, chess, and puppet shows—something for everyone! With simple, lyrical text and bright illustrations that jump off the page, *Library Day* brings the joys of reading vividly to life." - Pub.



Jeremiah Learns to Read

by Jo Ellen Bogart, c1999 (IL: K-3)

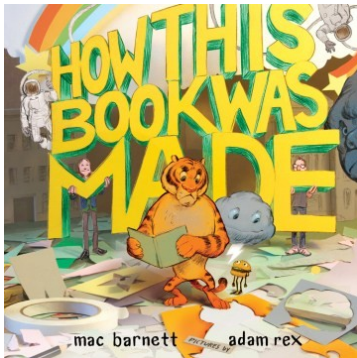
"Jeremiah is a very wise man. He knows how to build a fence, cook pancakes, grow vegetables, and many other wonderful things but there is something that Jeremiah does not know how to do. He cannot read and he wants to learn how." - Amazon.ca



The Children Who Loved Books

by Peter Carnavas, c2013 (IL: K-3)

"Angus and Lucy love books. They have hundreds of them. Then one day, all the books are taken away, and Angus and Lucy discover they need books more than they ever imagined. A warm and moving celebration of books and the way in which they bring us all together." - Goodreads.com



How This Book Was Made

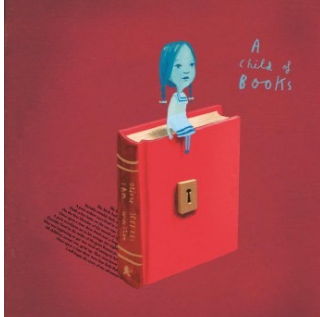
by Mac Barnett, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"You may think you know how this book was made, but you don't. Sure, the author wrote many drafts, and the illustrator took a long time creating the art, but then what? How'd it get into your hands? Well, open the cover and read through these pages to find out. Just beware of the pirates and angry tiger." - Pub.

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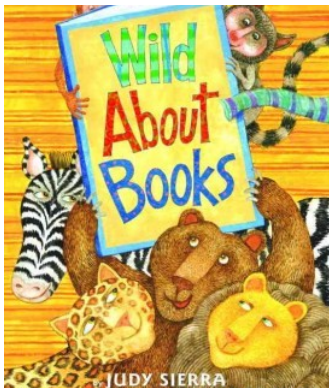
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A Child of Books

by Oliver Jeffers, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.4)

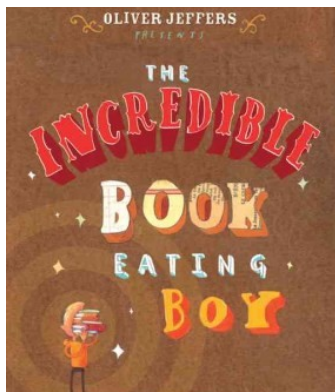
"A little girl sails her raft across a sea of words, arriving at the house of a small boy and calling him away on an adventure. Through forests of fairy tales and across mountains of make-believe, the two travel together on a fantastical journey that unlocks the boy's imagination. Now a lifetime of magic and adventure lies ahead of him...but who will be next?" - Pub.



Wild About Books

by Judy Sierra, c2004 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.1)

"A librarian named Mavis McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake." - Pub.



The Incredible Book Eating Boy

by Oliver Jeffers, c2006 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

"Like many children, Henry loves books. But Henry doesn't like to read books, he likes to eat them. Big books, picture books, reference books...And the more he eats, the smarter he gets. He's on his way to being the smartest boy in the world! But one day he feels sick to his stomach. And the information is so jumbled up inside, he can't digest it! Can Henry find a way to enjoy books without using his teeth?" - Pub.

