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PICTURE BOOKS

Applegate, Katherine. *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla*. Ivan lived alone for many years until he was relocated to Zoo Atlanta.

Barnett, Mac. *Leo: A Ghost Story*. Leo is a friendly house ghost—but when a family moves into his house and tries to get rid of him, he leaves and roams the city looking for a friend.

Beaty, Andrea. *Ada Twist, Scientist*. Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

Bildner, Phil. *Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans*. A man known as the “Trashcan Wizard” sings and dances his way through the French Quarter in New Orleans, keeping his beloved city clean, until Hurricane Katrina’s devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit.

Copeland, Misty. *Firebird*. American Ballet Theatre soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young student with brown skin like her own that with practice and dedication, the little girl can become a firebird too.

Cordell, Matthew. *Wolf in the Snow*. When a wolf cub and little girl are lost in a snowstorm they must find their way home.

Denos, Julia. *Windows*. Walking his dog at dusk, one boy catches glimpses of the lives around him in this lovely ode to autumn evenings, exploring your neighborhood, and coming home.

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. *One Day, the End: Short, Very Short, Shorter-Than-Ever Stories*. A little girl tells stories about her day, using a minimum of words. Look carefully at the pictures to see if there’s more to the tale!

Dyckman, Ame. *Horrible Bear!* When Bear breaks a little girl’s kite, she thinks he is horrible, until she makes a mistake and learns how to say “I’m sorry.”

Engle, Margarita. *Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl’s Courage Changed Music*. Follows a girl in the 1920s as she strives to become a drummer, despite being reminded that only boys play the drums and that there has never been a female drummer in Cuba.

Garza, Cynthia Leonor. *Lucia the Luchadora*. Lucia comes from a family of luchadoras, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican lucha libre tradition. Cloaked in a flashy disguise, Lucia acts the part of a superhero at recess!

Golio, Gary. *Bird & Diz*. A rhythmic tribute to Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, and their creation of bebop.

Hall, Michael. *Red: A Crayon’s Story*. Red’s factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right. Then a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

Mattick, Lindsay. *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World’s Most Famous Bear* (599.78 MAT). A woman tells her son the true story of how his great-great-grandfather rescued and learned to love a bear cub during World War I, the inspiration for A.A. Milne’s *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

Myers, Christopher. *My Pen*. An artist celebrates the many things he can do with a simple pen, and encourages the reader to do the same.

Pizzoli, Greg. *Good Night Owl*. Owl takes drastic measures to have a good night’s sleep.

Santat, Dan. *After the Fall*. After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds.

Stead, Philip. *Lenny & Lucy*. A picture book about moving to a new house and making new friends.

Thompson, Laurie Ann. *Emmanuel’s Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah*. The story of a West African youth who pursued an education, helped support his family, and became a record-setting cyclist in spite of a disability.

Watts, Jeri. *A Piece of Home*. Hee Jun struggles to adjust after moving from Korea to West Virginia, but finds ways to keep family and traditions close.

Yoshitake, Shinsuke. *Still Stuck*. At bath time, a boy who believes he is ready to dress and undress himself gets stuck in his clothes, then imagines what life will be like if he remains that way forever.

EASY READERS

Adler, David. *Pass The Ball, Mo!* (series) Level 2. With the big game coming up, Mo Jackson is determined to learn how to pass the ball in time to help his team win.

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Arnold, Ted. ***Noodleheads See the Future.*** (series) Level 2. Inspired by folktales about fools from around the world, brothers Mac and Mac Noodlehead exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend Meatball, and make a garden for their mother.

Hillestad Butler, Dori. ***King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth*** (series) Level 2. Kayla places her tooth in a Tooth Fairy pillow, but it disappears before the Tooth Fairy has a chance to visit. Can her dog King help Kayla find the missing tooth?

Jules, Jacqueline. ***Sofia Martinez: Abulea's Birthday*** (series) Level 2. Sofia and her cousins are making a piñata for their grandmother's birthday party, but when Bella the cat gets involved chaos ensues.

Kugler, Tina. ***Snail and Worm Again*** (series). Level 1. The continuing antics of bests friends Snail and Worm.

Manushkin, Fran. ***Pirate Pedro*** (series). Level 2. Pedro and his friends all want to be the pirate captain in their clubhouse.

Meisel, Paul. ***I See a Cat.*** Level 1. A dog enjoys barking at a cat, a bee, and especially squirrels in this easy-to-read book.

Yoon, Salina. ***Duck, Duck, Porcupine!*** (series) Level 1. Big Duck, Little Duck and their friend Porcupine have unexpected adventures!

NONFICTION

Andrews, Troy. ***Trombone Shorty*** (BIO AND). Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was tall. Today this Grammy-nominated artist headlines the legendary New Orleans Jazz Fest.

Barton, Bethany. ***I'm Trying to Love Spiders*** (595.44 BAR). This fresh and very funny nonfiction picture book shares lots of fascinating facts about spiders in an entirely captivating way.

Bishop, Nic. ***Penguin Day: A Family Story*** (598.47 BIS). While his mother is off fishing for food, baby Rockhopper penguin wanders off and almost becomes a meal for a hungry skua—but luckily papa penguin drives off the predator.

De Seve, Karen. ***Little Kids First Big Book of Weather*** (series 551.5 DE). National Geographic Kids' series explores our world with fascinating facts and incredible illustrations.

Kerley, Barbara. ***A Little Peace*** (327.172 KER). Beautiful photos from around the world with a simple message about our responsibilities for making and keeping peace on the planet.

LaMothe, Matt. ***This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids From Around the World*** (305.23 LAN). Follow one day in the real lives of seven kids from

countries around the world: Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia.

Meltzer, Brad. ***I Am Jane Goodall*** (series in Graphic Novel Bio). Ordinary people change the world. Jane was a girl who loved animals and became world famous through her work with chimpanzees.

Pizzoli, Greg. ***Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower*** (364.1 PIZ). In the early 1900s, Robert Miller moved to Paris hoping to be an artist. A “con” artist, that is. Tricky Vic pulled off his most daring con in 1925, when he managed to “sell” the Eiffel Tower.

Rockliff, Mara. ***Gingerbread for Liberty! How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution*** (973.3 ROC). A picture book biography about a hero of the American Revolution who served his country, not with muskets or canons, but with gingerbread!

Winter, Jonah. ***Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx*** (BIO SOT). Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor didn't have a lot growing up, but she had what she needed—her mother's love, a will to learn, and her own determination. Includes full text in English and Spanish.