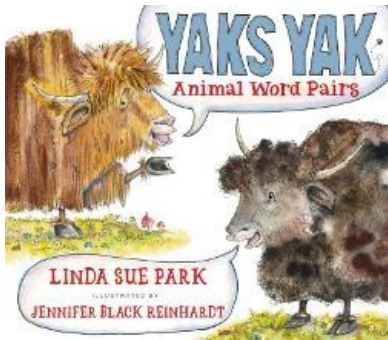


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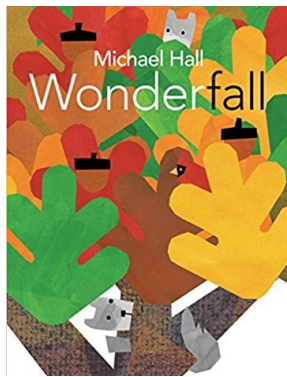
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### Yaks Yak: Animal Word Pairs

by Linda Sue Park, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

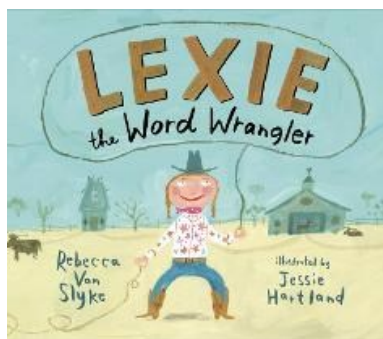
"At once funny and informative, *Yaks Yak* presents animals acting out the verbs made from their names. Illustrations rich in comic details show hogs hogging, slugs slugging, and other spirited creatures demonstrating homographs, words with different meanings that are spelled and pronounced the same. A chart listing the words, their meanings, and their history is included." - Pub.



### Wonderfall

by Michael Hall, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.0)

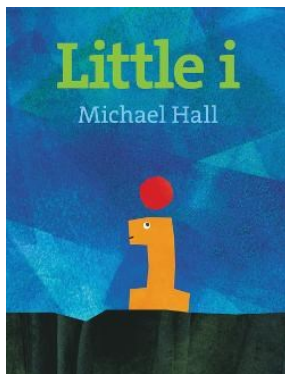
"*Wonderfall* follows a single tree through the changing of the seasons. People, animals, and vehicles pass in front of the tree, celebrating holidays, playing in its leaves, and getting ready for winter. Fifteen combined words (thankful + fall = thankFALL, plentiful + fall = plentiFALL) underscore the themes and concepts of the season, while the main attraction—the beautiful tree—drops acorns, loses leaves, and provides food and a home for a pair of scurrying squirrels." - Amazon.ca



### Lexie the Word Wrangler

by Rebecca Van Slyke, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"Lexie is the best wrangler west of the Mississippi-word wrangler, that is. She watches over baby letters while they grow into words and ties shorter words together into longer ones; she herds words into sentences, hitches sentences together, and pens them all in to tell a story. But lately, something seems off at the ranch." - Pub.



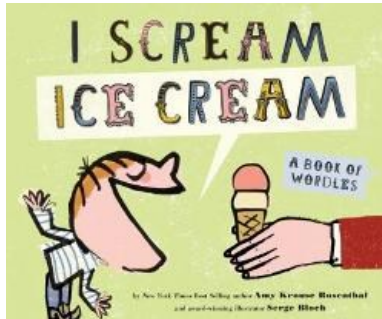
### Little i

by Michael Hall, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.2)

"A charming, suspenseful, and wholly original picture book about the adventure of growing up, from the acclaimed and bestselling creator of *Red: A Crayon's Story* and *Wonderfall*. When Little i's dot falls off, rolls down a hill, over a cliff, and into the sea, Little i sets out on a journey to rescue it." - Pub.

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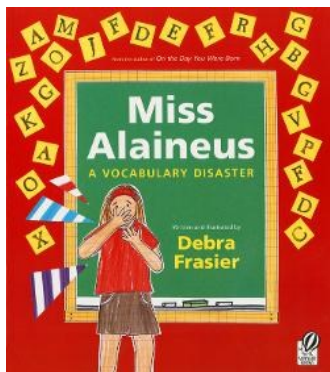
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## **I Scream Ice Cream: A Book of Wordles**

by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.5)

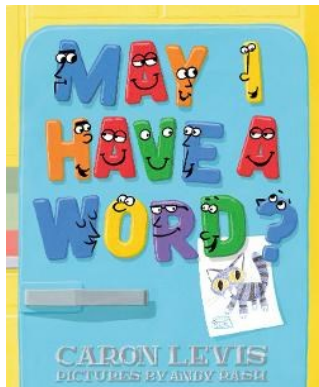
"What do "I Scream!" and "Ice Cream!" have in common? Nothing—besides the fact that they sound the same! The ever-surprising Amy Krouse Rosenthal unleashes her prolific wit in this silly and smart book of wordplay."  
- Pub.