THIS IS MY BOOK!



by Mark Pett
(and no one else)



This Is My Book

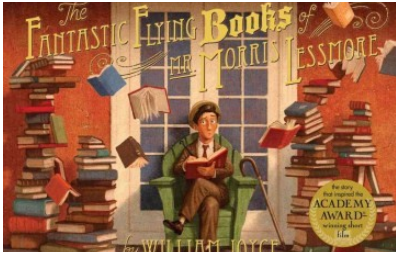
by Mark Pett, c2016

"What happens when a writer learns that he doesn't quite have as much control over his book as he thinks? When Mark Pett's characters, led by a panda bear named Spike, take over his book and begin telling a story of their own, pandemonium ensues! Who's really in charge of this book?" - Amazon.ca

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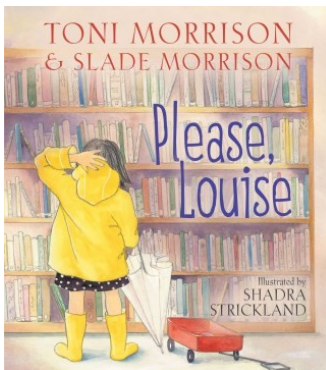
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The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore

by William Joyce, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.8)

"Morris Lessmore loves words, stories and books, and after a tornado carries him to another land, dreary and colorless, he finds a single book in color that leads him to an amazing library where, he learns, the books need him as much as he needs them." - Pub.



Please Louise

By Toni Morrison, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.3)

"A library card unlocks a new life for a young girl in this picture book about the power of imagination...On one gray afternoon, Louise makes a fateful trip to the library. With the help of a new library card and through the transformative power of books, what started out as a dull day turns into one of surprises, ideas, and fun, fun, fun!" - Pub.



A Big Surprise for Little Card

by Charise Harper, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"In the world of cards, each one has a special job to do...But is any card as lucky as Little Card? He's going to school to become a birthday card—in other words, to sing, play games, eat cake, and be happy all day long. *But wait!* On the day he's supposed to take his talents into the world, Long Card tells him there's been a mix-up and they need to trade jobs. How can Little Card bring his exuberance into a library, a quiet place of books and rules and hushing?" - Pub.



The Whisperer

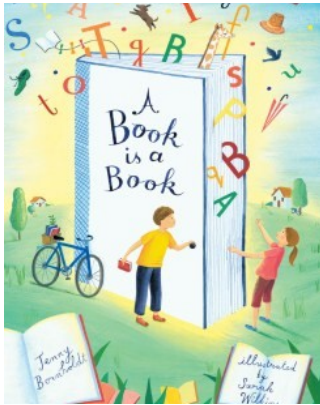
by Pamela Zagarenski, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.0)

"Her magical book of stories is wordless until a whisper in the wind tells a little girl to imagine a story for each page." - Follett

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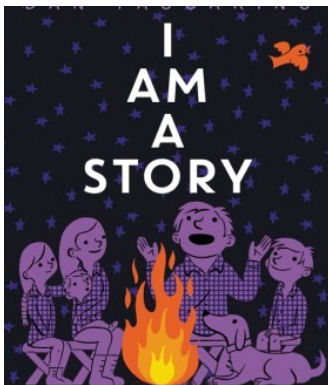
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A Book is a Book

by Jenny Bornholdt, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

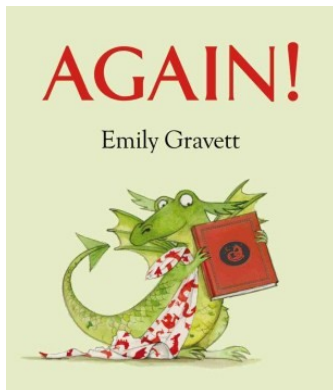
"Ask a child "What is a book?" and you may get some unexpected answers - like those included in this whimsically philosophical tribute to reading." - Pub.



I am a Story

by Dan Yaccarino, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

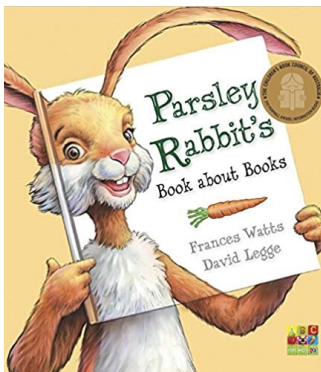
"From cave drawings to the invention of the printing press to our digital age, discover how a story has been told in many different ways from the past to today. It's always been around, making us happy, sad, excited, or scared and bringing people together." - Pub.



Again!

by Emily Gravett, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"It's nearly Cedric the dragon's bedtime, and for Cedric, bedtime means storytime! When his mother reads him his favorite book, he likes the story so much that he wants to hear it again...and again...and again! Cedric's mom understands that the best stories are ripe for repetition, and she tries very hard to be patient. But sometimes dragons will be dragons—which is why this bedtime tale ends with an incendiary surprise!" - Pub.



