

Thomas J. Lahey School Library
Some Suggested Books for Guest Readers

179 OBA

Obama, Barack. Of Thee I sing: a letter to my daughters. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. "In this tender, beautiful letter to his daughters, President Barack Obama has written a moving tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation. From the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, to the patriotism of George Washington, President Obama sees the traits of these heroes within his own children, and within all of America's children"--Book jacket.

398.2 AES

Burkert, Rand. Mouse & lion. 1st ed. New York, NY : Scholastic, 2011. Presents an adaptation of Aesop's classic tale about an unlikely friendship between a mouse and a lion in which an act of mercy proves to be a lifesaving gesture.

398.2 CIN

Edwards, Pamela Duncan. Dinorella : a prehistoric fairy tale. New York : Scholastic Inc., 1998. In this story, loosely based on that of Cinderella but featuring dinosaurs, the Duke falls in love with Dinorella when she rescues him from the dreaded deinonychus at the Dinosaur Dance.

398.2 CIN

Wegman, William. Cinderella. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion, 1993. In her haste to flee the palace before her fairy godmother's magic loses effect, Cinderella leaves behind a glass slipper. Photographs show the dogs dressed up as the characters in the fairy tale.

398.2 PIN

Pinkney, Jerry. The lion & the mouse. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown and Co. Books for young Readers , 2009. In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the jungle.

398.2 STO

Storace, Patricia. Sugar Cane: A Caribbean Rapunzel. New York : Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children , 2007. In this version of the long-haired heroine, Sugar Cane has a pet monkey and a beautiful singing voice.

398.2 UCH

Uchida, Yoshiko. The magic purse. 1st ed. New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books : Maxwell Macmillan International, c1993. After facing danger to help a young woman, a poor farmer receives a magic purse that always refills itself with gold.

636.08 LAR

Larson, Kirby and Mary Nethery. Two Bobbies : a true story of Hurricane Katrina, friendship and survival. New York : Walker, 2008. Having been left behind by their owners during Hurricane Katrina and forced to ride out the deadly storm, Bobbi the dog breaks free from his chain and goes in search of food on his own, followed by a frightened, cat whose survival depends on his best friend.

636.7 DEN

Dennis, Brian. Nubs : the true story of a mutt, a Marine and a miracle. New York : Little, Brown & Company, 2009. True story of an Iraqi dog of war trying to reunite with the U.S. Marine that adopted him but had to relocate 70 miles away at a command outpost that didn't allow pets.

796.323 MAC

Macy, Sue. Basketball belles : how two teams and one scrappy player put women's hoops on the map. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c2011. Recounts the first women's basketball game between Stanford University and University of California Berkeley on April 4, 1896, from Stanford guard Agnes Morley's perspective.

811 JEF

Seattle, Chief, 1790-1866. Brother eagle, sister sky : a message from Chief Seattle. New York : Dial Books, c1991. A Suquamish Indian chief describes his people's respect and love for the earth, and concern for its destruction.

811 PRE

Prelutsky, Jack. Ride a purple pelican. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1986. A collection of short nonsense verses and nursery rhymes.

811 SIL

Silverstein, Shel. A light in the attic. New York, N.Y. : HarperCollins, c1981. A collection of humorous poems and drawings.

811.54 KAT

Katz, Susan. A Revolutionary field trip : poems of colonial America. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2004. The Revolutionary Mrs. Brown -- Blacksmith

shop -- Cobblestones -- What did colonial kids play? --
Wooden horse -- Corn planting -- Shearing poor George --
Sarah spins -- Muster drum -- Ann at the churn -- Grace dips
a candle -- Signing the Declaration -- Indian hemp -- Dream
catcher -- Kitchen animals -- Oven -- James's choice --
Powwow -- Wild animals. Nineteen poems reveal life in
colonial America as seen through the eyes of a teacher and
her class when they go on field trips to historic sites from
the Revolutionary War era.

811.54 PRE

Prelutsky, Jack. If not for the cat : haiku. 1st ed. New York
: Greenwillow Books, c2004. Haiku-like poems describe a
variety of animals.

811.54 SHA

Shapiro, Karen Jo, 1964-. Because I could not stop my bike, and
other poems. Watertown, Mass. : Whispering Coyote, c2003.
A collection of light-hearted parodies written in the style of such well-known
poets as Emily Dickinson, Robert Burns, Christina Rossetti, Joyce Kilmer, and
William Shakespeare.