## **Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster**

by Debra Frasier, c2000 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.6)

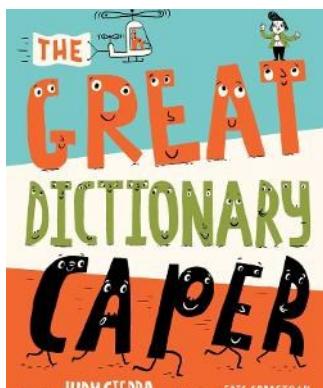
"When Sage's spelling and definition of a word reveal her misunderstanding of it to her classmates, she is at first embarrassed but then uses her mistake as inspiration for the vocabulary parade." - Follett



## **May I Have a Word?**

by Caron Levis, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"A battle of the magnet letters ensues across the refrigerator door in *May I Have a Word?* when C and K get into a fight about who gets to start the cooler (kooler?) words. When the two letters storm off in opposite directions, everything is turned upside down. SOCKS are now SO, there aren't any CLOCKS to TICK or TOCK, and the world is just out of LUCK—until other letters work to bring C and K back together again." - Pub.



## **The Great Dictionary Caper**

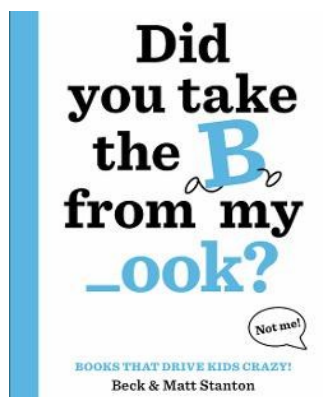
by Judy Sierra, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

"Words have secret lives. On a quiet afternoon the words escape the dictionary (much to the consternation of Mr. Noah Webster) and flock to Hollywood for a huge annual event--Lexi-Con. Liberated from the pages, words get together with friends and relations in groups including an onomatopoeia marching band, the palindrome family reunion, and hide-and-seek antonyms. It's all great fun until the words disagree and begin to fall apart." - Pub.

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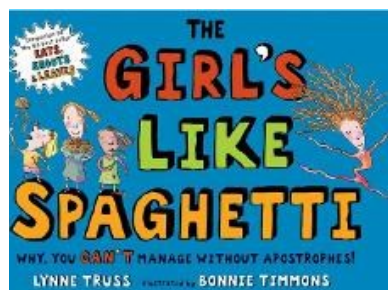
## Fiction—Picture Books



### Did You Take the B From my \_ook?

by Beck & Matt Stanton, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.9)

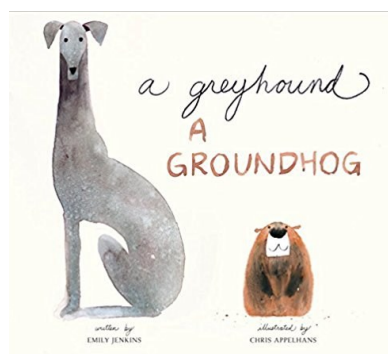
"When the letter B goes missing from the story, the reader must find a way to bring it back into the book for good." - Follett



### The Girl's Like Spaghetti: Why You Can't Manage Without Apostrophes!

by Lynne Truss, c2007 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.2)

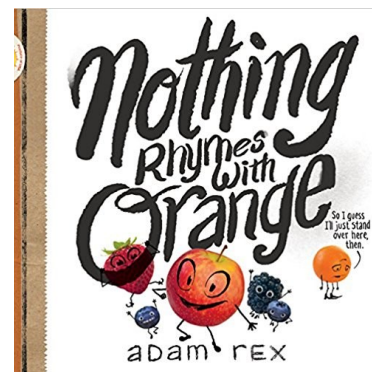
"Full of silly scenes that show how apostrophes make a difference, too, this is another picture book that will elicit bales of laughter and better punctuation from all who read it." - Pub.



