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The Girl and the Bicycle

by Mark Pett, c2014 (IL: K-3)

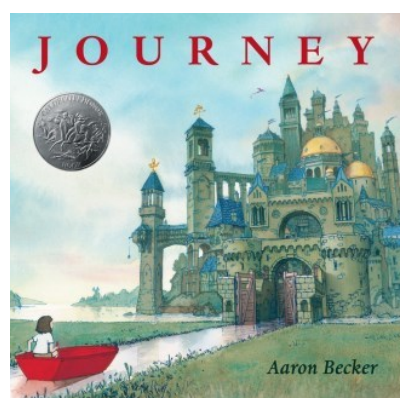
"A wordless picture book in which a girl sees a bicycle she wants to buy, works hard for a kindly neighbor to earn the money for it, then gets a pleasant surprise." - Pub.



The Boy and the Airplane

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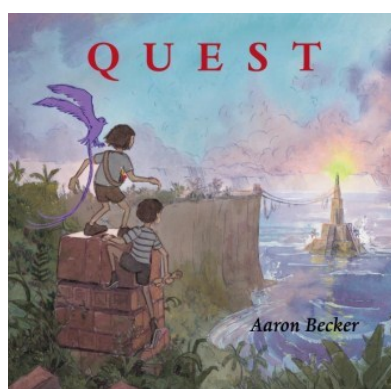
"When a little boy's prized toy airplane lands on a rooftop, he makes several rescue attempts before devising an unexpected solution." - Pub.



Journey by Aaron Becker, c2013 (IL: K-3)

Series: Aaron Becker's Wordless Trilogy, Bk. 1

"A lonely girl draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and through it escapes into a world where wonder, adventure, and danger abound. Red marker in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon, and a flying carpet that carry her on a spectacular journey toward an uncertain destiny." - Pub.



Quest by Aaron Becker, c2014 (IL: K-3)

Series: Aaron Becker's Wordless Trilogy, Bk. 2

"On a rainy day in a city park, the girl who starred in 'Journey' and the boy introduced at the end take refuge by a doorway under a bridge. To their surprise, a king emerges from the door just long enough to pass the two a map before soldiers apprehend him. Returning to the magical Pallonezia, they find the walled city in flames, under siege." - OCLC

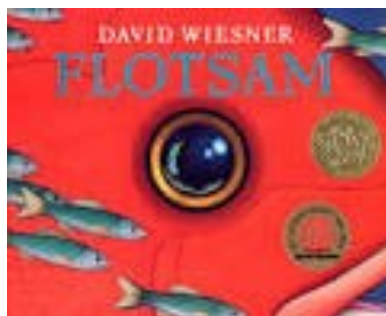
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Chalk by Bill Thomson, c2010 (IL: K-3)

"A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life." - Follett



Flotsam by David Wiesner, c2006 (IL: K-3)

"A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam--anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets to share . . . and to keep." - Pub.



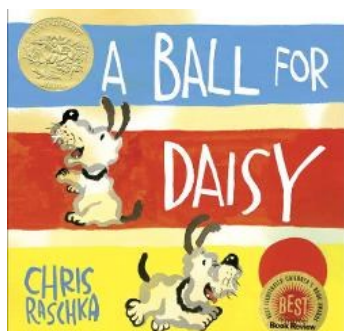
Out of the Blue by Alison Jay, c2014 (IL: K-3)

"This evocative wordless book about the mysteries of the sea invites readers to tell the story in their own words, which stimulates the imagination and helps develop visual literacy. Follow Alison Jay's distinctive crackle-varnished artwork as a storm—and what it brings—transforms the seashore for a day. Includes endnotes on marine life, lighthouses and the intriguing world of items that wash up on beaches." - Pub.



Wave by Suzy Lee, c2008 (IL: K-3)

"In this evocative wordless book, internationally acclaimed artist Suzy Lee tells the story of a little girl's day at the beach. Stunning in their simplicity, Lee's illustrations, in just two shades of watercolor, create a vibrant story full of joy and laughter." - Pub.



