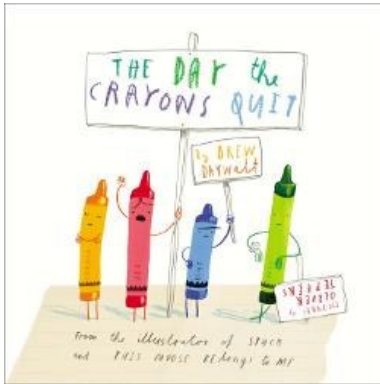


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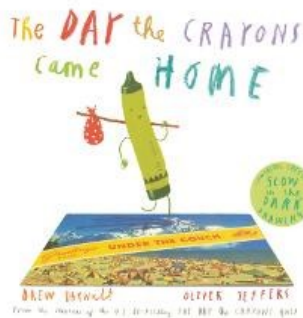
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## **The Day the Crayons Quit**

by Drew Daywalt, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.8)

"Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Beige Crayon is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown Crayon. Black wants to be used for more than just outlining. Blue needs a break from coloring all those bodies of water. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true color of the sun." - Pub.



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

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

"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



## **Dear Dragon**

by Josh Funk, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.6)

"George and Blaise are pen pals, and they write letters to each other about everything—their pets, birthdays, favorite sports, and science fair projects. There's just one thing that the two friends don't know—George is a human, while Blaise is a dragon! What will happen when these pen pals finally meet face-to-face?" - Pub.

## **The Book With No Pictures**

B.J. Novak

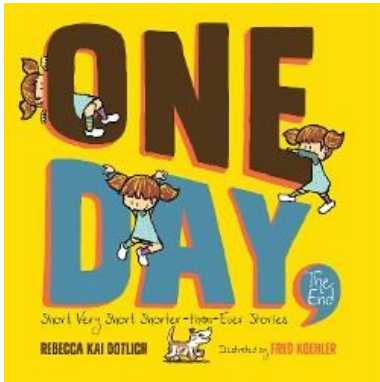
## **The Book With No Pictures**

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 . . .BLORK. Or BLUURF. 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 GLOB-BITY." - Pub.

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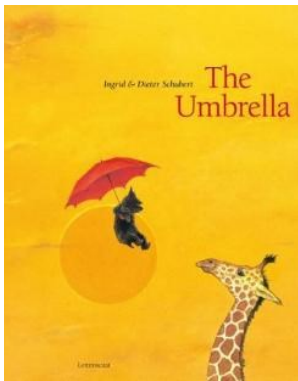
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## **One Day, The End: Short, Very Short, Shorter-than-Ever Stories**

by Rebecca Kai Dotlich, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.7)

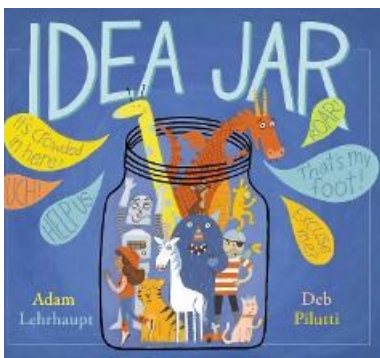
"One day. . . I went to school. I came home. The end,- says our storyteller-a girl with a busy imagination and a thirst for adventure. The art tells a fuller tale of calamity on the way to school and an unpredictably happy ending. The genius of this picture book is that each illustration captures multiple, unexpected, and funny storylines as the narrator tells her shorter-than-ever stories, ending with One day. . . I wanted to write a book." - 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.



## **Idea Jar**

by Adam Lehrhaupt, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

"The idea jar is where students keep their ideas—anything from a Viking to a space robot to a giant dragon. These ideas can be combined to make new exciting stories. But watch out when the ideas escape the jar—they might get a little rowdy! Adam Lehrhaupt's newest picture book is sure to inspire creativity, imagination, and adventure." - Pub.



