

Read-Alouds at Anderson School

Picture and Chapter Books for Grades K/1 to 3/4, for 2017-18

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Added 2015!

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Added 2019!

For the teachers, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and friends of young children (K-4) that you love to read aloud to (and the children, themselves), this list of the “Best of the Best” picture books is for you. As a forever teacher, reading specialist, and teacher coach I long ago fell in love with picture books. I even had my junior high students read them to the lower grades—and both benefited from the experience, a yearly class project my former students tell me they look back on with fondness. All PBs are not equal and, frankly, I sometimes wonder today how a particular book passes editorial scrutiny.

*Total: 540 books to-date—although, a work in progress.

*The posted grades are the read-aloud interest levels and not the grade reading levels.

*Most of the picture book read-alouds are 6-10 minutes long even with elaboration, but there are exceptions up to 22 minutes. Chapter books (**CH**), of course, are not timed.

*All books have been read by me, classroom tested and chosen using the criteria of high-interest content with great and, usually, larger illustrations (picture books). Less than 1 in 30 otherwise highly-recommended books from Kirkus and similar resources (below) made this list.

*Note: Summaries of these books can be had at Kirkus Reviews, Amazon, Google, *School Library Journal* (SLJ.com), Horn Book (hbook.com), WePAC’s *Literary Resource Handbook* (WePAC.org), *The Reading Teacher* (Reading.org/Resources/Booklists/ChildrensChoices.aspx), Children’s Book Council (cbcbooks.org), Children’s Choice (ccbookawards.com), *New York Times* Best Sellers, Goodreads.com/choice awards/best-children’s-books, Scholastic.com/bookwizard, TeachingChildrenPhilosophy.org/wiki/category:Book_Modules, TeachingBooks.net, StorylineOnline.net—dramatic reading of picture books by celebrities:

NF = Non-fiction **CH** = Chapter Book (short) **✓** = Student-voted exceptional likes
Blue / A-A = African-American related **Red** = Holidays **•** = in my personal collection
Brown = Reading time in brackets: **[10]**—this is new; not all books have it yet.
Purple = Related read-aloud/DVD/film/animation of book on YouTube; be selective about the offerings: some are better than others; once on YouTube, type in “video” then the book title.

Book	Author	Comment	Grade
Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story	Tomie dePaola	See YouTube	1-4 •
Adventures of a plastic Bottle: A story about Recycling, the	Alison Inches	NF, but fictionalized	2-3 •
Adventures of Taxi Dog ✓	Debra Barracca	See YouTube	K-2 •
Albert and Little Henry	Jez Alborough	Sibling rivalry [8]	K-2 •
Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse	Leo Lionni	See YouTube; Friendship [8]	K-2/3 •
Albie’s First Word	Jacqueline Tourville	Charming “bio” of Einstein’s childhood	1-3 •
Alley Cat’s Meow	Kathy Appelt	Magic of dancing/jazz; maybe A-A, too	2-5 •
Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse	Leo Lionni	Theme: thinking of others/ kindness/friendship [6-7]	K-2 •
Alligator’s Smile and Other Poems, The	Jane Yolen	NF; poems, informative, notes [NA]	2-6 •
Almost to Freedom	Vaunda M. Nelson	A-A: slavery	3.2-6 •
Always and Forever	Alan Durant	Losing a family member to death: [10]	1-3 •

<i>Amazing Grace</i>	✓	Mary Hoffman	A-A	2-4	·
<i>Amazing Pig</i>		Paul Galdone		1-2	·
<i>Amistad Rising: A Story of Freedom</i>		Veronica chambers	A-A: slavery	4-8	·
<i>An “A” from Miss Keller</i>		Patricia Polacco	Very emotional [20]	3.2-8	·
<i>An Apple for Harriet Tubman</i>	✓	Glennette Turner	A-A: slavery	1-4	·
<i>Androcles and the Lion</i>		Janet Stevens	See YouTube ; folktale: kindness [8]	K-3	·
<i>An Earthworm’s Life</i>	✓	John Himmelman	NF ; see also: <i>The Worm</i>	1-3	·
<i>An Egg is Quiet</i>		Dianna Aston	NF ; [6]	K-4	·
<i>An Orange for Frankie</i>		Patricia Polacco	Rural Xmas during Great Depression	3.2-8	·
<i>Are You Sleeping?</i>		Megan Borgert-Spaniol	Lullaby/song; short CD included; a sing-along and chorus song	PreK-2	
<i>Arthur’s Eyes</i>		Marc Brown	See YouTube [10]	1-2/3	·
<i>Arthur Lost and Found</i>		Marc Brown	See YouTube [10]	K-1/2	·
<i>Arthur’s Teacher Trouble</i>		Marc Brown	See YouTube	1-2/3	·
<i>Arthur’s Valentine</i>	✓	Marc Brown	See YouTube	1-2/3	·
<i>Arthur’s Tooth</i>		Marc Brown	See YouTube	1-2/3	·
<i>Artist and me, The</i>		Shane Peacock	Don’t judge others (read slowly) [9]	2-3/4	
<i>Baba Yaga: A Russian Tale</i>		Eric Kimmel	Theme: kindness repaid, but a couple puzzling unanswered questions [15]	3-5	·
<i>Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave</i>		Marianna Mayer	Break on 10 th written page; semi-Cinderella-like [45]	3-5	
<i>Babe and I, The</i>		David Adler	See YouTube ; fictional Story of Babe Ruth, well written/emotional [12]	2-6	·
<i>Babushka Baba Yaga</i>	✓	Patricia Polacco		1-4	·
<i>Babushka’s Doll</i>	✓	Patricia Polacco	See YouTube	1-4	·
<i>Back Home</i>		Gloria J. Pinkney	A-A ; visiting family [20]	2-4/5	·
<i>Bad Case of Stripes, A</i>	✓	David Shannon	See YouTube ; See StorylineOnline [12]	1/2-5	·
<i>Bark, George</i>	✓	Jules Feiffer	See YouTube	K-2	·
<i>Bats at the Library</i>		Brian Lies	See YouTube	K-2/3	·
<i>Bea and Mr. Jones</i>		Amy Schwartz		K-2	·
<i>Beast of Monsieur Racine</i>		Tomi Ungerer		3-4	·
<i>Beatrice Doesn’t Want To</i>		Laura Numeroff	See YouTube ; Book hater to lover [5]	K-2	
<i>Beatrice’s Goat</i>		Page McBrier	A-A/Africa	1-3	·
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	✓	H. Chuku Lee	A-A : folktale	2-4	·
<i>Being Frank</i>	✓	Donna W. Earnhardt	Being too “honest”/rude [9]	1-3/4	·
<i>Ben Rides On</i>	✓	Matt Davies	Bullying	K-3	·
<i>Best Place, The</i>		Susan Meddaugh	Theme: value of friendship [8]	K-2/3	·
<i>Best Worst Brother</i>		Stephanie S.-Bodeen	Down Syndrome w/deafness	K-3	
<i>Big Fish, The</i>		Klaus Kordon	A-A/Inter-racial	1-3	·
<i>Big Mean Mike</i>	✓	Michelle Knudsen	Bullying; see YouTube	K-4	·
<i>Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories, The</i>		Dr. Seuss	See YouTube	1-3	·
<i>Birthday Rules</i>		Laurie Friedman		K-2	·
<i>Blue vs. Yellow</i>		Tom Sullivan	Theme: Learning from each other [5]	K-3.1	·
<i>Bony-Legs</i>		Joanna Cole	Themes: kindness—what goes ‘round, one good turn, do unto others [8]	1-3	·
<i>Book for Jodan, A</i>		Marcia Newfield	Divorce	4-8	·
<i>Book of Mean People, The</i>		Toni Morrison	A five-minute Read	K-2/3	·
<i>Book that Eats People, The</i>	✓	John Perry	Just a silly book that kids find suspenseful and love! See YouTube	K-3.1	·
<i>Boxes for Katie</i>		Candice Fleming	Historical Fiction: Post WWII	2-4/5	·
<i>Brand New Kid</i>	✓	Katie Couric	New kid in school; rhyming text [9]	1-4	·
<i>Brave Irene</i>		William Steig	See YouTube ; See StorylineOnline ; perseverance/persistence/responsibility [15 w/elaboration]	1.2/3	