A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka, c2012 (IL: K-3)

"Daisy the dog is heartbroken when her favorite toy ball is destroyed while she is playing with another dog, but she realizes she has gained something, too." - Follett

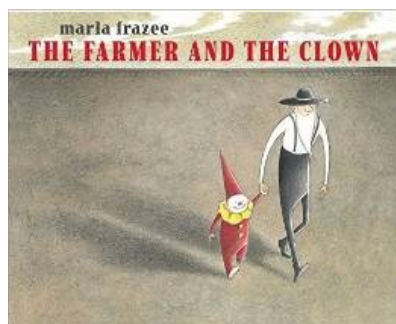
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Sidewalk Circus by Paul Fleischman, c2004 (IL: K-3)

"A young girl watches as the activities across the street from her bus stop become a circus." - Follett



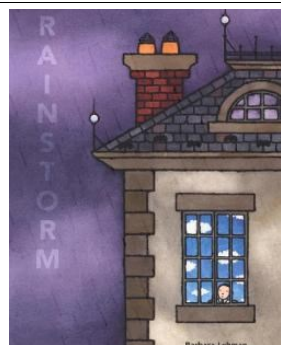
The Farmer and the Clown by Marla Frazee, c2014 (IL: K-3)

"A baby clown is accidentally separated from his family when he bounces off their circus train and lands in a lonely farmer's field. The farmer reluctantly rescues the baby clown and as they spend the day together they make surprising discoveries about each other—and about life!" - Pub.



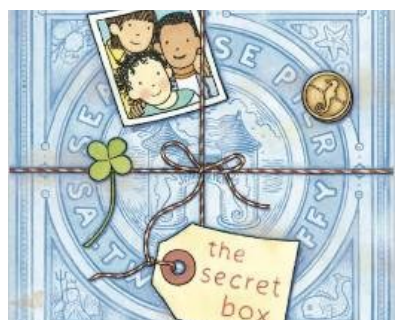
The Red Book by Barbara Lehman, c2004 (IL: K-3)

"This book is about a book. A magical red book without any words. When you turn the pages you'll experience a new kind of adventure through the power of story. Winning a Caldecott Honor for its illustrations of rare detail and surprise, *The Red Book* crosses oceans and continents to deliver one girl into a new world of possibility, where a friend she's never met is waiting. And as with the best of books, at the conclusion of the story, the journey is not over." - Pub.



Rainstorm by Barbara Lehman, c2007 (IL: K-3)

"It can be lonely sometimes on a rainy day in a big house with no one else around and there's only the quiet to keep you company. But if you find a key, a mysterious key, that leads you to an unexpected place . . . chances are your afternoon is about to get a lot more interesting." - Amazon.ca



The Secret Box by Barbara Lehman, c2011

"Times change. Cities may grow large. Summers may come and go. And people might grow old, but the one thing that always remains the same is the desire for adventure. Barbara Lehman takes readers on a timeless trip to a world of secret messages left in secret boxes hidden in secret places. You'll never know what you'll find when you look inside!" - Pub.

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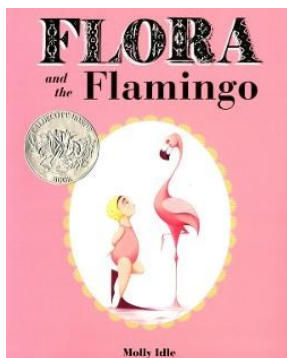
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The Lion and the Mouse

by Jerry Pinkney, c2009 (IL: K-3)

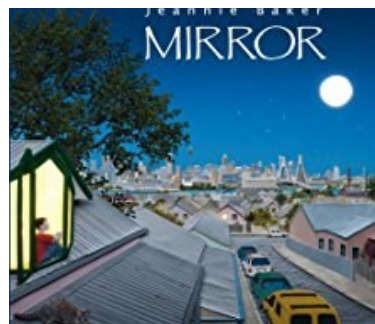
"After a ferocious lion spares a cowering mouse that he'd planned to eat, the mouse later comes to his rescue, freeing him from a poacher's trap. With vivid depictions of the landscape of the African Serengeti and expressively-drawn characters, Pinkney makes this a truly special retelling, and his stunning pictures speak volumes." - Pub.



