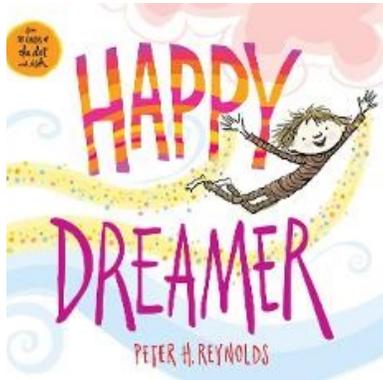


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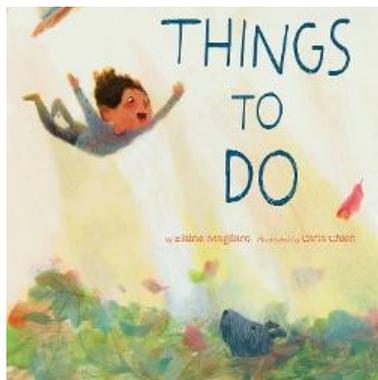
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## Happy Dreamer

by Peter H. Reynolds, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

"While the world tells us to sit still, to follow the rules, and to color inside the lines, Happy Dreamer celebrates all those moments in between when the mind and spirit soar and we are free to become our own true dreamer maximus! This empowering picture book reminds children of how much their dreams matter, and while life will have ups and downs, it enlists readers to stay true to who they are, to tap into their most creative inner selves." - Pub.

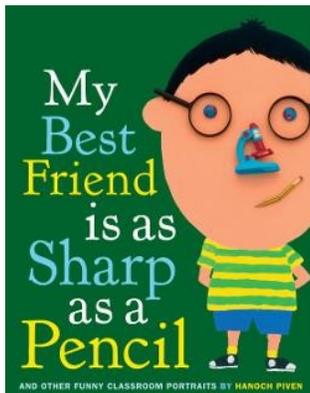


## Things to Do

by Elaine Magliaro, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.6)

Adrienne Gear: Visualize

"Things to Do brings to life the small moments and secret joys of a child's day. There are wonders everywhere. In the sky and on the ground--blooming in a flower bed, dangling from a silken thread, buzzing through the summer air--waiting ...waiting to be found. This thoughtful and ingenious collection of poems provides a luminous glimpse of the ordinary wonders all around us." - Pub.



## My Best Friend is as Sharp as a Pencil and Other Funny classroom Portraits

by Hanoch Piven, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.8)

"Learn how to create a funny librarian, a colorful art teacher, or your best friend by seeing how one girl does it in this simple, playful picture book that's comprised of portraits made of objects." - Pub.



## Imaginary Fred

by Eoin Colfer, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"Fred is the best imaginary friend you could ever hope for, but no matter how hard he tries, the same thing always happens: his friend finds a real friend in the real world, and Fred fades away, bit by bit, waiting to be wished for again...Then one day, a boy called Sam wishes for a friend, and Fred appears! For a while, everything is perfect. But what about the day when Sam finds a real friend? Could it be that this time, something magical might happen...?"

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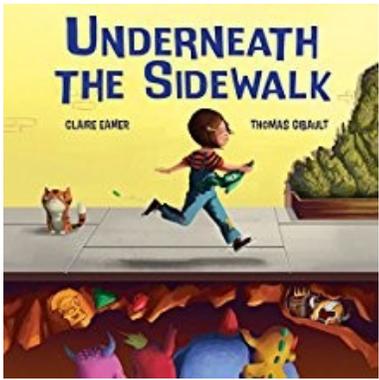
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## **A Child of Books**

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.



## **Underneath the Sidewalk**

by Claire Eamer, c2017 (IL: K-3)

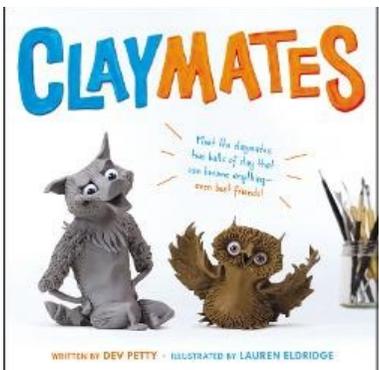
"A girl takes care to step over the sidewalk cracks, but in a moment of distraction she falls through... Breathtaking art opens up worlds of imagination in this magical story of bravery, adventure and friendship." - Pub.



## **The Book of Mistakes**

by Corinna Luyken, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.7)

"One eye was bigger than the other. That was a mistake. The weird cat-cow-frog thing? Well, it made an excellent bush. And the inky smudges . . . they look as though they were always meant to be leaves floating gently across the sky. As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art, she transforms her piece in quirky and unexpected ways, taking readers on a journey through her process." - Pub.



