



# Summer Reading at Bank Street (Middle School)

Dear Parents,

Happy Summer Reading!

Inside you will find, compiled by your librarian:

- Tips to make summer reading a non-chore
- Summer reading recommendations

The library is open all summer; please come visit us to refresh your reading options.

Enjoy!

-Allie

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## Important Dates and Numbers

- All books checked out **before** May 6 are due! If you are in the middle of a book checked out before May 6, please come check it in and out at the circulation desk.
- All books checked out **after** May 6, 2013 are due Sept. 16.
- Kids may have up to 10 books out at a time for the summer.



**PARENTS, READ ME!**

# 7 Ways to make Summer Reading a NON-CHORE!

**1** Studies show that **kids read more when they see others reading\***—so make time to read yourself. Curl up with a book, right where your kid can see you.

To **understand what your child may be feeling about reading-as-chore**, read **2** Summer Reading Is Killing Me (Jon Scieszka) or Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little (Peggy Elizabeth Gifford).

Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, **3** and reading speed.\*\* Remember that **“reading” is not just chapter books; non-fiction, magazines, comics, and audiobooks all count.**

Kids often report that they have a hard time finding books that they like. If that **4** happens, **have a friend recommend books.** Your kids are much more likely to enjoy something recommended by a friend than by a grownup.

**Plan regular trips to the library** to refresh your reading options. Bank Street **5** Library is open Mon-Thurs 9-10; Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5. Check out your local public library, too.

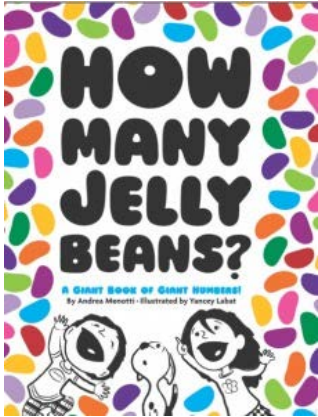
**6** **Visit bookstores for author events and storyhours**, and invite friends too! Check [bankstreetbooks.com](http://bankstreetbooks.com) for Bank Street Bookstore’s calendar.

**7** Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and **just let it go when they choose The Day My Butt Went Psycho.**

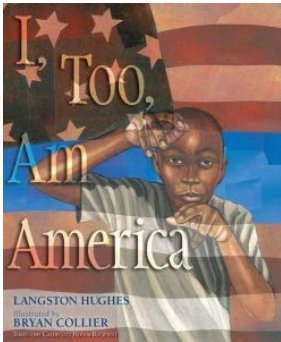
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\*\**Ibid.*

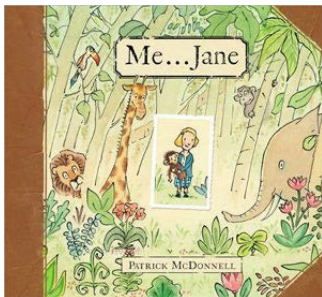
## Non-Fiction Picture Books



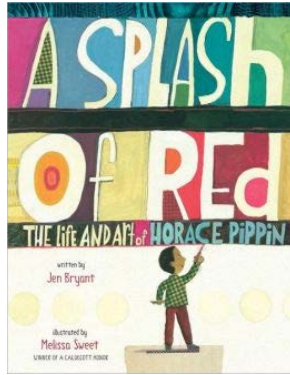
*How Many Jelly Beans?*  
by Andrea Menotti  
Starting with ten, each page shows more and more colorful candies, leading up to a giant fold-out surprise--ONE MILLION JELLY BEANS!



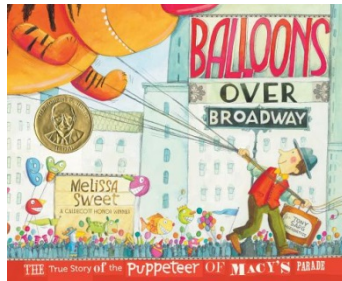
*I, Too, Am America*  
by Langston Hughes  
Presents the poem of Langston Hughes with illustrations that highlight the courage and dignity of the African American Pullman porters in the early twentieth century.