<i>Breadwinner</i>	Deborah Ellis	CH	4-8+ ·
<i>Brick by Brick</i>	Charles R. Smith, Jr.	A-A : U.S. history-slavery; poetic; building of the original White House	2/3-5 ·
<i>Bug-a-licious</i> ✓	Meish Goldish	NF ; [15]	1-4 ·
<i>Bugs: First Encyclopedia</i>	Sarah Creese		2.5-4 ·
<i>Bugs in My Hair</i>	Michelle Knudsen	NF ; [15]	K-4 ·
<i>Butter Battle Book</i>	Dr. Seuss/Geisel	<i>Must</i> pre-read (tongue twisters) ; themes: war, fighting, prejudice, fear, power, competition; see YouTube	3/4-8 ·
<i>Butterfly Park</i>	Elly Mackay	Basic appreciation of butterflies	K-3 ·
<i>Caboose Who Got Loose</i>	Bill Peet	Rhyming; intro voc. As you read [15]	2-4
<i>Cam Jansen: Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball</i>	David Adler	CH ; For intro: stop on p. 17.	3-4
<i>Captain Cat</i>	Inga Moore	<i>Delightful</i> : dedicated to cats [17]	1-6 ·
<i>Can I Join Your Club?</i> ✓	John Kelly	See YouTube ; Acceptance = Friendship [12]	K-3 ·
<i>Carla's Sandwich</i> ✓	Debbie Herman	See YouTube ; see StorylineOnline ; Being different [12]	1-3
<i>Cat Came Back, The</i>	Dahlov Ipcar	Folktale; song: MP3 by Doc Watson at Amazon ; see YouTube: several versions	1-4 ·
<i>Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream</i>	Crystal Hubbard	A-A : female baseball history; see YouTube ; see StorylineOnline [16]	3-8 ·
<i>Caterpillars</i>	Claire Llawellyn	NF	2-6 ·
<i>Charley's First Night</i> ✓	Amy Hest	Love between child and puppy	K-2 ·
<i>Charlie's House</i>	Clyde Robert Bulla	A-A	3.2-8 ·
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	E.B. White	CH ; see YouTube	3-6 ·
<i>Chicken Sunday</i> ✓	Patricia Polacco	See YouTube [15]	2&up ·
<i>Chinese Siamese Cat, The</i>	Amy Tan	See YouTube ; Learn from mistakes [22]	3-5/6 ·
<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	Kevin Henkes	See YouTube [10]	K-3
<i>City Dog, Country Frog</i> ✓	Mo Willems	See YouTube ; dealing with death [4]	K-2 ·
<i>Clever Jack Takes the Cake</i>	Candace Fleming	See YouTube	1-3 ·
<i>Clever Tom and the Leprechaun</i>	Linda Sheehan		1-3 ·
<i>Click Clack Moo</i>	Doreen Cronin	See YouTube	1-2 ·
<i>Coming on Home Soon</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	A-A ; hist. Fic: WWII; see YouTube [12]	2-6+ ·
<i>Cow Loves cookies</i> ✓	Karma Wilson	Rhyming narrative; silly, but cute; see YouTube	PreK-1 ·
<i>Crazy Hair Day</i> ✓	Barncy Saltzberg	See YouTube [7]	K-3 ·
<i>Creatures of the Woods</i>	Nat'l Geo Society	NF	2-4
<i>Crow boy</i>	Taro Yashima	Larger edition better; see YouTube [10]	2-4 ·
<i>Cuddliest Cuddle in the World</i>	Sarah Nash		K-2 ·
<i>Dandelion's Tale</i>	Kevin Sheehan		1-3 ·
<i>Danitra Brown, Class Clown</i>	Nikki Grimes	A-A	3-8 ·
<i>Daphne's Book</i>	Mary D . Hahn	CH	4-8 ·
<i>David Goes to School</i> ✓	David Shannon	Adjusting to school & others [3-4]	K-3 ·
<i>Day of Ahmed's Secret</i>	Florence Heide	Family respect/responsibility + cultural differences [9]	1-3
<i>Day the Crayons Quit, The</i>	Drew Daywalt	Humor; see YouTube	1-2
<i>Dear Deer: A Book of Homophones</i>	Gene Barretta	Cute, but requires lots of repetition [up to 20]	1-4
<i>Devil's Bridge, The</i>	Charles Scribner, Jr.	Halloween? For intro: Stop on p. 16 where the devil bows to the child.	2-4 ·
<i>Digger, Dozer, Dumper</i>	Hope Vestergaard	NF	1-3 ·

<i>Dirty Gert</i>	Tedd Arnold	Voc. Needs explaining; abrupt ending.	K-2 ·
<i>Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots?</i>	Carmela L. Coyle		2-3 ·
<i>Dog and Bear: Two's Company</i>	Laura V. Seeger	[4]	K-2
<i>Dog Who Belonged to No One, The</i> ✓	Amy Hest	See YouTube; friendship [7]	K/1-4 ·
<i>Dog Who Cried Wolf</i> ✓	Keiko Kasza	See YouTube [3-4]	K-2 ·
<i>Don't Lick the Dog: Making Friends with Dogs</i>	Windy Wahman	See YouTube	PreK-1 ·
<i>Dot, The</i>	Peter H. Reynolds	See YouTube; Themes: don't give up / take risks / see your possibilities / you have to start somewhere [6]	K-4 ·
<i>Drinking Gourd, A Story of the Underground RR</i>	F. N. Monjo	A-A: slavery; CH [12] Slavery & the Big Dipper	2-4 ·
<i>Duckling Gets a Cookie,</i>	Mo Willems	Behavior message; see YouTube	K-2 ·
<i>Down the Road</i>	Alice Schertle	A-A	K-4 ·
<i>Duffy and the Devil</i>	Harve Zemach	CH?—a little long PB	2-5
<i>Each Kindness</i> ✓	J. Woodson		2-4+ ·
<i>Earrings!</i>	Judith Viorst	[7]	PreK-2 ·
<i>Easter Egg Farm, The</i>	Mary Jane Auch	Lauds Creativity and being different	PreK-2 ·
<i>E-I-E-I-O: How Old Mac Donald Got His Farm</i>	Judy Sierra	[5]	1-3 ·
<i>Eli</i>	Bill Peet	See YouTube [15]	1-4 ·
<i>Elizabeth and Larry</i>	Marilyn Sadler	See YouTube	1-2
<i>Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Stanton and the Right to Vote</i>	Tanya Stone	A-A/related to abolitionism; NF	3-6
<i>Ella</i>	Bill Peet	[15]	1-4 ·
<i>Ellie: The Perfect Dress for Me!</i>	C.M. Rubin		1-3
<i>Empty Pot</i>	Demi	See YouTube; see StorylineOnline	K-2 ·
<i>Enemy Pie</i> ✓	Derek Munson	See YouTube; see StorylineOnline; turns enemy into friend [12]	K-3/4 ·
<i>Exclamation Mark!</i>	Amy K. Rosenthal	Read with great energy!	1-4 ·
<i>Fancy Nancy</i>	Jane O'Connor	See YouTube; Fantasy: Eloquence [10]	K-3 ·
<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i>	Roald Dahl	CH; very short, cliffhanging chapters	3-8+
<i>Far Apart, Close in Heart</i>	Becky Birtha	See YouTube; a parent in prison [10]	1-2/3
<i>Farm Flu</i>	Theresa Bateman	See YouTube	K-2 ·
<i>Farmer Duck</i>	Martin Waddell	See YouTube; Book for discussion: socialistic idea or purely fanciful?	K-3
<i>Fisherman and His Wife w/Benja and Bubbles, The</i>	Ruth Perle and Susan Horowitz	Rhyming of this traditional folktale [15]	2-3/4 ·
<i>First Day Jitters</i> ✓	Julie Danneberg	See YouTube	K-3 ·
<i>First Encyclopedia: Bugs</i>	Sarah Creese	Basic intro: large pictures; NF	2-4
<i>Fishing Day</i>	Andrea Davis Pinkney	A-A: segregation/Jim Crow	2-4 ·
<i>Five Chinese Brothers</i> ✓	Claire Bishop		2-3 ·
<i>Flap Your Wings</i>	P.D. Eastman		K-2
<i>Fly Away Home</i>	Eve Bunting	See YouTube; homeless & hopeful [10]	1-3.1
<i>Fly Went By, A</i>	Mike McClintock	See YouTube; rhyming tale [13]	K-2 ·
<i>For the Love of Autumn</i> ✓	Patricia Polacco	Story about a kitten	2-8 ·
<i>Fourth Grade Rats</i>	Jerry Spinnelli		3-5 ·
<i>Fox in the Library</i>	Lorenz Pauli	Humorous intro to library [7]	1-2 ·
<i>Franklin's New Friend</i>	Paulette Bourgeois	See YouTube	K-2 ·
<i>Freckle Juice</i>	Judy Blume	See YouTube; like a begin. Chap. Book	3-5
<i>Freedom Summer</i>	Deborah Wiles	A-A: discrimination	2-4 ·