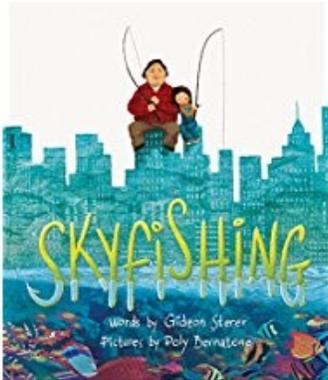
## **Claymates**

by Dev Petty, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

"In this photographic friendship adventure, the clay-mates squish, smash, and sculpt themselves into the funniest shapes imaginable. But can they fix a giant mess before they're caught in the act?" - Pub.

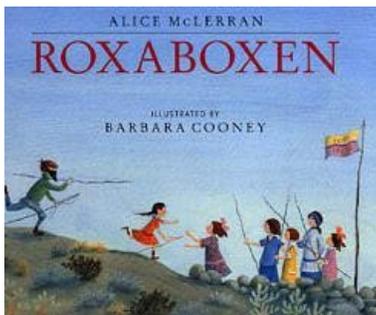
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**Skyfishing** by Gideon Sterer, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.0)

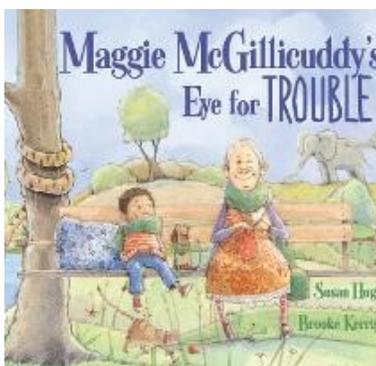
"When Grandpa—a fishing connoisseur—moves to the city to live with his family, it doesn't take him long to notice that there is nowhere to fish. Unfazed, his granddaughter proposes they pretend to fish out a window . . . until they actually catch something: a Flying Litterfish! Soon the two are catching all kinds of fish: Laundry Eels and Signfish, a Constructionfish and a Waste-muncher. It's all in good fun, until the skyfishing attracts the attention of the..." - Pub.



**Roxaboxen**

by Alice McLerran, c1991 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.3)

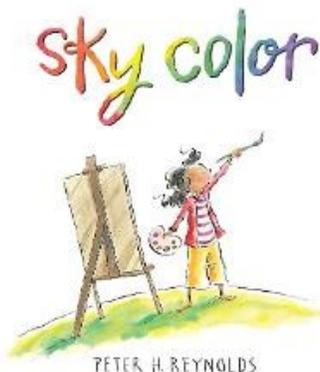
"Marian called it Roxaboxen. There across the road, it looked like any rocky hill--nothing but sand and rocks, and some old wooden boxes. But it was a special place. And all children needed to go there was a long stick and a soaring imagination." - Pub.



**Maggie McGillicuddy's Eye for Trouble**

by Susan Hughes, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"With wit and great charm, author Susan Hughes has created a playful story about friendship and the joys of an active imagination. She uses direct questions ->You see it there, don't you? - as hints to help children recognize what's imagined and what's actually there, expanding visual literacy." - Pub.



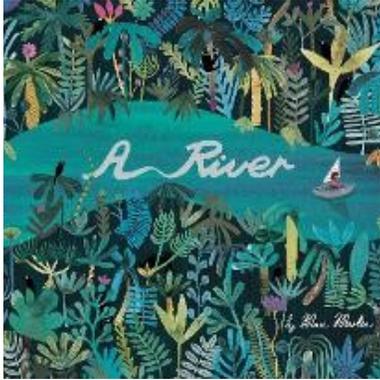
**Sky Color**

by Peter H. Reynolds, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

"Marisol loves to paint. So when her teacher asks her to help make a mural for the school library, she can't wait to begin! But how can Marisol make a sky without blue paint? After gazing out the bus window and watching from her porch as day turns into night, she closes her eyes and starts to dream. . . ." - Pub.

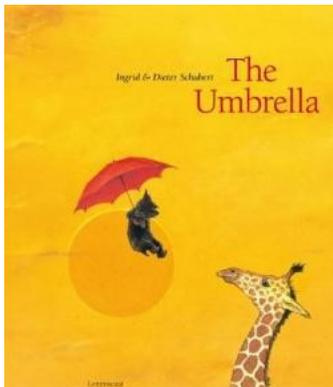
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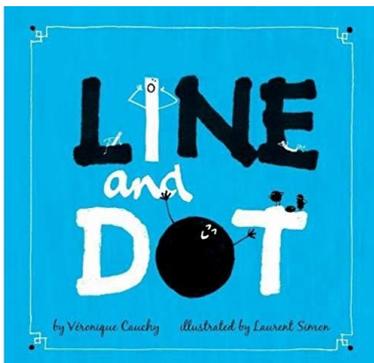
**A River** by Marc Martin, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.4)  
Adrienne Gear—Reading Power

"There's a river outside my window. Where will it take me? So begins the imaginary journey of a child inspired by the view outside her bedroom window: a vast river winding through a towering city. A small boat with a single white sail floats down the river and takes her from factories to farmlands, freeways to forests, out to the stormy and teeming depths of the ocean, and finally back to the comforts--and inspirations--of home." - Pub.



