

## Picture Books

Abed, Omar. *The Book that Almost Rhymed*. A boy begrudgingly composes a sometimes-rhyming adventure with his precocious little sister.

Aronson, Katelyn. *Poo-Dunit?* Mouse is dismayed to discover a giant pile of poo! It's too big to be Squirrel's, too dark to be Coyote's. Will Mouse ever track down the culprit?

Asbell, Steve. *Flap Your Hands*. Four neurodivergent kids facing some stressful moments use body movements called stims to self-regulate their emotions.

Bontiago, Lynnor. *Sari Sari Summers*. Nora loves spending summers with Lola at her sari-sari store, filled with everything from hair accessories to toys, creamy yema to sour tamarind candy. And she is finally big enough to help her grandmother there!

Cali, Davide. *Too Many Pigs and One Big Bad Wolf*. Once upon a time, there were three little pigs. Then the wolf ate them. THE END. The big bad wolf doesn't want to tell a long story, he wants to get to the eating part. But the narrator has other ideas...

Cole, Lo. *Doris*. Being a bright red elephant, Doris is very easy to spot. Can you see her? Exactly. But Doris dreams of losing herself in a colorful crowd. Will it ever happen?

Cronin, Doreen. *Lawrence & Sophia*. Lawrence, who likes to stay in his small backyard, and Sophia, a bird avoiding the ground, help each other overcome their fears during a rainstorm.

Datcher, Michael. *Harlem at Four*. Stories about two Harlems: a four-year-old Black girl named Harlem, and the history of New York's Harlem neighborhood.

Denise, Christopher. *Knight Owl*. Owl has always dreamed of becoming a knight, even though he's not the biggest or the strongest. But his sharp nocturnal instincts can help protect the castle, especially when knights go missing.

Doerrfeld, Cori. *Ready to Soar*. Riley's paper airplane is ready for take-off, but criticisms from all the birds threaten to ground the plane, until Riley meets a more supportive friend and rediscovers the joy of soaring.

Eady, Antwan. *Nigel and the Moon*. When Nigel looks up at the moon, his future is bright. He imagines himself as a dancer, astronaut, and superhero, too! It's easy to whisper his dreams to the moon, but not to his classmates during Career Week, especially when he already feels out of place.

Fang, X. *We are Definitely Human*. When three mysterious visitors from "Europe" crash-land in Mr. Li's field, he does what any good host would: he invites them back to his farmhouse and offers to help fix up their "car." As the townsfolk also come to help the very normal humans who "make business" and "wear hat," interplanetary relations reach an all-time high.

Feder, Tyler. *Bodies Are Cool!* Height, size, shape, skin color, tummies, scars, prosthetics: "My body, your body, every different kind of body! All of them are good bodies! BODIES ARE COOL!"

Gorman, Amanda. *Something, Someday*. Even the smallest gesture can have a lasting impact on the world's biggest problems!

Gutierrez, Jolene. *Too Much!* Sometimes everything is too much, too loud, too bright, and all too overwhelming. Birdy knows how to advocate for herself and take a break.

Hubbard, Kristen. *Dear Stray*. A little girl adopts the prickliest stray kitten at the shelter because sometimes she feels prickly, too.

Hull, Eliza. *Come Over to My House*. A cast of friendly children and parents who are Deaf or disabled invite friends over to play in their accessible homes.

Joy, Mackenzie. *Wallflowers*. People call you a wallflower, shy, or quiet, or maybe even scared. People sometimes think these are bad things, but you are happy just the way you are. And maybe you don't need to learn to be loud like them, they just need to learn to listen.

Kemp, Laekan Zea. *A Crown for Corina*. Today is Corina's birthday, and she's excited to wear the biggest crown with the most beautiful flowers picked from her abuela's garden!

Kuo, Julia. *Home is a Wish*. A child moves far away from everything comforting and familiar, but slowly discovers home is where the heart is.

Laden, Nina. *Love is My Favorite Color*. From hoping to caring to peace to sharing, colors can convey different ways to find joy in the everyday.

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### Picture Books, cont.