<i>Frog Prince, Continued</i>	Jon Scieszka	See YouTube ; surprise ending [10]	1-2/3 ·
<i>Froggy Fable, A</i>	John Lechner	See YouTube [4-5]	K-2.5 ·
<i>Frogs</i>	Nic Bishop	NF [20-30]	2-8 ·
<i>Frogs: Usborne First Reading</i>	Sarah Courtauld	NF; Very simple and needs much elaboration	K-4
<i>Frog on a Log?</i> ✓	Kes Gray & Jim Field	Rhymes—mostly	K-2 ·
<i>From Slave to Soldier</i>	Deborah Hopkinson	A-A: Civil War Hist. Fic. [11]	3-6 ·
<i>Funny Little Woman, The</i>	Arlene Mosel	Japanese folk tale: just for a fun [10]	K-2/3 ·
<i>Gang Girl</i> ✓	H. S. Fleischman	Puerto-Rican American; CH	4-8 ·
<i>George Washington's Teeth</i>	Deborah Chandra & Madeleine Comora	NF; Good motivator for dental care. Text's rhyme calls for pre-reading.	1-3/4 ·
<i>Gertrude's Pocket</i>	Miska Miles	CH; for intro: stop on p. 22.	3-5
<i>Giant Jumperee, The</i>	Julia Donaldson	Trickery, imagination [5]	K-2
<i>Gingerbread Bear, The</i>	Robert Dennis	[6-7]	K-1/2 ·
<i>Gingerbread Boy [Man]</i> ✓	Paul Galdone	See YouTube—other versions, too	K-2 ·
<i>Gingerbread Girl</i> ✓	Lisa C. Ernst	See YouTube [15]	K-3 ·
<i>Gingerbread Man</i>	Jim Aylesworth	[7-8]	K-2 ·
<i>Girl Running</i>	Annette Pimentel	Theme: female discrimination in sports [12+3 afterword]	K/1-4 ·
<i>Girl Who Never Made Mistakes, The</i>	Mark Pett	See YouTube ; Learning to deal with failure [8]	2-4 ·
<i>Girl Who Wouldn't Brush Her Hair, The</i>	Kate Bernheimer	See YouTube ; personal hygiene... maybe, but fun [12]	K-3 ·
<i>Girls Hold Up this World</i>	Donyell McCullough	A-A + inter-racial; see YouTube	2-4 ·
<i>Giving Tree</i> ✓	Shel Silverstein	See YouTube	2-4 ·
<i>Gnats of Knotty Pine, The</i>	Bill Peet	Tall tale [15 w/elaboration]	3-6 ·
<i>Goin' Somewhere Special</i>	Patricia C. McKissack	A-A: history/discrimination; see YouTube : click "Treasures Series" [15]	3/4-8 ·
<i>Gold Coin, The</i>	Alma Flor Ada	See YouTube ; Folktale: Lessons in kindness [17+]	2-4 ·
<i>Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site</i>	Sherri Rinker	NF; see YouTube	PreK-2 ·
<i>Grain of Rice</i>	Helena Pittman		2-4 ·
<i>Grandmama's Pride</i>	Becky Birtha	A-A: discrimination/civil rights [15]	2-4 ·
<i>Grandpa's Face</i>	Eloise Greenfield	A-A	2-4 ·
<i>Grannyman</i>	Judith Schachner	See YouTube	1-3 ·
<i>Green Pants</i>	Kenneth Kraegel	Creatively solving problems [6]	K-3
<i>Gregory, the Terrible Eater</i>	Mitchell Sharmat	Ripe for discussion about junk food [8]	PreK-2 ·
<i>Grown-Ups Get to Do All the Driving</i>	William Steig	For discussion and writing: negative but "funny" comments about seniors [NA]	K-3/4 ·
<i>Gruffalo, The</i> ✓	Julia Donaldson	See YouTube ; parts-reading, too; rhyme	K-2/3 ·
<i>Hallelujah Flight, The!</i>	Phil Bildner	A-A	3-8 ·
<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	James Marshall	See YouTube animation	1-3 ·
<i>Happy Birthday, Jamela!</i> ✓	Niki Daly	A-A; problem solving creatively [11]	K-2 ·
<i>Harlem's Little Blackbird: Story of Florence Mills</i>	Renee Watson	A-A: black history; NF: bio see YouTube [15]	3&Up
<i>Harry the Dirty Dog</i>	Gene Zion	Just for entertainment [5]	PreK-1 ·
<i>Hat for Mrs. Goldman, A</i>	Michelle Edwards	Friendship; explain Jewish idioms [9]	K-2/3 ·
<i>Hattie & Hudson</i>	Chris Van Dusen	Incredulous tall tale, but fun [10]	K-2/3
<i>Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller</i>	Doreen Rappaport	NF: bio	3-8
<i>Henny Penny</i>	Paul Galdone	See YouTube—other versions	K-2 ·
<i>Henry Aaron's Dream</i>	Matt Tavares	A-A: black history—baseball; NF	4&up ·
<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i> ✓	Ellen Levine	A-A: black history; see YouTube	1-5 ·
<i>Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life</i>	Jerdine Nolen	A-A: modern folktale	2-4