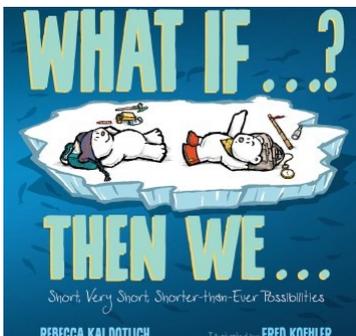
**The Umbrella**  
by Ingrid Schubert, c2010 (IL: K-3)

"A little dog finds an umbrella in the garden on a windy day. The moment the dog picks up the umbrella, it catches the wind and pulls the dog skywards. This is the start to fantastic journey around the world. The wind carries the umbrellas and the dog all over the world, from the desert to the sea, from the jungle to the north pole." - Pub.



**Line and Dot**  
by Véronique Cauchy, c2018

"One day, a line met a dot... and they decided to play together! Line and Dot create bold and brand new things by including a diverse group of friends—and they find that creating together is even more fun. This book creatively shows the importance of accepting, learning from, and living peacefully through individuality, differences, and diversity. *Line and Dot* demonstrates the importance of mutual respect and cooperation." - Amazon.ca

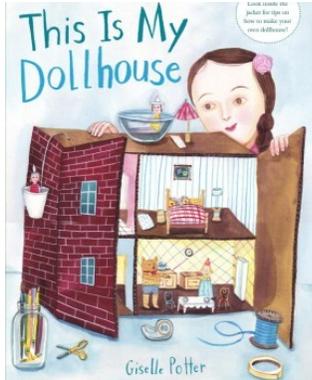


**What If...? Then We...**  
by Rebecca Kaloutlich, c2019 (IL: K-3; RL: 2.9)

"Two polar bear friends have a thrilling adventure as they imagine solutions to a variety of possible situations; their story will show readers how to create their own tales in response to the question "What if..." in this ingenious picture book." - Pub.

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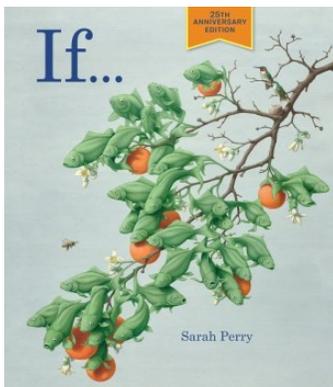
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## This is My Dollhouse

by Giselle Potter, c2016 (IL: K-3, K-2; RL: 3.4)

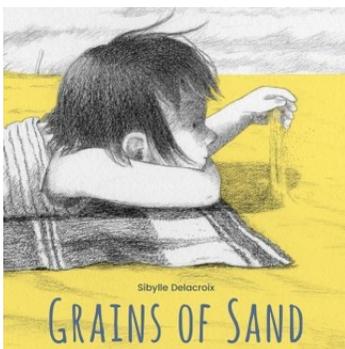
"A little girl proudly walks the reader through her handmade dollhouse, pointing out the bricks she painted on the outside, the wallpaper she drew on the inside, the fancy clothes she made for her dolls, and the little elevator she made out of a paper cup. She's proud of her house and has lots of fun using her imagination to play with it--until she discovers her friend Sophie's "perfect" storebought house." - Pub.



## If...

by Sarah Perry, c2020 (IL: K-3; RL: 1.5)

"Take a fantastical journey through an inspiring world where anything can happen: leaves turn into fish, cats fly with wings, humans have tails, frogs eat rainbows, and dreams become visible." - Pub.



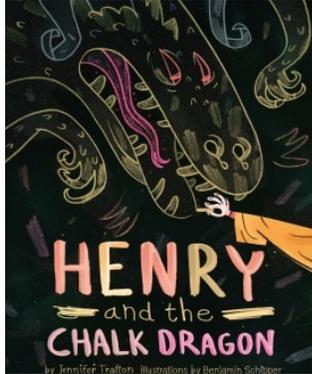
## Grains of Sand

by Sibylle Delacroix, c2018 (IL: K-3; RL: 2.8)

"On the last day of a family vacation, a little girl is as blue as the sea, and her shoes are filled with sand. What should she do with all of this sand? Together, she and her brother decide to plant the grains of sand, and imagine what will grow. A field of beach umbrellas, to wave hello to the sun? Or a forest of windmills, to fill the sails of a boat? Before drifting off to sleep, the girl has her dad promise they'll go back for new grains of sand next year." - Pub.

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## Henry and the Chalk Dragon

by Jennifer Trafton, c2017 (IL: 3-6, 3-5; RL: 6.4)

"In the town of Squashbuckle, just about anything can happen, and when Henry Penwhistle draws a mighty Chalk Dragon on his door, the dragon does what Henry least expects--it runs away . . ." - Pub.



## The Cardboard Kingdom

by Chad Sell, c2018 (IL: 3-6, 4-7; RL: 2.4)

"Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters—and their own inner demons—on one last quest before school starts again." - Pub.