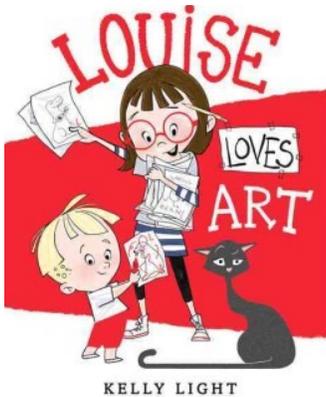


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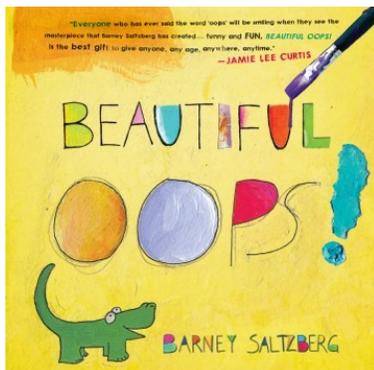


## Louise Loves Art

by Kelly Light, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

"Distracted by her art-show preparations, Louise fails to notice her cat's humorously exasperated warnings that Art, her little brother, is drawing over and cutting up her "masterpieces." Louise's initial horror subsides into art appreciation as she hangs Art's remastered work in "The Gallery du Fridge."

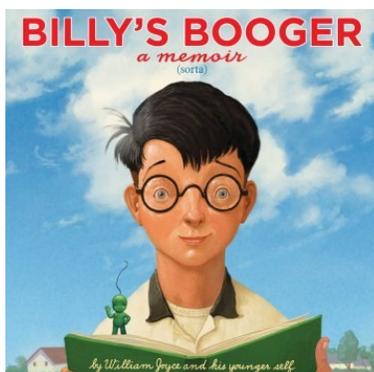
- *Horn Book Guide*



## Beautiful Oops

by Barney Saltzberg, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.6)

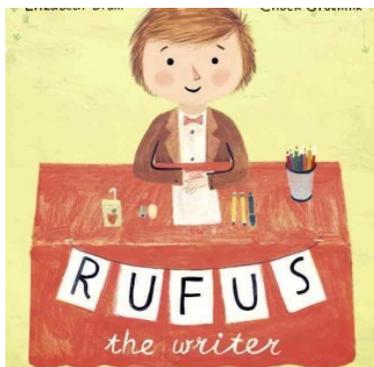
"It's OK to make a mistake. In fact, hooray for mistakes! A mistake is an adventure in creativity, a portal of discovery. A spill doesn't ruin a drawing—not when it becomes the shape of a goofy animal. And an accidental tear in your paper? Don't be upset about it when you can turn it into the roaring mouth of an alligator." - *Pub.*



## Billy's Booger: A Memoir

by William Joyce, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.9)

"Billy loves to draw. He draws on books and on his homework and even on his math tests—he might not get the answer right, but doesn't it look swell sitting in a boat at sea? His teacher doesn't think so, and neither does the principal. But the librarian has an idea that just might help Billy better direct his illustrative energies: a book-making contest!" - *Pub.*



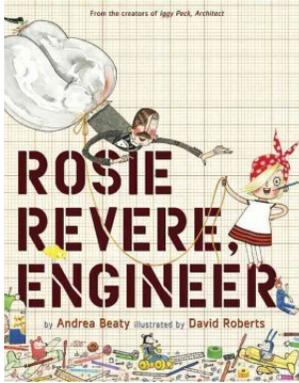
## Rufus the Writer

by Elizabeth Bram, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"Rather than a lemonade stand, Rufus sets up a story stand one summer and makes a series of trades with his friends—a story for a shell, for a kitten, for a surprise, and one more as a special birthday gift for his sister." - *Follett*

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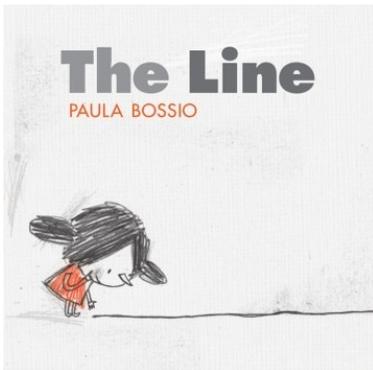
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## Rosie Revere, Engineer

by Andrea Beaty, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.7)

