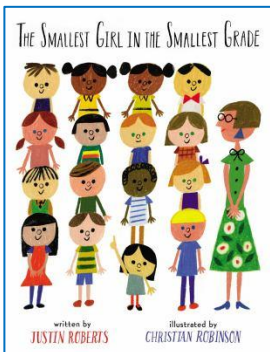


# **Successful Learner Traits**

*Compiled by Joan Pearce*

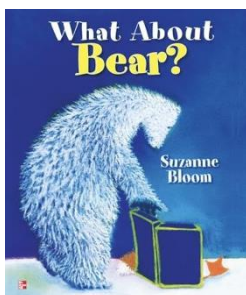
*The “Successful Learner Traits” were developed by Sue Bannister (<https://successfulearners.ca/>). This is a draft list of titles for each trait, and as time permits, the document will be fine-tuned to ensure the closest match of titles to each of the traits.*



### **The Smallest Girl In the Smallest Grade**

By Justin Roberts, c2014

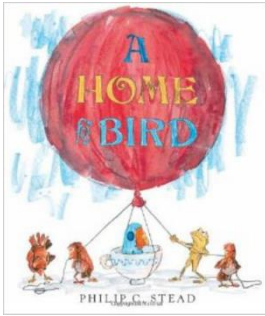
“Hardly anyone noticed young Sally McCabe. She was the smallest girl in the smallest grade. But Sally notices everything--from the twenty-seven keys on the janitor's ring to the bullying happening on the playground. One day, Sally has had enough and decides to make herself heard. And when she takes a chance and stands up to the bullies, she finds that one small girl can make a big difference.” -*Publisher*



### **What About Bear?**

By Suzanne Bloom, c2014

“Reading Wonders Literature Big Book: What About Bear? Grade K is one title in the collection of beloved trade books in Big Book format for whole-class instruction and shared reading.” - *Publisher*

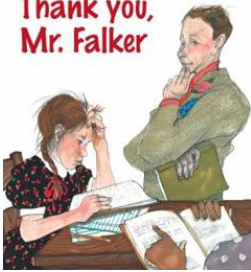


### **A Home for Bird**

By Philip C. Stead, c2012

“Children's author and illustrator Philip C. Stead counts a Caldecott Medal among his many literary accomplishments. A Home for Bird is a touching tale of friendship and determination. Out one day, Vernon the toad happens upon a tiny blue bird who is oddly silent. Vernon introduces Bird to his friends and tours him around to many of his favorite places, but Bird still won't talk. Thinking that Bird is quiet because he is homesick, Vernon takes his new friend on an exciting journey to find him a home.” - *Publisher*

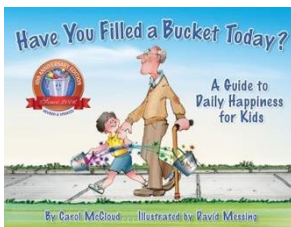
PATRICIA POLACCO  
**Thank you,  
Mr. Falker**



### **Thank You, Mr. Falker**

By Patricia Polacco, c2012

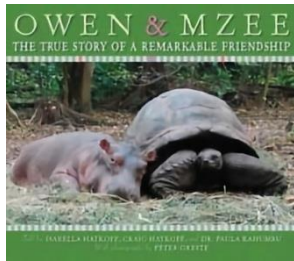
“The real-life, classic story of a dyslexic girl and the teacher who would not let her fail. A perfect gift for teachers and for reading students of any age. Patricia Polacco is now one of America's most loved children's book creators, but once upon a time, she was a little girl named Trisha starting school. Trisha could paint and draw beautifully, but when she looked at words on a page, all she could see was jumble. It took a very special teacher to recognize little Trisha's dyslexia: Mr. Falker, who encouraged her to overcome her reading disability. Patricia Polacco will never forget him, and neither will we.” - *Publisher*



### **Have You Filled a Bucket Today?**

By Carol McCloud, c2016

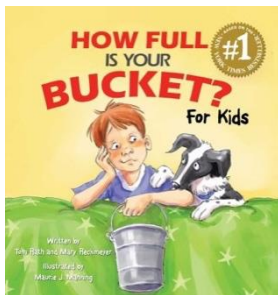
“This heart-warming book has become a classic, selling over a million copies, and is listed as one of the top children's books that encourage kindness towards others. It encourages positive behaviour by using the concrete concept of an 'invisible bucket' that holds your good thoughts and feelings. When you do something kind, you fill someone's bucket; when you do something mean, you dip into someone's bucket and remove some good thoughts and feelings. This book focuses on how our social interactions positively or negatively affect others and encourages all to be kind.” - *Publisher*



### **Owen and Mzee**

By Isabella Hatkoff, c2006

"Illustrated text and full-color photographs tell the true story of the unusual relationship between Owen, a baby hippopotamus orphaned by a tsunami, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise."  
-Follett

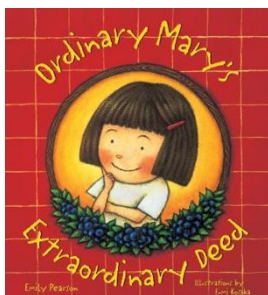


### **How Full is Your Bucket? : For Kids**

By Tom Rath, c2009

"In *How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids*, Felix begins to see how every interaction in a day either fills or empties his bucket. Felix then realizes that everything *he* says or does to other people fills or empties their buckets as well.

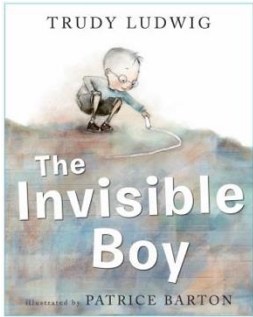

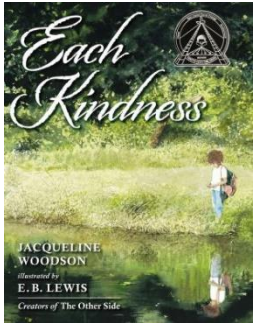
Follow along with Felix as he learns how easy it can be to fill the buckets of his classmates, teachers and family members. Before the day is over, you'll see how Felix learns to be a great bucket filler, and in the process, discovers that filling someone else's bucket also fills his own." - *Publisher*

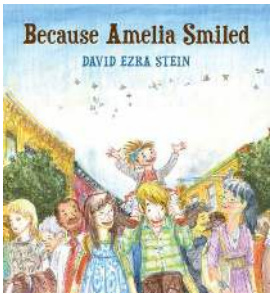


### **Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed**

By Emily Pearson, c2002

"After Mary secretly leaves fresh berries on Mrs. Bishop's porch, the woman makes muffins. She gives some to five people, and a chain of kindness begins. A numbers pyramid at book's end shows that after fifteen days, the chain would touch everyone on earth. The sentiment is lovely if unoriginal; the writing is precious and breathless." - *Horn Book Guide*

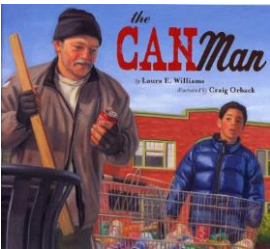
	<p><b><u>The Invisible Boy</u></b> By Trudy Ludwig, c2013</p> <p>“A simple act of kindness can transform an invisible boy into a friend...</p> <p>Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party . . . until, that is, a new kid comes to class.</p> <p>When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine.” - <i>Publisher</i></p>
	<p><b><u>One Smile</u></b> By Cindy McKinley, c2002</p> <p>“Even the smallest acts of kindness can powerfully impact the lives of others. This truth is beautifully demonstrated as we follow the far-reaching effects of one little girl's innocent smile. Young Katie sees a sad-looking man who has lost his job and smiles at him. That smile touches his heart, igniting a circle of warmth and selfless giving which flows from person to person, uplifting all whose path it crosses.” - <i>Google Books</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Each Kindness</u></b> By Jacqueline Woodson, c2012</p> <p>“Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya.” - <i>Publisher</i></p>



### **Because Amelia Smiled**

By David Stein, c2022

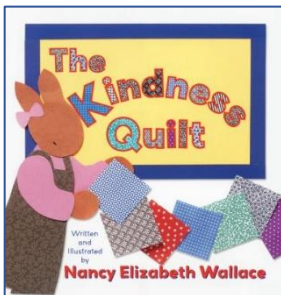
“Because Amelia smiles as she skips down the street, her neighbor Mrs. Higgins smiles too and decides to send a care package of cookies to her grandson Lionel in Mexico. The cookies give Lionel an idea, and his idea inspires a student, who in turn inspires a ballet troupe in England! And so the good feelings that started with Amelias smile make their way around the world, from a goodwill recital in Israel, to an impromptu rumba concert in Paris, to a long-awaited marriage proposal in Italy, to a knitted scarf for a beloved niece back in New York. Putting a unique spin on ‘what goes around comes around’.” - *Publisher*



### **The Can Man**

By Laura E. Williams, c2010

“After watching a homeless man collect empty soft drink cans for the redemption money, a young boy decides to collect cans himself to earn money for a skateboard until he has a change of heart.”  
-*Follett*

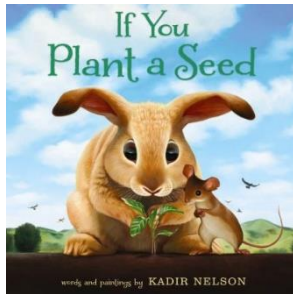


### **The Kindness Quilt**

By Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, c2006

“Minna and her classmates have been asked by their teacher, Mrs. Bloom, to work on a Kindness Project. Mrs. Bloom wants them to do and draw and share an act of kindness. Minna and her family do lots of kind things, but Minna can't decide which one is right for her project. Then she starts writing and drawing and cutting--and an idea for a paper quilt picturing many acts of kindness begins to take shape.” - *Publisher*

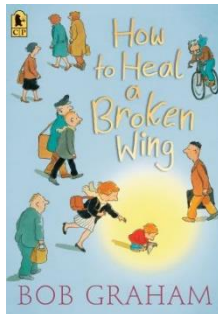




### **If You Plant a Seed**

By Kadir Nelson, c2015

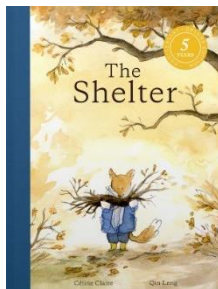
"If you plant a cabbage seed . . . cabbage will grow. But what happens if you plant a seed of kindness . . . or selfishness? With spare text and breathtaking oil paintings, If You Plant a Seed demonstrates not only the process of planting and growing for young children but also how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit." - *Publisher*



### **How to Heal a Broken Wing**

By Bob Graham, c2020

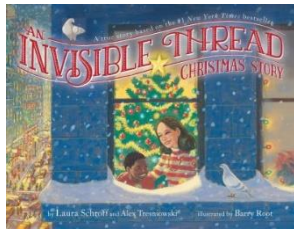
"In a city full of hurried people, only young Will notices the bird lying hurt on the ground. With the help of his sympathetic mother, he gently wraps the injured bird and takes it home. Wistful and uplifting in true Bob Graham fashion, here is a tale of possibility — and of the souls who never doubt its power." - *Google Books*



### **Shelter**

By Céline Claire, c2023

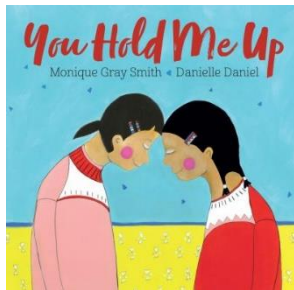
"A big storm is about to hit the forest! As each of the animal families scramble to gather supplies and take shelter from the oncoming wind and snow, two mysterious figures appear in the distance. Watching skeptically from their windows, unsure of the strangers' motives, all of the families close their doors and their hearts to the strangers' pleas to help themselves weather the storm . . . until Little Fox bravely steps up!" - *Publisher*



### **An Invisible Thread Christmas Story**

By Laura Schroff, c2015

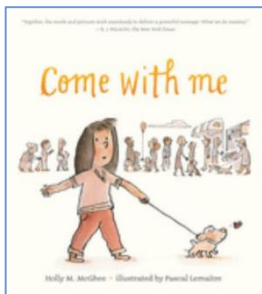
"A woman befriends a young boy while he is panhandling on the streets of New York City. A short time after they become friends, Laura realizes Maurice has never celebrated Christmas and invites him to spend Christmas with her family." - *Follett*



### **You Hold Me Up**

By Monique Gray Smith, c2017

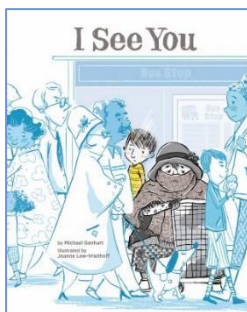
"A simple text provides examples of how people can love, support, and respect each other in a variety of ways. Each activity involves two or more people, with many parts of the text ending "with me" to emphasize that no one is above anyone else. The admirable message is summarized in the last three lines, "you hold me up / I hold you up / we hold each other up." - *Booklist*



### **Come With Me**

By Holly M. McGhee, c2017

"Frightened by news of angry people around the world, a young girl gets her parents' help in learning to be compassionate and brave a little at a time." - *Follett*



### **I See You**

By Michael Genhart, c2017

"A wordless picture book that depicts a homeless woman who is not seen by all the life around her, except by a little boy. Ultimately, in a gesture of compassion, this boy approaches this woman, in an exchange where he sees her, and she experiences being seen." - *Publisher*



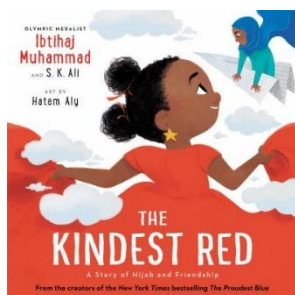


### **The Girl and the Bicycle**

By Mark Peet, c2014

“A little girl sees a shiny new bicycle in the shop window. She hurries home to see if she has enough money in her piggy bank, but when she comes up short, she knocks on the doors of her neighbors, hoping to do their yard work. They all turn her away except for a kindly old woman.

