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On the following pages, you'll find our 2007 Premier Selections for April through September. All these titles were selected in 2006, before they were published or honored with awards. New manuscripts are currently being reviewed for inclusion in our Fall 2007 list, so stay tuned to see what's coming!

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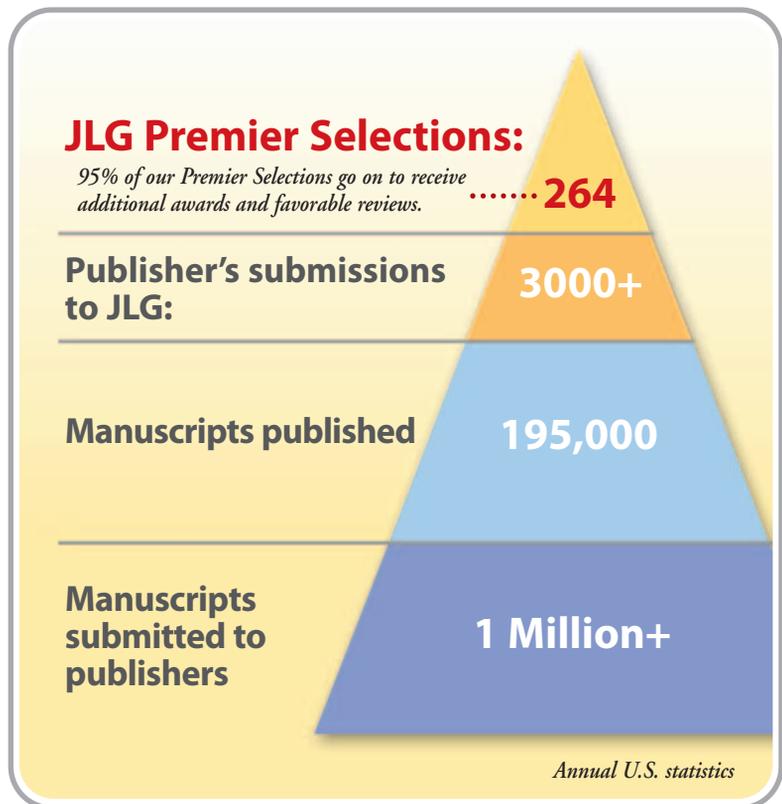
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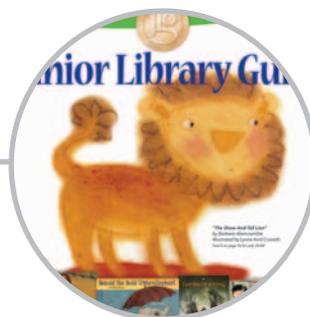
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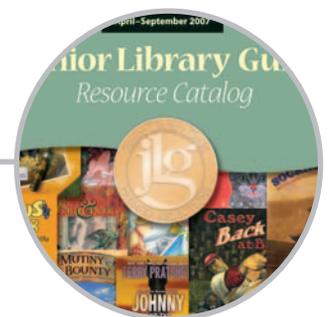
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# Build Your Library Collection with Complete Confidence.

*22 Reading Levels Cover Every Grade and Interest.*

JLG Level	Grades	
<b>PS:</b> Primary Spanish	<b>K-3</b>	<b>Elementary</b>
<b>K:</b> Kindergarten	<b>PreK-K</b>	
<b>P/P+:</b> Primary Level	<b>K-1</b>	
<b>E/E+:</b> Easy Reading	<b>1-3</b>	
<b>I/I+:</b> Independent Readers	<b>2-4</b>	
<b>ME:</b> Mystery/Adventure Elem.	<b>2-6</b>	
<b>NE:</b> Nonfiction Elementary	<b>2-6</b>	
<b>SE:</b> Sports Elementary	<b>2-6</b>	
<b>A/A+:</b> Intermediate Readers	<b>3-5</b>	<b>Elementary- Middle/ Jr. High</b>
<b>B/B+:</b> Upper Elem./Jr. High	<b>5-7</b>	
<b>C/C+:</b> Advanced Readers	<b>6-9</b>	<b>Middle/ Jr. High- High School</b>
<b>NM:</b> Nonfiction Mid./High	<b>7-11</b>	
<b>SM:</b> Sports Mid./High	<b>7-11</b>	
<b>Y/Y+:</b> Young Adults	<b>9 &amp; Up</b>	
<b>YM:</b> Mature Young Adults	<b>11 &amp; Up</b>	<b>High School &amp; Older</b>