<i>Hey, Little Ant</i> ✓	Phillip Hoose	See YouTube	K-4 ·
<i>Hooway for Wodney Wat</i>	Helen Lester	See YouTube [10]	K-2 ·
<i>Hope's Gift</i>	Kelly S. Lyons	A-A: Slavery	3-6 ·
<i>Horace the Horrible: A Knight Meets His Match</i>	Jackie F. Koller	Theme: showing affection [10]	2-3/4 ·
<i>Horton & the Kwuggerbug and Other Lost Stories</i>	Dr. Seuss	See YouTube—but must pick & choose	1-3 ·
<i>House is a House for Me, A</i>	Mary Ann Hoberman	Rhyming and singsongy: Can be sung to the tune of	2-3 ·
<i>How?</i>	Catherine Ripley	Broken into segments	3-6
<i>How Joe the Bear and Sam the Mouse Got Together</i> ✓	Beatrice de Regniers	See YouTube ; Friendship + differences	K-2 ·
<i>How Martha Saved Her Parents from Green Beans</i>	David LaRouchelle	See YouTube ; silly story about eating your vegetables [5]	1-2 ·
<i>How to Be Cool in the Third Grade</i>	Betsy Duffey	Bullying; CH	2-4 ·
<i>How to Steal a Dog</i> ✓	Barbara O'Connor	CH ; homelessness, friendship, honesty+	4-8 ·
<i>Hubert's Hair-Raising Adventure</i>	Bill Peet	See YouTube [15]	1-4 ·
<i>Huge Harold</i>	Bill Peet	See YouTube [15]	1-4 ·
<i>Hundred Dresses, The</i> ✓	Eleanor Estes	CH ; for intro: stop on p. 18.	3-6 ·
<i>I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!</i> ✓	Karen Beaumont	See YouTube	K-3 ·
<i>I Am Your Misfortune</i>	Marguerita Rudolph	Halloween , and more	3-4 ·
<i>I Can Hear the Sun</i>	Patricia Polacco	Empathy for special-needs children, but mystical/unrealistic ending	2-6
<i>I Don't Like Gloria</i> ✓	Kay Umansky	See YouTube	PreK-1 ·
<i>I Don't Want to be a Frog</i>	Dev Petty	See YouTube ; Self acceptance [4]	K-2 ·
<i>If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad</i>	Ellen Levine	NF ; question and answer approach; reading time is not applicable	3&up ·
<i>If You were a Comma</i> <i>If You were a Period</i> <i>If You were an Apostrophe</i> <i>If You were a Quotation ...</i>	Molly Blaisdell Nicholas Healy Shelly Lyons Molly Blaisell	NF ; a picture book way to introduce or reinforce basic punctuation	1-4 ·
<i>If You Were a Synonym</i>	Michael Dahl	Great way to intro synonyms; see other parts-of-speech books in series [varies]	2/3-5/6
<i>If Your Name was Changed at Ellis Island</i>	Ellen Levine	NF ; question and answer approach; reading time is not applicable	4&up ·
<i>I Had a Favorite Hat</i>	Boni Ashburn		1-2/3 ·
<i>I Know a Lady</i>	Charlotte Zolotow	www.teachingchildrenphilosophy.org	K-2/3 ·
<i>I Like Myself!</i>	Karen Beaumont	See YouTube	K-2 ·
<i>I'll Always Love You</i>	Hans Wilhelm	Theme: expressing love [3]	PreK-2
<i>I Love My Hair</i>	Natasha A. Tarpley	See YouTube	1-4 ·
<i>I'm Not Afraid of this Haunted House</i> ✓	Laurie Friedman	Halloween , and more. See YouTube	1-3 ·
<i>Imogene's Last Stand</i>	Candance Fleming	Lauds fighting for a cause [14]	3-4 + ·
<i>Inch by Inch</i>	Leo Lionni	Theme: outsmarting a problem [2]	PreK-1 ·
<i>I Need My Monster</i> ✓	Amanda Noll	Halloween+ . See YouTube ; see StorylineOnline [11]	1-3 ·
<i>Invisible Boy, The</i>	Trudy Ludwig	See YouTube ; theme: friendship [12]	K-3/4
<i>Ira Sleeps Over</i>	Bernard Waber	See YouTube video/DVD [8]	K-3 ·
<i>Ish</i>	Peter Reynolds		1-3 ·
<i>I Saw a Bullfrog</i>	Ellen Stern	NF/Fic ; rhyming (bull vs. frog, etc.) [6]	K/1-3 ·
<i>I Swapped My Dog</i>	Harriet Ziefert		PreK-1 ·
<i>I Was All Thumbs</i>	Bernard Waber	Thankfulness, friendship, octopus [14]	2/3+

<i>I've Got an Elephant</i>	Anne Ginkel	Rhyming [6]	K-1 ·
<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>	Steven Kellogg	See YouTube [14]	1-4 ·
<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>	Albert Lorenz	See video/DVD too	2-4 ·
<i>Jack Outwits the Giants</i>	Paul B. Johnson	[17]	3-6 ·
<i>Jackie and Me</i>	Dan Gutman	A-A CH; for intro: End after chap. 2	4-8 ·
<i>Jackrabbit and the Prairie Fire</i>	Susan Saunders	NF [5]	K-2 ·
<i>Jamela's Dress</i> ✓	Niki Daly	A-A (African setting); love & luck together: a pass-it-on event [10]	K-3 ·
<i>Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato</i>	Tomie Depaola	See YouTube	1-3 ·
<i>January's Sparrow</i> ✓	Patricia Polacco	A-A; see YouTube; with elaboration, a 70-minute read; read sections at a time	4&Up ·
<i>J.T.</i>	Jane Wagner	CH; for intro: stop on p. 30; full-length film on YouTube	3-8 ·
<i>Jennifer and Josephine</i>	Bill Peet	For intro: Stop on p. 25.	3-5 ·
<i>Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley and Me, Elizabeth</i>	E.L. Konigsburg		4-8 ·
<i>Jennifer Jones Won't Leave Me Alone</i> ✓	Frieda Wishinsky	See YouTube [5]	K-2/3 ·
<i>Jessica</i>	Kevin Henkes	See YouTube	K-2 ·
<i>Jim and the Beanstalk</i>	Raymond Briggs	Similar to <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>	2-3 ·
<i>John Henry: An American Legend</i>	Ezra Keats	See YouTube [10]	2-4up ·
<i>John Philip Duck</i>	Patricia Polacco	See YouTube+video of marching ducks	3-8 ·
<i>Jonathan James and the Whatif Monster</i>	Michelle Nelson-Schmidt	See YouTube; Instilling self-confidence; turning self-negative feelings around [5]	K-3 ·
<i>Joy in Mudville</i>	Bob Raczka	Female baseball story	3-8 ·
<i>Judge: An Untrue Tale</i>	Harve Zemach	See note at end of this list.	1-4 ·
<i>Juice Box Bully, The</i>	Bob Sornson	See YouTube; reacting to bullying [10]	1-4 ·
<i>Julius: The Baby of the World</i>	Kevin Henkes	New baby: sibling rivalry; see YouTube [14]	K/1-2.2 ·
<i>Juneteenth for Mazie</i>	Floyd Cooper	A-A: slavery and freedom	2-4 ·
<i>Just Plain Fancy</i>	Patricia Polacco	See YouTube; Amish way of life	2-4 ·
<i>Katie Loves the Kittens</i>	John Himmelman	See YouTube—select the animation	K-2 ·
<i>Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up</i> ✓	Melissa Thomson	A-A; CH: written in journal style; reading level: 3.9—read in sections	2/3-6 ·
<i>Kiss the Cow!</i> ✓	Phyllis Root		K-3 ·
<i>Kissing Hand</i>	Audrey Penn	See YouTube; see StorylineOnline [5]	K-3 ·
<i>Last Day blues</i>	Julie Danneberg	See YouTube; [10]	K-3.1 ·
<i>Lemonade Club</i>	Patricia Polacco	Cancer and leukemia	2-5 ·
<i>Leon and Bob</i> ✓	Simon James	A-A; friendship; see YouTube [3]	K-2/3 ·
<i>Lentil Soup</i> ✓	Joe Lasker		1-3 ·
<i>"Let's Get a Pup!" said Kate</i>	Bob Graham	See YouTube; [7]	K-2/3 ·
<i>Library, The</i>	Sarah Stewart		1-3 ·
<i>Library Book, The</i>	Tom Chapin	Works well with Chapin's song of the same title; see YouTube [5]	K-3 ·
<i>Lice: Head Hunters (Bloodsuckers)</i>	Barbara Somervill	NF; CH; [Each chap 1+ min.]	K-3/4 ·
<i>Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children</i>	Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen	See YouTube; dealing with death	1-3 ·
<i>Light in the Darkness: A Story about How Slaves</i>	Lesa Cline-Rasome	A-A: Slavery & "Pit Schools"	2.5-8 ·