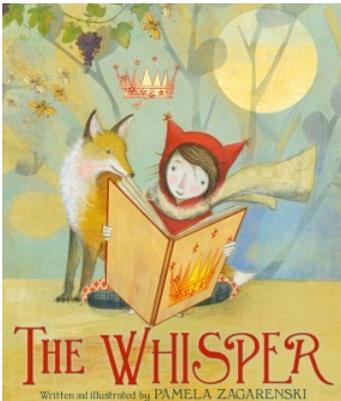
"Rosie Revere dreamed of becoming a great engineer. Where some people see rubbish, Rosie sees inspiration. Alone in her room at night, shy Rosie constructs great inventions from odds and ends...Until a fateful visit from her great-great-aunt Rose...who shows her that the first flop isn't something to fear—it's something to celebrate. And you can only truly fail, if you quit." - Pub.



## The Line

by Paula Bossio, c2013 (IL: K-3)

"In this deceptively simple wordless picture book, a small girl finds the end of a long black line and picks it up. She wiggles the line, slides down it and spins inside circles made from it. ..Until suddenly, the line turns into a big, hungry monster! Oh, no! Will the little girl be eaten, or will another surprise twist to the line save her from the frightening creature?" - Pub.



## The Whisper

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

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



## The Most Magnificent Thing

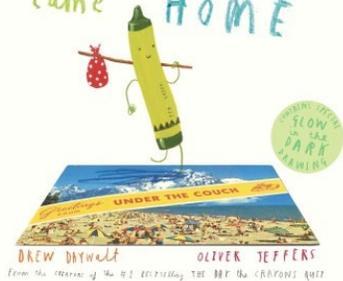
by Ashley Spires, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks." - Follett

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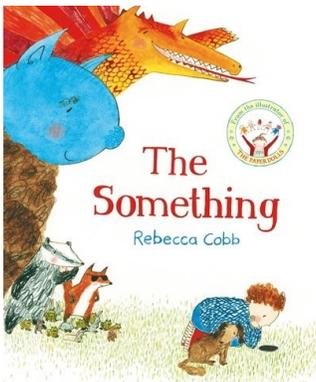
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## **The Day the Crayons Came Home**

by Drew Daywalt, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.1)

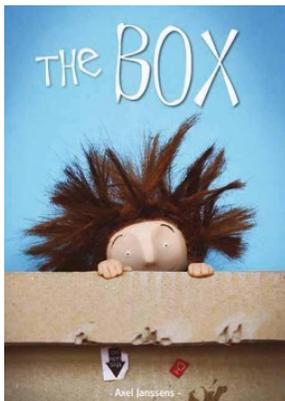
"Companion book to: *The Day the Crayons Quit*. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home." - Follett



## **The Something**

by Rebecca Cobb, c2014

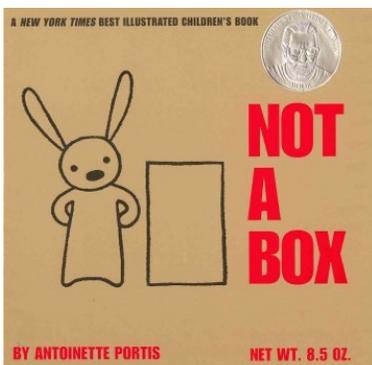
"When a little boy's ball disappears down a mysterious hole in the garden, he can't stop thinking about what could be down there. Could it be a little mouse's house? The lair of a hungry troll? Or maybe even a dragon's den? Whatever the something is, he's determined to find out!" - Amazon.ca



## **The Box**

by Axel Janssens, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"Leopold's new bike makes him the envy of every kid in town—almost every kid. While Leopold is busy showing off his bright red bike, with its loud bell and thunderbolt decal, imaginative and kind-hearted Kobe plays in a box and pays no attention to the new bike. Leopold...soon learns that the box can take the kids on the playground places that Leopold's bike never could--jungles, race tracks, and the sky!" - Pub.



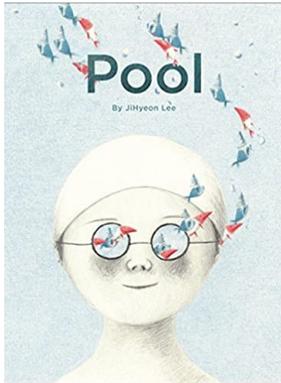
## **Not a Box**

by Antoinette Portis, c2006 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.7)

"A box is just a box...unless it's not a box. From mountain to rocket ship, a small rabbit shows that a box will go as far as the imagination allows." - Pub.