973.4 KER

Kerley, Barbara. Those rebels, John and Tom. New York : Scholastic Press,
c2012. Biography and history create a portrait of 2 American colonists, John
Adams and Thomas Jefferson, different in many ways, but in agreement to join
forces in the fight for our country's freedom from King George.

973.931 DEE

Deedy, Carmen Agra. 14 cows for America. Atlanta, GA : Peachtree Publishers,
2009. Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11
attacks from a young Maasai, who was in New York on that day, decide to
present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift.

B ATLAS

McCarthy, Meghan. The story of Charles Atlas, strong man. New York : A.A.
Knopf, 2007. In an effort to overcome being bullied, Charles Atlas's belief in
himself and personal good health and fitness made him "The world's most
perfectly developed man."

B DAVE

Hill, Laban Carrick. Dave the potter: artist, poet, slave. New York: Little, Brown
and Company, 2010. "Dave was an extraordinary artist, poet and potter who
lived in South Carolina in the 1800s. He combined his superb artistry with
deeply observant poetry carved into his pots, transcending the limitations he
faced as a slave." (-- book jacket)

B LINCOLN

Kalman, Maira. Looking at Lincoln. New York : Nancy Paulsen Books , c2012. A young girl is curious about Abraham Lincoln and sets out to find out more about the life of the nation's sixteenth president. Wanting to know about the real man behind the legendary character, the girl learns about Lincoln's beliefs regarding universal freedom as well as lesser-known aspects of his life, from his love of Mozart and his wife's vanilla cake to his pet dog and the way he kept notes in his stovepipe hat.

E BRA

Brandenberg, Franz. Leo and Emily's zoo. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1988. When Leo and Emily decide to open their own zoo and charge admission, they encounter a few problems, but their families find a unique way to turn disaster into success.

E YOL

Yolen, Jane. Sleeping ugly. New York : Scholastic Inc., 1982, c1981. When beautiful princess, Miserella, Plain Jane, and a fairy fall under a sleeping spell, a prince undoes the spell in a surprising way.

F BOR

Borden, Louise. The greatest skating race : a WWII Story from the Netherlands. New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2004. During World War II in the Netherlands, a ten-year-old boy's dream of skating in a famous race allows him to help two children escape to Belgium by ice skating past German soldiers and other enemies.

F BRA

Bradby, Marie. More than anything else. New York : Orchard Books, c1995. Nine-year-old Booker works with his father and brother at the saltworks but dreams of the day when he'll be able to read.

F BUR

Burns, Marilyn, 1941-. Spaghetti and meatballs for all! : a mathematical story. New York : Scholastic, c1997. The seating for a family reunion gets complicated as people rearrange the tables and chairs to seat additional guests.

F FLE

Fleischman, Sid, 1920-. The scarebird. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, [1988]. A lonely old farmer realizes the value of human friendship when a young man comes to help him

and his scarecrow with their farm.

F GAU

Gauch, Patricia Lee. This time, Tempe Wick? New York : Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, [1974]. Everyone knows Tempe Wick is a most surprising girl, but she exceeds even her own reputation when two mutinous Revolutionary soldiers try to steal her beloved horse.

F HER

Herriot, James. Blossom comes home. New York : St Martin's Press, c1988. To make room for a younger cow, Farmer Dakin reluctantly takes his old cow Blossom to market with surprising results.

F HER

Herriot, James. The Market Square dog. New York : St. Martin's Press, c1989. A tale of a stray dog who begs in the village market, is a patient of Herriot's, and is "arrested" by a police officer.

F HER

Herriot, James. Moses the kitten. New York : St. Martin's Press, c1984. A bedraggled orphaned kitten is nursed back to health on a Yorkshire farm and when he recovers turns out to have a very unusual idea about the identity of his mother.

F JOH

Johnston, Tony, 1942-. The ghost of Nicholas Greebe. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1996. In Colonial Massachusetts, the ghost of a recently-buried farmer haunts his widow's house after a dog takes one of his bones on a long journey.

F LAS

Lasky, Kathryn. She's wearing a dead bird on her head! 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c1995. A fictionalized account of the activities of Harriet Hemenway and Minna Hall, founders of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, a late nineteenth-century Audubon Society that would endure and have impact on the bird-protection movement.

F MAR

Martin, Ann M., 1955-. Leo the Magnificat. New York : Scholastic, c1996. A homeless cat wanders in and warms the

hearts of the people of a small church.