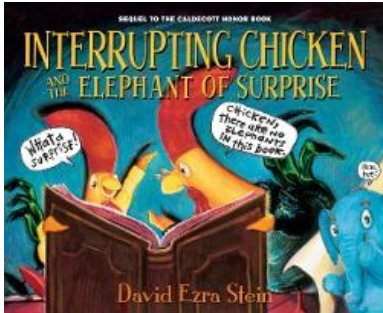
## **Help Find Frank**

by Anne Bollman, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"Frank loves to run, play, and give slobbery kisses. (He also loves to eat cheese, but DON'T FEED HIM ANY! You've been warned.) Then he gets lost--and it's up to readers to find him. Is he at the park? The baseball field? Filled with detective-style evidence exhibits, maps, and detailed seek-and-find pages, this engaging story entices young adventurers to discover clues that Frank leaves behind--and eventually locate the little guy himself." - Pub.

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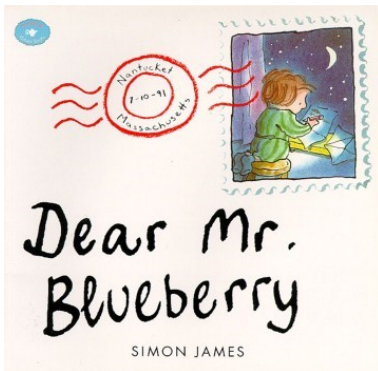
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## Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise

by David Ezra, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.8)

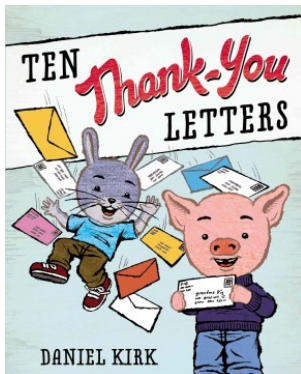
"When Little Red Chicken comes home excited about what she learned in school, she explains to Papa that every story has 'an elephant of surprise.'" - OCLC



## Dear Mr. Blueberry

by Simon James, c1991 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.5)

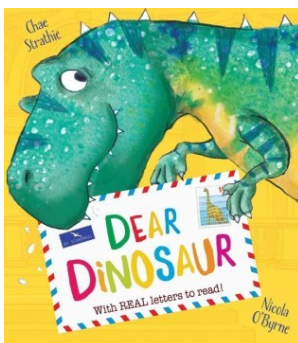
"A young girl and her teacher correspond about the whale she has discovered in her pond." - Follett



## Ten Thank-you Letters

by Daniel Kirk, c2014 (IL: K-3)

"While Pig is trying to finish a thank-you note to his grandmother, his best friend Rabbit repeatedly interrupts to borrow supplies for a series of his own notes, thanking all of the special people in their lives." - Pub.



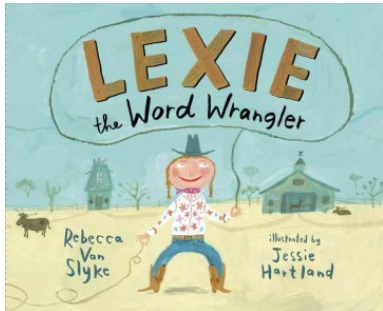
## Dear Dinosaur

by Chae Strathie, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.3)

"When Max visits a local museum, he has a lot of questions. Since it's closing time, the curator (Dinosaur Dora) says, "Why don't you write our T. Rex a letter? He might even write back." - Pub.

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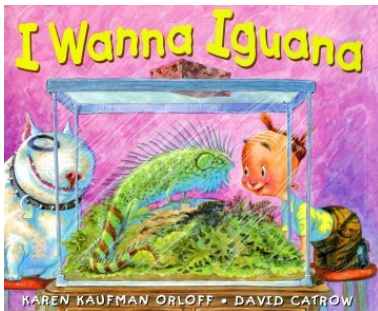
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## **Lexie the Word Wrangler**

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

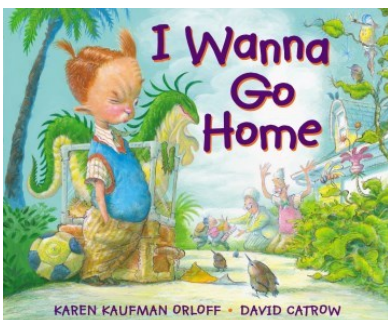
"Lexie is the best wrangler west of the Mississippi—word wrangler, that is. She watches over baby letters while they grow into words and ties shorter words together into longer ones; she herds words into sentences, hitches sentences together, and pens them all in to tell a story. But lately, something seems off at the ranch... There's no doubt about it—there's a word rustler causing this ruckus, and Lexie plans to track him down . . . even if it means riding her horse through the sticky icing of a desert that's suddenly become a giant *dessert*." - Pub.