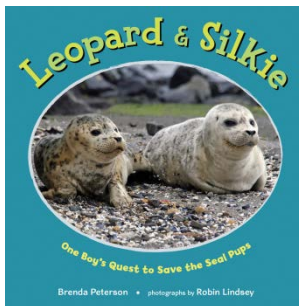
*Me...Jane* by Patrick McDonnell  
Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals.



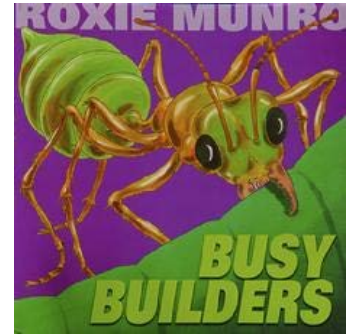
*A Splash of Red; The Life and Art of Horace Pippin*  
by Jennifer Bryant  
Presents an illustrated introduction to the life and work of artist Horace Pippin, describing his childhood love for drawing and the World War I injury that challenged his career.



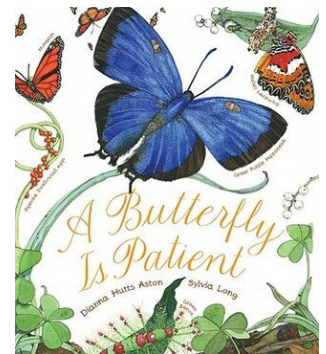
*Balloons Over Broadway*  
by Melissa Sweet  
Tells the story of puppeteer Tony Sarg, capturing his zest for play and his long-lasting gift to America--the inspired helium balloons that would become the trademark of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



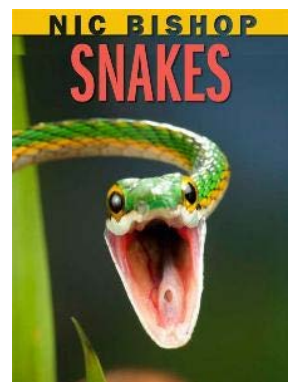
*Leopard and Silkie*  
by Brenda Peterson  
Tells the story of a vulnerable baby seal left on shore while mom hunts for food, and the concerned volunteers who keep vigil over him.



*Busy Builders* by Roxie Munro  
Features eight insects, one spider, and an inside look at the unique structures they each build.

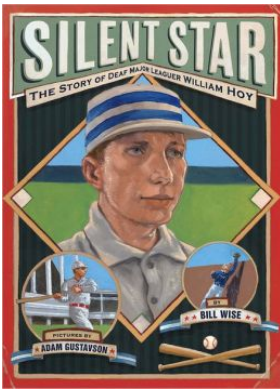


*A Butterfly Is Patient*  
by Diana Hutts Aston  
Colorful illustrations and simple text describe the many characteristics of butterflies.

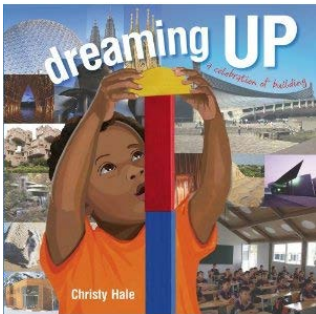


*Nic Bishop Snakes* by Nic Bishop  
Show-stopping photographs introduce snakes; text provides information on their physical characteristics, how they hunt, and why some snakes are poisonous.

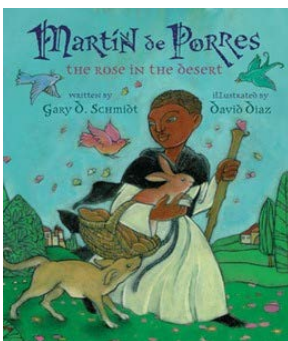
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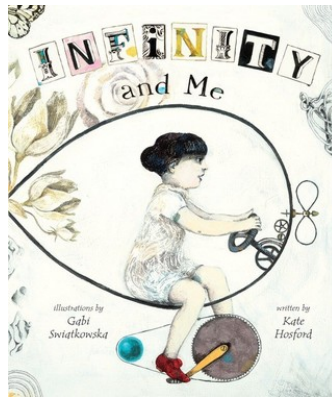
*Silent Star* by Bill Wise  
A biography of William "Dummy" Hoy, who pursued his love of baseball and became the first deaf player to have a long career in the Major Leagues, where he accumulated records and top-ranking statistics.