F NIX

Nixon, Joan Lowery. If you say so, Claude. New York : F. Warne, c1980. Shirley and Claude move across Texas in their covered wagon, looking for a peaceful place to settle down.

F RAP

Rappaport, Doreen. Dirt on their skirts : the story of the young women who won the world championship. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2000. Margaret experiences the excitement of watching the 1946 championship game of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League as it goes into extra innings.

F VAN

Van Allsburg, Chris. Zathura : a space adventure. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2002. Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.

F WEL

Wells, Rosemary. Lassie come home. New York : Scholastic, Inc., 1995. Sold in financial desperation to a wealthy duke, a collie undertakes a 1000-mile journey in order to be reunited with her former master in Yorkshire.

F WIL

Willard, Nancy. The tortilla cat. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1998. When all five Romero children get sick, a magical cat appears in the night and cures them of their fevers.

F YOL

Yolen, Jane. The Mary Celeste : an unsolved mystery from history. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1999. A young girl relates the facts that are known about the unexplained disappearance of the crew on the ship Mary Celeste in 1872, and challenges the reader to solve the mystery.

F ZIE

Ziefert, Harriet. Pet day. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1987. Mr. Rose brings a variety of creatures to his rambunctious science class on Pet Day and teaches how to

handle the little animals.

F ZIE

Ziefert, Harriet. Trip day. Boston : Little Brown, c1987. Mr. Rose's class visits a pond to learn about life in and around the water.

M F LEV

Levy, Elizabeth. Something queer at the haunted school. New York : Dell, 1983, c1982. Two amateur detectives investigate a haunting of their school that starts around Halloween.

M F LEV

Levy, Elizabeth. Something queer in the cafeteria. New York : Hyperion, c1994. Jill and Gwen have never gotten into trouble before, but suddenly every time they're in the cafeteria, something goes terribly wrong.

P ACK

Ackerman, Karen, 1951-. Song and dance man. New York : Knopf : Distributed by Random House, c1988. Grandpa demonstrates for his visiting grandchildren some of the songs, dances, and jokes he performed when he was a vaudeville entertainer.

P BAN

Banks, Kate, 1960-. The cat who walked across France. 1st ed. New York : Frances Foster Books, 2004. After his owner dies, a cat wanders across the countryside of France, unable to forget the home he had in the stone house by the edge of the sea.

P BAR

Barasch, Lynne. Radio rescue. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000. In 1923, after learning Morse code and setting up his own amateur radio station, a twelve-year-old boy sends a message that leads to the rescue of a family stranded by a hurricane in Florida. Based on experiences of the author's father.

P BLA

Blackstone, Stella. My granny went to market : a round-the-world counting rhyme. Cambridge, MA : Barefoot Books, 2005. Granny travels around the world, buying things in quantities that illustrate counting from one to ten.

P BRA

Bradman, Tony. It came from outer space. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 1992. A visitor from outer space visits an elementary school class and brings an important message about physical beauty.

P BRE

Brett, Jan, 1949-. Comet's nine lives. New York : G.P. Putnam's, c1996. Comet the cat uses up eight of his nine lives trying to find the right place to live on Nantucket Island.

P BRE

Brett, Jan, 1949-. Daisy Comes Home. New York : G.P. Putnam's, c2002. Daisy, an unhappy hen in China, floats down the river in a basket and has an adventure.

P BRI

Brinckloe, Julie. Fireflies! : story and pictures. 1st Aladdin ed. New York : Aladdin Books, 1986, c1985. On a magical summer night, a little boy catches hundreds of fireflies in a large jar, and as their light fades, must decide whether to keep them or set them free.

P BUE

Buehner, Caralyn. Fanny's dream. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1996. Fanny Agnes is a sturdy farm girl who dreams of marrying a prince, but when her fairy godmother doesn't show up, she decides on a local farmer instead.

P BUN

Bunting, Eve, 1928-. A picnic in October. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1999. A boy finally comes to understand why his grandmother insists that the family come to Ellis Island each year to celebrate Lady Liberty's birthday.

P BUN

Bunting, Eve, 1928-. The Wednesday surprise. New York : Clarion Books, c1989. On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read.

P CAL

Calmenson, Stephanie. The principal's new clothes. New York : Scholastic, 1989. In this version of the Andersen tale the vain principal of P.S. 88 is persuaded by two tailors that

they will make him an amazing, one-of-a-kind, suit that will be visible only to intelligent people who are good at their jobs.