## **I Wanna Iguana**

by Karen Kaufman Orloff, c2004 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

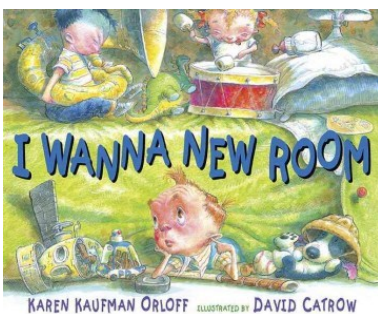
"Alex and his mother write notes back and forth in which Alex tries to persuade her to let him have a baby iguana for a pet." - Pub.



## **I Wanna Go Home**

by Karen Kaufman Orloff, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Through a series of letters, Alex tries to convince his parents that he should not be staying with his grandparents while they are away, but slowly comes to realize that he can have fun, even at Happy Hills Retirement Community." - Follett



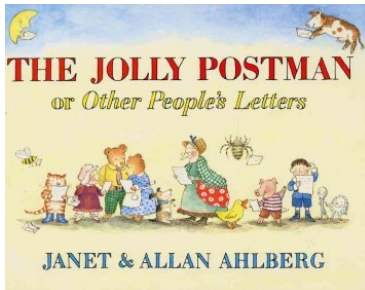
## **I Wanna New Room**

by Karen Kaufman Orloff, c2010 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"Alex and Ethan have been forced to share a room ever since their baby sister came along and Alex is tired of it, so he begins a letter writing campaign to convince his parents he needs his own space." - Follett

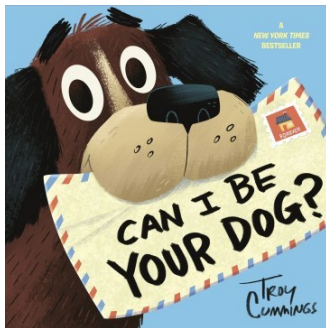
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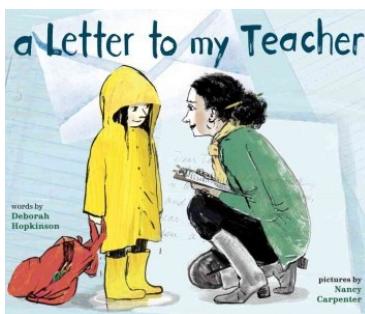
**The Jolly Postman and Other People's Letters**  
by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, c1986 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"A postman delivers letters to several famous fairy-tale characters such as the Big Bad Wolf, Cinderella, and the Three Bears. Each letter may be removed from its envelope page and read separately." - Follett



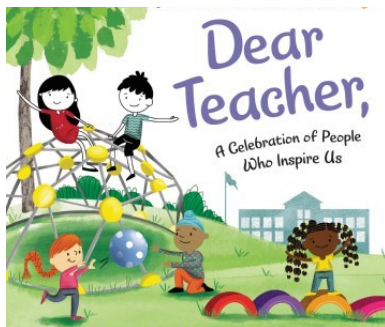
**Can I Be Your Dog?**  
by Troy Cummings, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

"A dog looking for a home sends letters to prospective owners on Butternut Street, with surprising results." - Pub.



**A Letter to My Teacher**  
by Deborah Hopkinson, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"A letter from someone who was once an exasperating second-grader reveals her experiences with a teacher who brought out the best in her." - Follett



**Dear Teacher: A Celebration of People Who Inspire Us**  
by Amy Husband, c2021 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

"A tribute to the . . . teachers of . . . the world . . . expresses thanks to educators, coaches, and other role models who help inspire the futures of young people." - Pub.