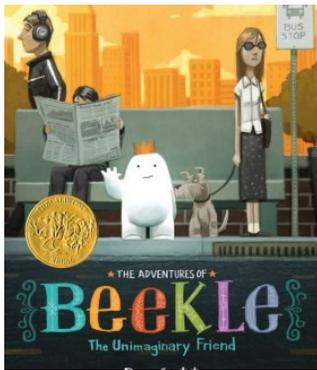
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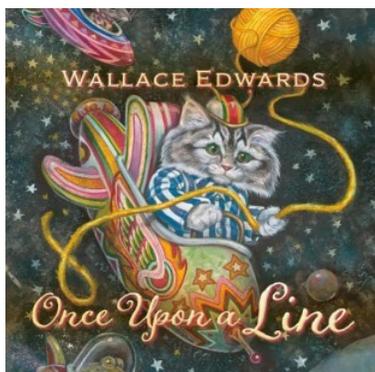
**Pool**  
by JiHyeon Lee, c2015

"What happens when two shy children meet at a very crowded pool? Dive in to find out! Deceptively simple, this masterful book tells a story of quiet moments and surprising encounters, and reminds us that friendship and imagination have no bounds." - *Amazon.ca*



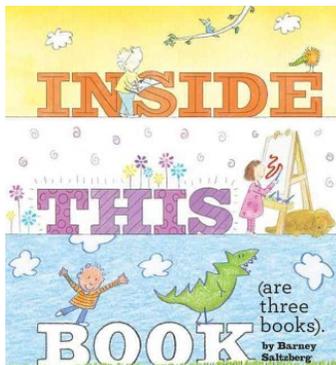
**The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend**  
by Dan Santat, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

"An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable—he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world." - *Follett*



**Once Upon a Line**  
by Wallace Edwards, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.8)

"One rainy night, Wally's family finds an old steamer trunk in the attic. Inside is a pile of paintings drawn from a single line from an enchanted pen. They could only belong to Uncle George, who believed that all stories begin with one line and a rich imagination." - *Pub.*

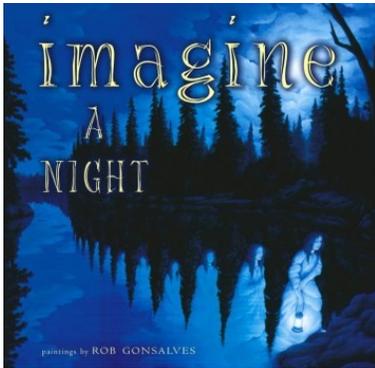


**Inside This Book (Are Three Books)**  
by Barney Saltzberg, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

"Three siblings create three books of their own using blank paper that they bind together (in descending sizes to match birth order). One sibling's work inspires the next, and so on, with each book's text and art mirroring the distinct interests and abilities of its creator. Upon completion of their works, the siblings put one book inside the other, creating a new book to be read and shared by all!" - *Pub.*

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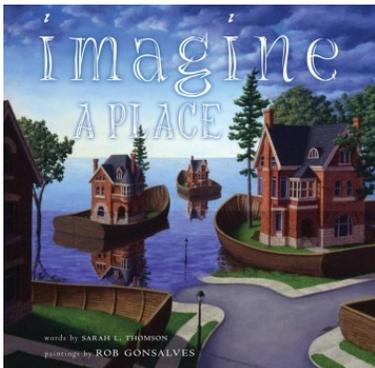
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## Imagine a Night

by Sarah L. Thomson, illus. by Rob Gonsalves  
c2003 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.4)

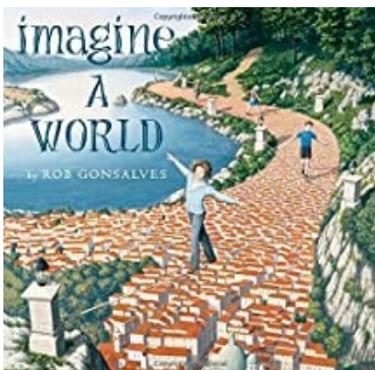
"Imagine a night when you can ride your bike right up the stairs to your bed. Imagine a night when your toy train rumbles on its tracks out of your room and roars back in, full sized, ready for you to hop on for a nighttime adventure... Imagine a night when ordinary objects magically become extraordinary...a night when it is possible to believe the impossible." - Pub.