<i>Learned in Secret</i>			
<i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i>	Kevin Henkes	See YouTube	K-3
<i>Listeners, The</i>	Gloria Whelan	A-A: slavery (children)	1-3/4
<i>Little Engine that Could</i>	Watty Piper	This is the original. See YouTube for various versions + animated films. [8]	PreK-2
<i>Little Hen and the Giant</i>	Maria polushkin		1-3
<i>Little House</i>	Virginia L. Burton	See YouTube [15]	1-3
<i>Little Melba and Her Big Trombone</i>	Katheryn R.-Brown	A-A: bio	1-3
<i>Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and THE BIG HUNGRY BEAR, v</i>	Don & Audrey Wood	See YouTube [3]	K-1/2
<i>Little Old Lady Who was Not Afraid of Anythingv</i>	Linday Williams	Halloween and more; see YouTube	2-3
<i>Little Piano Girl: The story of Mary Lou Williams, Jazz Legend, The</i>	Ann Ingalls & Maryann Macdonald	A-A: semi-biography ; NF	2-5
<i>Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion</i>	Alex Smith	Just a fun book. [7]	K-2
<i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>	Susan Horowitz	[13 w/elaboration]	1-2/3
<i>Little Shop of Monsters</i>	Marc Brown/ RL Stine	Silly, but humorously scary	K-3
<i>Lonely Book, The</i>	Kate Bernheimer	For young book lovers [10]	1-3/4
<i>Long Blue Blazer, The</i>	Jeanne Willis	Odd sci-fi, but interesting [5]	K-2
<i>Love is My Favorite Thing</i>	Emma C. Clark		K-2
<i>Love Me Tender</i>	Priscilla Presley	Love between parent & child [5]	K-2
<i>Love Monster and the Last Chocolate v</i>	Rachael Bright	Friendship [5]	K-3
<i>Love Monster and the Perfect Present v</i>	Rachael Bright	Expressing friendship [5]	K-2
<i>Love You Forever</i>	Robert Munsch	See YouTube [7]	K-2/3
<i>Luba and the Wren</i>	Patricia Polacco	Variation of <i>The Magic Fish</i> ; greed, plus a meaning of happiness; see YouTube [15-18, depending on elaboration]	2-4
<i>Lucky Beans v</i>	Becky Birtha	A-A: discrimination	3-5
<i>Maggie and the Monster</i>	Elizabeth Winthrop	Nightmares/bad dreams [5]	K-1/2
<i>Magic Fish, The v</i>	Freya Littledale		K-3
<i>Magic Amber, The</i>	Charles Reasoner	Korean folktale; kindness repaid [20]	3-5
<i>Magic Porridge Pot, The v</i>	Paul Galdone	[6]	K-2
<i>Magic School Bus and the Missing Teeth, The</i>	Jeanette Lane Scholastic Reader	Intro to understanding teeth; does not deal with teeth care.	K-2.1
<i>Malala's Magic Pencil</i>	Malala Yousafzai	NF : semi-bio; female ed'n, Taliban [8]	2/3-6
<i>Malcolm X</i>	Arnold Adoff	A-A ; From prison to prominence; 28 pgs; [10 min. intro to p. 15]	3-6up
<i>Marinka, Katinka, and Me (Susie)</i>	Winifred Madison	CH	3.2-8
<i>Martha Doesn't Say Sorry v</i>	Samantha Berger		PreK-2
<i>Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach v</i>	Carmen Deedy	A Cuban folktale; see YouTube	1.2-4
<i>Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, jr.</i>	Doreen Rappaport	A-A/NF : mini-bio; see YouTube [8]	2-4
<i>Mary Mary v</i>	Sarah Hayes	Fanciful fiction: folktale-like [10]	1-4
<i>Matilda</i>	Roald Dahl		4-8up
<i>Mean Jake and the Devils</i>	William Hooks		2-4
<i>Mean Old Mean hyena</i>	Jack Prelutsky	Rhyme	1-3
<i>Meet Danitra Brown</i>	Nikki Grimes	A-A: friend poems ; see YouTube [13]	3-6

<i>Meet Shel Silverstein</i>	S. Ward	NF: bio	3-8 ·
<i>Meet the Parents</i>	Peter Bently		K-1 ·
<i>Mendel's Accordion</i>	Heidi Smith Hyde		3-4 ·
<i>Mermaid's Purse, The</i>	Patricia Polacco	The power of reading/books [20]	3up ·
<i>Michael Recycle and the Tree Top Cops</i>	Ellie Bethel	[10]	3-4up ·
<i>Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug</i>	Ellie Bethel		1-3 ·
<i>Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen</i>	Marissa Moss	NF	2-4 ·
<i>Millions of Cats</i>	Wanda Gag	See YouTube [6]	K-2/3 ·
<i>Mine-O-Saur</i>	Sudipta Quallen	See YouTube	K-2 ·
<i>Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman</i>	Alan Schroeder	A-A: fictionalized account of young Harriet Tubman; see YouTube [25]	3&Up
<i>Miss Child has Gone Wild!</i>	Dan Gutman	CH; for intro: stop on p. 6; see video	3-4
<i>Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10</i> ✓	Judy Finchler	See YouTube [5-6] [The Malarkey series varies in quality]	K-2 ·
<i>Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind</i> ✓	Judy Finchler	See YouTube [6] [The Malarkey series varies in quality]	1-3/4 ·
<i>Miss Nelson is Back</i> ✓	James Marshall	See YouTube [8]	1-3 ·
<i>Miss Nelson is Missing</i> ✓	Harry Allard	See video/DVD	1-3 ·
<i>Miss Nelson Has a Field Day</i> ✓	Harry Allard	See YouTube—choose top animation	1-3 ·
<i>Miss Twiggley's Tree</i>	Dorthea W. Fox	See YouTube	1-2
<i>Mitten, The</i>	Alvin Tresselt	Being kind	K-2/3
<i>Molly</i>	Joseph S. Bonsall		K-3
<i>Mommy Doesn't Know My Name</i>	Suzanne Williams	See YouTube; myriad expressions of affection, like “pumpkin” [5]	PreK-1 ·
<i>Monarch Butterfly's Life</i>	John Himmelman	NF	1-3 ·
<i>Monster & the Tailor</i> ✓	Paul, Galdone		K-3 ·
<i>Mr. Crum's Potato Predicament</i>	Anne Renaud	NF; see YouTube; potato chip invention [10+4 for epilogue]	1-3/4 ·
<i>Mrs. Katz and Tush</i>	Patricia Polacco	A-A-related: inter-racial; various terms need explaining; see YouTube [15+]	3-8 ·
<i>Mrs. Mack</i>	Patricia Polacco	A child-loves-horse story	3-8 ·
<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale</i> ✓	John Steptoe	A-A/Africa; see YouTube	2-4 ·
<i>My Brother Stevie</i> ✓	Eleanor Clymer	A-A: realistic fiction; CH	3-8 ·
<i>My Dad Lives in a Downtown Hotel</i>	Peggy Mann	Divorce; for intro: stop on 14; CH	4-8 ·
<i>My Dog, Trip</i>	Debra Kogan Ray	CH: hillbilly—non-standard English	3-8 ·
<i>My Little Sister Ate One Hare</i> ✓	Bill Grossman	To add interest, at appropriate places pretend you're about to throw up; see YouTube	PreK-1 ·
<i>My Lucky Day</i> ✓	Keiko Kasza	See YouTube	K-3 ·
<i>My Red Balloon</i>	Eve Bunting	[10]	
<i>My Secret Bully</i>	Trudy Ludwig	See YouTube [5]	1-3/4 ·
<i>My Side of the Car</i>	Kate Fleiffer	See YouTube	K-2/3 ·
<i>My Special Day at Third Street School</i>	Suzanne Bloom		K-4 ·
<i>Mysterious Giant of Barletta, The</i> ✓	Tomie Depaola	Italian folk tale [10]	2-4 ·
<i>Neighborhood Sing-Along</i>	Nina Crews	34 short songs	K-4 ·
<i>Never Talk to Strangers</i>	Irma Joyce	See YouTube; Whimsical but effective	Pre-K-1 ·
<i>New Girl and Me, The</i>	Jacqui Robbins	Confusing ending: Emphasize word “if” in last sentence [7]	1-2 ·