Flora and the Flamingo

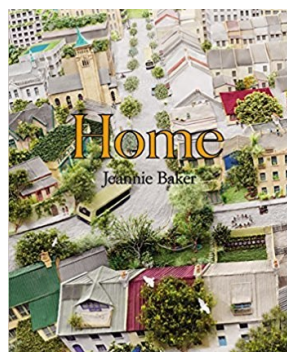
by Molly Schaar Idle, c2013 (IL: K-3)

"In this innovative wordless picture book with interactive flaps, Flora and her graceful flamingo friend explore the trials and joys of friendship through an elaborate synchronized dance. With a twist, a turn, and even a flop, these unlikely friends learn at last how to dance together in perfect harmony. Full of humor and heart..." - Amazon.ca



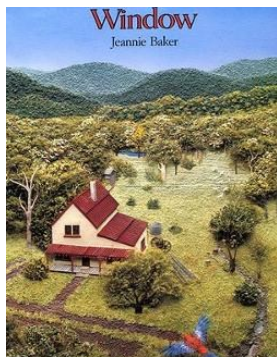
Mirror by Jeannie Baker, c2010 (IL: K-3)

"Somewhere in Sydney, Australia, a boy and his family wake up, eat breakfast, and head out for a busy day of shopping. Meanwhile, in a small village in Morocco, a boy and his family go through their own morning routines and set out to a bustling market. In this ingenious, wordless picture book, readers are invited to compare, page by page, the activities and surroundings of children in two different cultures." - Amazon.ca



Home by Jeannie Baker, c2004 (IL: K-3)

"A wordless picture book that observes the changes in a neighborhood from before a girl is born until she is an adult, as it first decays and then is renewed by the efforts of the residents." - Pub.



Window by Jeannie Baker, c1991 (IL: K-3)

"Chronicles the events and changes in a young boy's life and in his environment, from babyhood to grownup, through wordless scenes observed from the window of his room." - Pub.

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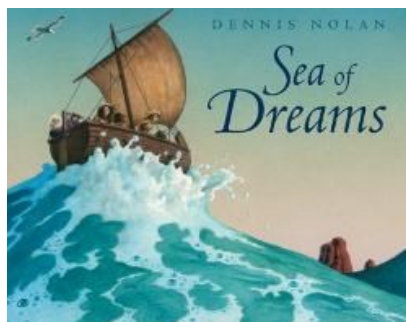
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The Chicken Thief

by Béatrice Rodriguez, c2010 (IL: K-3)

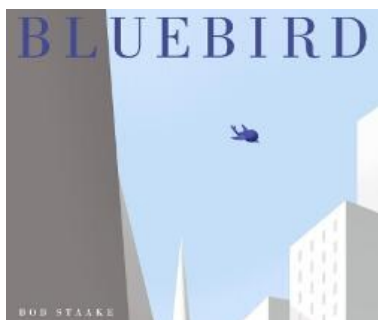
"In this wordless story that is both funny and sweet, a fox steals a hen away from her home. Bear, rabbit, and rooster give chase, but in a twist on the usual children's story, this fox is not a villain. Rather, he tenderly holds hen as he runs into the night. A funny and life-affirming story, *The Chicken Thief* defies expectations, enlivening the mind with its cleverness while going straight for the heart." - Amazon.ca



Sea of Dreams

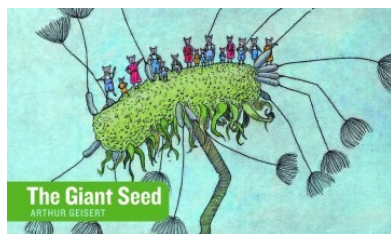
by Dennis Nolan, c2011 (IL: K-3)

"On a beautiful sunlit beach, a girl builds a magnificent sandcastle. As night falls the girl heads for home. Waves move ever closer to the castle, threatening its survival. Suddenly, in one of its windows, a light comes on..." - Pub.



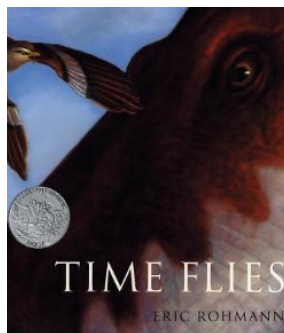
Bluebird by Bob Staake, c2013 (IL: K-3)

"In his most beautiful and moving work to date, Bob Staake explores the universal themes of loneliness, bullying, and the importance of friendship. In this emotional picture book, readers will be captivated as they follow the journey of a bluebird as he develops a friendship with a young boy and ultimately risks his life to save the boy from harm." - Pub.



The Giant Seed by Arthur Geisert, c2012 (IL: K-3)

"...pigs must get creative when a volcano destroys their home. Fortunately they got busy before trouble hit by planting a huge mysterious seed, for it's the seed plus imagination, as well as a good dose of can-do spirit, that save the day!" - Pub.