Parsley Rabbit's Book About Books

by Frances Watts, c2016

"...an exciting introduction to the wonderful world of...books, of course! Informative and playful, it features a remarkably handsome and clever rabbit...and is full of fun!" - Amazon.ca

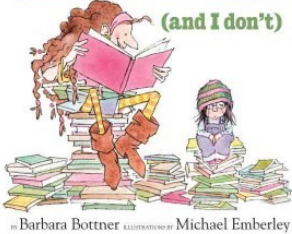
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Miss Brooks Loves Books!

(and I don't)



by Barbara Bottner illustrations by Michael Emberley

Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't)

by Barbara Bottner, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"With the help of Miss Brooks, Missy's classmates all find books they love in the library...But Missy dismisses them all...Still, Miss Brooks remains undaunted. Book Week is here and Missy *will* find a book to love if they have to empty the entire library. What story will finally win over this beastly, er, discriminating child?" - Pub.

THE GIRL WHO HATED BOOKS



by MANJUSHA PAWAGI Illustrated by LOUISE FRANK

The Girl Who Hated Books

by Manjusha Pawagi, c1998 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

"Meena hates books. Her parents have books everywhere -- they're always in the way...One day Meena upsets a very tall pile of children's books, and out from the pages tumble an incredible assortment of characters: princesses, fairies, frogs, and rabbits. None of them know which books they belong to and in order to help them find their way home, Meena has to—read! As she reads the books one by one, she's transformed into a book-lover." - Pub.

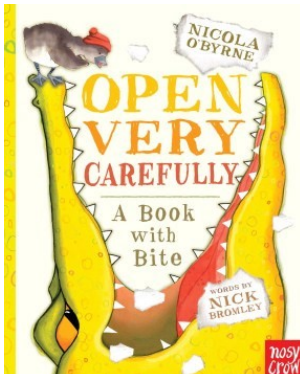
DOG LOVES BOOKS

LOUISE YATES

Dog Loves Books

by Louise Yates, c2010 (IL: 3-6)

"Dog loves books SO much he opens his very own bookstore. At first he's short of customers. But that's all right, because when Dog is surrounded by books, he is never short of friends—or fun. And when customers begin arriving, he knows just which books to recommend." - Amazon.ca



Open Very Carefully

by Nick Bromley, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

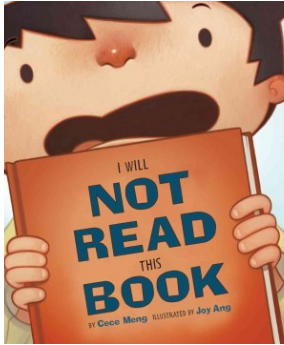
"A duck helps guide the reader through a story book of the 'Ugly Duckling' when a scary crocodile falls into the book." - Follett

"What would you do if you were settling down for a quiet bedtime story and you realized that a crocodile had fallen into your storybook and was—not to put too fine a point on it—wreaking havoc? Would you slam that book shut...? Or would you be brave enough to peek?" - Pub.

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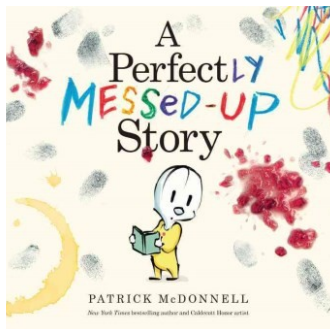
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I Will Not Read This Book

by Cece Meng, c2011 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

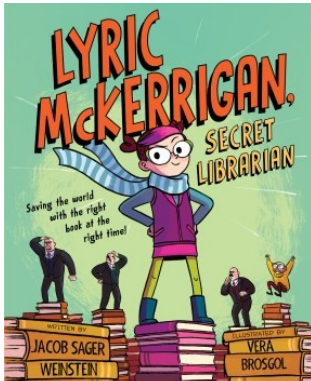
"The story of how the ultimate reluctant reader became a book lover. The little boy in *I Will Not Read This Book* has a lot of excuses, because if there is one thing he doesn't want to do, it's read this book. He won't read it even if you hang him upside down by one toe, over a cliff, with sharks down below. And you know what? You. Can't. Make. Him." - Pub.