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### PS LEVEL AT A GLANCE:

- Bilingual fiction and nonfiction
- Spanish-language translations of classic English books
- Original Spanish titles

#### Perfect for:

Students whose first language is Spanish or those learning Spanish

#### Un amigo de veras maravilloso (A Splendid Friend, Indeed)

written and illustrated by Suzanne Bloom

(April) Bear is trying to read and write, but Goose keeps interrupting him. Bear is fed up! Can't he get any peace? The Spanish version of a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor-winning book.

ISBN-13: 9781590784891 • ISBN-10: 1590784898 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Boyd's Mills price: \$15.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Celebrate! It's Cinco de Mayo! / ¡Celebremos! ¡Es el cinco de mayo!

by Janice Levy • illustrated by Loretta Lopez  
translated by Miguel Arisa

(May) Everyone's celebrating Cinco de Mayo, but why? Carlos's *abuelo* tells him the story: On May 5, 1862, the Mexicans defeated the French in battle. And they won by using a secret weapon—cows!

ISBN-13: 9780807511763 • ISBN-10: 0807511765 • 32 pp  
Dewey: 394.262 • Albert Whitman price: \$16.95  
JLG price: \$12.50

### PS: PRIMARY SPANISH | GRADES K–3

This level features Spanish translations of classic English books, original Spanish titles, and bilingual fiction and nonfiction. It's perfect for those students whose first language is Spanish ... as well as those just learning the language.

#### ¡Jonrón! (Out of the Ballpark)

by Alex Rodriguez • illustrated by Frank Morrison

(June) Alex lives for *beisbol*. He practices before school, he practices after school, and he dreams of the upcoming championship game. Will he come through with *un jonrón*? Major League superstar Alex Rodriguez based this story on his own experiences in youth league baseball.

ISBN-13: 9780061151972 • ISBN-10: 0061151971 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • HarperCollins price: \$16.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### My Way: A Margret and Margarita Story / A Mi Manera: Un cuento de Margarita y Margaret

written and illustrated by Lynn Reiser

(July) "This is how I make my art," says Margaret as she paints a picture. "*Así es como hago mi arte,*" says her best friend Margarita as she rolls out clay. Each has her own way of doing things, but *a veces* it's fun to try it another way.

ISBN-13: 9780060841010 • ISBN-10: 006084101X • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Greenwillow price: \$15.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Sky Blue Accident / Accidente celeste

by Jorge Luján • illustrated by Piet Grobler  
translated by Elisa Amado

(August) While riding his bike to school one day, a little boy crashes into the sky and breaks it in to pieces. Can the boy and his classmates put *el cielo* back together again?

ISBN-13: 9780888998057 • ISBN-10: 0888998058 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Groundwood price: \$16.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Beauty and the Beast / La Bella y la Bestia

adapted by Roser Ros • illustrated by Christina Losantos

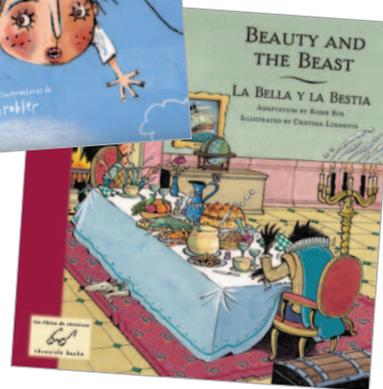
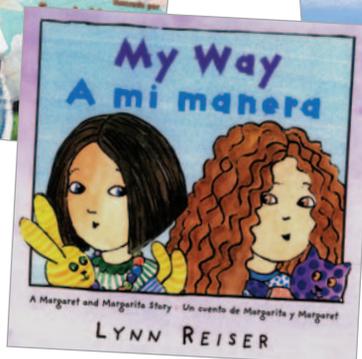
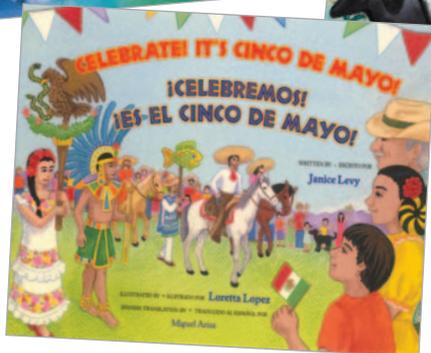
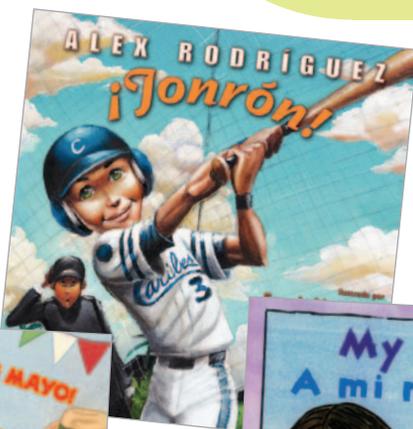
(September) A beautiful young woman is forced to live with a wealthy beast. Though *la Bestia* loves Beauty, she doesn't think she can ever love him back.