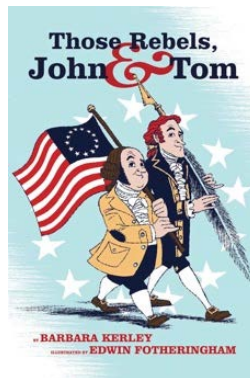
*Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building* by Christy Hale  
A collection of poetry, illustrations, and photographs that shows how young children's constructions are reflected in notable works of architecture from around the world.



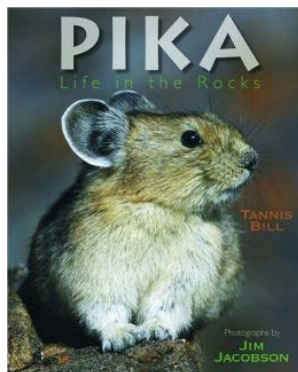
*Martin de Porres, Rose in the Desert* by Gary Schmidt  
St. Martin de Porres, the child of a Spanish nobleman and former slave, was the first Black saint in the Americas. Describes his life of service and healing in the 1500s.



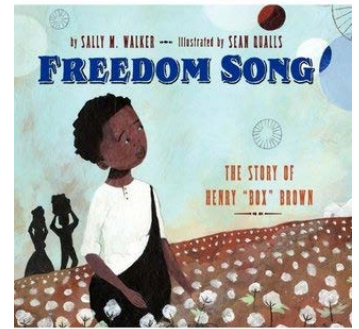
*Infinity and Me* by Kate Hosford  
After the sight of a night sky filled with stars makes eight-year-old Uma feel very small, she asks people how they think about infinity and gets a variety of answers.



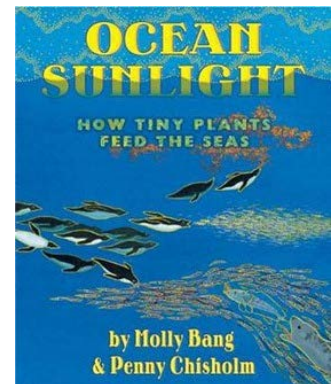
*Those Rebels, John and Tom* by Barbara Kerley  
John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were very different, but they both cared deeply about the American colonies, and neither cared much for the British tyrant, King George.



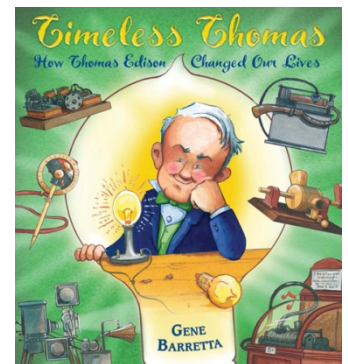
*Pika: Life in the Rocks* by Tannis Bill  
Photographs and text tell the story of a pika's year-long efforts to store food for the winter, escape predators, find a mate, and survive the winter.



*Freedom Song* by Sally M. Walker  
After Henry Brown's wife and children are sold away he is left with only his freedom song, which gives him strength to mail himself to a free state.

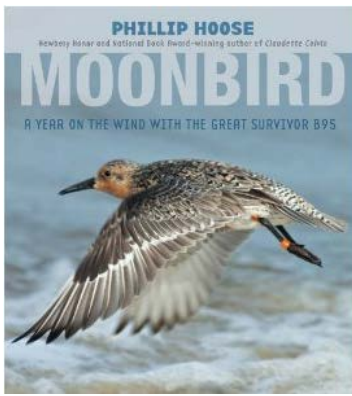


*Ocean Sunlight* by Molly Bang  
Describes how all ocean life, from the tiniest plankton to great whales, including the creatures in the darkest depths, form a web that uses sunshine.