A Perfectly Messed-Up Story

by Patrick McDonnell, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

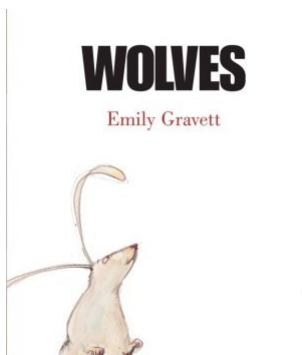
"Little Louie's story keeps getting messed up, and he's not happy about it. What's the point of telling his tale if he can't tell it perfectly? But when he stops and takes a deep breath, he realizes that everything is actually just fine, and his story is a good one—imperfections and all." - Pub.



Lyric McKerrigan, Secret Librarian

by Jacob Sager Weinstein, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.0)

"When evil Dr. Glockenspiel threatens all the books in the world, only one person can stop him—a book-wielding, super-secret operative called Lyric McKerrigan." - Follett



Wolves

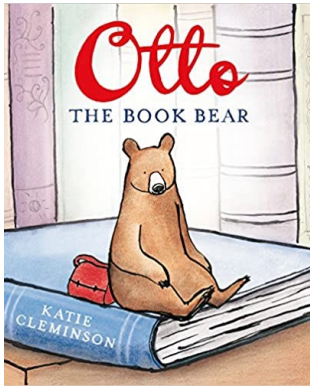
by Emily Gravett, c2005 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.0)

"A young rabbit checks out a library book about wolves and learns much more about their behavior than he wanted to know." - Follett

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Otto the Book Bear

by Katie Cleminson, c2011 (IL: K-3)

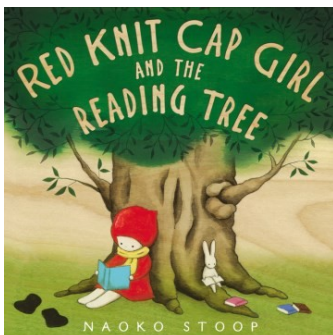
"Have you ever met a Book Bear, a bear who lives in a book? Otto is a Book Bear and nothing makes him happier than when people read his book... But one day something terrible happens: Ott's book is left behind when the family moves away, and now there is no one to read Otto! Otto must set off on his biggest adventure yet—to find a new home. But where is the best place for a Book Bear to live?" - Amazon.ca



Let Me Finish

by Minh Lê, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

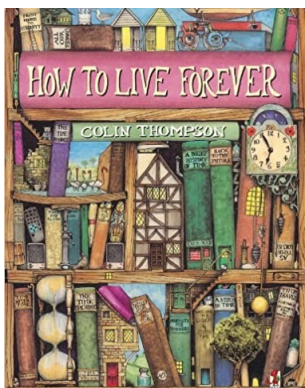
"When our young hero settles in to read, the last thing he wants is for some noisy animals to ruin the ending of the story. But ruin it they do. And as it turns out, the boy is quickly approaching a surprise ending of his own. Maybe he should have listened to the animals after all." - Pub.



Red Knit Cap Girl and the Reading Tree

by Naoko Stoop, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"Red Knit Cap Girl and her animal friends create a library inside a mighty oak tree, where they can read and exchange books." - Follett



How to Live Forever

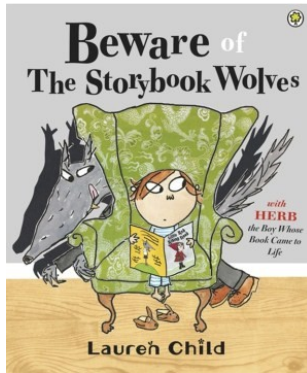
by Colin Thompson, c2005 (IL: K-3)

"...take an enchanted journey through a labyrinthine fantasy library filled with every book ever written, where the shelves come alive at night, like teeming miniature cities. One night, a young boy who resides in a cookbook stumbles upon a long-lost file card for a book called "How to Live Forever" and sets off to find the missing volume." - Amazon.ca

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Beware of the Storybook Wolves

by Lauren Child, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.5)

"When two wolves escape one night from his fairy tale book and threaten to eat him, Herb enlists the reluctant help of Cinderella's fairy godmother."
- Follett