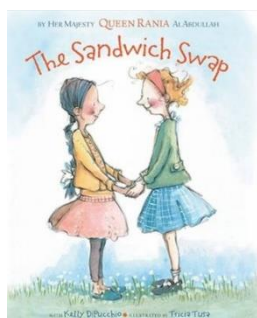
The woman and the girl work through the seasons, side by side. They form a tender friendship. When the weather warms, the girl finally has enough money for the bicycle. She runs back to the store, but the bicycle is gone. What happens next shows the reward of hard work and the true meaning of generosity.” - *Publisher*



### **The Kindest Red : A Story of Hijab and Friendship**

By Ibtihaj Muhammad

“It's picture day and Faizah can't wait to wear her special red dress with matching hair ribbons, passed down from her mother and sister. Faizah's teacher starts the day by asking her students to envision the kind of world they want, inspiring Faizah and her friends to spend the day helping one another in ways large and small. But when it's time for sibling pictures, Faizah realizes that she and her older sister, Asiya, don't match like her classmates do with their siblings. With help from her classmates inspired by Asiya's hijab, Faizah finds that acts of kindness can come back to you in unexpected ways.” - *Publisher*



### **The Sandwich Swap**

By Queen Rania of Jordan, c2010

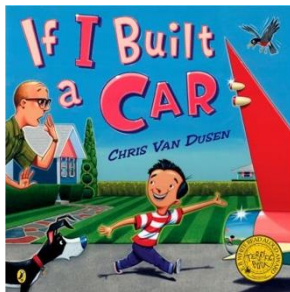
“Lily and Salma are best friends. They like doing all the same things, and they always eat lunch together. Lily eats peanut butter, and Salma eats hummus-but what's that between friends? It turns out, a lot. Before they know it, a food fight breaks out. Can Lily and Salma put aside their differences? Or will a sandwich come between them?” - *Publisher*

# Creative

I show what I know  
in a brand **new way**.  
I **modify or change** ideas into  
something completely new!  
I find smart short cuts!  
I generate **original** ideas.



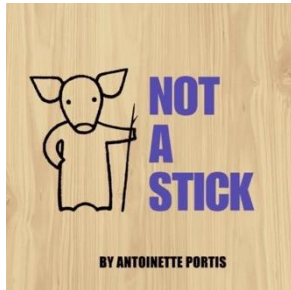
**I find my own way!**



## If I Built a Car

By Chris Van Dusen, c2005

“A young boy decides to design a better car than the old family station wagon. Driven by a robot, his sleek, supercharged vehicle can drive underwater and fly, and the interior includes a snack bar and swimming pool. The story is told in jaunty rhyming couplets, but the fun really comes from the illustrations, which perfectly parody 1950s'visions of the future, as depicted in such magazines as *Popular Mechanics*. The car glides past neat suburban homes with wide and perfect lawns, where everything is bathed in pastels.” - *Booklist*

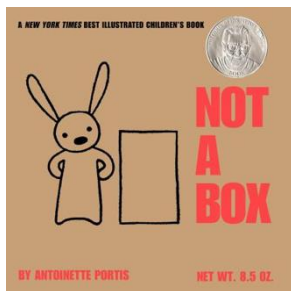


### **Not A Stick**

By Antoinette Portis, c2008

“Experience the thrill of the moment when pretend feels so real that it actually becomes real!

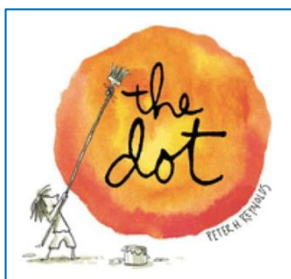
Following the critically acclaimed *Not a Box*, this book proves that a stick is not always just a stick. Whether it's conducting an orchestra, painting a masterpiece, or slaying a dragon--give a child a stick and let imagination take over and the magic begin.” - *Publisher*



### **Not A Box**

By Antoinette Portis, c2006

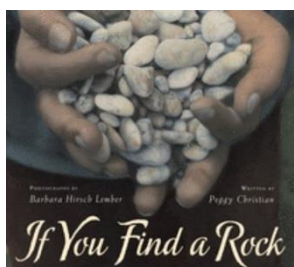
“A box is just a box...unless it's not a box. From mountain to rocket ship, a small rabbit shows that a box will go as far as the imagination allows. This board book edition has sturdy pages and is a good size for the youngest readers.” – *Publisher*



### **The Dot**

By PeterH. Reynolds, c2003

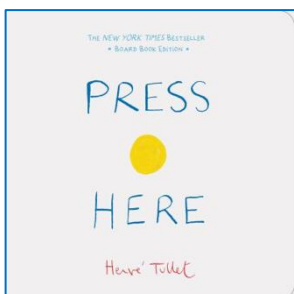
“Simplicity itself, like the dot in the title, this small book carries a big message. Vashti doesn't like her art class. She can't draw. So when her teacher tells her just to make a mark, Vashti belligerently hands in her paper with a single dot. But what a wise teacher Vashti has. She makes Vashti sign the paper, and then she frames it. Seeing her work on the wall encourages Vashti to do better, and she takes out her watercolors and begins experimenting with all sorts of dots. At a school show, her dots are a hit, and when a little boy tells her he can't draw, she invites him to make his own mark. The squiggle he puts down on paper gets him off and running.” - *Booklist*



### **If You Find a Rock**

By Peggy Christian, c2000

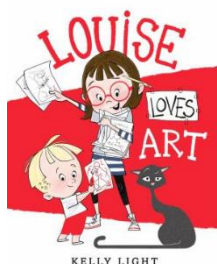
"Think of all the rocks there are: skipping rocks, splashing rocks, climbing rocks, and wishing rocks. Children can't help collecting them. With joyful, poetic text and luminous photographs, *If You Find a Rock* celebrates rocks everywhere--as well as the mysterious and wonderful places they are found." - *Publisher*



### **Press Here**

By Herve Tullet, c2019

"Tullet's ingenious interactive book still makes an effective board book. The fun begins with a yellow circle: "Press here and turn the page"; a second yellow dot arrives on the following spread. Pressing, tilting, blowing, and clapping further transform the dots. The simplicity of Tullet's presentation illuminates the book's tactile and kinetic aspect." - *Horn Book Guide*



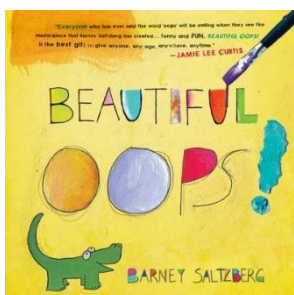
### **Louise Loves Art**

By Kelly Light, c2014

"Louise loves art more than anything. It's her imagination on the outside. She is determined to create a masterpiece--her piece de resistance!

Louise also loves Art, her little brother. This is their story.

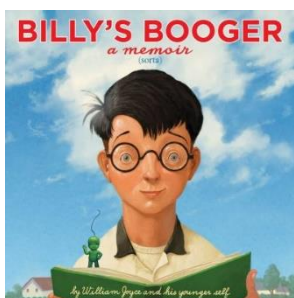
*Louise Loves Art* is a celebration of the brilliant artist who resides in all of us." - *Publisher*



### **Beautiful Oops!**

By Barney Saltzberg, c2010

"A life lesson that all parents want their children to learn: 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." - *Publisher*

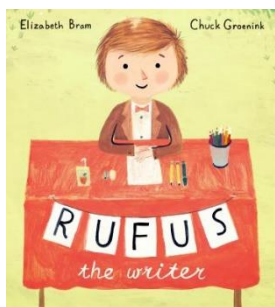


### **Billy's Booger: A Memoir**

By William Joyce, c2015

"A young lad who would rather draw than do math, spell, or gargle finds the perfect outlet for his always-on imagination in this manifesto to creative joie de vivre, featuring a book within a book, from the brilliant minds that brought you The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore.

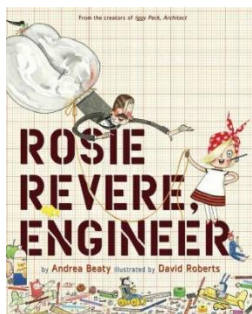
Billy loves to draw. He draws on books and on his homework and even on his math tests--he might not get the answer right, but doesn't it look swell sitting in a boat at sea? His teacher doesn't think so, and neither does the principal. But the librarian has an idea that just might help Billy better direct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



### **Rufus the Writer**

By Elizabeth Bram, c2015

"Why have a lemonade stand when you can have a story stand? That's what Rufus, a boy with a big imagination, decides. And once he's in business, he starts creating little gems for his friends and family. Millie and Walter trade a shell for his story called "Why Orange Is the Best Color." Rufus writes little sister Annie a story for her birthday about a girl who shrinks to the size of a teacup. Sara trades flowers for a story about a family of buttons. And then they all sit down and read the wonderful stories together." - *Publisher*



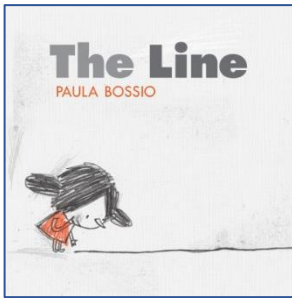
### **Rosie Revere, Engineer**

By Andrea Beaty, c2013

"Rosie dreams of becoming a great engineer, and her room becomes a secret workshop where she constructs ingenious inventions from odds and ends. From hot dog dispensers to helium pants and python-repelling cheese hats, Rosie's creations would astound anyone--if only she'd let them see.

But Rosie is afraid of failure, so she hides her inventions under her bed. That is, until her great-great-aunt Rose (also known as Rosie the Riveter) pays her a visit. Aunt Rose teaches Rosie that the first flop isn't something to fear; it's something to celebrate. Failure only truly happens if you quit..." - *Publisher*

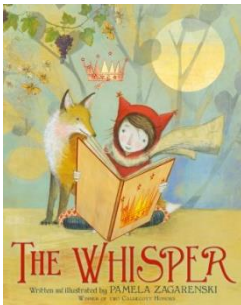




### **The Line**

By Paula Bossio, c2013

"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. In her hands, the line transforms into bubbles to blow, a jungle vine to swing from and a tightrope to balance on. The girl is having such a good time 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?" - *Publisher*



### **The Whisper**

By Pamela Zagarenski, c2015

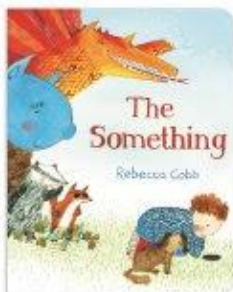
"When a little girl receives a curious book filled only with pictures, a whisper urges her to supply the words she cannot see. As the pages turn, her imagination takes flight and she discovers that the greatest storyteller of all might come from within. Pamela Zagarenski's debut as an author reminds us that we each bring something different to the same book." - *Google Books*



### **The Most Magnificent Thing**

By Ashley Spires, c2014

"A little girl and her canine assistant set out to make the most magnificent thing. But after much hard work, the end result is not what the girl had in mind. Frustrated, she quits. Her assistant suggests a long walk, and as they walk, it slowly becomes clear what the girl needs to do to succeed. A charming story that will give kids the most magnificent thing: perspective!" - *Google Books*



### **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 - a little mouse's house? The lair of a hungry troll? Or maybe even a dragon's den. Whatever it may be, he's determined to find out!" - *Google Books*



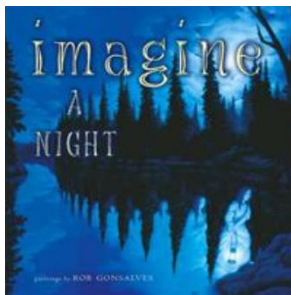


### The Adventures of Beekle The Unimaginary Friend

By Dan Santat, c2014

“This magical story begins on an island far away where an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a real child, but when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city, where he finally meets his perfect match and--at long last--is given his special name: Beekle.”

