

## Picture Books

Armstrong, Mia. *I am a Masterpiece!* Actor, artist, and activist Mia Armstrong offers a glimpse into the life of a child with Down syndrome.

Augustine, Kesi. *Faith Takes the Train.* When Isaiah asks the other train riders for spare change or a bite to eat, no one looks his way. Will Faith have the courage to respond?

Avery, Sean. *Frank's Red Hat.* Frank is a penguin with ideas. Mostly terrible ones. That's why his fellow penguins are nervous when he shows them his strange new creation.

Brown, Waka. *Perfect.* Miki learns to appreciate life's imperfections when her grandma teaches her about the Japanese art form of kintsugi—to join together with gold.

Castillo, Lauren. *Just Like Millie.* A young girl would rather be on her own than make friends in her new city. Her little rescue dog, Millie, is brave though... can she do the same?

Cordell, Matthew. *To See an Owl.* Janie has long been fascinated by owls. Inspired by her teacher, who says, "To see an owl is magic," Janie goes on a quest to search for these birds of the night.

Fleming, Candace. *Penny & Pip.* Penny goes on a class field trip to the museum and befriends a baby dinosaur.

Harrison, Vashti. *Big.* Praised for acting like a big girl when she is small, as a young girl grows, "big" becomes a word of criticism, until the girl realizes that she is fine just the way she is.

Ho, Joanna. *The Day the Books Disappeared.* In an attempt to share his love of airplanes with his classmates, Arnold accidentally wishes away all the books in his classroom.

Horne, Patrick. *Bear and the Three Goldilocks.* When the Goldilocks family leave their campsite to go on a hike, baby bear comes along and makes a mess of their food and belongings—because that is how bears roll.

Lappano, Jon-Erik. *The Language of Birds.* When a new boy comes to school and Mira notices that he connects to trees the way she does with birds, a special friendship grows.

LaRocca, Rajani. *Summer is for Cousins.* Ravi spends summer vacation with his cousins sharing in all their favorite activities, including eating ice cream.

Larsen, Andrew. *Call Me Gray.* A child and their father build an ice rink—it's a tradition, but this year, something is different. The child shares that their name feels like an itchy sweater, and they want to change it to "Gray."

Lebeuf, Darren. *My City Speaks.* A young blind girl explores the city with her father, taking in all its sensory details. In the end, we discover that the city doesn't just speak to her—it also listens.

Lee, Kimberly. *Boys Don't Fry.* Jin wishes his family would ask him to help prepare the family's Lunar New Year feast, but boys, or Babas, never get asked. Mamah steps in and invites Jin to help prepare their special meal.

Lies, Brian. *Cat Nap.* Kitten notices a mouse and dives after it (right through a picture on the wall), leading to an epic chase through art, time, and history!

MacLean, Roz. *Together, a Forest: Drawing Connections Between Nature's Biodiversity and Our Own.* Joy and her peers are eager to visit a nearby forest, where each classmate connects with the natural environment and is reminded that there is no one right way for a mind, body, or person to be.

Maclear, Kyo. *Noodles on a Bicycle.* Children watch in amazement as the bicycle food deliverers of Tokyo stack their noodle bowls like architects, and zip through the city like acrobats, delivering delicious noodles.

Smith, Nikkolos. *The Artist.* A young boy embraces his dual identities as an artist and an activist, making a difference by using his mural as a catalyst for positive change.

Tokuda-Hall, Maggie. *Love in the Library.* Based on a true story of love and resilience at the Minidoka incarceration camp.

Trejo, Jesús. *Papá's Magical Water-Jug Clock.* Today, little Jesús is helping Papá at work, and he's in charge of the water jug—which is also a magical clock! When it's empty, Papá explains, the workday is done.

Wedlick, Seina. *Space for Everyone.* Zainab cherishes time spent with family and friends around the kitchen table and worries these traditions will end after moving, only to find comfort as new friends and old neighbors gather around the same table in their new home.

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### Early Readers

David, Arihloni. *Who Will Win?* (Level 1). When a quick-footed bear and a quick-witted turtle race across a frozen lake, Turtle has a secret plan to win!