P CHI

Child, Lauren. Who's afraid of the big bad book? 1st American ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, 2003. A boy who loves books but has not always treated them well falls asleep and finds himself in his book of fairy tales, where his interaction with everyone from Goldilocks to Cinderella wreaks havoc.

P CLE

Clements, Andrew, 1949-. Double trouble in Walla Walla. Brookfield, Conn : Millbrook Press, c1997. It's an ordinary morning in Walla Walla until Lulu, her teacher, the school nurse, and the principal are all infected by a word warp which makes them reduplicate everything they say.

P FER

Ferguson, Sarah. Tea for Ruby. New York : Simon Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008. As Ruby tells everyone about her invitation to tea with the Queen, family and friends remind her about how she should conduct herself.

P FIN

Finchler, Judy. Miss Malarkey won't be in today. New York : Walker, 2000. A teacher imagines the chaos that takes place when she stays home one day because she is sick.

P FIN

Finchler, Judy. You're a good sport, Miss Malarkey. New York : Walker, 2002. The children on a newly formed soccer team love their coach, Miss Malarky, who doesn't know much about the game except how to make it fun, but the school principal and parents have other ideas.

P GAI

Gaiman, Neil. The wolves in the walls. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, 2003. Lucy is sure there are wolves living in the walls of her house, although others in her family disagree, and when the wolves come out, the adventure begins.

P GAR

Garcia, Carolyn. Moonboy. Hillsboro, OR : Beyond Words Pub., 1999. The son of the Man in the Moon has no one to play

with, so he goes down to earth to make some friends.

P GEE

Geeslin, Campbell. Elena's serenade. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2004. In Mexico, a little girl goes on a journey to learn to be a glassblower and gains confidence along the way.

P GER

Gerstein, Mordicai. The man who walked between the towers. 1st ed. Brookfield, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, c2003. A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.

P HAY

Hayes, Joe. A spoon for every bite. New York : Orchard Books, c1996. A poor husband and wife ask their rich neighbor to be godfather of their child, and once they are compadres, prey upon his pride and extravagance to trick him out of his fortune.

P HEA

Hearne, Betsy Gould. Seven brave women. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1997. A young girl recounts the brave exploits of her female ancestors, including her great-great-great grandmother who came to America in a wooden sailboat.

P HEI

Heide, Florence Parry. The day of Ahmed's secret. New York : Lothrop, c1990. Ahmed rides his donkey cart throughout the city of Cairo, hurrying to finish his work, so he can return home and share his secret with his family.

P HES

Hesse, Karen. The cats in Krasinski Square. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2004. Two Jewish sisters, escapees of the infamous Warsaw ghetto, devise a plan to thwart an attempt by the Gestapo to intercept food bound for starving people behind the dark Wall.

P HOP

Hopkinson, Deborah. Apples to Oregon : being the (slightly) true narrative of how a brave pioneer father brought apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, and cherries (and children) across the plains. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for

Young Readers, c2004. A pioneer father transports his beloved fruit trees and his family to Oregon in the mid-nineteenth century. Based loosely on the life of Henderson Luelling.

P ICH

Ichikawa, Satomi. The first bear in Africa! New York : Philomel Books, 2001. The animals of the African savanna help Meto as he tries to return the toy bear left behind by a young tourist.

P JOH

Johnson, D.B. (Donald B.), 1944-. Henry hikes to Fitchburg. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2000. While his friend works hard to earn the train fare to Fitchburg, young Henry walks the thirty miles through woods and fields, taking the opportunity to enjoy nature. Includes biographical information on Henry David Thoreau.

P JOH

Johnson, D. B. (Donald B.), 1944-. Henry works. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2004. On a misty morning, Henry, a bear modeled after Henry David Thoreau, shows his awareness of nature as he helps neighbors during his walk to work.

P KEI

Keillor, Garrison. Cat, you better come home. New York : Viking, 1995. Dissatisfied with her life, Puff the cat leaves home and becomes a rich and glamorous model, but eventually returns having found out that it's better to be who you are.

P KYU

Kyuchukov, Khristo. My name was Hussein. 1st ed. Honesdale, Pa. : Boyds Mills Press, 2004. When an army invades a village, a Muslim boy and his family are forced to take Christian names.

P KOC

Koch, Ed, 1924-. Eddie : Harold's little brother. New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, c2004. Eddie wants to be like his big brother, a very good athlete, but is not good at sports, so Harold helps him discover how to use his own special talent--talking.