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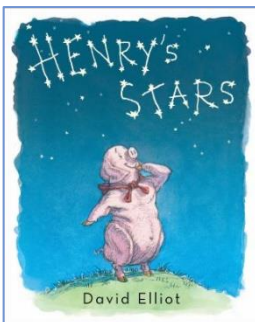


### Imagine a Night

By Sarah L. Thomson, c2003

“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 a farmer plays a lullaby on his fiddle, and his field of sunflowers begins to dip and sway to the rhythm. Imagine a night when ordinary objects magically become extraordinary...a night when it is possible to believe the impossible.” - *Publisher*

*\*Also, Imagine a Place, Imagine a World and Imagine a Day*

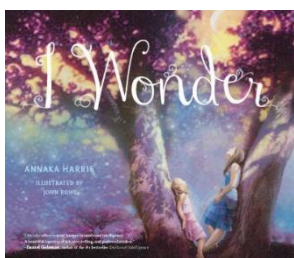


### Henry's Stars

By David Elliot

“The stars take shape in this adorable companion to Henry's Map! 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?”

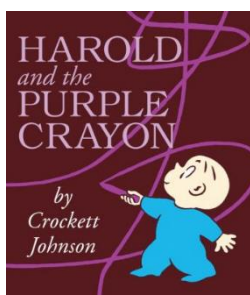
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### **I Wonder**

By Annaka Harris, c2013

"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*



### **Harold and the Purple Crayon**

By Crockett Johnson, c1983

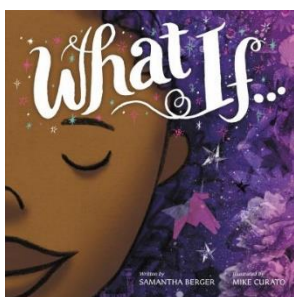
"One evening Harold decides to go for a walk in the moonlight. Armed only with an oversize purple crayon, young Harold draws himself a landscape full of wonder and excitement. Harold and his trusty crayon travel through woods and across seas and past dragons before returning to bed, safe and sound. Full of funny twists and surprises, this charming story shows just how far your imagination can take you." - *Publisher*



### **Beautiful Hands**

By Kathryn Otoshi, c2015

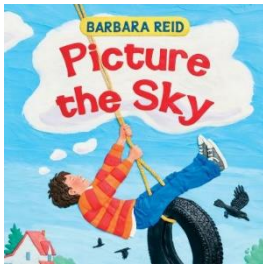
"Little hands can do so many wonderful things: plant ideas; lift spirits; stretch imaginations. This colorful concept book rouses children to use their hands for the good and reach for their dreams." - *Publisher*



### **What If...**

By Samantha Berger, c2018

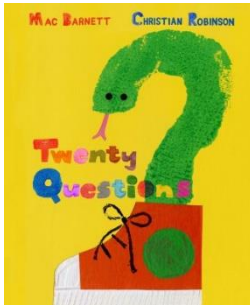
"A child who likes to draw and write stories imagines what would happen if there were no pencils, paper, or other tools for being creative." - *Publisher*



### **Picture the Sky**

By Barbara Reid, c2017

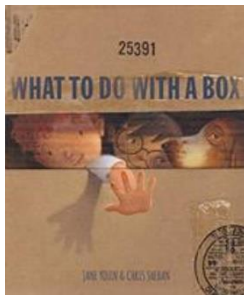
“The sky can often tell different stories: in the clouds having a parade, in the stars blanketing the night, and in our imagination. Every hour, every day, in every season, the sky is different.” - *Publisher*



### **Twenty Questions**

By Mac Barnett, c2023

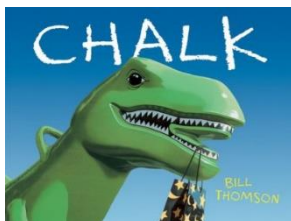
“Not all questions have answers. Some have more than one answer. And others have endless answers, unfolding out to the edges of the world. In this spare yet expansive narrative, acclaimed author Mac Barnett poses twenty questions both playful and profound. Some make us giggle. Others challenge our assumptions. The result is a quirky, wandering exploration of where the best questions lead--to stories.” - *Publisher*



### **What to Do With a Box**

By Jane Yolen, c2016

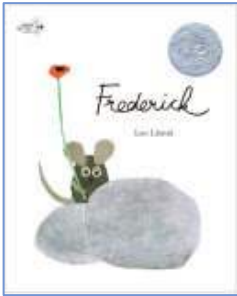
“If you give a child a box, who can tell what will happen next? It may become a library or a boat. It could set the scene for a fairy tale or a wild expedition. The most wonderful thing is its seemingly endless capacity for magical adventure.” – *Publisher*



### **Chalk**

By Bill Thomson, c2010

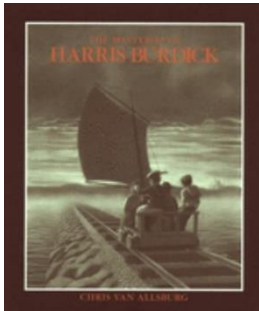
“A rainy day. Three kids in a park. A dinosaur spring rider. A bag of chalk. The kids begin to draw... and then... magic. The children draw the sun, butterflies, and a dinosaur that amazingly come to life.” -*Publisher*



### **Frederick**

By Leo Lionni, c1967

“Winter is coming, and all the mice are gathering food . . . except for Frederick. But when the days grow short and the snow begins to fall, it’s Frederick’s stories that warm the hearts and spirits of his fellow field mice.” - *Google Books*



### **Mysteries of Harris Burdick**

By Chris Van Allsburg, c1984

“When author-illustrator extraordinaire Harris Burdick goes missing, all he's left behind are a series of images with accompanying captions, ideas for separate picture books.

But what can a picture of a nun quietly sitting in a chair floating in a cathedral have to do with a caption that says, "THE SEVEN CHAIRS: The fifth one ended up in France?"

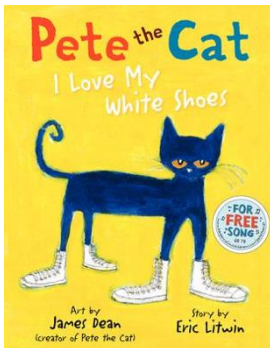
Enticed to come up with their own endings, readers will marvel at the mystery behind these lasting drawings and the charm of an everchanging narrative.” - *Publisher*

# Enthusiastic

I am **motivated**.  
I get **involved**.  
I **engage** fully.  
I **look forward** to...  
new experiences!



**I love to learn!**



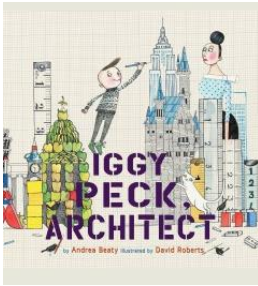
## **Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes**

By Eric Litwin, c2008

“Pete the Cat goes walking down the street wearing his brand-new white shoes. Along the way, his shoes change from white to red to blue to brown to WET as he steps in piles of strawberries, blueberries, and other big messes!

But no matter what color his shoes are, Pete keeps movin' and groovin' and singing his song...because it's all good. Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes asks the reader questions about the colors of different foods and objects--kids love to interact with the story.”

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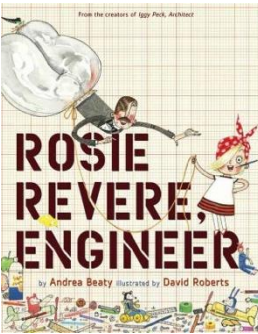


### **Iggy Peck, Architect**

By Andrea Beaty, c2018

"Iggy has one passion: building. His parents are proud of his fabulous creations, even though they're sometimes surprised by his materials—who could forget the tower he built out of dirty diapers? When his second-grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture, Iggy faces a challenge. He loves building too much to give it up! Andrea Beaty's irresistible rhyming will charm creative kids everywhere and will amuse their sometimes bewildered parents."

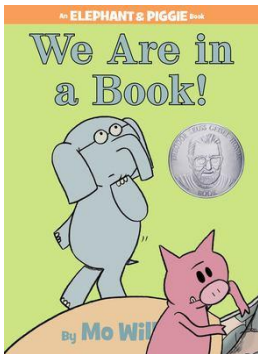
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### **Rosie Revere, Engineer**

By Andrea Beaty, c2013

"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. Hot dog dispensers, helium pants, python-repelling cheese hats: Rosie's gizmos would astound—if she ever let anyone see them. Afraid of failure, she hides them away under her bed. Until a fateful visit from her great-great-aunt Rose (AKA Rosie the Riveter!), 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." – Publisher



### **We Are in a Book!**

By Mo Willems, c2010

"Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In *We Are in a Book* Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends? Using vocabulary perfect for beginning readers (and vetted by an early-learning specialist), Mo Willems has crafted a mind-bending story that is even more interactive than previous Elephant & Piggie adventures."

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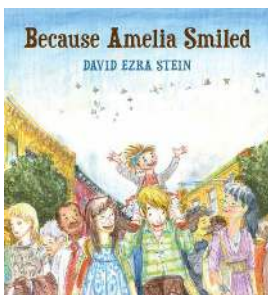


### **Is Everybody Ready for Fun?**

By Jan Thomas

“Chicken has some unexpected and exuberant cow visitors who have exciting plans for jumping, dancing, and wiggling on his teeny-tiny couch, and Chicken is none too happy about it. That is until the fun concludes with a quiet, cozy and delicious nap for all!”

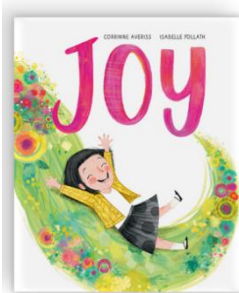
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### **Because Amelia Smiled**

By David Stein, c2022

“Because Amelia smiles as she skips down the street, her neighbor Mrs. Higgins smiles too and decides to send a care package of cookies to her grandson Lionel in Mexico. The cookies give Lionel an idea, and his idea inspires a student, who in turn inspires a ballet troupe in England! And so, the good feelings that started with Amelias smile make their way around the world, from a goodwill recital in Israel, to an impromptu rumba concert in Paris, to a long-awaited marriage proposal in Italy, to a knitted scarf for a beloved niece back in New York. Putting a unique spin on ‘what goes around comes around’.” - *Publisher*

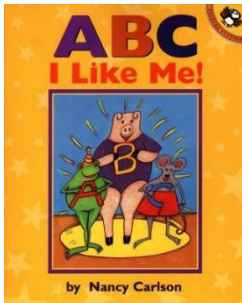


### **Joy**

By Corrinne Averiss, c2018

“Fern’s Nanna has not been herself of late. And when Mum remarks that all the joy seems to have gone out of her life, Fern decides to fetch the joy back. With her catching-kit at the ready, she goes to the park and finds joy in all sorts of unusual places. Whoooooshh! But Fern soon realises that joy doesn’t fit in a bag, or a box or a tin! How will she manage to bring some back to Nanna?”

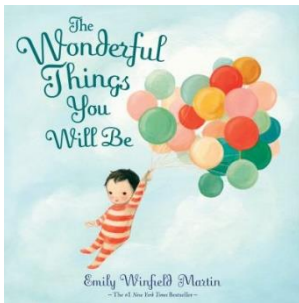
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### **ABC, I Like Me**

By Nancy L. Carlson, c1997

"The letters of the alphabet are illustrated with brightly colored, action-packed pictures and are accompanied by read-along text. Introduce children to the alphabet and reinforce positive self-esteem with the lovable characters of ABC I Like Me!" - *Publisher*

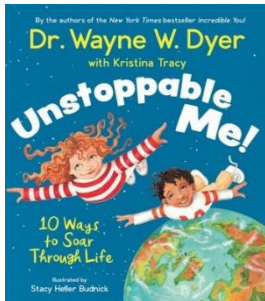


### **The Wonderful Things You Will Be**

By Emily Martin, c2020

"From brave and bold to creative and clever, Emily Winfield Martin celebrates all personalities and their potential. With a beautiful gatefold, gorgeous and moving illustrations, and a rhyming text, this is a book that parents will love reading over and over to their kids.