## Imagine a Place

by Sarah Thomson, illus. by Rob Gonsalves  
c2008 (IL: 3-6, RL: 6.0)

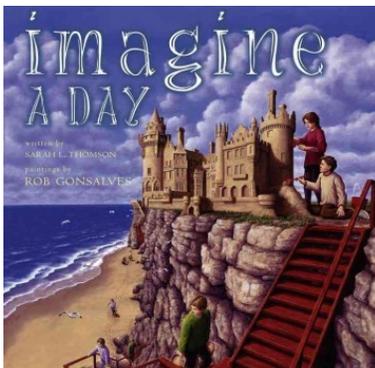
"Imagine a place that makes you feel as free as a bird. Imagine a place where getting there is worth whatever it takes. Imagine a place that makes you feel like it's always been your destination. Imagine a place made out of pure imagination." - Pub.



## Imagine a World

by Rob Gonsalves, c2015

"Imagine a world where the sky becomes the Earth; where a waterfall freefalls to become dancing women; where you can cut mountains out of curtains, and ships sail into the sky." - Amazon.ca



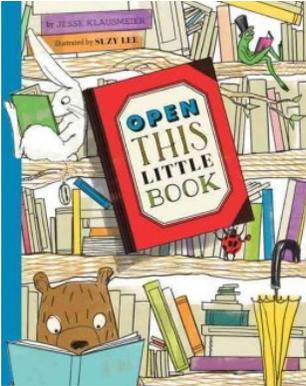
## Imagine a Day

by Sarah Thomson, illus. by Rob Gonsalves  
c2005 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.4)

"Imagine a day when your swing swings you higher than the highest treetops. Imagine a day when you can ride your bike up a path of falling leaves into the very tree they are falling from. Imagine a day when you release a handful of blue balloons into a cloudy, gray sky to create a postcard-perfect day. Imagine a day when the ordinary becomes the extraordinary...a day when anything is possible." - Pub.

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## **Open This Little Book**

by Jesse Klausmeier, c2013 (IL: K-3)

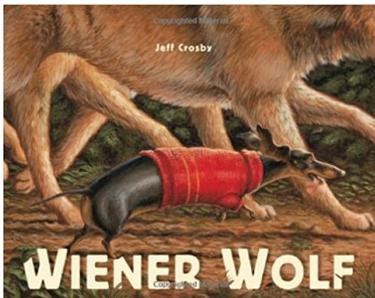
"What will you find when you open this little book? A fun story? Sweet characters? Enticing pictures? Yes! But much more. Open this book and you will find...another book...and another...and another." - Pub.



## **Something Extraordinary**

by Ben Clanton, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

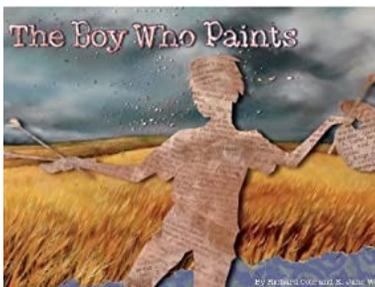
"Have you ever wished for something extraordinary? Like the ability to fly? Or to breathe underwater? What if you could talk to animals? It's fun to wish for amazing things. But take a look around, and you just might find that the most "ordinary" things...can be extraordinary." - Pub.



## **Wiener Wolf**

by Jeff Crosby, c2011

"Weiner dog's easy life has lost its luster. And neither squeak toy, nor biscuit, nor TV can cure his ennui. So when the call of the wild comes, he answers! Weiner Dog becomes...Weiner Wolf." - Amazon.ca



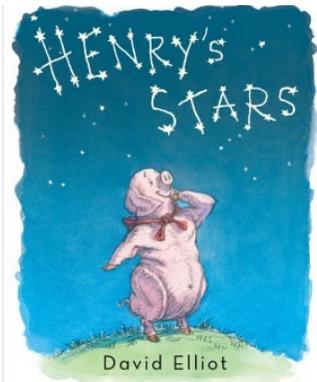
## **The Boy Who Paints**

by Richard Cole & K. Jane Watt, c2013

"A lavish children's book about a boy who learns to see the world and to trust his vision. A quirky and heart-warming story complemented by stunning paintings." - Amazon.ca

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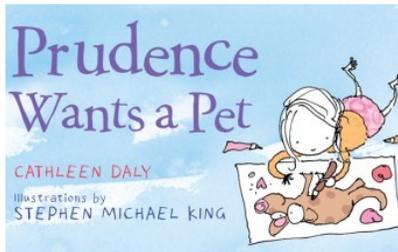
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## **Henry's Stars**

by David Elliot, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.0)