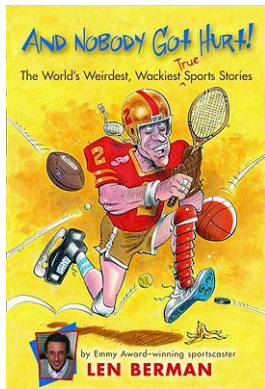
*Timeless Thomas* by Gene Barretta  
Shares the story of the inventor famed for such innovations as the incandescent light bulb, batteries, and movie cameras, exploring his life-changing achievements and perseverance in the face of numerous failures.

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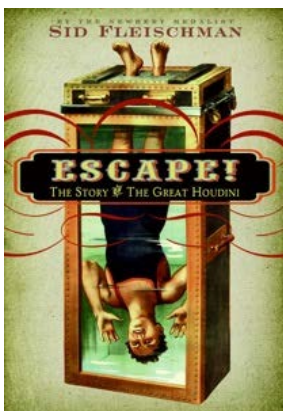
*Moonbird : a year on the wind with the great survivor B95*  
by Phillip Hoose

The survival tale of an intrepid shorebird who has endured annual migrations between Argentina and the Canadian Arctic throughout the course of a long lifetime, while his species continues to decline.



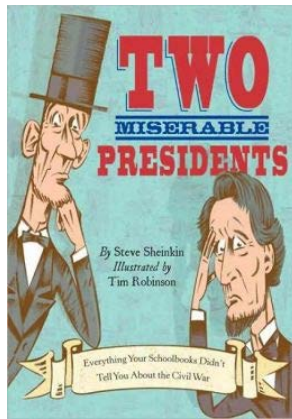
*And Nobody Got Hurt!*  
by Len Berman

A collection of crazy and amazing sports moments from around the world.



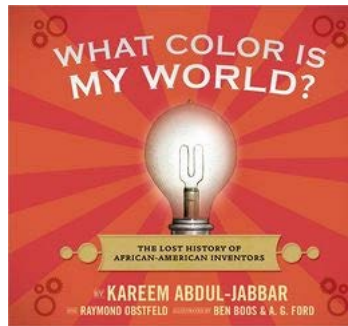
*Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini*  
by Sid Fleischman

A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists.



*Two Miserable Presidents*

by Steve Sheinkin  
Describes all the issues and events--large, small, and even personal--that led up to the Civil War, covering the stories of the soldiers and statesmen involved.



*What Color is My World?*

by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar  
Profiles with fast facts on flaps feature the minds behind the gamma electric cell and the ice-cream scoop, improvements to traffic lights, open-heart surgery, and more.



*Built to Last* by David Macaulay  
Reveals the how and why behind some of the most fascinating and enduring structures humankind has ever created.



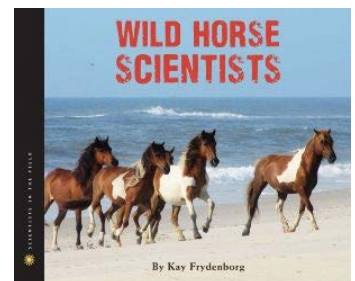
*Knucklehead* by Jon Scieszka

How did Jon Scieszka get so funny? He grew up as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.



*True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do To Save the Planet*

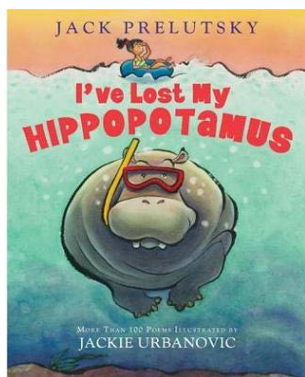
by Kim McKay  
Invites children and their parents, teachers, and community to embark on an eco-adventure through a series of fun ideas that can be applied everywhere from the living room to the local park.