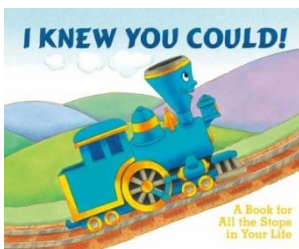
Then I'll look at you,  
And you'll look at me,  
And I'll love you,  
Whoever you've grown up to be." - *Publisher*



### **Unstoppable Me! 10 Ways to Soar Through Life**

By Dr. Wayne W. Dyer, c2006

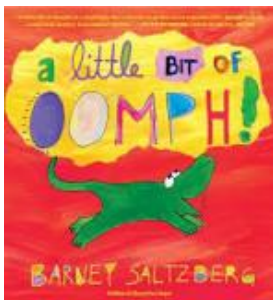
"Presents ten lessons for children that foster confidence and self-esteem, with advice on overcoming worry, dealing with change, making choices, keeping healthy, and being creative." - *Follett*



### **I know You Could! A Book for All the Stops in Your Life**

By Craig Dorfman, c2003

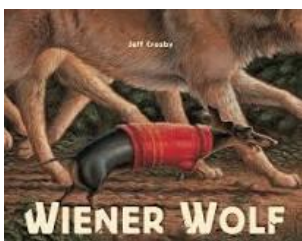
"The Little Engine that Could advises how to find one's own track, handle life's ups and downs, and even face the dark tunnels that can make one frightened or sad." - *Follett*



### **A Little Bit of Oomph!**

By Barney Saltzberg, c2013

“How do you make the ordinary extraordinary? With a little bit of oomph! An utterly inspiring and playful new book on creativity from Barney Saltzberg, *A Little Bit of Oomph!* teaches the invaluable lesson of throwing your heart into whatever you’re doing and trying just a little bit harder— because with a little extra effort and a lot of oomph, you can make anything beautiful.” - *Google books*



### **Wiener Wolf**

By Jeff Crosby, c2011

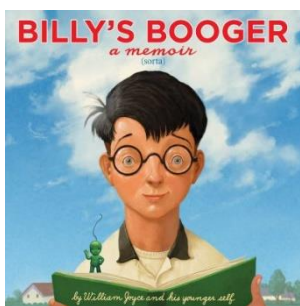
“Weiner dog’s easy life has lost its luster. And neither squeak toy, nor biscuit, nor TV can cure his ennui. So, when the call of the wild comes, he answers! Weiner Dog becomes...Weiner Wolf.”  
-*Google books*



### **The Way to School**

By Rosemary McCarney, c2015

“Accompanied by a simple text, large, dramatic color photographs capture children from many countries as they travel to school by wading across rivers, zip-lining, climbing ladders over cliffs, using a dog sled, and more. Countries--including Indonesia, Uganda, Canada, Brazil, and Haiti--are identified in tiny print sometimes obscured in the photos. Still, the message is clear: education is "always worth the journey!"” - *Horn Book Guide*

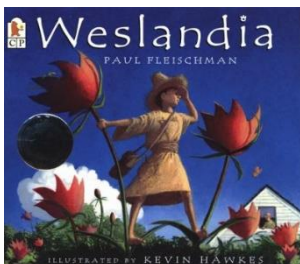


### **Billy's Booger**

By William Joyce, c2015

"A young lad who would rather draw than do math, spell, or gargle finds the perfect outlet for his always-on imagination in this manifesto to creative joie de vivre, featuring a book within a book, from the brilliant minds that brought you The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore.

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." - *Publisher*



### **Weslandia**

By Paul Fleischman, c1999

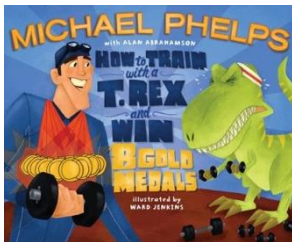
"Enter the witty, intriguing world of Weslandia. Now that school is over, Wesley needs a summer project. He's learned that each civilization needs a staple food crop, so he decides to sow a garden and start his own -- civilization, that is. He turns over a plot of earth, and plants begin to grow. They soon tower above him and bear a curious-looking fruit. As Wesley experiments, he finds that the plant will provide food, clothing, shelter, and even recreation. It isn't long before his neighbors and classmates develop more than an idle curiosity about Wesley -- and exactly how he is spending his summer vacation." - *Publisher*

# Industrious

I **work hard**.  
I **persist** through challenges  
or setbacks.  
I stay **focussed**.  
I make good use of time.



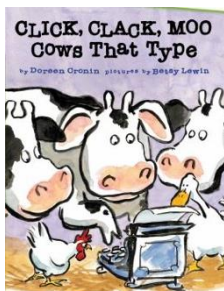
**I take action!**



## How to Train With a T-Rex and Win 8 Gold Medals

By Michael Phelps, c2009

"What does it take to win eight gold medals?  
Napping away three summer vacations?  
Eating enough broccoli to fill the back of a pickup truck?  
Swimming the length of the Great Wall of China three times?"  
-Publisher



## Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

By Doreen Cronin, c2000

"When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want." - Follett



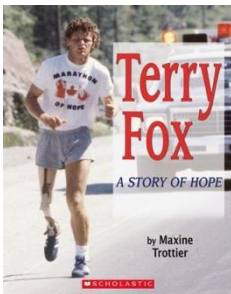
### **The Girl and The Bicycle**

By Mark Pett, c2014

(a wordless picture book)

"A little girl sees a shiny new bicycle in the shop window. She hurries home to see if she has enough money in her piggy bank, but when she comes up short, she knocks on the doors of her neighbors, hoping to do their yard work. They all turn her away except for a kindly old woman.

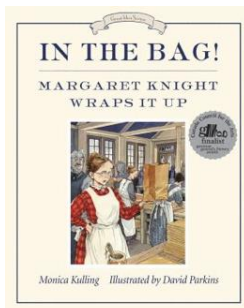
The woman and the girl work through the seasons, side by side. They form a tender friendship. When the weather warms, the girl finally has enough money for the bicycle. She runs back to the store, but the bicycle is gone. What happens next shows the reward of hard work and the true meaning of generosity." - *Publisher*



### **Terry Fox: A Story of Hope**

By Maxine Trottier, c2010

"Photographs and text tell the story of Terry Fox, a young man who lost his leg to cancer in 1976 and who then decided to raise money to find a cure for the disease by running across Canada. Includes information on the Terry Fox Run established in 1981 after Fox's death." – *Follett*

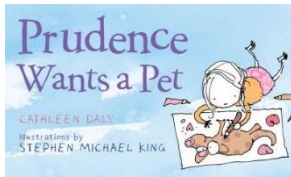


### **In The Bag!: Margaret Knight Wraps It Up**

By Monica Kulling, c2011

"Monica Kulling introduces the fascinating Margaret Knight in the next instalment of the award-winning Great Ideas series. Known as Mattie, she was different from most American girls living in 1850. She loved to make things with wood and made the best kites and sleds in town. Margaret knight devoted her life to inventing and is best known for the clever, practical paper bag. When she died in 1914, she had 90 inventions to her name and over 20 patents, astounding accomplishments for a woman of her day. This easy-to-read biography brings an inspiring woman into the spotlight." -*Publisher*

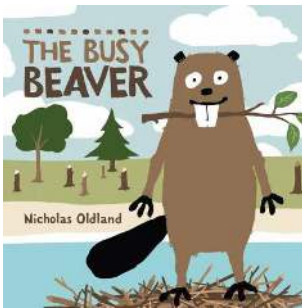




### **Prudence Wants a Pet**

By Cathleen Daly, c2011

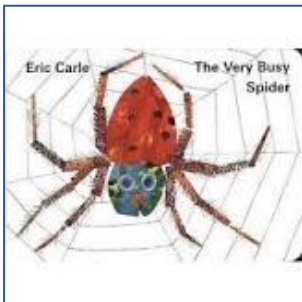
"Prudence wants a pet. Desperately. "No," says Dad, "pets cost too much to keep." "No," says Mom, "pets make noise." But Prudence is determined. She finds her own pet. It is a branch. But Branch isn't exactly the pet of her dreams, and neither are Twig, Mr. Round (a car tire), or her baby brother Milo. Poor Prudence. Will she ever find the perfect pet?" - *Publisher*



### **The Busy Beaver**

By Nicholas Oldland, c2011

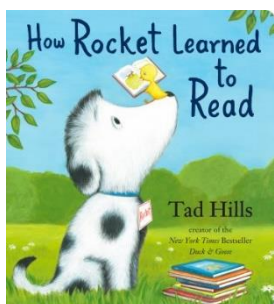
"The busy but careless beaver spends his days following random impulses, rarely thinking things through and leaving in his wake a devastated forest filled with stumps, half-nibbled trees and injured, homeless animals. But then one day the beaver finds himself on the wrong side of a falling tree, which as it turns out, is just the thing to knock some sense into him. After reflecting on his behavior, he decides to make some changes. Soon, the now wiser and gentler beaver is getting down to the business of making things right, much to the delighted surprise of his forest friends." - *Publisher*



### **The Very Busy Spider**

By Eric Carle, c1996

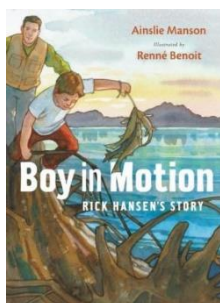
"Early one morning a little spider begins to spin her web on a fencepost. Alongside the visual excitement of Eric Carle's vibrant collages of familiar animals is the tactile experience of feeling the spider's web as it grows from a simple line into a complex and beautiful creation." - *Google Books*



### **How Rocket Learned to Read**

By Tad Hills, c2020

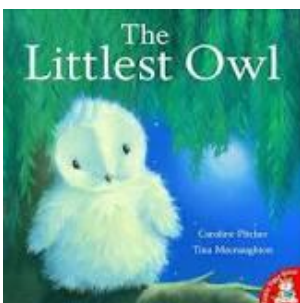
"In this memorable story, irresistible Rocket--a sweet, thoughtful pup who is curious about the world around him--meets a tiny yellow bird with a storybook and a love for words. Initially reluctant to learn, Rocket gets some help from his patient new teacher. And eventually, through a lot of hard work, Rocket becomes a tail-wagging, enthusiastic student who sings out the sounds of each letter in the alphabet, practices how to sound words out, and eventually, learns how to read!" - *Publisher*



### **Boy in Motion: Rick Hansen's Story**

By Ainslie Manson, c2007

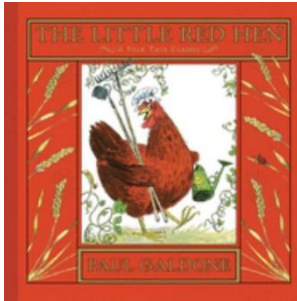
"As a young boy, Rick Hansen loved to fish and play ball. At 15, an accident left him paralyzed from the waist down. However, Rick was a very determined young man. He'd still fish and play ball and live out his dreams -- he'd just learn to do them differently. Boy in Motion shows how Rick literally set his dreams in motion made them come to life." - *Publisher*



### **The Littlest Owl**

By Caroline Pitcher, c2009

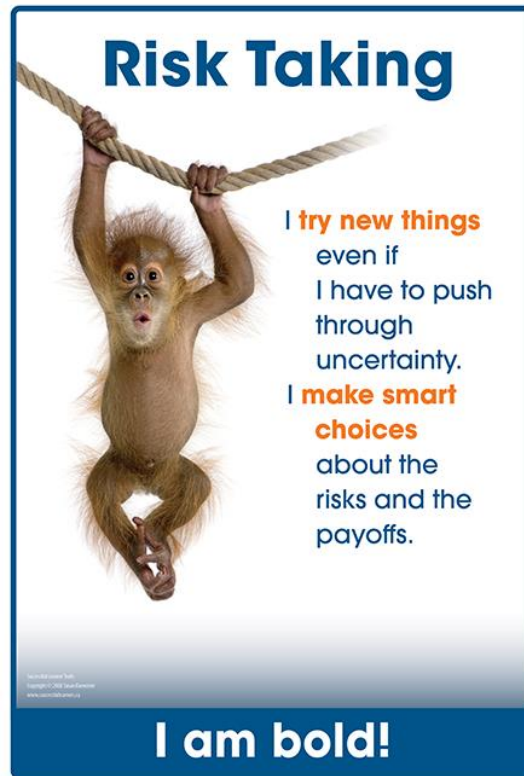
"Deep inside the willow tree the last baby owl is born. He's so very small, a downy white ball. The other owls grow and learn to fly, but no matter how hard he tries, the littlest owl can't quite do it. Then one night, a howling storm forces the owls from their home. Will the littlest owl make it to safety?" - *Publisher*