ISBN-13: 9780811859691 • ISBN-10: 081185969X • 32 pp  
Dewey: 398.2 • Chronicle price: \$14.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

### Previous Award-Winning Titles from this level have included:

- Cuentos Que Contaban Nuestras Abuelas
- Alfombras de Aserrín
- Quinto's Neighborhood/  
El Vecindario de Quinto

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## K: KINDERGARTEN | GRADES PREK-K

Filled with concept books and simple stories, this is an ideal level for youngsters who enjoy “reading” by themselves and following narratives through pictures. Colorful illustrations are an integral part of each book.

### Red, Red, Red

written and illustrated by Valeri Gorbachev

**(April)** Why is Turtle in such a hurry? He’s off to see something red, red, red! It’s not Mrs. Raccoon’s red roses, and it’s not Rabbit’s red watermelon. It’s not the red smokestack on Captain Dog’s boat. What could it be?

ISBN-13: 9780399246289 • ISBN-10: 0399246282 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Philomel price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

### Grumpy Bird

written and illustrated by Jeremy Tankard

**(May)** Bird is in an awfully grumpy mood this morning. All he wants to do is go for a walk, but his friends won’t leave him alone. Why are they following him? And do they have to be so *cheerful*!?

ISBN-13: 9780439851473 • ISBN-10: 0439851475 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Scholastic price: \$12.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

### Rainstorm

written and illustrated by Barbara Lehman

**(June)** One rainy day, a young boy is stuck in his big, empty house with no playmates. Until, that is, he discovers a key to a hidden passageway. . . .

ISBN-13: 9780618756391 • ISBN-10: 0618756396 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Houghton Mifflin price: \$16.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

### Mouse Shapes

written and illustrated by Ellen Stoll Walsh

**(July)** Three mice named Violet, Martin, and Fred discover that shapes can be combined to make all sorts of pictures. Maybe they can make one that will scare away the cat!

ISBN-13: 9780152060916 • ISBN-10: 015206091X • 40 pp  
Dewey: E • Harcourt price: \$16.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

## K LEVEL AT A GLANCE:

- Concept books
- Simple stories
- Full illustrations

### Perfect for:

Children who enjoy “reading” by themselves

### Leaves

written and illustrated by David Ezra Stein

**(August)** “It was his first year. Everything was going well until the first leaf fell.” A puzzled young bear is worried about the leaves—they’re all falling off the trees, and he can’t put them back on.

ISBN-13: 9780399246364 • ISBN-10: 0399246363 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Penguin price: \$15.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

### When Dinosaurs Came with Everything

by Elise Broach • illustrated by David Small

**(September)** Buy a dozen donuts, get a triceratops free! Get a haircut, and you can take home this pterodactyl! Today, for one day only, dinosaurs come with everything!