P LEA

Leaf, Margaret. Eyes of the dragon. 1st ed. New York : Lothrop, 1987. An artist agrees to paint a dragon on the wall of a Chinese village, but the magistrate's insistence that he paint eyes on the dragon has amazing results.

P LIN

Lindbergh, Reeve. Johnny Appleseed : a poem. 1st ed. Boston : Joy Street Books, c1990. Rhymed text and illustrations relate the life of John Chapman, whose distribution of apple seeds and trees across the Midwest made him a legend and left a legacy still enjoyed today.

P LUE

Luenn, Nancy. Mother earth. 1st ed. New York : Toronto : New York : Atheneum ; Maxwell Macmillan Canada ; Maxwell Macmillan International, 1992. Describes the gifts the Earth gives its inhabitants and the contributions people can give back to the planet.

P LYO

Lyon, George Ella, 1949-. Who came down that road? New York : Orchard Books, c1992. Mother and child ponder the past in discussing who might have traveled down an old, old road, looking backwards from pioneer settlers all the way to prehistoric animals.

P MAD

Madonna, 1958-. Mr. Peabody's Apples / by Madonna ; art by Loren Long. 1st ed. New York : Callaway : Distributed in the U.S. by Viking Children's Books, 2003. A boy learns a lesson about the destructive power of gossip.

P MAH

Mahy, Margaret. The rattlebang picnic. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1994. The McTavishes, their seven children, and Granny McTavish take their old rattlebang of a car on a picnic up Mount Fogg and have an exciting adventure.

P MAJ

Major, Beverly. Playing sardines. New York : Scholastic Inc., c1988. As soon as they find the hider, neighborhood youngsters squeeze like sardines into one tight spot in this twist on the classic hide-and-seek game.

P MAL

Maltbie, P. I. Picasso and Minou. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge Pub Inc, c.2005. The artist Pablo Picasso's cat Minou influences him to discontinue his Blue Period style of painting to begin creating works that will sell more quickly.

P MCC

McCloskey, Robert. Make way for ducklings. Puffin Books, c1976. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight ducklings. Caldecott Award 1942.

P MCC

McCourt, Lisa. Chicken soup for little souls : The best night out with Dad. Deerfield Beach, Fla : Health Communications, c1997. When he realizes that little Vincent's father can't afford to pay for circus tickets, Danny must decide whether to share his tickets or to use them himself.

P MCC

McCourt, Lisa. Chicken soup for little souls. : The never-forgotten doll. Deerfield Beach, Fla : Health Communications, c1997. Miss Ellie's love for Miss Maggie, her babysitter, helps her find a way to give Miss Maggie the best birthday present ever.

P MCC

McCully, Emily Arnold. Mirette on the high wire. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c1992. Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, a guest in her mother's boarding house, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope artist who has withdrawn from performing because of fear.

P MCC

McCully, Emily Arnold. Starring Mirette and Bellini. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c1997. After the Great Bellini teaches young Mirette to walk the high wire, she uses her talent to free him from prison, and both resolve to help others become free.

P MCD

McDonald, Megan. My house has stars. New York : Orchard Books, c1996. Young people describe the different kinds of homes they live in around the world--all under the stars.

P MCD

McDonnell, Patrick, 1956-. Art. 1st ed. New York : Little,

Brown, c2006. A rhyming tribute to a budding young artist.

P MCD

McDonnell, Patrick, 1956-. Me . . . Jane. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown and Co., 2011. Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals, in a story that includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist.

P MCL

McLerran, Alice, 1933-. The year of the ranch. New York : Viking, c1996. In 1919 Papa, Mama, and their four daughters homestead a tract of land near Yuma, Arizona, and try to turn a desert mesa into farmland and a shack into a home.

P MCP

McPhail, David M. Edward and the pirates. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1997. Once Edward has learned to read, books and his vivid imagination provide him with great adventures.

P MIT

Mitchell, Margaree King. Uncle Jed's barbershop. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1993. Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.

P MOB

Mobin-Uddin, Asma. My name is Bilal. 1st ed. Honesdale, Pa. : Boyds Mills Press, 2005. When Bilal and his sister transfer to a school where they are the only Muslims, they must learn how to fit in while staying true to their beliefs and heritage.

P MOO

Moore, Julianne. Freckleface Strawberry. New York: Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2007. Freckleface Strawberry is just like everyone else, except that she has red hair and freckles, but when she tries to hide who she is, she learns about true friendship and accepting yourself just as you are.