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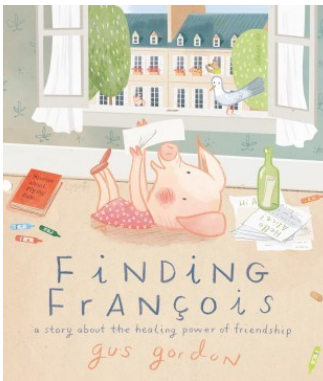
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## Write! Write! Write!

by Amy Ludwig VanDerWater, c2020, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

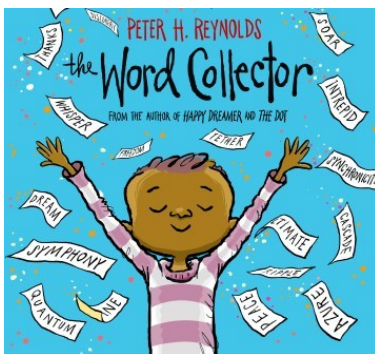
"Write Write Write is a poetry collection that explores every stage and every aspect of the writing process, from learning the alphabet to the thrilling moment of writing a thought for the first time, from writer's block to finding inspiration, and from revision to stapling your finished work into a book. These poems also celebrate how writing teaches patience, helps express opinions, and allows us to imagine the impossible."  
- Pub.



## Finding Francois: A Story About the Healing Power of Friendship

by Gus Gordon, c2020 (IL: K-3)

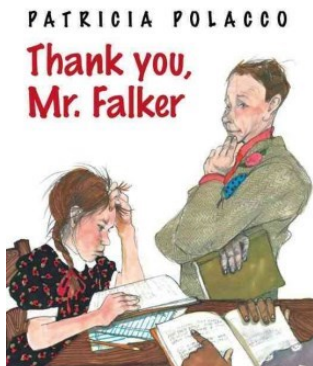
"Alice sends a message in a bottle that travels the River Seine and lands with Francois, who helps her heal from the loss of her beloved grandmother." - Pub.



## The Word Collector

by Peter H. Reynolds, c2018 (IL: K-3, K-2; 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



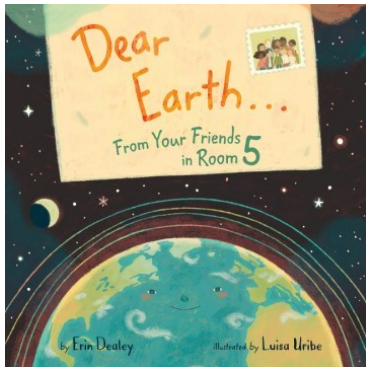
## Thank you, Mr. Falker

by Patricia Polacco, c1998, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.1)

"At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem." - Follett

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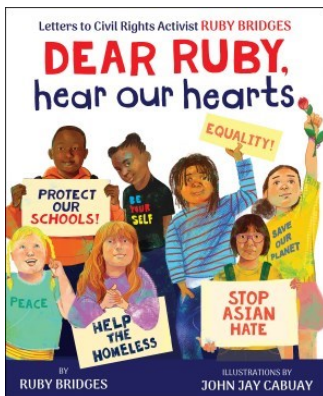
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## Dear Earth from Your Friends in Room 5

by Erin Dealey, c2023 (IL: 1-4, RL: 2.4)

"When the kids in Room 5 write to Earth asking what they can do to help save our planet, they are delighted to get a letter back. This beautiful picture book is a celebration of every child's ability to connect with the environment and make a positive impact." - *Pub.*



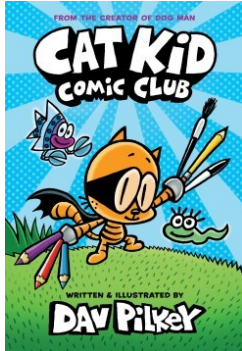
## Dear Ruby, Hear Our Hearts

by Ruby Bridges, c2024 (IL: 1-4, RL: ?)