### **The Little Red Hen**

By Paul Galdone, c2001

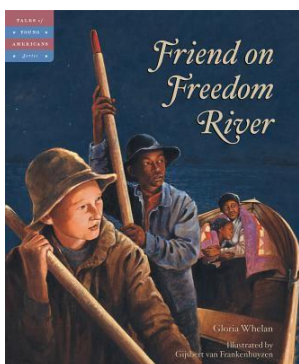
“Little Red Hen is a time-tested cautionary tale about how we reap what we sow. When the hen asks a cat, dog, and mouse for help planting some wheat, she gets no takers: "'Not I!' said the cat. 'Not I!' said the dog. 'Not I!' said the mouse." They won't water, cut, or grind the wheat . . . or help bake a cake with it, either. So, guess who eats the cake by herself in the end?” - *Publisher*



### Cat Secrets

By Jef Czekaj, c2011

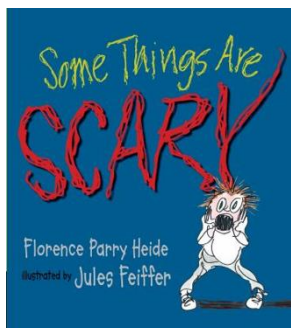
“The cats are on to us! Three of them—a tabby, a black-and-white one, and a bespectacled kitten—are just about to crack open their book of cat secrets and read them aloud when they suddenly become suspicious. Addressing the reader, they present their blacklist (no birds, dogs, snakes, fish, girls, bears, boys, or mice). But apparently that’s not good enough. “It has come to my attention that someone other than a cat may be reading this book,” the tabby says. “Shame on you,” the kitten adds. To ensure the feline-ness of their audience, they ask the reader to perform a number of tests (meowing, purring, stretching), with Czekaj allowing plenty of dialogue-free pages featuring the cats patiently waiting.” - *Booklist*



### **Friend on Freedom River**

By Gloria Whelan, c2004

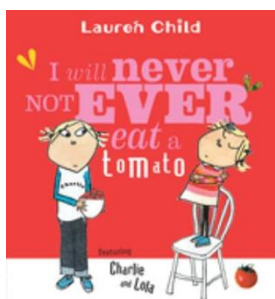
"In 1850 the Detroit River was a major track along the Underground Railroad -- the last step to freedom. The journey across the river was dangerous, especially in winter and especially for a 12-year-old boy. When Louis's father left him in charge of the farm he offered his son this advice, "If you don't know what to do, just do what you think I would have done." Louis relies upon his father's words of wisdom when a runaway slave and her two children come looking for safe passage." - *Publisher*



### **Some Things Are Scary**

By Florence Parry Heide, c2000


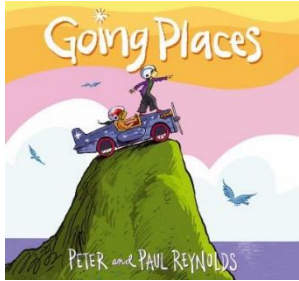
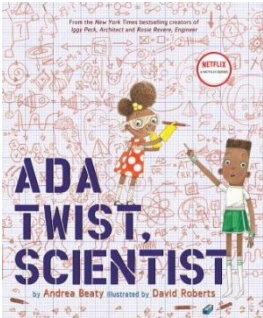
"You're skating downhill, but you don't know how to stop. You're having your hair cut, and you suddenly realize . . . they're cutting it too short. There's no question about it: some things are scary. And never have common bugaboos been exposed with more comic urgency than in this masterful mix of things horrible and humiliating, monstrous or merely unsettling. Perfectly pitched to a kid's perspective, Florence Parry Heide's witty text and Jules Feiffer's over-the-top illustrations will get even the most anxious recipients laughing, while reassuring them (no matter how old they are) that they're not alone in their fears." - *Publisher*



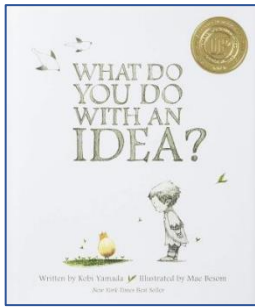
### **I Will Not Ever Eat A Tomato**

By Lauren Child, c2000

"Charlie convinces his sister Lola to eat dinner by pretending that each type of food is something new and unusual: carrots are orange twiglets from Jupiter, potatoes are cloud fluff, and peas are green drops from Greenland. Lola eventually joins in by offering Charlie a moonsquitter (tomato)." - *Horn Book Guide*

	<p><b><u>Scaredy Squirrel</u></b> By Melanie Watt, c2006</p> <p>“Scaredy Squirrel never leaves his nut tree. It's way too dangerous out there. He could encounter tarantulas, green Martians or killer bees. But in his tree, every day is the same and if danger comes along, he's well-prepared. Scaredy Squirrel's emergency kit includes antibacterial soap, Band-Aids and a parachute.</p> <p>Day after day he watches and waits, and waits and watches, until one day ... his worst nightmare comes true Scaredy suddenly finds himself out of his tree, where germs, poison ivy and sharks lurk.</p> <p>But as Scaredy Squirrel leaps into the unknown, he discovers something really uplifting ...” - <i>Publisher</i></p>
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	<p><b><u>Ada Twist, Scientist</u></b> By Andrea Beaty, c2016</p> <p>“Inspired by mathematician Ada Lovelace and physicist Marie Curie, this #1 bestseller from author Andrea Beaty and illustrator David Roberts champions STEM, girl power, and women scientists in a rollicking celebration of curiosity, the power of perseverance, and the importance of asking “Why?”” - <i>Publisher</i></p>

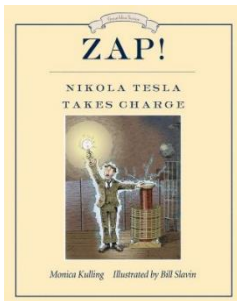




### **What Do You Do With an Idea?**

By Kobi Yamada, c2013

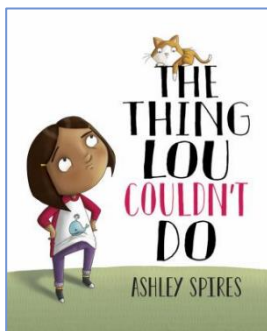
"This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started." - *Publisher*



### **Zap! Nikola Tesla Takes Charge**

By Monica Kulling, c2016

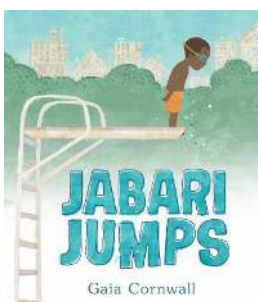
"Kulling begins with Tesla's almost penniless arrival in the U.S. as a young man and his early career with inventor Thomas Edison. Despite Tesla's intelligence and willingness to work hard, the two did not get along, and Edison dismissed his employee's idea to revolutionize electric power by using alternating rather than direct currents. Tesla soon left Edison Machine Works and, after a stint digging ditches, found a job with George Westinghouse, who used his ideas to light up Chicago's 1893 World's Fair." - *Booklist*



### **The Thing Lou Couldn't Do**

By Ashley Spires, c2017

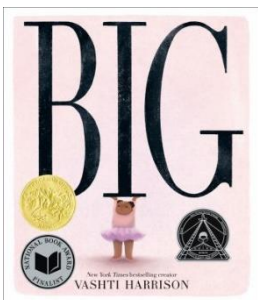
"Lou and her friends are BRAVE adventurers. They run FASTER than airplanes. They build MIGHTY fortresses. They rescue WILD animals." But one day, when they're looking for a ship to play pirates in, Lou's friend has an idea: "Up there! The tree can be our ship!" "Ummm ..." says Lou. This is something new. Lou has never climbed a tree before, and she's sure she can't do it. So, she tries to convince her friends to play a not-up-a-tree game. When that doesn't work, she comes up with reasons for not joining them -- her arm is sore, her cat needs a walk, you shouldn't climb so soon after eating. Finally, she tells herself she doesn't want to climb the tree. But is that true, or is this brave adventurer just too afraid to try?" -*Publisher*



### **Jabari Jumps**

By Gaia Cornwall, 2017

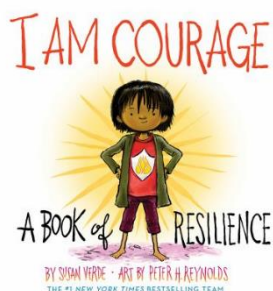
"Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. "Looks easy," says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back. He needs to figure out what kind of special jump to do anyway, and he should probably do some stretches before climbing up onto the diving board. In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, newcomer Gaia Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for." - *Publisher*



### **Big**

By Vashti Harrison, c2022

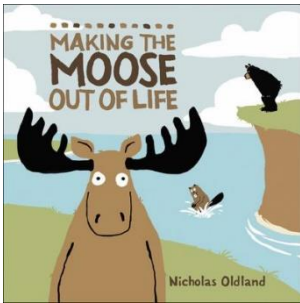
"The first picture book written and illustrated by award-winning creator Vashti Harrison traces a child's journey to self-love and shows the power of words to both hurt and heal. With spare text and exquisite illustrations, this emotional exploration of being big in a world that prizes small is a tender portrayal of how you can stand out and feel invisible at the same time." - *Publisher*



### **I am Courage : A Book of Resilience**

By Susan Verde, c2021

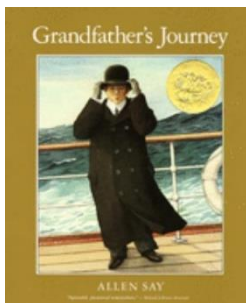
"Celebrates everyday courage, including believing in ourselves, speaking out, trying new things, asking for help, and getting back up no matter how many times we may fall. Includes information on how to let go of fear by practicing yoga poses and mindful breathing exercises." - *OCLC*



### **Making the Moose Out of Life**

By Nicholas Oldland, c2010

"Though he lives in the wild, the timid, wide-eyed fellow is anything but. While his friends go puddle jumping in the rain, he cowers under an umbrella, and he looks on shivering when others go skiing: "Not this moose. Too cold." Sensing he's "missing out on something," the moose decides to "take life by the antlers" and sets sail in a boat that breaks apart in a storm. Stranded on a remote island, he not only summons survival skills-foraging for food, building shelter and a fire-but happily swims and surfs with a new tortoise pal." - *Publishers Weekly*



### **Grandfather's Journey**

By Allen Say, c1993

"Through pensive portraits and delicately faded art, Allen Say pays tribute to his grandfather's persistent longing for home that continues within Allen.

This restlessness and constant desire to be in two places speaks to a universal experience as well as the deeply personal ties of family to place, and what it means to be at home in more than one country."

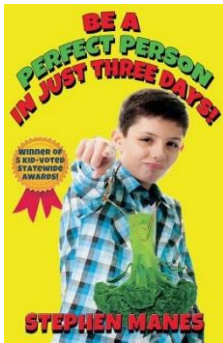
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### **Dear Malala, We Stand with You**

By Rosemary McCarney, c2014

"Dear Malala, We Stand with You captures the impact Malala has had on girls from all walks of life. In powerfully simple language and stunning photographs, the struggles from poverty and violence faced by girls everywhere become a catalyst for change. The book includes an excerpt from Malala's UN speech and provides readers with ways they can help and participate. Malala's bravery has shown that one person and one voice is enough to change the world." - *Google Books*

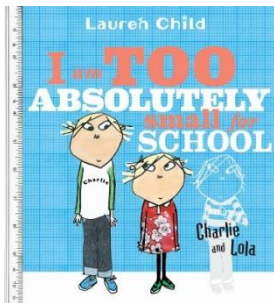


### **Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days**

By Stephen Manes, c2013

"Milo Crinkley thought so. What gave him the idea was a book that fell on his head one day at the library--a book with the impressive title *Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days*. The author, Dr. K. Pinkerton Silverfish, did look kind of weird, but he claimed to be the world's leading authority on perfection.