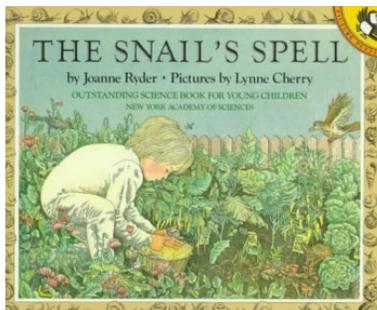
"One beautiful evening on the farm, Henry stares up at the sky. As he looks from star to star, they seem to form a picture. He sees it! A great big starry pig! Henry can't wait to show his friends. Yet instead of seeing the Great Pig's ears, legs, and curly tail, the sheep see a woolly body . . . the Great Sheep! Abigail sees the Great Star Cow, of course, and the chickens spot Heavenly Hens flying all over the place. Henry is frustrated. Why don't the others see what he sees?" - Pub.



## **Prudence Wants a Pet**

by Cathleen Daly, c2011 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

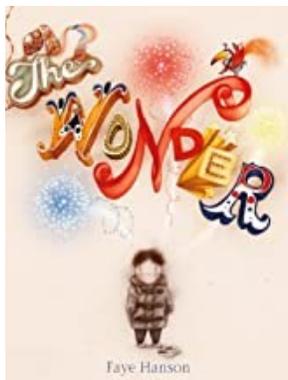
"Prudence is determined to have a pet in spite of her parents' objections, but a branch, a twig, a car tire, and even her baby brother fail to make her dreams come true." - Follett



## **The Snail's Spell**

by Joanne Ryder, c1982 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.0)

"A captivating story about a boy who shrinks to the size of a snail and experiences the world from that perspective." - Publishers Weekly



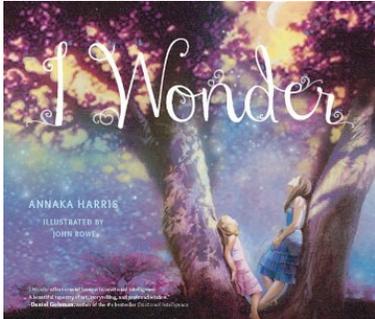
## **The Wonder**

by Faye Hanson, c2015 (IL: K-3)

"This is a story about a boy whose head is full of wonder. Throughout the morning, his daydreams transform the world around him. Unfortunately, lots of other people—the bus driver, the crossing guard, and his teachers—all tell him to get his head out of the clouds. It is only in art class that he realizes he can bring the wonder out of his head for the whole world to enjoy." - Amazon.ca

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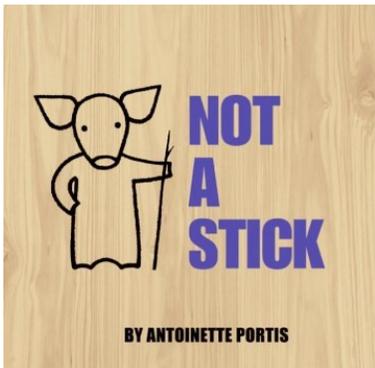
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## **I Wonder**

by Annaka Harris, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

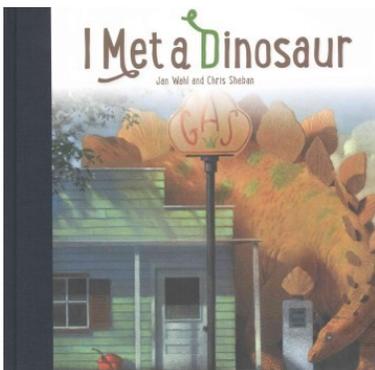
"Eva takes a walk with her mother and encounters a range of mysteries: from gravity, to life cycles, to the vastness of the universe. She learns that it's okay to say "I don't know," and she discovers that there are some things even adults don't know—mysteries for everyone to wonder about together!" - Follett



## **Not a Stick**

by Antoinette Portis, c2008 (IL:K-3, RL: 1.5)

"[T]his book proves that a stick is not always just a stick. Whether it's conducting an orchestra, painting a masterpiece, or slaying a dragon—give a child a stick and let imagination take over and the magic begin." - Pub.



## **I Met a Dinosaur**

by Jan Wahl, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

"What is a stegosaurus doing at the gas station? Why is an apatosaurus on its way to the park? After a visit to the Museum of Natural History, a young girl takes the memory of those prehistoric beasts with her and begins to see the creatures in the most unexpected places." - Pub.