<i>Nicketty-Nacketty Noo-Noo-No</i>	Joy Cowley	Halloween , and more	1-2
<i>Nightmares: Poems to Trouble Your Sleep</i>	Jack Prelutsky	Halloween , and more	3-8+
<i>Night Running: How James escaped with the Help of His Faithful Dog</i>	Elisa Carbone	A-A : Slavery, escape from	2-8
<i>Nobody's Cat</i>	Barbara Joosse		K-2
<i>No Sleep for the Sheep</i>	Karen Beaumont		PreK-1
<i>No Talking</i>	Andrew Clements	CH ; for intro: stop on p. 9.	3-8
<i>Nothing but Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson</i>	Sue Stauffacher	A-A ; NF : bio; footage of her playing/interview on YouTube	3-8
<i>Not So Fast, Songololo</i> ✓	Niki Daly	A-A (African setting): A grandma's love via self-sacrifice [10]	K-2/3
<i>Obedient Jack</i> ✓	Paul Galdone		K-2
<i>Odious Ogre, The</i>	Norton Juster	See YouTube [15]	2-6
<i>Oh, No!</i>	Candice Fleming	See YouTube : Type in "Video: Oh, No! Picture Book"	K-2
<i>Old Woman Who Named Things</i> ✓	Cynthia Rylant		1-4
<i>Olivia Helps with Christmas</i>	Ian Falconer	See YouTube ; Christmas [7]	K-3
<i>Once Upon a Time</i>	Niki Daly	A-A	2-4
<i>One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree</i>	Daniel Bernstrom	See YouTube . Like a fanciful, totally secular version of Jonah and the whale; this time a large snake. [7]	K-2
<i>One Fine Day</i>	Nonny Hogrogian		1-3
<i>One Plastic Bag</i>	Miranda Paul	NF : recycling in Gambia, Africa	1-4
<i>One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote</i>	Bonnie Worth/Seuss	Simple and humorous for the pre-voting numerous [13 w/elaboration]	1-4+
<i>Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth</i>	Anne Rockwell	A-A : slavery + freedom; [30 w/elaboration: 1st reading can stop at bottom of page 14]	4&up
<i>Orange Shoes, The</i>	Trinka H. Noble	One-room school in 1900: \$7.12 = \$206.78 in 2015! Emotional story [20]	2.5up
<i>Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story</i>	Andrea Warren	CH , NF : Very emotional [1.5 hrs., divided into 3- to 14-minute chapters]	3.2up
<i>Other Side, The</i> ✓	Jacqueline Woodson	A-A /inter-racial	2-4
<i>Otis</i>	Loren Long		1-2
<i>Our Gracie Aunt</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	A-A ; welfare/family breakup, very moving story [15]	1/2-4
<i>Outside the Box: A book of Poems</i>	Karma Wilson	Fifteen great poems out of 87, but worth the price.	2-4
<i>Pain and the Great One</i>	Judy Blume	CH	3-5
<i>Pamela Camel</i>	Bill Peet	Humorous tale, brave camel [12]	1-4
<i>Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley</i>	Aaron Blabey	Friendship differences [4]	K/1-3
<i>Penny and her Marble</i>	Kevin Henkes		K-2
<i>Peppe the Lamplighter</i>	Lisa Bartone	Italian immigrant story	2-4
<i>Perfect Father's Day</i>	Eve Bunting		K-2
<i>Pete the Cat and the New Guy</i>	Kimberly Dean	See YouTube—animation	PreK-2
<i>Pete's Dragon</i>	Walt Disney	Fanciful tale: Golden Book [10]	K-2
<i>Piano, The</i>	William Miller		2/3-6
<i>Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln, A</i>	David Adler	NF : bio (mini); mentions slavery. See also: Harriet Tubman, Jesse Owens, Daniel Boone by same author	3-4

<i>Pig Who Ran a Red Light</i>	Paul Brett Johnson	Moral: Be yourself [7-10 with elab.]	K-2
<i>Pig the Pug</i> ✓	Aaron Blabey	Selfishness, big ego [4]	K-3
<i>Pig the Winner</i> ✓	Aaron Blabey	Big ego/how not to make friends [4]	K-3
<i>Piggy Pie!</i> ✓	Magie Palatini		1-2
<i>Pinballs, The</i>	Betsy Byars	CH: welfare kids	4/5up
<i>Pink and Say</i>	Patricia Polacco	A-A/inter-racial; for intro: stop on p. 16, sight of master's burned house.	3-5
<i>Pitch and Throw, Grasp and Know: What Is a Synonym?</i>	Brian Cleary	NF: See other fun rhyming "English"/word books by Cleary, like <i>Stop and Go</i> , <i>Yes and No</i> [varies]	2-4
<i>Planet of the Lawn Gnomes (Goosebumps)</i>	R.L. Stine	CH; Science fiction: discussable morality in first 1/3; otherwise very suspenseful	3-6
<i>Pocahontas</i>	Edgar Parin D'Aulaire		2-3
<i>Pocket for Corduroy, A</i>	Don Freeman	[7]	PreK-2
<i>Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum</i>	Meghan McCarthy	NF [6; more if using addendum]	1-4
<i>Precious and the Boo Hag</i>	Patricia C. McKissack	A-A: folktale	1-3
<i>Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa</i> ✓	Niki Daly	A-A: African folktale; theme: Don't talk to strangers	K-3/4
<i>Prince Won't Go to Bed!</i> ✓	Dayle Ann Dodds		1-3
<i>Princess and the Pea</i> ✓	Paul Galdone	See YouTube	1-3
<i>Princess Cora and the Crocodile</i>	Laura Amy Schlitz	CH; See YouTube; somewhat a fairytale; cute story: boring child, over-controlling adults, funny story [47; recommend reading 1-2, 3-4, 5-7]	1/2-3
<i>Private Matter, A</i>	Kathryn Ewing		3.2-8
<i>Quickest Kid in Clarksville</i>	Pat Z. Miller	A-A: Rivalry to friendship [16 w/epilog]	2/3-5
<i>Rainbow Fish</i>	Marcus Pfister	www.teachingchildrenphilosophy.org -- good questions. See YouTube; see StorylineOnline [6]	K-3
<i>Rat and the Tiger</i>	Keiko Kasza		1-2
<i>Real Sisters Pretend</i>	Megan D. Lambert	A-A: multi-racial adoption/multi-racial same-sex parents; see YouTube [5]	K/1-3
<i>Real Story of the Three Little Pigs</i> ✓	Jon Scieszka	See YouTube	1-4
<i>Recess Queen, The</i> ✓	Alexis O'Neill	Bullying; see YouTube	K-3
<i>Red Riding Hood</i>	James Marshall		K-2
<i>Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton, Poet, The</i>	Don Tate	A-A: bio, slavery to freedom; NF	3&up
<i>Remembering Vera</i>	Patricia Polacco	An endearing dog [13 w/elaboration]	3&up
<i>Ron's Big Mission</i>	Rose Blue	A-A: discrimination; NF: bio (semi)	1-3
<i>Room on the Broom</i> ✓	Julia Donaldson	See YouTube film	1-3
<i>Root Beer and Banana</i>	Sarah Sullivan	Friendship/kindness [6]	1/2-3
<i>Rosa Parks</i>	Eloise Greenfield	A-A: discrimination; CH; NF: bio; for intro: stop on p. 10.	3-6
<i>Rough-Face Girl, The</i>	Rafe Martin	See YouTube [20]	3-5
<i>Ruby's Wish</i>	Shirin Yim Bridges	Chinese	2-4
<i>Ruby Sings the Blues</i>	Niki Daly	A-A; From loud to laudable [8]	K-4
<i>Rumpelstiltskin</i>	Paul O. Zelinsky	[12]	1-3
<i>Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter</i>	Diane Stanley	[20]	2-3
<i>Rapunzel</i>	Paul O. Zelinsky	See related DVD	2-3
<i>Ruth and the Green Book</i>	Calvin A. Ramsey	A-A: black history/discrimination; see YouTube	2&up
<i>Sable</i>	Karen Hesse	Long enough to be a CH	3&up