*Wild Horse Scientists*

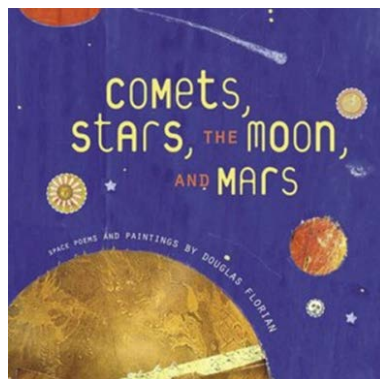
by Kay Frydenborg  
Traces the work of two wildlife veterinarians who protect and chart the lives of Assateague Island's wild horses, describing their shared efforts to balance the horses' ecosystem and raise awareness.

## Poetry

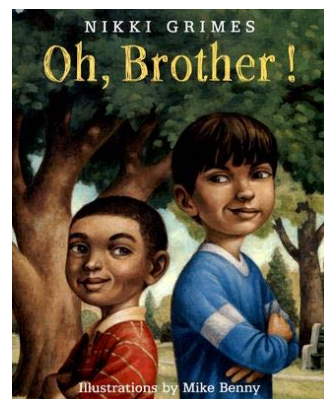


*I've Lost My Hippopotamus*  
by Jack Prelutsky

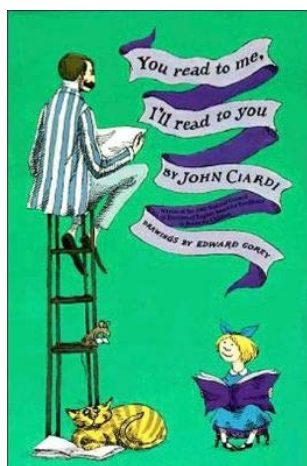
A brand-new rib-tickling collection of more than 100 never-before-published poems by former poet laureate Jack Prelutsky.



*Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars*  
by Douglas Florian  
Blast off with twenty whimsical poems about space.

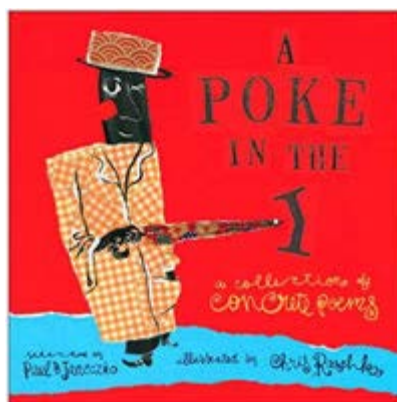


*Oh, Brother!* by Nikki Grimes  
Xavier is unhappy when his mother remarries and he suddenly has a new stepbrother, as well as a stepfather, in his home.

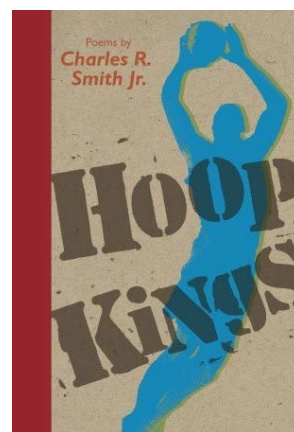


*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You*  
by John Ciardi

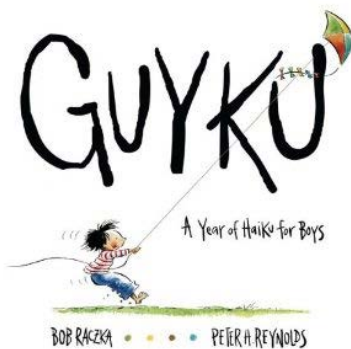
Poetry for parents to read to their children and simpler poems for children to read to their parents.



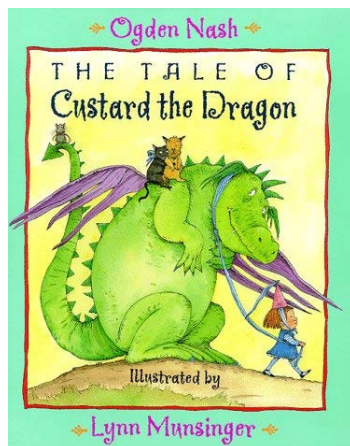
*A Poke in the I*  
by Paul B. Janeczko  
A collection of thirty "concrete poems," in which the text is arranged to startle the reader.