Milo took the book home and followed its instructions. He liked the idea of being perfect. Perfect people never had their parents nag at them. Perfect people never had to take the blame for rotten tricks their sisters played. Perfect people never needed erasers. Perfect was obviously the perfect thing to be." - *Publisher*




### **I Am Too Absolutely Small for School**

By Lauren Child, c2003

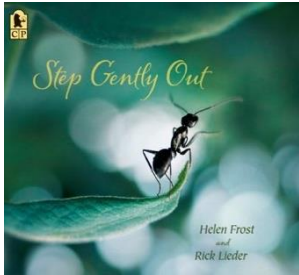
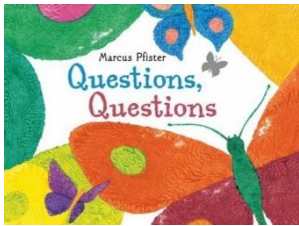
"Lola is not so sure about school. After all, why would she need to count higher than ten when she never eats more than ten cookies at a time? Once again, it's up to ever-patient big brother Charlie to persuade Lola that school is worthwhile -- and that her invisible friend, Soren Lorensen, will be welcome, too." - *Publisher*

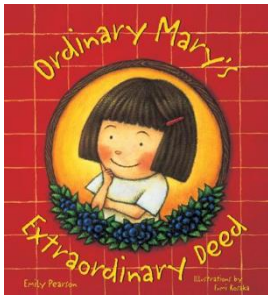
# Thoughtful

I am **curious** and **observant**.  
 I ask deep thinking **questions**.  
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 I use **thinking skills**: connecting,  
 predicting, inferring,  
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**I am a thinker!**

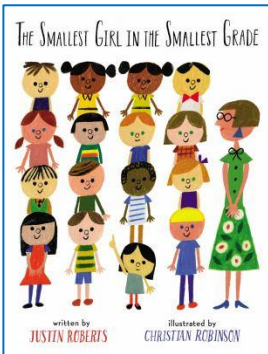
	<p><b><u>Step Gently Out</u></b>        By Helen Frost, c2018</p> <p>"Nature's miracles are often small and hard to capture, but in a syncopated harmony of text and image, Frost and Lieder manage to depict tiny moments as seen through a bug's-eye-view of the world. The quiet poem begins with an invitation to "Step gently out" and, from there, to observe a blade of grass. This may seem a dull activity, but it turns out to be full of wonder: a cricket leaps and sings; a spider spins a silken web; a firefly flashes through the evening air." - <i>Booklist</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Questions, Questions</u></b>        By Marcus Pfister, c2011</p> <p>"How do birds learn how to sing? What brings summer after spring? What turns the leaves from green to brown and sends them floating gently down? In thirteen engaging couplets, Marcus Pfister opens children's eyes to the wondrous mysteries all around them." - <i>Publisher</i></p>



### **Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed**

By Emily Pearson, c2002

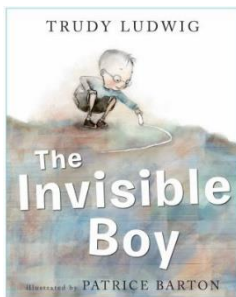
"After Mary secretly leaves fresh berries on Mrs. Bishop's porch, the woman makes muffins. She gives some to five people, and a chain of kindness begins. A numbers pyramid at book's end shows that after fifteen days, the chain would touch everyone on earth. The sentiment is lovely if unoriginal; the writing is precious and breathless." - *Horn Book Guide*



### **The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade**

By Justin Roberts, c2014

"Hardly anyone noticed young Sally McCabe. She was the smallest girl in the smallest grade. But Sally notices everything--from the twenty-seven keys on the janitor's ring to the bullying happening on the playground. One day, Sally has had enough and decides to make herself heard. And when she takes a chance and stands up to the bullies, she finds that one small girl can make a big difference." - *Publisher*

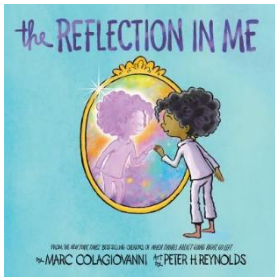


### **The Invisible Boy**

By Trudy Ludwig, c2013

"A simple act of kindness can transform an invisible boy into a friend... Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party . . . until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine." - *Publisher*

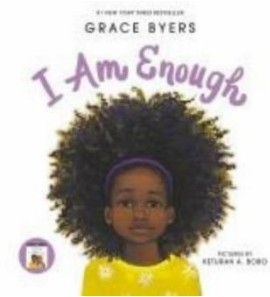




### **The Reflection in Me**

By Marc Colagiovanni, c2024

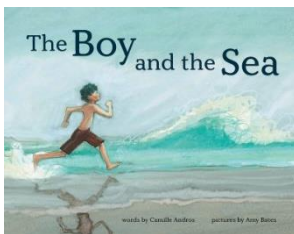
“This empowering, beautifully written book makes clear that children—all of us, actually—need, at least occasionally, to give ourselves a good pep talk to remind ourselves of our value, talents, integrity, kindness, and goodness...even if we say those things only to ourselves. This book is all about strongly believing in who we are. Plus, the more we remind ourselves of our worth, the more we and others will believe it.” - *Kirkus Reviews*



### **I Am Enough**

By Grace Byers, c2018

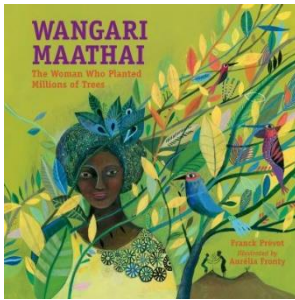
“In this simple but powerful poem, girls of all hue and stripe are celebrated for just being themselves. Girls sing and play and stand on their heads. They grow tall and strong like trees and mountains; they climb ladders and fall down and get up. They support one another and laugh and cry. But perhaps most important, this book insists girls are different from one another in many ways, and in that, rather than in conformity, lies their strength and beauty.”  
-*Booklist*



### **The Boy and the Sea**

By Camille Andros, c2021

“In this lyrical picture book, readers follow one boy through his life as he returns to the seashore beside his home. The boy likes to think, and his thoughts turn into questions. He brings these questions to the sea. At times, he thinks he can hear the sea whisper to him: Dream. Love. Be.  
A celebration of quiet curiosity, *The Boy and the Sea* invites readers to ask questions and live their way into the answers.” - *Publisher*

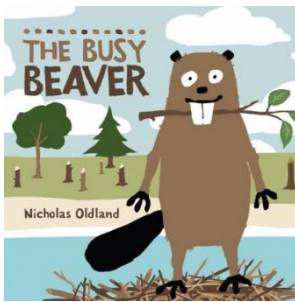


### **Wangari Maathai, the Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees**

By Franck Prevot, c2015

“This simply told story begins with Green Belt Movement founder Wangari Maathai's childhood at the foot of Mount Kenya where, as the oldest child in her family, her responsibility was to stay home and help her mother. In the 1960s, she was awarded the opportunity to travel to the US to study, where she saw that even in the land of the free, black people were not welcome.

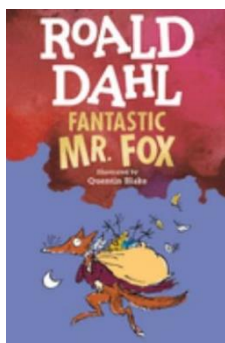
Returning home, Wangari was determined to help her people and her country. She recognized that deforestation and urbanization was at the root of her country's troubles. Her courage and confidence carried her through adversity to fund a movement for peace, reconciliation, and healing.” - *Publisher*



### **The Busy Beaver**

By Nicholas Oldland, c2011

“The busy but careless beaver spends his days following random impulses, rarely thinking things through and leaving in his wake a devastated forest filled with stumps, half-nibbled trees and injured, homeless animals. But then one day the beaver finds himself on the wrong side of a falling tree, which as it turns out, is just the thing to knock some sense into him. After reflecting on his behavior, he decides to make some changes. Soon, the now wiser and gentler beaver is getting down to the business of making things right, much to the delighted surprise of his forest friends.” - *Publisher*

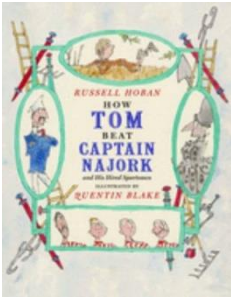


### **Fantastic Mr. Fox**

By Roald Dahl, c1970

“Someone's been stealing from the three meanest farmers around, and they know the identity of the thief--it's Fantastic Mr. Fox! Working alone they could never catch him; but now fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. What they don't know is that they're not dealing with just any fox--Mr. Fox would rather die than surrender. Only the most fantastic plan can save him now.”

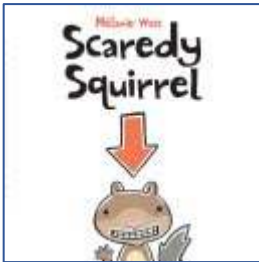
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### **How Tom Beat Captain Najork and His Hired Sportsmen**

By Russell Hoban, c1974

“Because Tom's aunt disapproves of his constant fooling around she calls in Captain Najork to teach him a lesson. Tom, however, has a splendid idea.” - *Publisher*



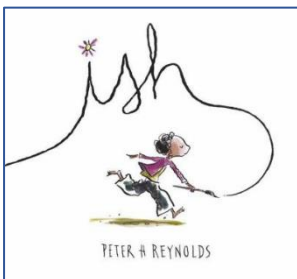
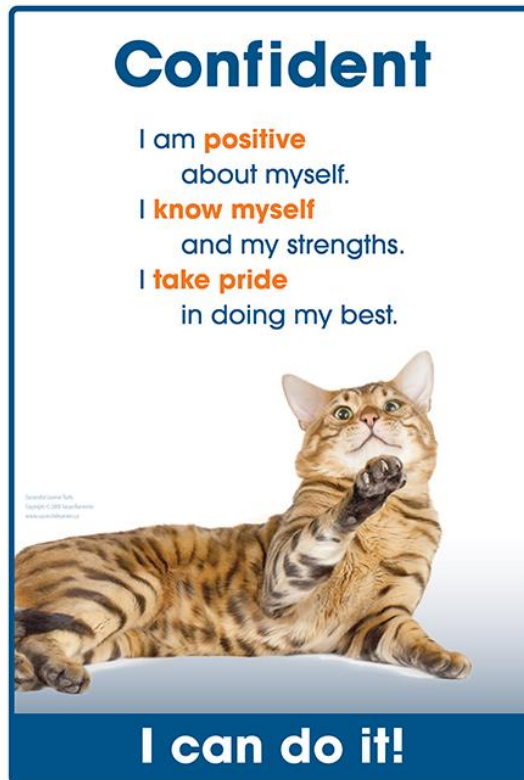
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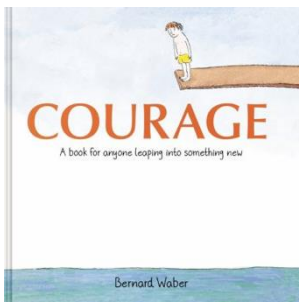
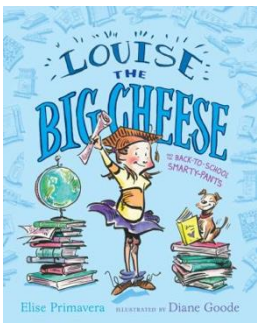

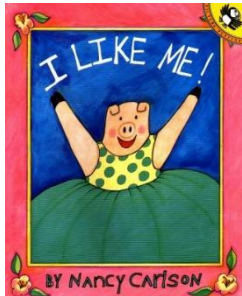
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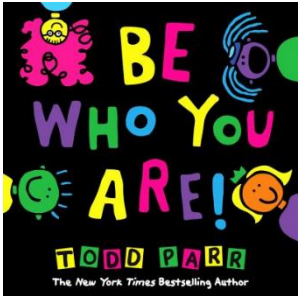
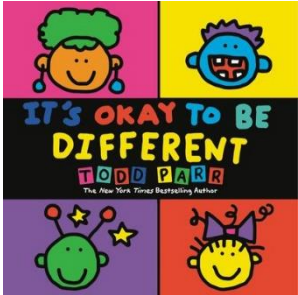
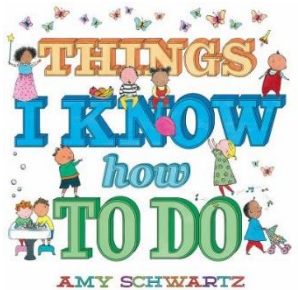