<i>Sammy in the Sky</i>	Barbara Walsh	[6-7]	2-4
<i>Sandwich Swap, The</i>	Rania Al Abdullah	See YouTube; friendship, appreciation of cultural differences, [8+2]	K-3
<i>Say Hello, Vanessa</i>	Margorie Sharmat	[18]	1-3/4
<i>Saying Goodbye to Lulu</i> ✓	Corinne Demas	Pet's death: simple but moving [6]	K-3/4
<i>School is Not White, The! (A True Story of the Civil Rights Movement)</i>	Doreen Rappaport	A-A: black history/school integration, race relations/discrimination; NF	4-8
<i>School's First Day of School</i>	Adam Rex	From a school's point of view [7]	PreK-2
<i>Separate is Never Equal</i>	Duncan Tonatiuh	See YouTube; theme: segregation [20+]	3/4+
<i>She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story</i>	Audrey Vernick	A-A; see YouTube	2-4
<i>She Persisted: Thirteen American Women Who Changed the World</i>	Chelsea Clinton	NF: very brief bios of famous women [7]	2-4+
<i>Sheila Rae's Peppermint Stick</i>	Kevin Henkes	A short board book: a sibling who teases/torments [3]	PreK-2
<i>Shoeshine Girl</i> ✓	Clyde Bulla	CH; 10 chapters, 5 min. each [60]	3-8
<i>Sick Simon</i>	Dan Krall	See YouTube; about personal germs	K-3
<i>Six-Dinner Sid</i> ✓	Inga Moore	See YouTube	K-3
<i>Smokey Night</i>	Eve Bunting	A-A; see YouTube; effects of rioting	3/4+
<i>Snakes: Long, Longer, Longest</i>	Jerry Pallotta		K-3
<i>Snatchabook</i> ✓	Helen Docherty	See YouTube	1-3
<i>Snopp on the Sidewalk</i>	Jack Prelutsky	Poetry	2-4
<i>Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch</i>	Eileen Spinelli	See YouTube; See StorylineOnline; effects of love [13]	K-4
<i>Somebody's New Pajamas</i>	Isaac Jackson	A-A; acceptance = friendship ✓ [11]	2-4
<i>Something Beautiful</i> ✓	Sharon D. Wyeth	A-A; positive thinking; see YouTube [5]	1-2/3
<i>Sometimes I'm Bombaloo</i>	Rachel Vail	Going berserk, then apologizing [3/4]	K-2
<i>Spray-Paint Mystery</i>	Angela Medearis	A-A; CH; for intro: end after 1 st chapter	3-6
<i>Spy Called James: The True story of [a] Revolutionary War Double Agent, A</i>	Anne Rockwell	A-A: history/slavery; needs elaboration & vocabulary explanations; see YouTube: free movie [15]	3-8
<i>Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon</i>	Patty Lovell	See YouTube; theme: fun to be unique, different; positive attitude [10]	K-2
<i>Steamboat School</i> ✓	Debra Hopkinson	A-A: secret slave schooling [13]	3-6
<i>Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World about Kindness</i>	Donna J. Bowman	A-A: ex-slave makes it big via kindness to a horse in spite of segregation: Theme: Kindness [32-35 w/elaboration]	4/5&Up
<i>Stellaluna</i>	Janell Cannon	See YouTube; See StorylineOnline; moral: appreciating differences [11]	1-3
<i>Stephanie's Ponytail</i> ✓	Robert Munsch	See YouTube; fitting in [6]	K-3/4
<i>Stone Fox</i>	John R. Gardiner		3-6
<i>Stone Soup</i> ✓	Marcia Brown	See related DVD	2-3
<i>Story of Ferdinand</i> ✓	Munro Leaf	See YouTube Disney film	1-2
<i>Strega Nona</i> ✓	Tomie dePaola	See YouTube; see StorylineOnline	2-4
<i>Strega Nona: Her Story</i> ✓	Tomie dePaola	See YouTube; folk tale/good witch [17]	2-4
<i>Super Hungry Dinosaur</i>	Martin Waddell	See YouTube; just silly [5]	K-1
<i>Sweet Music in Harlem</i>	Debbie A. Taylor	A-A: Harlem	2/3-5
<i>Swimmy</i>	Leo Lionni	See YouTube	2-3
<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i>	William Steig	See DVD	2-3
<i>Tale of Tricky Fox, The</i>	Jim Aylesworth	Compare with <i>What's in Fox's Sack</i>	1-3

<i>Tale of Two Beasts</i>	Fiona Robertson	See YouTube ; Don't take friendship for granted [7]	K-3 ·
<i>Tailypo: A Ghost Story</i> ✓	Paul Galdone	Halloween , and more	1-3 ·
<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>	Judy Blume	CH	3-6 ·
<i>Talking Eggs, The</i>	Robert D. San Souci	See YouTube ; Cinderella-like folktale [20 mins, but worth it]	1-3/4 ·
<i>Taste of Colored Water</i> ✓	Matt Faulkner	A-A /inter-racial	3-4 ·
<i>Teammates: Jackie Robinson & "Pee Wee" Reese</i>	Peter Golenbock	NF ; A-A /inter-racial: accepting differences, racial prejudice; see YouTube [14 w/elaboration]	3-8+ ·
<i>Teddy Bear, The</i> ✓	David McPhail		K-3 ·
<i>Tell Me Something Happy before I Go to Sleep</i>	Joyce Dunbar	See YouTube	1-2 ·
<i>Ten Timid Ghosts on a Christmas Night</i>	Jennifer O'Connell	Christmas	PreK-1
<i>Tenth Good Thing about Barney, The</i>	Judith Viorst	Death of a pet; see YouTube	K-3
<i>Terrible Fight, The</i>	Sharon St. Germain	Friendship and fighting	K-2.5
<i>Testing the Ice: A True Story about Jackie Robinson</i>	Sharon Robinson	A-A	3-6 ·
<i>Thank You Book, The</i>	Mo Willems	[5-6]	K-3 ·
<i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>	Patricia Polacco	See YouTube ; see StorylineOnline [16]	2-6 ·
<i>Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving</i>	Laurie H. Anderson	Thanksgiving ; NF : bio	2-4
<i>Thanks a Million</i>	Nikki Grimes	A-A ; thank-you poems [NA]	2-4
<i>That Book Woman</i>	Heather Henson	Historical fiction: Depression era "Horse Pack Librarians" On YouTube: type in "video that book woman" and choose the one with "SST" in front. [15]	3-8 ·
<i>That's Good! That's Bad!</i>	Margery Cuyler	See YouTube [5]	K-2 ·
<i>That's What Friends are For</i>	Valeri Gorbachev	Friendship [4]	K-2 ·
<i>There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> ✓	Simms Taback	See YouTube	K-2 ·
<i>There's a Nightmare in My closet</i> ✓	Mercer Mayer	Halloween , and more; see YouTube	1-3 ·
<i>There's Something There</i> ✓	Mercer Mayer	A trilogy of stories [3 each]	K-3 ·
<i>Third Grade Angels</i>	Jerry Spinelli	CH	3-6 ·
<i>This is the House that was Tidy and Neat</i>	Teri Sloat	Rhyming [5]	K-2 ·
<i>Those Shoes</i> ✓	Maribeth Boelts	A-A ; see YouTube [10]	1-3 ·
<i>Three Hens and a Peacock</i>	Lester Laminack	See YouTube	K-3 ·
<i>Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> ✓	Paul Galdone	See YouTube	1-3 ·
<i>Three Little Pigs</i> ✓	James Marshall	See related DVD/film	K-2 ·
<i>Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig, The</i> ✓	Eugene Trivizas	See YouTube	K-3 ·
<i>Three Robbers</i>	Tomi Ungerer		2-4 ·
<i>Three Wishes</i>	Paul Galdone		2-4 ·
<i>Tikki Tikki Tembo</i> ✓	Arlene Mosel	See YouTube	1-4 ·
<i>Today I Feel Silly</i>	Jamie Lee Curtis	Mood changes are okay [7]	K-3 ·
<i>Today Was a Terrible Day</i>	Patricia Reilly Giff		K-2
<i>Toy Brother, The</i>	William Steig	Confusing at first; explain vocab. [15]	2-3.2
<i>Too Much Noise</i>	Ann McGovern		1-2 ·
<i>Too Much Nose</i>	Harve Zemach	Folk tale theme: greed/trickery [17]	3-6 ·