P MOS

Moss, Marissa. In America. 1st ed. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c1994. While Walter and his grandfather walk to the Post Office, Grandfather recounts how he decided to come to America, while his brother Herschel stayed in Lithuania.

P NEG

Negron, Ray. The boy of steel : a baseball dream come true. 1st ed. New York : ReganBooks, c2006. A young boy stricken with cancer has his dream come true when he gets to be a Yankee batboy for a day.

P NEW

Newman, Nanette. Spider the horrible cat. 1st U.S. ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993. A bad-tempered cat becomes a hero when he saves his mistress's life.

P NOL

Nolen, Jerdine. Harvey Potter's balloon farm. 1st ed. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, c1994. A child ventures out in the middle of the night to see how Harvey Potter grows his wonderful balloons.

P NUM

Numeroff, Laura Joffe. If you take a mouse to school. 1st ed. New York : Laura Geringer Book, c2002. Follows a boy and his mouse through a busy day at school.

P OCO

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy. N.c.: Harper Collins Publishers, 2006. A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night.

P PAR

Park, Frances, 1955-. Where on earth is my bagel? 1st ed. New York : Lee & Low Books, 2001. When a young boy in Korea dreams of eating a New York bagel, he asks a farmer, a fisherman, a beekeeper, and a baker for help.

P PAT

Paterson, John (John Barstow). Blueberries for the Queen. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2004. In the summer of 1942, when Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands lives down the road from his family's house in Massachusetts, young William decides to take her some of the blueberries he has picked. Includes historical notes.

P PEN

Penner, Fred. The cat came back. 1st ed. New Milford, Conn : Roaring Brook Press, c2005. A persistent and indestructible cat keeps coming back, despite his owner's attempts to give

him away.

P PIT

Pittman, Helena Clare. Still-life stew. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c1998. Rosa grows a variety of bright and beautiful vegetables, picks them, paints a picture, and then makes them into a tasty stew.

P PIU

Piumini, Roberto. Doctor Me Di Cin. 1st U.S. ed. [Asheville, NC] : Front Street/Lemniscaat, 2001. The son of the emperor of China is pale and weak, but when Doctor Me Di Cin tells him to go for a walk in the fresh air, the prince refuses, leaving it up to the clever doctor to trick him into going outside.

P POL

Polacco, Patricia. The bee tree. New York : Philomel Books, c1993. To teach his granddaughter the value of books, a grandfather leads a growing crowd in search of the tree where the bees keep all their honey.

P POL

Polacco, Patricia. My rotten redheaded older brother. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1994. After losing running, climbing, throwing, and burping competitions to her obnoxious older brother, a young girl makes a wish on a falling star.

P POM

Pomeranc, Marion Hess. The American Wei. Morton Grove, Ill. : A. Whitman, c1998. When Wei Fong loses his first tooth while going to his family's naturalization ceremony many soon-to-be Americans join in the search.

P PRE

Prelutsky, Jack. The Wizard. NY: Greenwillow Books, 2007. An illustrated, rhyming tale of a wicked wizard and his evil deeds, as he uses “elemental sorcery” to change a bullfrog into a series of objects, from a flea to a flame.

P RAT

Rathmann, Peggy. Officer Buckle and Gloria. New York : Putnam's, c1995. The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

P RED

Reddix, Valerie, 1955-. Dragon kite of the autumn moon. New York : Lothrop, 1992. When his grandfather is sick, Tad-Tin goes out to fly his special dragon kite, so that it can take all their troubles away with it.

P REY

Reynolds, Peter, 1961-. The dot. 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2003. Vashti believes that she cannot draw, but her art teacher's encouragement leads her to change her mind.

P REY

Reynolds, Peter, 1961-. Ish. 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2004. Ramon loses confidence in his ability to draw, but his sister gives him a new perspective on things.

P REY

Reynolds, Peter, 1961-. So few of me. 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2006. After wishing there were two of him to complete all the items on his "to do" list, Leo discovers that the real problem is not the number of Leos, but the length of the list.

P ROC

Rocco, John. Blackout. 1st ed. New York : Disney/Hyperion Books, c2011. When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.

P ROH

Rohmann, Eric. My friend Rabbit. 1st ed. Brookfield, Connecticut : Roaring Brook Press, c2002. Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is a good friend.

P ROS

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. This plus that : life's little equations. 1st ed. New York : Harper, c2011. Simple arithmetical equations show how big and small moments add up in life.