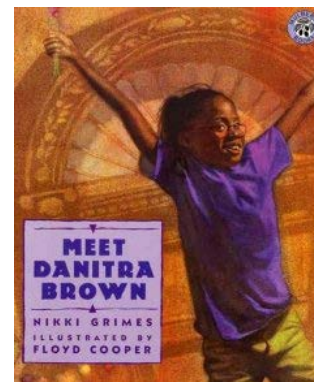
*Hoop Kings* by Charles R. Smith Jr.  
A collection of twelve poems that celebrate basketball stars, including Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson, and Kobe Bryant.



*Guyku* by Bob Raczka  
A humorous haiku collection perfect for guys (big and small) that celebrates outdoor fun throughout the seasons.



*The Tale of Custard the Dragon*  
by Ogden Nash  
Custard the cowardly dragon saves the day when a pirate threatens Belinda and her pet animals.

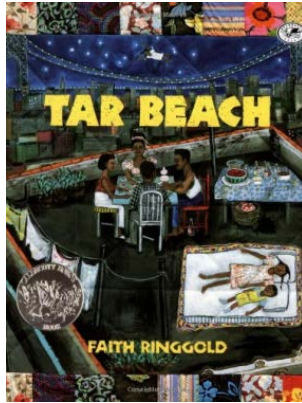


*Meet Danitra Brown*  
by Nikki Grimes  
In poems, Zuri introduces her best friend, Danitra Brown, who wears purple, stands up to bullies, and plans to win the Nobel Prize.

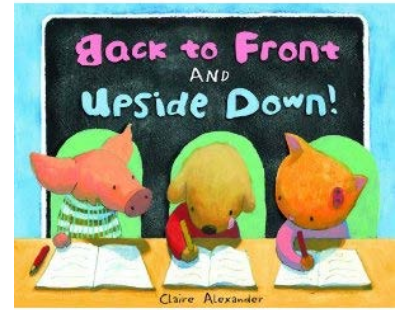
## Fiction Picture Books



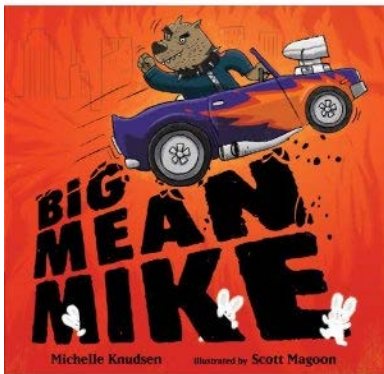
*Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds  
Jasper Rabbit cannot resist eating carrots, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.



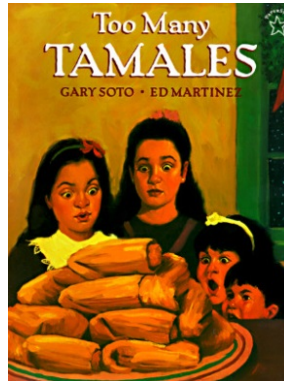
*Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold  
A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.



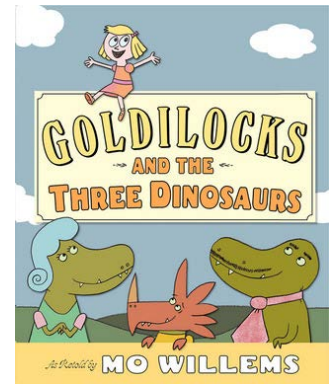
*Back to Front and Upside Down!*  
by Claire Alexander  
While the rest of the class makes birthday cards for the principal, Stanley struggles with his words and letters.



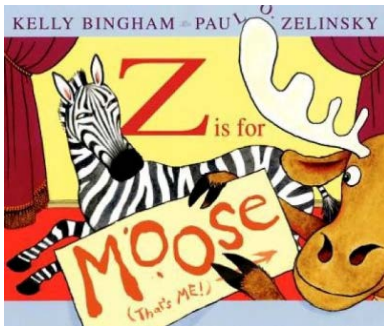
*Big Mean Mike*  
by Michelle Knudsen  
Mike is proud to be the toughest dog in the neighborhood, so when fuzzy bunnies start showing up in his car he sees them as a threat to his reputation, no matter how adorable they are.



*Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto  
Maria tries on her mother's wedding ring while helping make tamales for a Christmas family get-together, but panic ensues when, hours later, she realizes the ring is missing.



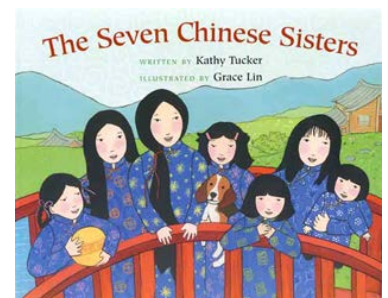
*Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*  
by Mo Willems  
Three dinosaurs are definitely not setting a trap for some succulent, unsupervised little girl. Definitely not!



*Z is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham  
Moose, terribly eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, then awfully disappointed when his letter passes, behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him.

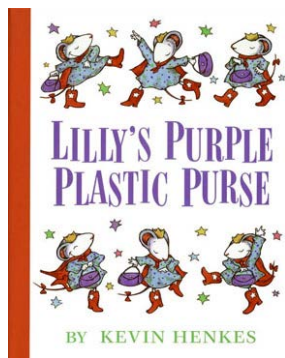


*This Is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen  
A tiny fish wearing a pale blue bowler hat has a thing or two up his fins in this underwater light-on-dark chase scene.



*The Seven Chinese Sisters*  
by Kathy Tucker  
When a dragon snatches the youngest of seven talented Chinese sisters, the other six come to her rescue.

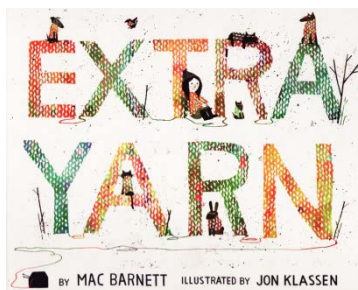
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*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*

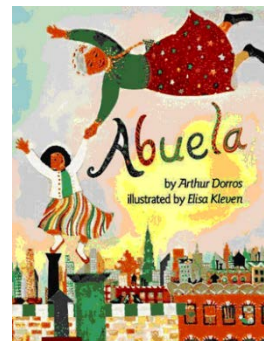
by Kevin Henkes

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later .



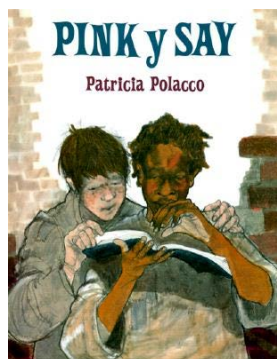
*Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett

With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.



*Abuela* by Arthur Dorros

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City.



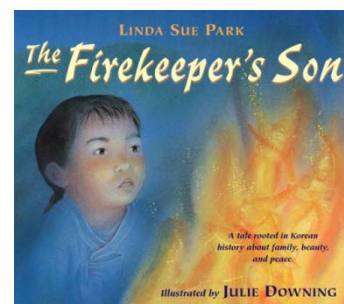
*Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco

Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, a black soldier, during the Civil War, and their capture by Southern troops.



*Lost and Found* by Bill Harley

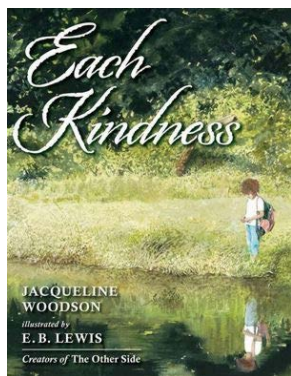
Justin has lost the hat his grandmother made for him, and if he is to find it in time for her visit, he will have to go talk to Mr. Rumkowski, the gruff old school custodian in charge of the Lost and Found.



*The Firekeeper's Son*

by Linda Sue Park

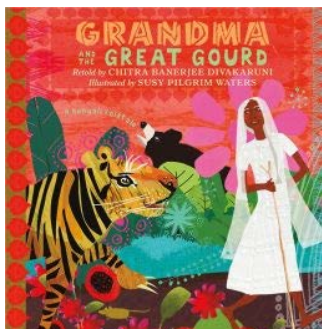
In eighteenth-century Korea, after Sang-hee's father injures his ankle, Sang-hee attempts to take over the task of lighting the evening fire which signals to the palace that all is well.