Llanos, Mariana. *Benita and the Night Creatures*. Benita loves to read in bed but keeps getting interrupted by a whistling Tunche, a scary Supay, and other spooky creatures from Peruvian lore. To the creatures' disbelief, Benita is not the least bit scared and just keeps reading.

Lucianovic, Stephanie V.W. *Touch the Sky*. Vern longs to be one of the kids who swoop until their toes touch the sky. He heads to the swings and desperately tries to pump his legs, but he just can't get it—until Gretchen comes.

Lukoff, Kyle. *I'm Sorry You Got Mad*. Jack wants to apologize for hurting Zoe's feelings. He just can't seem to find the right words. Turns out there's more to an apology than just saying "I'm sorry."

Maclean, Roz. *More Than Words*. Nathan doesn't say much. He sure has a lot on his mind, though. At school, Nathan quietly observes the ways his peers communicate. Even when they're not talking, they're expressing themselves in all sorts of ways, and so is he.

Mandin, Christy. *Millie Fleur's Poison Garden*. Millie Fleur La Fae is new in Garden Glen, and she plans to plant her garden of strange and sometimes dangerous plants, but the town garden club does not approve and wants to tear it down.

Miller-Lachmann, Lyn. *Ways to Play*. Riley has plenty of ways to play, like lining up toys by size and shape and drawing big, swirly patterns with sharp crayons. But bossy cousin Emma thinks those ways are wrong, wrong, and wrong. Luckily, there isn't only one way to have fun!

Miller Zietlow, Pat. *One Can Be*. Sometimes you need to be alone—to think and breathe. Other times you need to be with friends—those you know and those you've only just met. And sometimes everyone works together to create something wonderful.

Myers, Maya. *Not Perfect*. Dot is good at a lot of things, but good isn't perfect, like the rest of her family. Should she even try to draw her best friend?

Perkins, Mitali. *Between My Hands*. Maya's street is full of neighbors. Coming and going. Earning and spending. Fixing and mending. Everyone's hands are busy, except Maya's. What can her small hands do? Maya longs to do something with her neighbors—proclaim truth, stand for justice, show mercy, or give love.

Reese, Jenn. *Seven Ways Through the Woods*. What starts as a very simple question—What's the best way through the woods?—quickly becomes a fantastical and awe-inspiring adventure.

Rockcliff, Mara. *All at Once Upon a Time*. Fairy Tale Land experiences a topsy-turvy transformation where classic stories become mixed up! Prince Charming climbs a beanstalk, Cinderella kisses a frog, and Rapunzel's nose grows every time she tells a lie.

Sima, Jessie. *Cookie Time*. Eager to eat their cookies, Kat and Ari decide to build a time machine, but they soon discover some things are worth waiting for.

Sharpson, Neil. *Don't Trust Fish*. Why, dear reader, must you NEVER EVER trust fish? There are many good reasons. Like, some fish are as big as a bus—that is not okay.

Straub, Emma and Susan. *Gaga Mistake Day*. A girl and her eccentric grandmother spend a day being silly together.

Tatsukawa, Maya. *Mole is Not Alone*. Anxious Mole is invited to a party. What if the party is too rowdy or he doesn't know anyone there? Can Mole find a quiet way to make friends?

Wenzel, Brendan. *Every Dreaming Creature*. An exploration of the sensory experiences of different animals through the perspective of dream.

Wong, Jack. *When You Can Swim*. A reverent celebration of learning to swim among a diverse cast of children and families who each experience the mysterious joys of water in nature.

Wong, Wai Mei. *Courage, Every Day*. What exactly is courage? Papa says that courage is the big, heroic feats—as well as the smaller everyday choices we make.

### Nonfiction

Ignotofsky, Rachel. *What's Inside a Bird's Nest?* (598.156 IGN).

Lavelle, Kari. *Butt or Face?* (571.3 LAV).

Robbins, Dean. *The Fastest Girl on Earth: Meet Kitty O'Neil, Daredevil Driver!* (B ONEIL).

Rocco, Hayley and John. *Hello, I'm a Quokka* (599.22 ROC, series).

Schaefer, Lola M. *Hands-on Science: Matter* (530.4 SCH).

Whaley, Ashley Harris. *I Am, You Are* (305.908 WHA).