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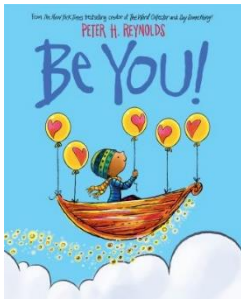
By Peter Reynolds, c2004

"Drawing is what Ramon does. It's what makes him happy. But in one split second, all that changes. A single reckless remark by Ramon's older brother, Leon, turns Ramon's carefree sketches into joyless struggles. Luckily for Ramon, though, his little sister, Marisol, sees the world differently. She opens his eyes to something a lot more valuable than getting things just "right." Combining the sparseness of fable with the potency of parable, Peter Reynolds shines a bright beam of light on the need to kindle and tend our creative flames with care." - *Publisher*

	<p><b><u>Courage</u></b> By Bernard Waber, c2024</p> <p>“There are many kinds of courage. Awesome kinds. And everyday kinds. Courage is sometimes having to say goodbye. Courage is two candy bars and saving one for tomorrow. Bernard Waber, creator of iconic picture books, asks the question "What is courage?" in this heartfelt exploration of its many varied kinds, big and small, that bring out the hero in each of us. From "being the first to make up after an argument" to "going to bed without a nightlight," this heartfelt book encourages everyone to value their bravery.” - <i>Publisher</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Louise the Big Cheese and the Back-to-School Smarty-Pants</u></b> By Elise Primavera, c2011</p> <p>“Louise the Big Cheese is determined to make the grade in school this year and that means straight As. But she's stuck with the toughest teacher ever. Will Louise make the grade?” - <i>Publisher</i></p>
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	<p><b><u>I Like Me</u></b> By Nancy Carlson, c1988</p> <p>“By admiring her finer points and showing that she can take care of herself and have fun even when there's no one else around, a charming pig proves the best friend you can have is yourself.” -<i>Publisher</i></p>

	<p><b><u>A Small Thing...But Big</u></b> By Tony Johnston, c2016</p> <p>“Lizzie and her mom go to the park. That's where Lizzie meets an elderly man and his companion, Cecile, a dog about her size. But Lizzie is afraid of dogs, so she'll have to rely on her new friend to help her take things one step at a time. Getting over your fears may seem like a small thing . . . but it sure can feel big.” - <i>Publisher</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Be Who You Are</u></b> By Todd Parr, c2016</p> <p>“Be who you are Be proud of where you're from. Be a different color. Speak your language. Wear everything you need to be you. Who better than Todd Parr to remind kids that their unique traits are what make them so special? With his signature silly and accessible style, Parr encourages readers to embrace all their unique qualities.” - <i>Publisher</i></p>
	<p><b><u>It's Okay to Be Different</u></b> By Todd Parr, c2001</p> <p>“Illustrations and brief text describe all kinds of differences that are "okay," such as being a different color, needing some help, being adopted, and having a different nose.” - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><b><u>100 Things I Know How to Do</u></b> By Amy Schwartz, c2023</p> <p>“A celebration of independence showcasing 100 things little ones can do on their own. Say when! Count to ten! Wear a tutu! Kiss a boo-boo!” - <i>Publisher</i></p>

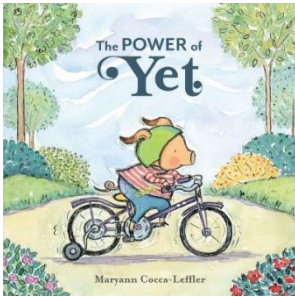




### **Be You!**

By Peter Reynolds, c2020

"A joyful celebration of individuality--and staying true to you! Be curious, Be adventurous, Be brave, 'Be you!'" - *Follett*



### **The Power of Yet**

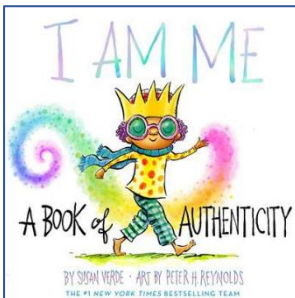
By Maryann Cocca-Leffler, c2021

"I can't do it!"

"Can't do it yet."

"This charming picture book tells the story of one small piglet who uses the Power of Yet to conquer frustration. While it may not be possible to perfectly flip pancakes or play the violin yet, with practice and patience and courage and grit, anything is possible!"

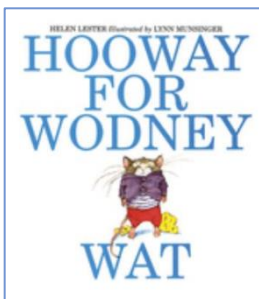
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### **I am Me : A Book of Authenticity**

By Susan Verde, c2022

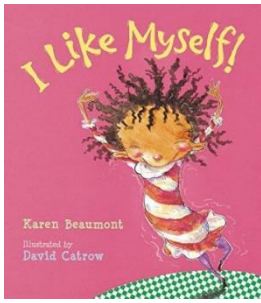
"Sometimes we hide who we really are to conform to the way we think we are supposed to be in the world. Sometimes we compare ourselves to others and feel we don't fit in. But when we realize we are something to be celebrated, and we proudly live out loud as our true selves, we can make our unique mark on the world--and share our joy!" - *Publisher*



### **Hooway for Wodney Wat**

By Helen Lester, c1999

"All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he cannot pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully." - *Follett*



### **I Like Myself**

By Karen Beaumont, c2004

“High on energy and imagination, this ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves--inside and out. Messy hair? Beaver breath? So, what!

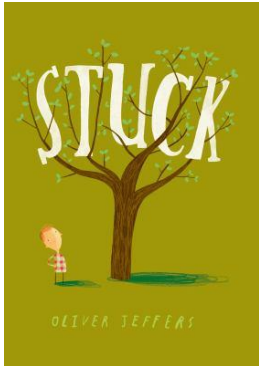
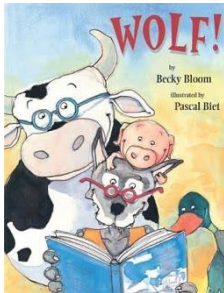
Here's a little girl who knows what really matters. At once silly and serious, Karen Beaumont's joyous rhyming text and David Catrow's vibrant illustrations unite in a book that is sassy, soulful . . . and straight from the heart.” - *Publisher*

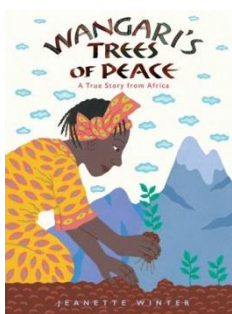
# Strategic

I **plan** ahead.  
 I am **resourceful**.  
 I gather the information and materials I need. I listen carefully and seek support.  
 I am **organized**.  
 I organize my ideas, materials, and personal belongings.



**I work smart!**

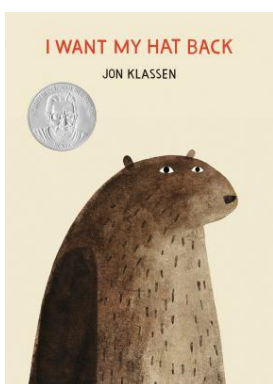
	<p><b><u>Stuck</u></b>        By Oliver Jeffers, c2011</p> <p>“When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he's determined to get it out. But how? Well, by knocking it down with his shoe, of course. But strangely enough, it too gets stuck. And the only logical course of action . . . is to throw his other shoe. Only now it's stuck! Surely there must be something he can use to get his kite unstuck. An orangutan? A boat? His front door? Yes, yes, and yes. And that's only the beginning.” - <i>Publisher</i></p>
	<p><b><u>Wolf!</u></b>        By Becky Bloom, c1998</p> <p>“This is a farm for educated animals. . . ” Educated animals? That gets the wolf thinking. Maybe he, too, could learn to read. And as this witty and winning tale reveals, an exciting new chapter in the wolf's life begins!” - <i>Google Books</i></p>



### **Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story From Africa**

By Jeanette Winter, c2008

"Tells the story of Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist who, shocked to see entire forests being cut down in her native country of Kenya, decides to take action, beginning with the planting of nine seedlings in her own backyard." – *Follett*

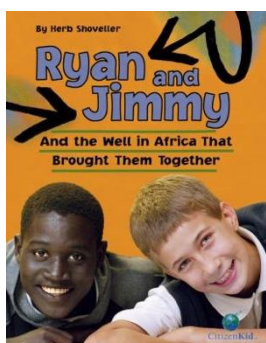


### **I Want My Hat Back**

By Jo Klassen, c2011

"The bear's hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, some more elaborately than others. But just as the bear begins to despond, a deer comes by and asks a simple question that sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance. Told completely in dialogue, this delicious take on the classic repetitive tale plays out in sly illustrations laced with visual humor -- and winks at the reader with a wry irreverence that will have kids of all ages thrilled to be in on the joke."

*-Publisher*

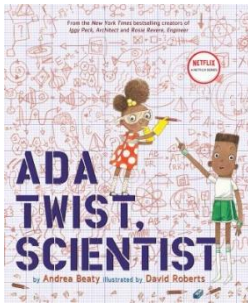


### **Ryan and Jimmy And The Well in Africa That Brought Them Together**

By Herb Shoveller, c2006

"In first grade, Ryan Hreljac raised money to build a well in Uganda where Akana Jimmy lost his parents to civil war. No detail is spared in this wordy book that chronicles the heartbreaking and inspirational story of the boys' cross-continental friendship, culminating in Jimmy coming to live with the Hreljacs in Canada."

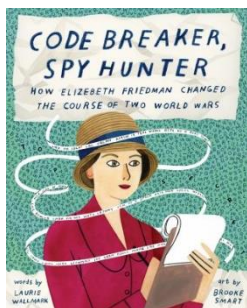
*-Horn Book Guide*



### **Ada Twist, Scientist**

By Andrea Beaty, c2016

"Inspired by mathematician Ada Lovelace and physicist Marie Curie, this #1 bestseller from author Andrea Beaty and illustrator David Roberts champions STEM, girl power, and women scientists in a rollicking celebration of curiosity, the power of perseverance, and the importance of asking "Why?" - *Publisher*

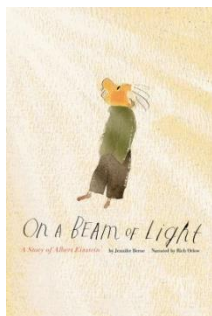


### **Code Breaker, Spy Hunter : How Elizebeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars**

By Laurie Wallmark, c2021

"From thwarting notorious rumrunners with only paper and pencil to "counter-spying into the minds and activities of" Nazis, Elizebeth held a pivotal role in the early days of US cryptology. No code was too challenging for her to crack, and Elizebeth's work undoubtedly saved thousands of lives.