<i>Tooth Book, The</i>	Dr. Seuss	Theme: tooth care, rhyming [5]	PreK-2 ·
<i>Train to Somewhere</i> ✓	Eve Bunting	"Orphan Trains" — 1850-1920; see YouTube + see full-length movie	3-8 ·
<i>Trashy Town</i> ✓	Andrea Zimmerman	See YouTube	PreK-1 ·
<i>True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i> ✓	Jon Scieszka	See YouTube	1-3 ·
<i>Turkey for Thanksgiving, A</i>	Eve Bunting	See YouTube : be selective	K-2 ·
<i>Tucky Jo and Little Heart</i>	Patricia Polacco	[15]	3/4up ·
<i>Twenty Yawns</i>	Jane Smiley	Definitely a bedtime read [15]	PreK-2
<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i>	Margaree K. Mitchell	A-A + ref. to segregation & the Great Depression; see YouTube	3-8up ·
<i>Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly</i>	Alan Madison	NF fictionalized: Monarchs; read slowly with expression [15+]	2-3/4 ·
<i>Very Quiet Cricket</i>	Eric Carle	Refrains; see YouTube	K-2
<i>Violet Raines Almost Got Struck by Lightning</i>	Danette Haworth	CH	4-8
<i>Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys</i>	Elizabeth F. Howard	A-A: post slavery/Civil War, Reconstruction, rural; see YouTube	2-5 ·
<i>Wanda's Roses</i>	Pat Brisson		1-3
<i>Water is Water: A Book about the Water Cycle</i>	Miranda Paul	NF; adult reader needs to elaborate to insure interest: see back of book	1-3 ·
<i>We Keep a Store</i>	Anne Shelby	A-A: rural	2-4 ·
<i>Wemberly Worried</i>	Kevin Henkes	See YouTube [7]	PreK-2 ·
<i>What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You?</i>	Steve Jenkins	NF	K-3 ·
<i>What Do You Do When Your Mouth Won't Open?</i>	Susan B. Pfeffer	CH	4-8
<i>Whatever Wanda Wanted</i>	Jude Wisdom	✓ [3-4]	K-4 ·
<i>What if You Had Animal Teeth?</i>	Sandra Markle	[15, but break-up]	2-3 ·
<i>What Mary Jo Shared</i>	Janice Udry	[9]	1-3 ·
<i>What's in fox's Sack?</i> ✓	Paul Galdone		K-2+ ·
<i>When Charley Met Grampa</i> ✓	Amy Hest	Sequel to <i>Charley's First Night</i> . (Puppy story.)	K-2 ·
<i>When Grandmama Sings</i>	Margaree K. Mitchell	A-A/inter-racial	2-4 ·
<i>When I was Young in the Mountains</i>	Cynthia Rylant	See YouTube ; hillbilly: life years ago [8]	1-4 ·
<i>When Jessie Came Across the Sea</i>	Amy Hest	See YouTube ; historical fiction: orphan comes to America	3-6
<i>When Otis Courted Mama</i>	Kathi Appelt	Reaction to a step-parent	2-4
<i>When You Just have to Roar</i>	Rachel Robertson		PreK-1 ·
<i>Where Horses Run Free</i>	Joy Cowley		2-4 ·
<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Maurice Sendak	Theme: behavior, imagination, forgiveness and love [8+]	PreK-1 ·
<i>Where's Jamela?</i>	Niki Daly	A-A	K-2+
<i>Where's Mommy?</i>	Beverly Donofrio		PreK-1 ·
<i>Where's My T-r-u-c-k?</i> ✓	Karen Beaumont	See YouTube ; rhyming story [6]	PreK-1 ·
<i>Whingdingdilly</i>	Bill Peet	[15]	1-4 ·
<i>White Socks Only</i> ✓	Evelyn Coleman	A-A: discrimination; YouTube ; see StorylineOnline [10]	1-3 ·
<i>White Water</i> ✓	Michael Bandy	A-A: discrimination	2-4 ·
<i>Who Wants Arthur?</i> ✓	Amanda Gaham	Theme: A sense of belonging [5]	K-2 ·
<i>Who was George Washington?</i>	Roberta Edwards	NF; bio; CH	4-8 ·

<i>Who was Walt Disney?</i>	Whitney Stewart	CH ; NF : bio; for intro: stop at end of Chap 1.	4-8
<i>Who Will Bell the Cat?</i>	Patricia McKissack	Sometimes You Get Lucky [12]	2-4 ·
<i>Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge</i>	Mem Fox	See YouTube ; acceptance/appreciation of elderly by the young; see StorylineOnline [5]	2-6 ·
<i>Willow Finds a Way</i> ✓	Lana Button	Shyness, acceptance, peer pressure, bullying; see YouTube	1-4 ·
<i>Willow's Whispers</i> ✓	Lana Button	Shyness examined	1-4 ·
<i>Willy and May</i>	Judith Schachner	Christmas , and more [12]	1-3.1 ·
<i>Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman</i>	Kathleen Krull	A-A ; Breaking the odds thru perseverance [23+4 w/endnotes]	4&up ·
<i>Witch's Child, The</i> ✓	Arthur Yorinks	Halloween , and more	3-4 ·
<i>Worm, The</i>	Elise Gravel	NF ; see also <i>An Earthworm's Life</i>	1-3 ·
<i>Wump World</i>	Bill Peet	See YouTube	1-2 ·
<i>XO,OX: A Love Story</i>	Adam Rex	Love is blind, persistence, self-centeredness [11 w/elaboration]	1-4
<i>Yaks Yak: Animal World Pairs</i>	Linda Sue Park	Great vocabulary introductions [5]	K-2 ·
<i>Yard Sale</i>	Eve Bunting	Moving day yard sale [7]	K-3.1 ·
<i>Yellow Tutu, The</i> ✓	Kirsten Bramsen	Bullying/being different-creative/showing kindness [8 w/elaboration]	K-2 ·
<i>Yonie Wondernose</i>	Marguerite de Angeli	CH —not really, but quite long and needs breaking up [45]	3/4-6
<i>You Are Special</i>	Max Lucado	Self-esteem; should divorce from any religious import of story; See YouTube	1-4 ·
<i>You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer!</i>	Shana Corey	NF: bio	3-8
<i>You Nest Here with Me</i>	Jane Yolen	NF —sort of; read slowly; bird nesting [20+]	K-3
<i>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You</i> ✓	Mary Ann Hoberman	Rhymes, but a book series of varied quality and small illustrations—still..., much loved; great for a “skit” (a take-turn partner read-aloud).	K-3/4 ·
<i>You Wouldn't Want to be a Medieval Knight!</i>	Fiona Macdonald	NF ; read chapter by chapter; pros & cons of a knight's life [NA]	2/3-JH ·
<i>Zeralda's Ogre</i>	Tomi Ungerer	Halloween , and more	1-4 ·

*The last two picture pages of *The Judge: An Untrue Tale* have no text, so add the following: “And as the judge begins to leave, his body shakes from sleeve to sleeve; for that *Terrible Thing* is at the door, to gobble HIM up...and look for MORE.”

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Listener Participation: Below are several books from the above list that encourage students to join in on refrains or other pleasurable repetitions.

1. Are You Sleeping	11. Martha Won't Say Sorry	19. Taily Po
2. Cat Came Back, The	12. Mean Old Mean Hyena, The	20. Tikki Tikki Tembo
3. Cow Loves Cookies, The	13. My Little Sister Ate One Hare	21. There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
4. Gingerbread Boy [Man], The	14. Nicketty- Nacketty Noo-Noo	22. Three Billy Goats Gruff, The
5. Gruffalo, The	15. One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree	23. Trashy Town
6. How Joe the Bear and Sam the Mouse Got Together	16. Pretty Salma....	24. What's in fox's Sack?
9. Little Old Lady Who was not Afraid on Anything, The	17. Prince Won't Go to Bed, The	25. Where's My T-R-U-C-K?
10. Magic Fish, The	18. Stephanie's Ponytail	7. I Ain't Gonna Paint No More
		8. I'm Not Afraid of this Haunted House