*Each Kindness*

by Jacqueline Woodson

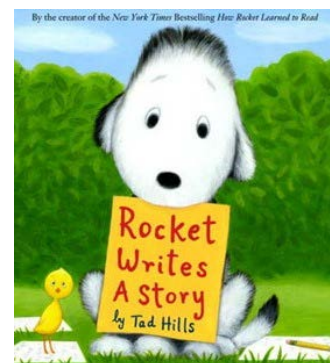
When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe regrets making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.



*Grandma and the Great Gourd*

by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

On her way to visit her daughter on the other side of the jungle, Grandma encounters a hungry fox, bear, and tiger, and must find a way to outwit them all.



*Rocket Writes a Story* by Tad Hills

Rocket learns to write and authors a story about a new friend, the owl.

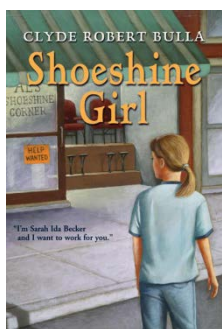


## Fiction Chapter Books



*Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same* by Grace Lin

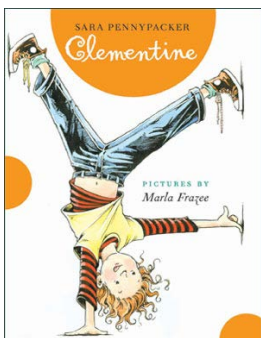
Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.



*Shoeshine Girl*

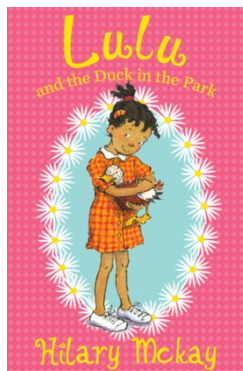
by Robert Clyde Bulla

A rebellious ten-year-old girl, sent to spend the summer at her aunt's, works for an old man running a shoe-shine stand and gradually develops a respect and friendship for him.



*Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker

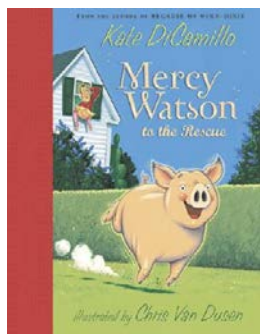
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles and also helps her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.



*Lulu and the Duck in the Park*

by Hilary McKay

A young girl who loves animals brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned her from bringing animals to school ever again.



*Mercy Watson to the Rescue*

by Kate DiCamillo

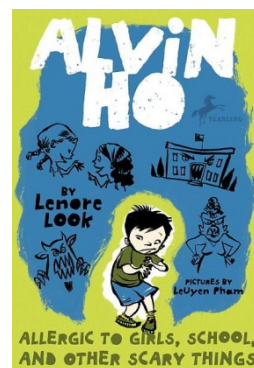
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.



*Captain Awesome, Soccer Star*

by Stan Kirby

Second-grader Eugene McGillicuddy finds that he can tap the power of Captain Awesome without wearing the costume, as he scores a goal for his soccer team.



*Alvin Ho* by Lenore Look

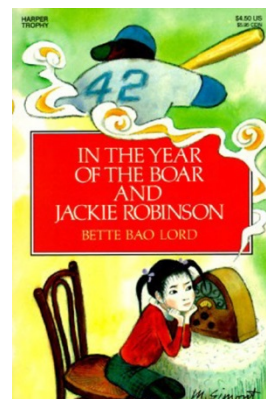
A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.



*Lunch Lady and the League of Librarians*

by Jarrett Krosoczka

The school lunch lady, a secret crime fighter, sets out to stop a group of librarians bent on destroying a shipment of video games, while a group of students known as the Breakfast Bunch provides back-up.



*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*

by Bette Bao Lord

In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn, where she develops a strong love for baseball.