ISBN-13: 9780689869228 • ISBN-10: 0689869223 • 40 pp  
Dewey: E • Atheneum price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

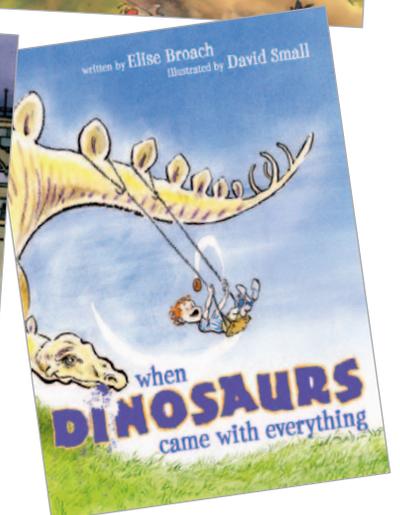
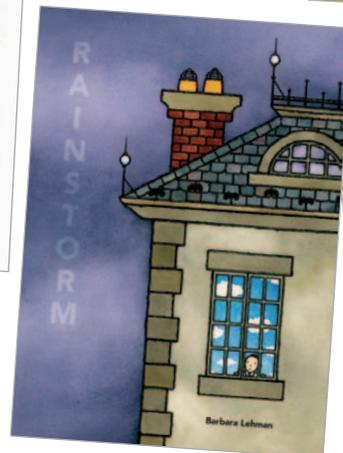
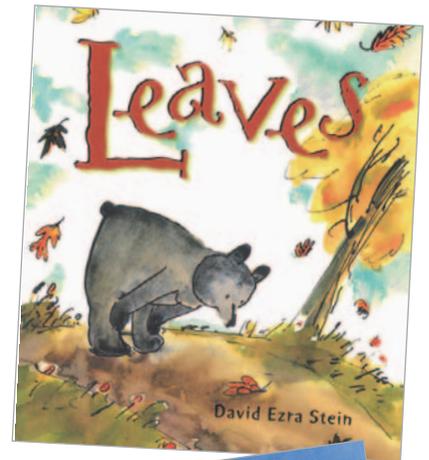


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- Fancy Nancy
- Leaf Man
- An Egg Is Quiet
- Below
- Good Boy, Fergus!



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## P LEVELS AT A GLANCE:

- Stories
- Nonfiction
- Full illustrations
- Especially selected as read-alouds

*Perfect for:*  
Story time

### P Titles

#### Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend

written and illustrated by *Mélanie Watt*

(April) Scaredy Squirrel spots a goldfish through his binoculars and makes a quick evaluation: bubbly personality, squeaky clean, no teeth—100% safe! Armed with mittens to hide his sweaty paws, a nametag, and a pitcher of lemonade, he sets off to meet his perfect new friend.

ISBN–13: 9781554531813 • ISBN–10: 1554531810 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Kids Can price: \$14.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Bow-Wow Bugs a Bug

written and illustrated by *Mark Newgarden and Megan Montague Cash*

(May) When Bow-Wow finds a pesky bug hopping around his food bowl, he decides to follow it out the door and all around town. Along the way, Bow-Wow sees giant insects, a dog that loses its spots, and some other very strange things.

ISBN–13: 9780152058135 • ISBN–10: 0152058133 • 48 pp  
Dewey: E • Harcourt price: \$12.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Bean Thirteen

written and illustrated by *Matthew McElligott*

(June) Ralph warned Flora not to pick the thirteenth bean. Now they can't seem to get rid of it. It's always left over, no matter how they divide up the beans.

ISBN–13: 9780399245350 • ISBN–10: 0399245359 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Penguin price: \$15.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### The Cheese

by *Margie Palatini*

illustrated by *Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher*

(July) “The cheese stands alone,” goes the old song. But *why* must it stand alone? As a rat, a cat, a dog, and the farmer in the dell ponder the question, they start getting awfully hungry. . . .

ISBN–13: 9780060526313 • ISBN–10: 0060526319 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • HarperCollins price: \$17.89 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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#### The Top Job

by *Elizabeth Cody Kimmel* • illustrated by *Robert Neubecker*

(August) When does changing a lightbulb require a hard hat, a climbing harness, a coil of Manila safety rope, and a 204-foot climb?

ISBN–13: 9780525477891 • ISBN–10: 0525477896 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Penguin price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Billy Tartle in Say Cheese!

written and illustrated by *Michael Townsend*

(September) Tomorrow is picture day and Billy needs a haircut, but does that mean he has to have another boring old school picture?

ISBN–13: 9780375939327 • ISBN–10: 0375939326 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Random House price: \$18.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

### P+ Titles

#### Terrible Storm

by *Carol Otis Hurst* • illustrated by *S. D. Schindler*

(April) Two old men—one outgoing, one shy—remember the blizzard of 1888 when they took cover from the storm in what each considered “the worst possible place.”