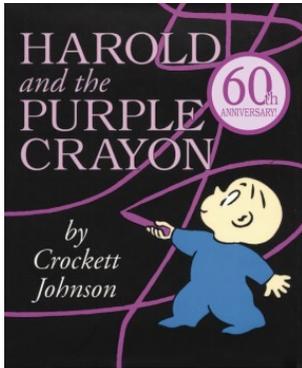
## **Extra Yarn**

by Mac Barnett, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself." - Follett

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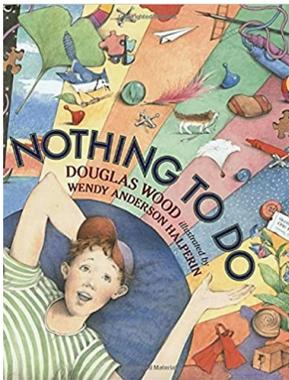
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## **Harold and the Purple Crayon**

by Crockett Johnson, c1983 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.0)

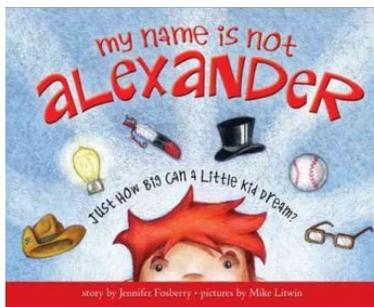
"Harold uses his fantastic purple crayon to draw himself some wonderful adventures." - Follett



## **Nothing to Do**

by Douglas Wood, c2006

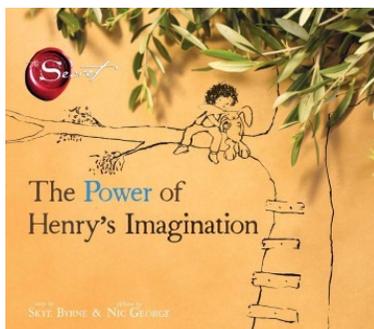
"What do you do when there's nothing to do? Here's a book about exploring the delights of unscheduled time. No piano lessons, sports practice, afterschool classes, homework...The perfect antidote for the overscheduled child, this wise yet playful book revels in the simple joys life has to offer." - Amazon.ca



## **My Name is Not Alexander: Just How Big Can a Little Kid Dream?**

by Jennifer Fosberry, c2011 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.6)

"Alexander changes names throughout the day, assuming the identities of some of the world's greatest men, including his own father." - Follett



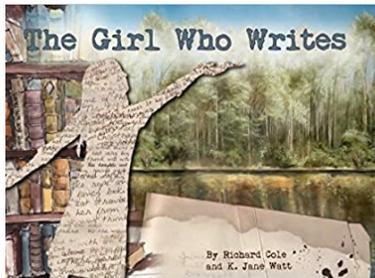
## **The Power of Henry's Imagination**

by Skye Byrne, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"A boy learns the secret to locating his missing stuffed bunny in this picture book about the extraordinary power of imagination." - Pub.

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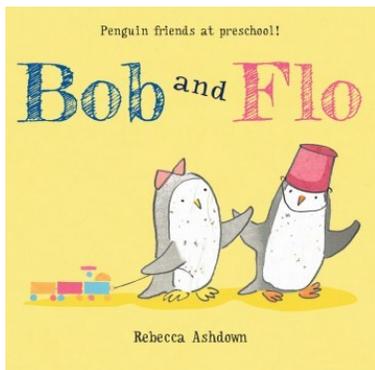
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## The Girl Who Writes

by Richard Cole, c2014

"In this lively story of hope and perseverance, a girl shaped by fiction dreams of being a writer. When she encounters bumps on this journey, she learns the importance of self esteem, good writing, and the wonder and beauty of home." - *Amazon.ca*



## Bob and Flo

by Rebecca Ashdown, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

"It's Flo's first day of preschool. She has her lunch in a bucket and a new bow—but soon her bucket disappears! Does her classmate Bob have anything to do with the bucket mystery? ...*Bob and Flo* is sure to ease any back-to-school jitters." - *Pub.*



## Beautiful Hands

by Kathryn Otoshi, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.8)

"Little hands can do so many wonderful things: plant ideas; lift spirits; stretch imaginations. This colorful concept book rouses children to use their hands for the good and reach for their dreams." - *Follett*