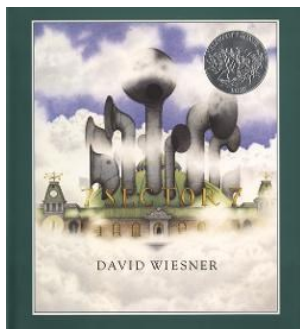


Time Flies by Eric Rohmann, c1994 (IL: K-3)

"A wordless tale in which a bird flying around the dinosaur exhibit in a natural history museum has an unsettling experience when the dinosaurs seem to come alive and view the bird as a potential meal." - Follett

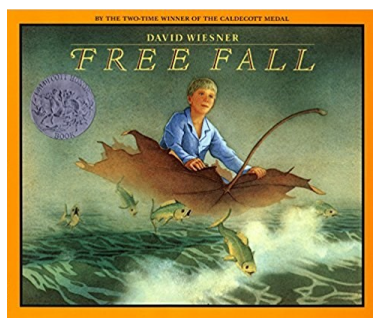
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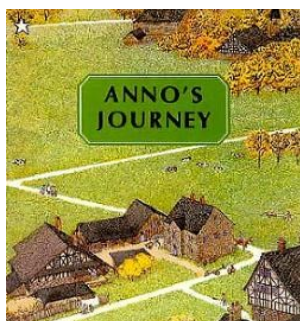
Sector 7 by David Wiesner, c1999 (IL: K-3)

"While on a school trip to the Empire State Building, a boy is taken by a friendly cloud to visit Sector 7, where he discovers how clouds are shaped and channeled throughout the country." - *Follett*



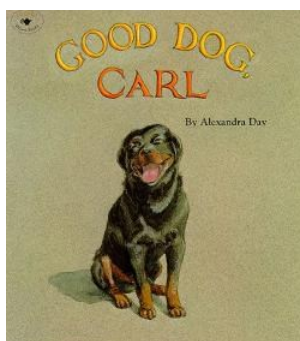
Freefall by David Wiesner, c1988 (IL: K-3)

"When he falls asleep with a book in his arms, a young boy dreams an amazing dream-about dragons, about castles, and about an unchartered, faraway land. And you can come along." - *Amazon.ca*



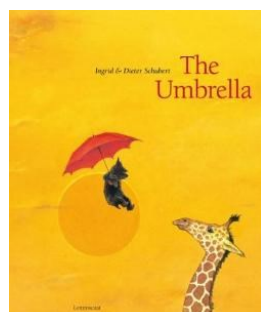
Anno's Journey by Mitsumasa Anno, c1977 (IL: K-3)

"Chronicles the author's journey through northern Europe and his impressions of the land, the people at work and play, and their art, architecture, folklore, and fairy tales." - *Follett*



Good Dog, Carl by Alexandra Day, c1985 (IL: K-3)

"Children follow with delight as Carl leads his infant mistress on a wild adventure—the instant after her mother has left the house." - *Amazon.ca*

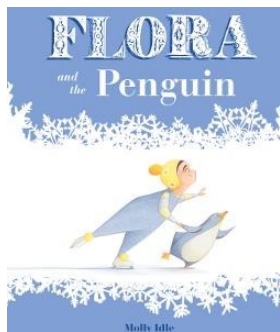


The Umbrella by Ingrid Schubert, c2010 (IL: K-3)

"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.*

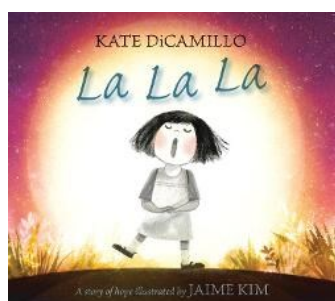
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Flora and the Penguin by Molly Idle, c2014 (IL: K-3)

"In this wordless, lift-the-flap picture book, Flora and her new friend, the penguin, dance on the ice together and learn to treat each other with respect and kindness." - Follett



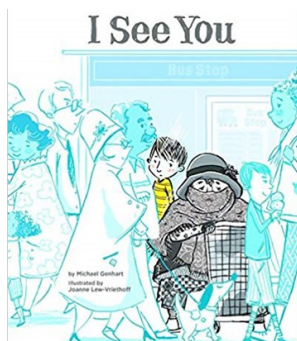
La La La by Kate DiCamillo, c2017 (IL: K-3) (Adrienne Gear—Transform.)