ISBN–13: 9780060090029 • ISBN–10: 0060090022 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Greenwillow price: \$17.89 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### King Puck

written and illustrated by *Michael Garland*

(May) Seamus the farmer and his goat Finny live on the most beautiful mountain in all of Ireland. Everything would be perfect, if only Seamus had someone to talk to. Then one day, something magical happens: Finny says “Good morning.”

ISBN–13: 9780060848101 • ISBN–10: 0060848103 • 40 pp  
Dewey: E • HarperCollins price: \$17.89 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Dexter Bexley and the Big Blue Beastie

written and illustrated by *Joel Stewart*

(June) “I’m bored,” says the Big Blue Beastie when Dexter Bexley bumps into him. “I should probably eat you up.” Dexter manages to distract the Beastie—they ride scooters, start a business, and become detectives—but what if Dexter runs out of ideas?

ISBN–13: 9780823420681 • ISBN–10: 082342068X • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Holiday House price: \$16.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Clancy the Courageous Cow

written and illustrated by *Lachie Hume*

(July) The Belted Galloways are trapped in a vicious cycle. Their bossy neighbors, the Herefords, always win the Cow Wrestling contest—and the rights to the best pasture for another year. This time just might be different thanks to an outcast named Clancy.

ISBN–13: 9780061172496 • ISBN–10: 0061172499 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Greenwillow price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Where Is the Cake?

written and illustrated by *Thé Tjong-Khing*

(August) The search for a stolen cake leads readers on a journey through a picturesque landscape. Follow one path through the forest and over the river in search of the rats who stole the cake, another to discover what happens to a bunny’s lost toy, and another to witness the exciting rescue of a young pig. Every reading of this wordless book will reveal new details.

ISBN–13: 9780810917989 • ISBN–10: 081091798X • 28 pp  
Dewey: E • Abrams price: \$12.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Granddad's Fishing Buddy

by *Mary Quigley* • illustrated by *Stéphane Jorisich*

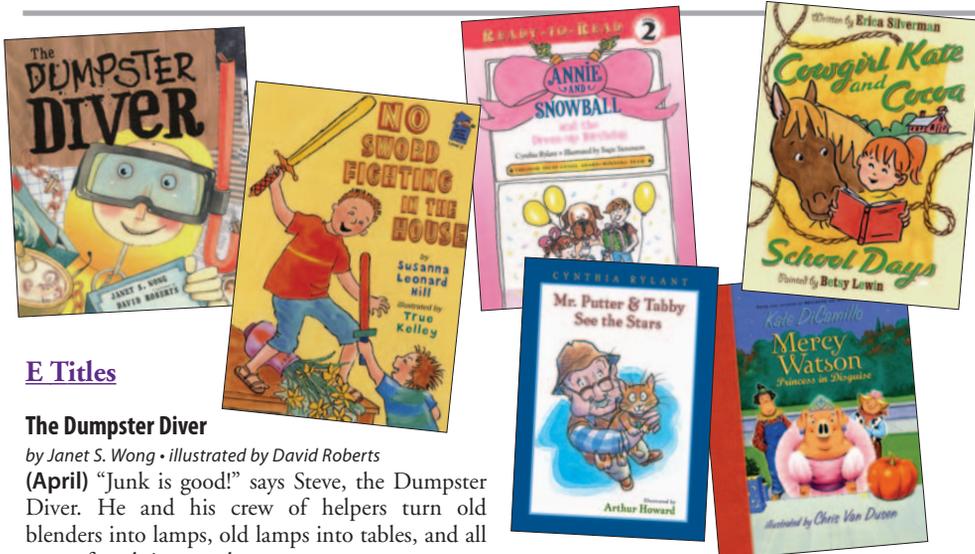
(September) Before Granddad lets Sara go fishing, he asks a lot of questions: “Can you keep real quiet so the fish don’t know we’re there? Can you row the boat without making it turn in circles? Can you put a worm on a hook?”