Dyckman, Ame. *The Beach Day: Three-and-a-Half Stories* (Level 1, series). Hijinks ensue when roommates Bat, Cat, and Rat take a trip to the beach.

Avant-garde, Zaila. *Sports are Fun!* (Level 1). Explore the joy of playing sports, from rock climbing to skateboarding, bowling to basketball.

Ford, Juwanda. *Two of a Kind* (Level 1). Amy and Nia love to do everything together! Just like their similarities, the friends' differences make their friendship even more special.

LaRochelle, David. *See the Ghost: Three Stories About Things You Cannot See* (Level 1, series). In this trio of stories, Max the dog and Baby Cakes the cat encounter a scare-happy ghost, the wind at its blustery best, and a tiny fairy.

Otheguy, Emma. *Reina Ramos Works it Out* (Level 2, series). Reina is excited about dressing up as Frida Kahlo for the class wax museum. But when her best friend Nora picks Frida first, Reina doesn't know what to do.

Tabor, Corey. *Fox Plays Ball* (Level 1, series). Mischievous and fun-loving Fox is ready to play football, along with Snail, Elephant, Rabbit and Bear, which makes for a fun day of friends playing together.

Thornhill, Samantha. *The Protest* (Level 2, series). Lily and her friends organize a protest in order to save their neighborhood public garden.

### Early Graphic Novels

Alvarado, Jenny. *Pencil & Eraser: We Have a Dull-emma!* (Graphic Novels, series). Eraser notices Pencil has a dull point, so the two friends must leave the comfort of their desk and venture out on a quest to find a sharpener before the class returns from recess.

Fang, Vicky. *Best Buddies: A Pie for Us* (Readers Level 1, series). Dog Sniff and cat Scratch live together in a house where sometimes they quarrel and sometimes they cooperate.

Lehman, Barbara. *Cool Buds: Treasure Map!* (Readers Level 2, series). Four cool buds living in the Arctic set out on an adventure to locate where X marks the spot.

Vandorn, Kaeti. *Wiggler's Big Joke* (Readers Level 2). What do you call flowers that are best friends? Buds! A jokester worm finds out that friendship means more than just playing around.

Windness, Kaz. *Worm and Caterpillar are Friends* (Readers Level 1, series). A worm and a caterpillar are best friends. When one of them is about to go through a big change, they both learn that it's what's inside that counts.

### Nonfiction

Bajaj, Monisha. *A Year of Kites: Traditions Around the World* (394.26 BAJ).

Beckerman, Nell Cross. *Forests* (634.9 BEC).

Coronado, Kris. *Lighthouse Ladies: Shining a Light on Hardy Heroines* (387.155 COR).

Daily, Jen. *The Magical Science of Feelings* (155.412 DAI).

Fox, Kate Allen. *A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse* (523.78 FOX).

Hanson, Thor. *The Escape Artist: A True Story of Octopus Adventure* (594.56 HAN).

Hevron, Amy. *Poo Pile on the Prairie* (577.4 HEV).

Hughes, Langston. *Melodies of The Weary Blues: Classic Poems Illustrated for Young People* (811 HUG).

Kerstein, Lauren. *Hope Rode: The Promise of a Packhorse Librarian* (027 KER).

Le, Maria. *Kids Around the World: Game On!* (790.192 LE).

Neruda, Pablo. *Book of Questions* (861 NER).

Passchier, Andy. *My Gender, My Rules* (305.3 PAS).

Piercey, Rachel. *Wisdom of the Woods: 40 Nature Poems Passed Down from Bear to Bear* (821 PIE).

Romer, Jennie. *Can I Recycle This? A Kid's Guide to Better Recycling and How to Reduce Single-Use Plastics* (363.728 ROM).

Salas, Laura Purdie. *Finding Family: A Duckling Raised by Loons* (598.442 SAL).

Tabei, Junko. *Up, Up, Ever Up! A Life in the Mountains* (B Tabei).

Thomas, Isabel. *Frog: A Story of Life on Earth* (597.89 THO).

Thompson, Judy. *My Language Rights: A Child's Right to Their Language* (306.44 THO).

Westergaard, Azadeh. *The One & Only GooGoosh: Iran's Beloved Superstar* (B GOOGOOSH).