"A compilation of letters from concerned young students about today's issues, including bullying, climate change, gun violence, and racism. Reading Ruby's intuitive and inspirational responses, young readers will embrace the courage to be brave, bold, and confident." - *Follett*

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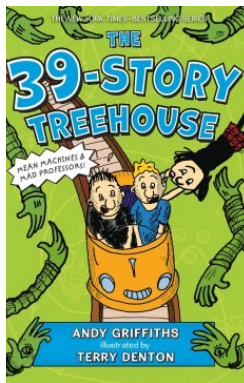
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## **Cat Kid Comic Club**

by Dav Pilkey, c2020 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.7)

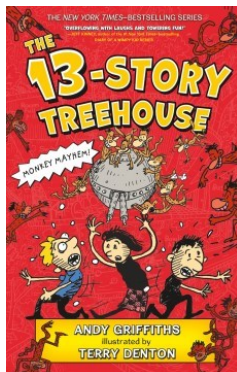
"Join Li'l Petey, Flippy, and Molly as they introduce comic making to twenty-one funny, rambunctious, and talented frogs. Can the trio help the class unleash their own creativity?" - Pub.



## **The 39-Story Treehouse**

by Andy Griffiths, c2015 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.7)

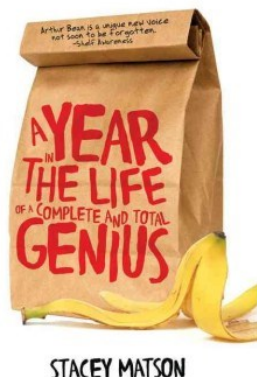
"Andy and Terry are once again inviting readers to come hang out with them in their astonishing 39-story treehouse (it used to be 13 stories, then 26 stories, but they keep expanding). And this year they will have even more time to jump on the world's highest trampoline, toast marshmallows in an active volcano, swim in the chocolate waterfall, pet baby dinosaurs, and go head-to-trunk with the Trunkinator, since Terry has created the greatest invention that he-or anyone else-has ever invented . . . a Once-upon-a-time machine that will write and illustrate their entire book for them!" - Follett



## **The 13-Story Treehouse**

by Andy Griffiths, c2013 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.8)

"This treehouse has thirteen stories, a bowling alley, a see-through swimming pool, a secret underground laboratory, and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and automatically shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you are hungry. Life would be perfect for Andy and Terry if it wasn't for the fact that they have to write their next book, which is almost impossible because there are just so many distractions..." - Pub.



## **A Year in the Life of a Complete and Total Genius**

by Stacey Matson, c2015 (IL: Gr. 5+, RL: 5.3)

"Arthur Bean is a genius—it's just that no one else realizes this quite yet. He's going to be a world-famous author, and the first step is to win this year's story-writing contest. What he writes is pretty funny, but it gets him into trouble too. Like with his English teacher. And the school newspaper advisor. And cool girl Kennedy. And Arthur's number one nemesis, Robbie Zack. But all great authors spark controversy, so Arthur's not too concerned. Through letters, email exchanges..." - Amazon.ca

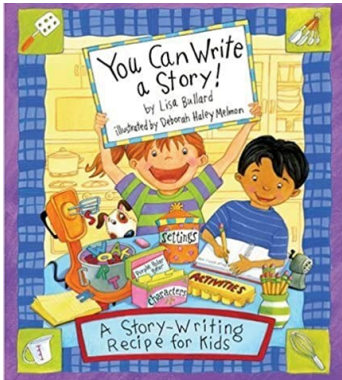




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## Non-fiction



### **You Can Write a Story!**

by Lisa Bullard, c2007 (IL: K-3, 2-4)

"A child's step-by-step guide to picking characters, developing plots and writing really great stories. Whimsically illustrated with a recipe motif, this is perfect for kids who love to write, or those who need a fun approach to encourage them." - Amazon.ca



### **Series: Write Me a Poem**

by Valerie Bodden, c2016 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.4-3.8)

"This new series, geared toward the early elementary learner who may be encountering literary forms and terms for the first time, teaches by example, showing how poets use language in playful and effective ways to create meaning." - Follett