"A little girl stands alone and sings, but hears no response. Gathering her courage and her curiosity, she skips farther out into the world, singing away to the trees and the pond and the reeds -- but no song comes back to her. Day passes into night, and the girl dares to venture into the darkness toward the light of the moon, becoming more insistent in her singing, climbing as high as she can, but still there is silence in return. Dejected, she falls asleep on the ground, only to be awakened by an amazing sound..." - Pub.



Professional Crocodile by Giovanna Zoboli, c2017 (IL: K-3)

"Mr. Crocodile loves his job. Every morning he gets up with an alarm. He brushes his teeth. He chooses the right tie to match his outfit, eats a quick slice of toast, and heads off to work on a crowded train. But what exactly is his job? The answer may surprise you! Readers will want to pore over this witty, wordless book again and again, finding new details and fresh stories with every reading." - Pub.



I See You by Michael Genhart, c2017 (IL: K-3)

"*I See You* is a wordless picture book that depicts a homeless woman who is not seen by everyone around her - except for a little boy. Over the course of a year, the boy is witness to all that she endures. Ultimately, in a gesture of compassion, the boy acknowledges her in an exchange in which he sees her and she experiences being seen. This book opens the door for kids and parents to begin a conversation about homelessness." - Amazon.ca

JEFF NEWMAN & LARRY DAY

Found.

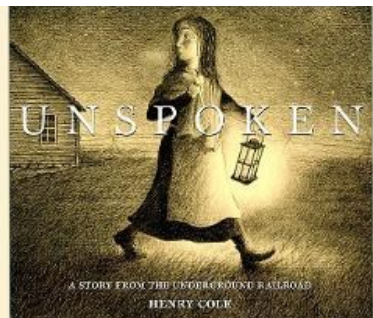


Found by Jeff Newman, c2018 (IL: K-3)

"Jenn's beloved dog was lost sometime ago. Long enough that she has given up the search. But she still misses her friend. One day she finds a lost dog. She takes him in and despite a rocky start, she grows to love him. Until she spots his picture on a missing poster. His name is Roscoe, and he's someone else's best friend. Jenn knows she should return Roscoe, but she really doesn't want to. Will Jenn do the right thing? Or will she keep this new dog she's grown to love so much?" - Pub.

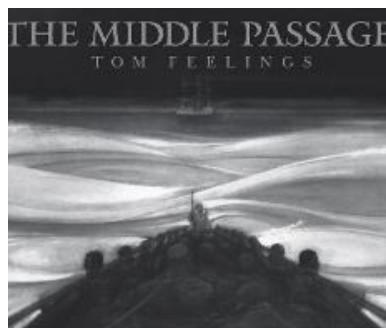
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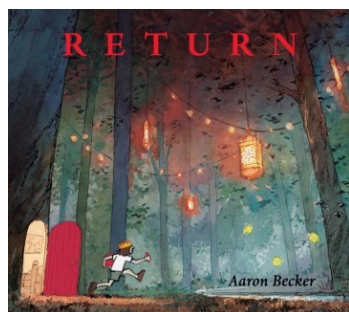
Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad by Henry Cole, c2012 (IL: K-3)

"A young Southern farm girl discovers a runaway slave hiding behind the corn crib in the barn and decides to help him." - Follett



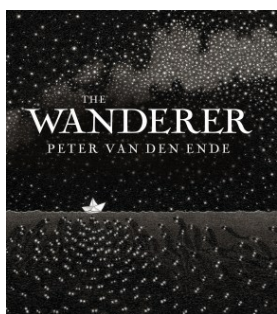
The Middle Passage: White Ships/Black Cargo by Tom Feelings, c2018 (IL: YA)

"The Middle Passage focuses attention on the torturous journey which brought slaves from Africa to the Americas, allowing readers to bear witness to the sufferings of an entire people." - Pub.



Return by Aaron Becker, c2016 (IL: K-3)

"Failing to get the attention of her busy father, a lonely girl turns back to a fantastic world for friendship and adventure. It's her third journey into the enticing realm of kings and emperors, castles and canals, exotic creatures and enchanting landscapes. This time, it will take something truly powerful to persuade her to return home, as a gripping backstory is revealed that will hold readers in its thrall." - Pub.



The Wanderer by Peter Van den Ende, c2020 (IL: 3-6)

"The Wanderer presents one little paper boat's journey across the ocean, past reefs and between icebergs, through schools of fish, swaying water plants, and terrifying sea monsters. The little boat is all alone, and while its aloneness gives it the chance to wonder at the fairy-tale world above and below the waves, that also means it must save itself when it storms. And so it does." - Pub.