P RYL

Rylant, Cynthia. In November. San Diego, CA : Harcourt Brace, 2000. Describes the autumn activities and traditions that November's cooling temperatures bring.

P RYL

Rylant, Cynthia. The relatives came. New York : Bradbury Press, c1985. The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.

P SCA

Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton. All the world. New York : Beach Lane Books, c2009. Follows a group of family members and friends through the course of a day as they learn the importance of all things great and small.

P SCI

Scieszka, Jon. Baloney, Henry P. New York, N.Y., U.S.A. : Viking, 2001. A transmission received from outer space in a combination of different Earth languages tells of an alien schoolboy's fantastic excuse for being late to school again.

P SCI

Scieszka, Jon. The frog prince, continued. New York : Viking, 1991. After the frog turns into a prince, he and the Princess do not live happily ever after and the Prince decides to look for a witch to help him remedy the situation.

P SCI

Scieszka, Jon. The Stinky Cheese Man and other fairly stupid tales. New York, N.Y. : Viking, 1992. Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales.

P SHA

Shannon, David. How Georgie Radbourn saved baseball. New York : Scholastic, c1994. After Boss outlaws baseball in America, spring stops coming -- until a young boy beats the tyrant at his own game.

P SID

Sidman, Joyce. Red sings from treetops : a year in colors. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. Illustrations and simple text combine the senses of sight, sound, smell, and taste to describe the colors of the seasons.

P SIE

Siebert, Diane. Plane song. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c1993. Rhymed text and illustrations describe different kinds of planes and their unique abilities.

P SIE

Siebert, Diane. Train song. [New York] : HarperCollins, [1990], c1981. Rhymed text and illustrations describe the journeys of a variety of transcontinental trains.

P SIL

Silverstein, Shel. The giving tree. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1992. A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.

P SMI

Smith, Lane. Grandpa Green. 1st ed. New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2011. A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden.

P STA

Stanley, Diane. Rumpelstiltskin's daughter. New York : Morrow Junior Books, c1997. Rumpelstiltskin's daughter may not be able to spin straw into gold, but she is more than a match for a monarch whose greed has blighted an entire kingdom.

P STE

Stead, Philip Christian. A sick day for Amos McGee. 1st ed. New York : Roaring Brook, 2010. Amos McGee, a friendly zoo keeper, always makes time to visit his animal friends, but when he becomes sick and cannot come in to work, the animals pay him a visit instead.

P STE

Steig, William, 1907-2003. Sylvester and the magic pebble. [Restored deluxe ed.]. New York : Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2005], c1969. Sylvester the donkey finds a magic pebble that grants his every wish, but in a moment of fright he wishes he were a rock, and then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

P STE

Stewart, Sarah. The library. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 1995. Elizabeth Brown loves to read more than anything else, but when her collection of books grows and grows, she must make a change in her life.

P STR

Stroud, Bettye, 1938-. The patchwork path : a quilt map to freedom. 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2005. While her father leads her toward Canada and away from the plantation where they have been slaves, a young girl thinks of the quilt her mother used to teach her a code

that will help guide them to freedom.

P SWA

Swanson, Susan Marie. The house in the night. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2008. Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light.

P TAB

Taback, Simms. Joseph had a little overcoat. New York : Viking, 1999. A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.

P TAB

Taback, Simms. There was an old lady who swallowed a fly. New York : Scholastic, Inc., 1997. In a traditional nonsense poem, an old woman swallows a fly, a spider, a bird, a cat, a dog, and a horse.

P VAU

Vaughan, Marcia K. The Sea-Breeze Hotel. 1st American ed. New York : HaperCollins, 1992. A fierce offshore wind discourages the guests from the Sea-Breeze Hotel until a boy makes kite-flying the major attraction.

P WEL

Weller, Frances Ward. Riptide. New York : Philomel Books, c1990. Zach's dog Riptide loves the sea and proves himself worthy of being the nineteenth lifeguard on Cape Cod's Nauset Beach.

P WEL

Wells, Rosemary. Waiting for the evening star. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1993. Growing up between 1909 and 1917, Berty enjoys the slow-rolling wheel of time on his Vermont farm and cannot understand his older brother's desire to see other parts of the world.

P WIE

Wiesner, David. Flotsam. New York : Clarion Books, c2006. A wordless book in which a boy finds a camera at the beach and the film inside reveals fascinating underwater pictures as well as children around the world, so the boy takes his own picture and returns the camera to the sea where it will journey to another child.

P WIL

Wilcox, Leah. Falling for Rapunzel. New York, NY : G.P.