### A Greyhound A Groundhog

by Emily Jenkins, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

"When a greyhound meets a groundhog, wordplay and crazy antics ensue. The two animals, much like kids, work themselves into a frenzy as they whirl around and around one another. (Around, round hound. Around, groundhog!) The pace picks up (Around and around and astound and astound!), until they ultimately wear themselves out." - Amazon.ca



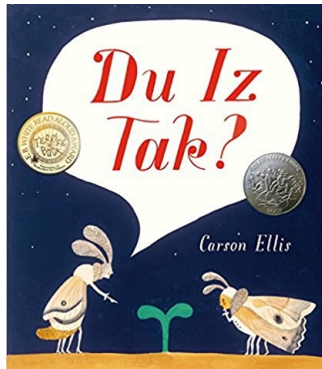
### Nothing Rhymes with Orange

by Adam Rex, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"We all know nothing rhymes with orange, but how does that make Orange feel? Well, left out, obviously! When a fruit parade gets together to sing a song about how wonderful they are-and the song happens to rhyme-Orange can't help but feel like it's impossible to ever fit in. But when one particularly intuitive Apple notices how Orange is feeling..." - Amazon.ca

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## Du Iz Tak?

by Carson Ellis, c2016 (IL: K-3)

"Du iz tak? What is that? As a tiny shoot unfurls, two damselflies peer at it in wonder. When the plant grows taller and sprouts leaves, some young beetles arrive to gander, and soon—with the help of a pill bug named Icky—they wrangle a ladder and build a tree fort. But this is the wild world, after all, and something horrible is waiting to swoop down—booby voobeck!—only to be carried off in turn." - Amazon.ca

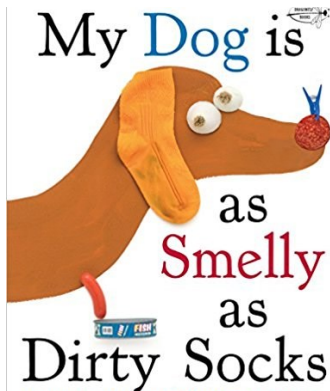
## The Book With No Pictures

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

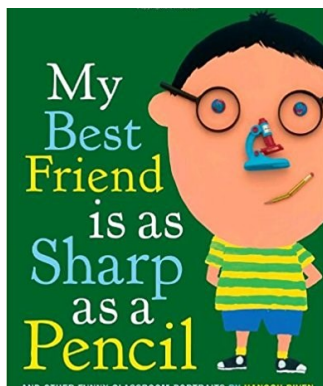
"You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except...here's how books work. Everything written on the page *has* to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say..." - Amazon.ca



## My Dog is as Smelly as Dirty Socks and Other Funny Family Portraits

by Hanoch Piven, c2007 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"How do you draw a playful daddy? Or a smelly dog? For any kid who's ever been asked to "draw a picture of your family," here's an unusual and much more fun take on the project! Using objects to represent personality traits, acclaimed illustrator Hanoch Piven creates simple and funny portraits that perfectly describe all the members of one girl's family." - Amazon.ca



## 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. Once the girl has talked about—and drawn—the key figures in her school, she ends with the pièce de résistance—a class portrait!" - Amazon.ca

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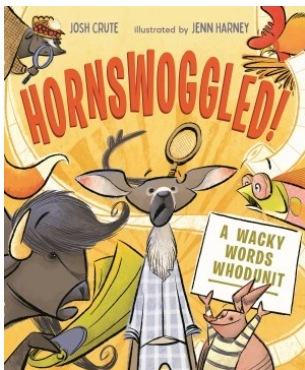
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## My Pet Feet

by Josh Funk, c2022, (IL: K-3)

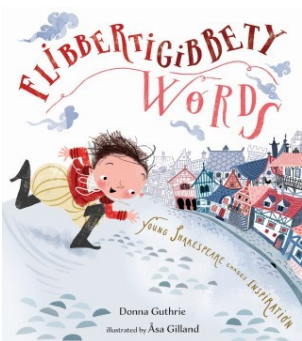
"After awakening to find that his pet ferret is now pet feet, a budding detective discovers that the letter "R" has disappeared and its absence is causing chaos throughout his town." - Follett



## Hornswoggled

by Josh Crute, c2021 (IL: 1-3, RL: 2.0)

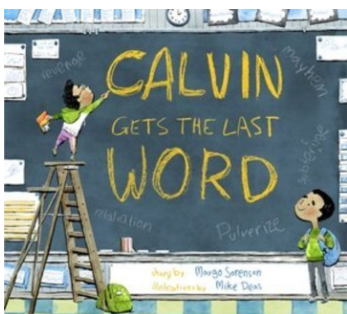
"Deer wakes up to find one of his antlers is missing--and there's a tennis racket in its place? One by one his friends also uncover that their important items from glasses to lucky boots have been swapped with silly, useless replacements like donuts and swim flippers. Once they gather together to find out what happened, will they find the true thief or be outfoxed?" - Follett



## Flibbertigibbety Words

by Asa Gilland, c2020 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.1)

"Literally chasing inspiration, young William runs through the streets, gardens, waters, and woods of Elizabethan England, in search of the flibbertigibbety words that flew in through his window one day and then escaped . . ." - Pub