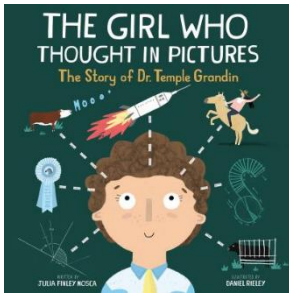
Extensive back matter includes explanations of codes and ciphers, further information on cryptology, a bibliography, a timeline of Elizebeth's life, plus secret messages for young readers to decode." -*Publisher*



### **On a Beam of Light**

By Jennifer Berne, c2013

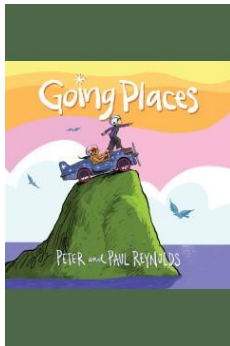
"A boy rides a bicycle down a dusty road. But in his mind, he envisions himself traveling at a speed beyond imagining, on a beam of light. This brilliant mind will one day offer up some of the most revolutionary ideas ever conceived. From a boy endlessly fascinated by the wonders around him, Albert Einstein ultimately grows into a man of genius recognized the world over for profoundly illuminating our understanding of the universe." - *Publisher*



### **The Girl Who Thought in Pictures**

By Julia Finley Mosca, c2017

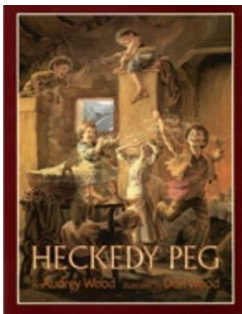
"When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet, the determined visual thinker did just that. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent ground-breaking improvements for farms around the globe." - *Publisher*



### **Going Places**

By Paul A. Reynolds, c2014

"It's time for this year's Going Places contest! Finally. Time to build a go-cart, race it - and win. Each kid grabs an identical kit, and scrambles to build. Everyone but Maya. She sure doesn't seem to be in a hurry...and that sure doesn't look like anybody else's go-cart! But who said it had to be a go-cart? And who said there's only one way to cross the finish line?" - *Publisher*

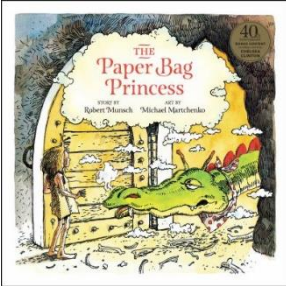


### **Heckedy Peg**

By Audrey Wood, c1987

"A poor mother has seven children, shown as mischievous but helpful. She goes to market, promising gifts, warning against strangers and fire. The inevitable intruder is a witch (Heckedy Peg) who offers gold in return for a light for her pipe; the children not only succumb but are seen cavorting with lighted straw. The witch turns them into food; the mother, following, reclaims them by matching her gifts to their new forms: bread with butter, salt with fish, etc. The witch is chased, leaps off the bridge, and...was never seen again". - *Kirkus Reviews*

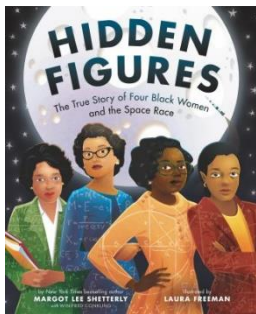




### **The Paper Bag Princess**

By Robert Munsch, c1980

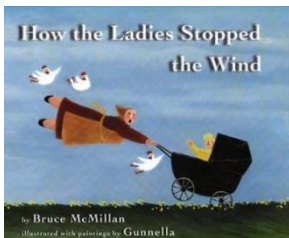
"Princess Elizabeth is beautiful and rich and about to marry Prince Ronald. That is, until a dragon destroys her castle, burns all her clothes and carries off her prince. But Elizabeth's not easily beaten and sets off to get Ronald back." - *Google Books*



### **Hidden Figures**

By Margot Lee Shetterly, c2016

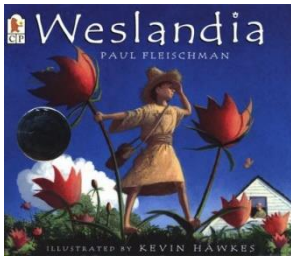
"Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as - human computers- used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. This book brings to life the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African-American women who lived through the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country." - *Amazon.com*



### **How the Ladies Stopped the Wind**

By Bruce McMillan, c2007

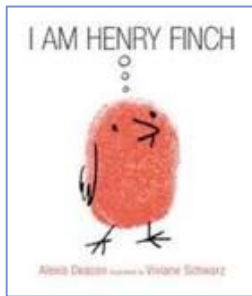
"The women of one village in Iceland decide to plant trees to stop the powerful winds that make it difficult even to go for a walk, but first they must find a way to prevent sheep from eating all of their saplings, while encouraging chickens to fertilize them." - *Follett*



### **Weslandia**

By Paul Fleischman, c1999

"Enter the witty, intriguing world of Weslandia. Now that school is over, Wesley needs a summer project. He's learned that each civilization needs a staple food crop, so he decides to sow a garden and start his own -- civilization, that is. He turns over a plot of earth, and plants begin to grow. They soon tower above him and bear a curious-looking fruit. As Wesley experiments, he finds that the plant will provide food, clothing, shelter, and even recreation. It isn't long before his neighbors and classmates develop more than an idle curiosity about Wesley -- and exactly how he is spending his summer vacation." - *Publisher*



### **I am Henry Finch**

By Alexis Deacon, c2014

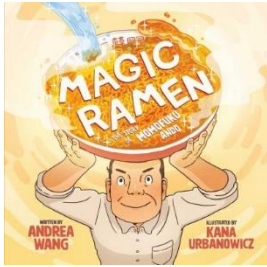
"For budding philosophers of all ages, this is the uplifting story of Henry Finch the loveable little bird who strives for greatness, gets it all a bit wrong, then makes it right again in a very surprising way, truly becoming great. Henry Finch is a total inspiration. This is an inspirational book. It is also very funny." - *Google Books*



### **Kate, Who Tamed the Wind**

By Garton Scanlon, c2018

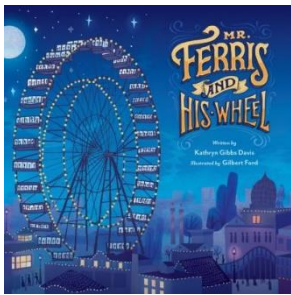
"A wild wind blows on the tippy-top of a steep hill, turning everything upside down for the man who lives there. Luckily, Kate comes up with a plan to tame the wind. With an old wheelbarrow full of young trees, she journeys up the steep hill to add a little green to the man's life, and to protect the house from the howling wind." -*Publisher*



### **Magic Ramen Story**

By Momotoku Ando, c2019

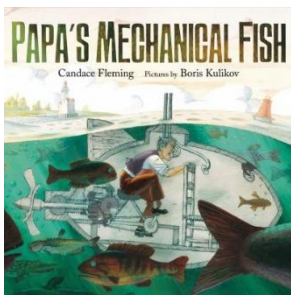
"Every day, Momofuku Ando would retire to his lab--a little shed in his backyard. For years, he'd dreamed about making a new kind of ramen noodle soup that was quick, convenient, and tasty for the hungry people he'd seen in line for a bowl on the black market following World War II. Peace follows from a full stomach, he believed. Day after day, Ando experimented. Night after night, he failed. But Ando kept experimenting. With persistence, creativity, and a little inspiration, Ando succeeded. This is the true story behind one of the world's most popular foods."  
-Publisher



### **Mr. Ferris and His Wheel**

By Kathryn Gibbs Davis, c2014

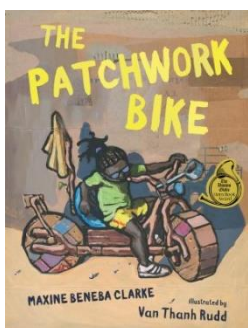
"Science, history, and engineering combine in this uplifting nonfiction picture book about the invention of the world's most iconic amusement park ride, the Ferris wheel. Capturing an engineer's creative vision and mind for detail, this fully illustrated picture book biography sheds light on how the American inventor George Ferris defied gravity and seemingly impossible odds to invent the world's most iconic amusement park attraction, the Ferris wheel." - Publisher



### **Papa's Mechanical Fish**

By Candace Fleming, c2013

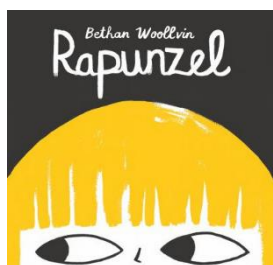
"Clink! Clankety-bang! Thump-whirr! That's the sound of Papa at work. Although he is an inventor, he has never made anything that works perfectly, and that's because he hasn't yet found a truly fantastic idea. But when he takes his family fishing on Lake Michigan, his daughter Virena asks, "Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a fish?"--and Papa is off to his workshop. With a lot of persistence and a little bit of help, Papa--who is based on the real-life inventor Lodner Phillips--creates a submarine that can take his family for a trip to the bottom of Lake Michigan." - Publisher



### **The Patchwork Bike**

By Maxine Beneba Clarke, c2016

“When you live in a village at the edge of the no-go desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot (maybe Mum is still using it, maybe not) and a used flour sack. You can even make a license plate from bark if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for whooping and laughing as you bumpetty bump over sand hills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home.” - *Publisher*



### **Rapunzel**

By Bethan Woollvin, c2021

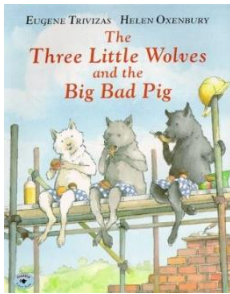
“In Woollvin’s newest fairy tale retelling, Rapunzel isn’t a stereotypical damsel in distress waiting around for a knight in shining armor. Per usual, the evil witch has trapped Rapunzel in the tall, dark tower all alone and threatened to curse her if she ever tries to escape. “But is Rapunzel frightened? Oh no, not she!” She devises a way to escape on sojourns and fills her days with exploring the outside world and formulating a plan to free herself from the witch forever. When the witch next pays her a visit, using Rapunzel’s hair, Rapunzel simply snips her tresses, and the witch tumbles to her demise. Rapunzel is now free (and with a cute bob to boot) and can devote the rest of her life to capturing other witches.” - *Booklist*



### **That Fruit is Mine!**

By Anuska Allepuz, c2019

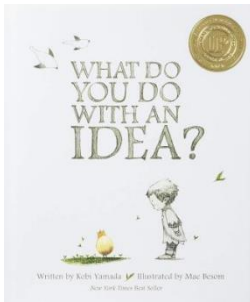
“Five goofy, greedy elephants are up against five teeny-tiny mice in this picture book parable for modern times. One day, deep in the jungle, five elephants discover a new tree - a tall tree - and, atop that tree, the most mouth-wateringly delicious fruit any of them had ever seen. "MINE!" each elephant cries. "Mine, mine, mine, mine, MINE!" But who will get there first? And will the elephants spot the five tiny mice, planning and plotting, slowly approaching that tip-top branch?” - *Google Books*



### **The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig**

By Eugene Trivizas, c1993

“An altered retelling of the traditional tale about the conflict between pig and wolf--with a surprise ending.” - *Follett*



### **What to Do You Do With an Idea?**

By Kobi Yamada, c2013

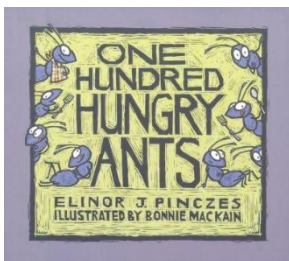
“This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started.” - *Publisher*



### **The World is Not a Rectangle : A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid**

By Jeanette Winter, c2017

“Zaha Hadid grew up in Baghdad, Iraq, and dreamed of designing her own cities. After studying architecture in London, she opened her own studio and started designing buildings. But as a Muslim woman, Hadid faced many obstacles. Determined to succeed, she worked hard for many years and achieved her goals--and now you can see the buildings Hadid has designed all over the world.” - *Publisher*

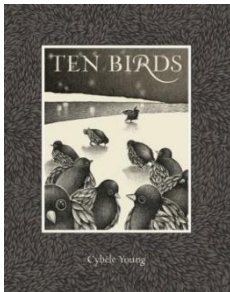


### **One Hundred Hungry Ants**

By Elinor J. Pincze, c1993

“One hundred hungry ants head towards a picnic to get yummys for their tummies. They stop to change their line formation, showing different divisions of one hundred, causing them to lose both time and food in the end.” – *Follett*

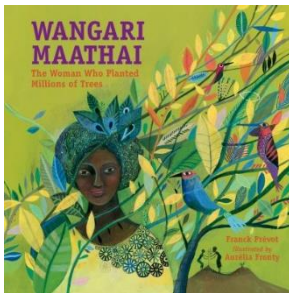




### **Ten Birds**

By Cybele Young, c2011

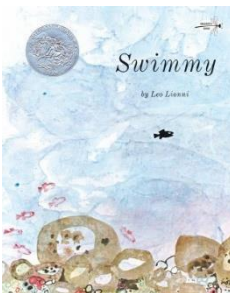
“Ten small black birds approach a river whose bank is decorated with a series of Rube Goldberg–style apparatuses. One by one, each bird, identified by a glowing name (Brilliant, Extraordinary), uses something from an apparatus to engineer its own passage across the river, while the remaining parts form into a numeral that indicates how many birds remain. Finally, after each apparatus is spent, the last bird, Needs Improvement, walks across an adjacent bridge, which was visible throughout the other, more complicated triumphs.” - *Booklist*



### **Wangari Maathai : The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees**

By Franck Prevot, c2015

“This simply told story begins with Green Belt Movement founder Wangari Maathai's childhood at the foot of Mount Kenya where, as the oldest child in her family, her responsibility was to stay home and help her mother. In the 1960s, she was awarded the opportunity to travel to the US to study, where she saw that even in the land of the free, black people were not welcome. Returning home, Wangari was determined to help her people and her country. She recognized that deforestation and urbanization was at the root of her country's troubles. Her courage and confidence carried her through adversity to fund a movement for peace, reconciliation, and healing.” - *Publisher*



### **Swimmy**

By Leo Lionni, c1991

“Swimmy, a small black fish, finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies.” - *Follett*