Putnam's Sons, c2003. A prince tries to get Rapunzel to throw down her hair so he can rescue her, but she mishears him and throws down random objects from her room instead.

P WIL

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Dance at Grandpa's. New York : Scholastic, 1994. A young pioneer girl and her family attend a wintertime party at her grandparents' house in the Big Woods of Wisconsin.

P WIL

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. The deer in the wood. New York : Scholastic, Inc., c1995. A pioneer father tells his two small daughters why he was unable to shoot a deer for their dinner.

P WIL

Willard, Nancy. The sorcerer's apprentice. New York : Scholastic, c1993. Sylvia, the new apprentice to the great magician Tottibo, steals one of his spells to complete an impossible task and accidentally creates chaos.

P WOL

Wolff, Patricia Rae. The toll-bridge troll. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1995. A troll tries to prevent Trigg from crossing the bridge on the way to school only to be outwitted by the boy's riddles.

P WOO

Wood, Audrey. The flying dragon room. New York : Blue Sky Press, c1996. With the help of Mrs. Jenkins' magic tools, Patrick builds a fabulous place of his very own.

P WOO

Wood, Douglas, 1951-. Old Turtle and the broken truth. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2003. Earth is full of suffering and war until one little girl seeks Old Turtle, who tells her about a "broken truth" and how mending it will help her community to understand the common bond of all humanity.

P WOO

Woodruff, Elvira. Small beauties : the journey of Darcy Heart O'Hara. 1st ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, c2006. Darcy Heart O'Hara, a young Irish girl who neglects her chores to observe the beauties of nature and everyday life, shares "family memories" with her homesick parents and siblings after the O'Haras are forced to emigrate to America in the

1840s.

P YOL

Yolen, Jane. The ballad of the pirate queens. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1995. Two women who sailed with Calico Jack Rackham and his pirates in the early 1700s do their best to defend their ship while the men on board are busy drinking.

P YOL

Yolen, Jane. Harvest home. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, 2000. A young farm girl and her family bring in the new harvest and celebrate with prayers, songs, and a festive meal.

P YOL

Yolen, Jane. Owl moon. New York : Philomel Books, c1987. On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

P YOR

Yorinks, Arthur. Hey, Al. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1986. A city janitor and his treasured canine companion are transported by a large colorful bird to an island in the sky, where their comfortable paradise existence threatens to turn them into birds as well.

P YOR

Yorinks, Arthur. Louis the fish. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1980. An unhappy butcher from Flatbush finally achieves happiness.

PB E MAR

Marzollo, Jean. Football friends. New York : Scholastic, c1997. When he plays football at school, Freddy has trouble avoiding fights, until he learns to use his anger to play better.

PB E SCA

Scary stories to read when it's dark. New York : SeaStar Books, c2000. A picture book collection of seven spooky short stories for children.

PB P STE

Steig, William. Sylvester and the magic pebble. New York : an Aladdin Paperback, 1980, c1969. In a moment of fright,

Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

SC DUR

Just for fun : a collection of original humorous stories. 1st ed. New York : Dutton, c1977. Alexander, L. How the cat swallowed thunder.--Corbett, S. The wonderful weighing-machine.--Offit, S. A dog no eyes can see.--Olsen, A-B and Efron, M. Jack and the bean futures.--Sachs, M. Who's on first.--Sharmat, M. W. Dear Miss Veloshin.--Stine, J. B. Elephant crackers.

SC GOO

Diane Goode's book of scary stories & songs. 1st ed. New York : Dutton Children's Books, 1994. Spooks a-hunting -- The pumpkin giant -- The mermaid -- The worms crawl in -- The conjure wives -- The ghost of John -- The goblins at the bathhouse -- The green ribbon. A collection of traditional tales, with some poems and songs, most on a ghostly theme.

SC HUG

Hughes, Shirley. Stories by firelight. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1993. In this collection of winter stories, a child learns about a mythical sea creature, a boy and his grandfather build a bonfire, and Mrs. Toomly Stones pays a scary visit.

SC HUR

Hurston, Zora Neale. The skull talks back and other haunting tales. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2004. Big, bad Sixteen -- Bill, the talking mule -- The skull talks back -- The witch who could slip off her skin -- High Walker -- The haunted house. Inspired by stories from the rural south, a collection of terrifying tales includes a skinless witch, a talking skull, and a man more evil than the devil, as collected by the famous African-American writer Zora Neale Hurston.

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