## Calvin Gets the Last Word

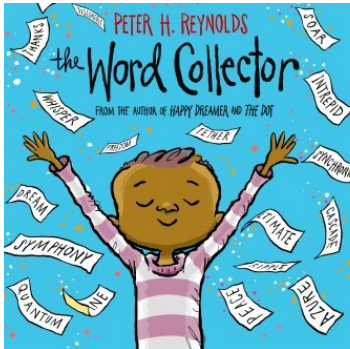
by Margo Sorenson, c2020 (IL: 2-6, RL: 3.6)

"A boy who loves his dictionary searches for the exact right word to describe his mischievous brother." - Follett

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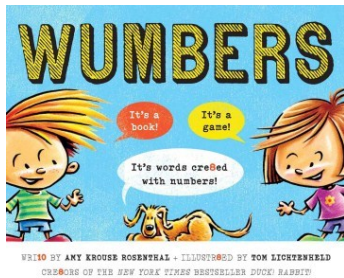
## Fiction Picture Books



### The Word Collector

by Peter Reynolds, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.0)

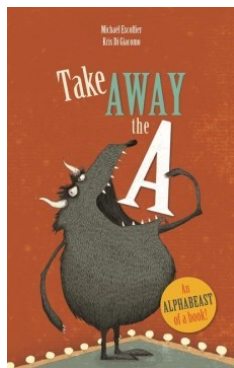
"Jerome enjoys collecting and using words that he hears, reads, or sees, and then decides to share his collection with others." - Follett



### Wumbers: It's a Word Crested with a Number!

by Amy Rosenthal, c2012 (IL: 1-3, RL: 2.2)

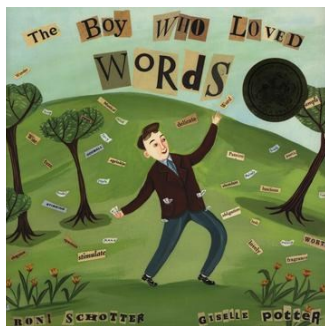
"Starting on the endpapers with questions in speech bubbles ("What do you think you'll be like as 18ager?") and continuing through a series of conversations in double-page vignettes, Rosenthal cleverly combines words and numbers ("wumbers") that challenge readers to use their number recognition and phonological skills." - School Library Journal



### Take Away the A

by Michael Escoffie, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.8)

"Take Away the A is a fun, imaginative romp through the alphabet. The idea behind the book is that within every language there are words that change and become a different word through the simple subtraction of a single letter. In other words, without the "A," the Beast is Best." - Pub



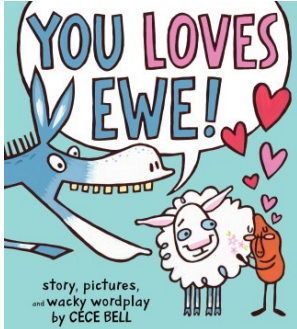
### The Boy Who Loved Words

by Roni Schotter, c2006 (IL: 2-4, RL: 3.6)

"Selig, who loves words and copies them on pieces of paper that he carries with him, goes on a trip to discover his purpose." - Follett

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## You Loves Ewe!

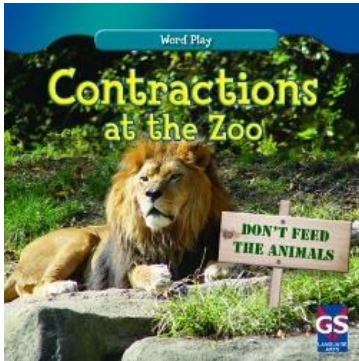
by Cece Bell, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.5)

"Homonyms cause great confusion as an increasingly cranky yam tries to make introductions and provide explanations to a newly-arrived and rather silly donkey." - Pub

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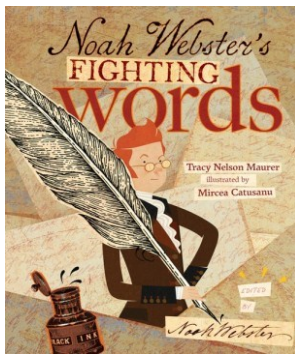


### **Series: Word Play**

by Kathleen Connors, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.0-4.4)

#### **Titles:**

*Contractions at the Zoo*  
*Homophones at Home*  
*Opposites at the Park*  
*Punctuation at the Game*  
*Rhyming on the road*  
*Synonyms at School*



### **Noah Webster's Fighting Words**

by Tracy Nelson Maurer, c2017 (IL: 2-5)

"A brief biography of educator and writer Noah Webster, famous for writing the first dictionary of the English language, with fictitious editing remarks by Noah." - Follett