ISBN–13: 9780803729421 • ISBN–10: 0803729421 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Dial price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**



## E & E+: EASY READING | GRADES 1-3

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### E Titles

#### The Dumpster Diver

by Janet S. Wong • illustrated by David Roberts

**(April)** “Junk is good!” says Steve, the Dumpster Diver. He and his crew of helpers turn old blenders into lamps, old lamps into tables, and all sorts of trash into cool new treasures.

ISBN-13: 9780763623807 • ISBN-10: 0763623806 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Candlewick price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### No Sword Fighting in the House

by Susanna Leonard Hill • illustrated by True Kelley

**(May)** Mom warned Arthur and Lance about sword fighting in the house. She didn't say anything about jousting in the yard, though. . . .

ISBN-13: 9780823419166 • ISBN-10: 0823419169 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Holiday House price: \$14.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Annie and Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday

by Cynthia Rylant • illustrated by Suçie Stevenson

**(June)** Annie is very excited about her dress-up party. A satin dress and white gloves for her, a bow for Snowball, even a tuxedo for Dad! But when her neighbors Henry and Mudge arrive “dressed up” too, it's not quite what Annie had in mind.

ISBN-13: 9781416909385 • ISBN-10: 1416909389 • 40 pp  
Dewey: E • Simon & Schuster price: \$14.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days

by Erica Silverman • illustrated by Betsy Lewin

**(July)** Cocoa the horse is heartsick when his best friend, Cowgirl Kate, heads off to school. “You have to stay home and play with me,” he says. But soon, Cocoa is helping Kate paint a portrait, make friends, and do her homework.

ISBN-13: 9780152053789 • ISBN-10: 0152053786 • 48 pp  
Dewey: E • Harcourt price: \$15.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Mr. Putter and Tabby See the Stars

by Cynthia Rylant • illustrated by Arthur Howard

**(August)** After eating twenty-one of Mrs. Teaberry's delicious pineapple jelly rolls, Mr. Putter can't sleep—and he's not the only one. Luckily, it's a beautiful night to take a walk and see the stars.

ISBN-13: 9780152060756 • ISBN-10: 0152060750 • 44 pp  
Dewey: E • Harcourt price: \$14.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Mercy Watson: Princess in Disguise

by Kate DiCamillo • illustrated by Chris Van Dusen

**(September)** Mercy Watson is not the least bit interested in dressing up for Halloween until she hears the magic word: treats. Could toast with a great deal of butter be involved?

ISBN-13: 9780763630140 • ISBN-10: 0763630144 • 80 pp  
Dewey: F • Candlewick price: \$12.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

### E+ Titles

#### The Real Story of Stone Soup

by Ying Chang Compestine • illustrated by Stéphane Joris

**(April)** “You boys forgot the cooking pot? How could you?” an old fisherman asks the Chang brothers, who are working on his boat. The boastful fisherman goes on to tell a dubious crowd about how *he* solved the problem by making soup from stones.

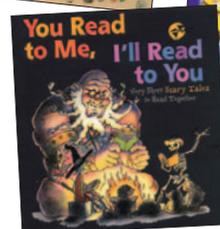
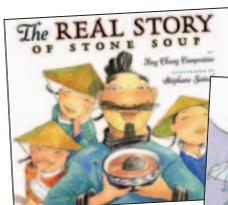
ISBN-13: 9780525474937 • ISBN-10: 0525474935 • 32 pp  
Dewey: 398.2 • Penguin price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Rainy Day!

by Patricia Lakin • illustrated by Scott Nash

**(May)** “Nothing to make. Nothing to bake. Nothing to paint. Nothing to play.” Where can four crocodile friends go on a rainy day?

ISBN-13: 9780803730922 • ISBN-10: 0803730926 • 40 pp  
Dewey: E • Dial price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**



### E LEVELS AT A GLANCE:

- Challenging picture books
- Poetry

*Perfect for:*  
Beginning readers

#### Midsummer Knight

written and illustrated by Gregory Rogers

**(June)** A mysterious forest. A faerie kingdom. A greedy villain. A knight to the rescue. There is midsummer magic afoot in this wordless tale in which a bear soldier battles a villain with a very familiar face. . . .

ISBN-13: 9781596431836 • ISBN-10: 1596431830 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Roaring Brook price: \$16.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### The Magic Raincoat

by Ryan David • illustrated by Sibylla Benatova

**(July)** Emily's new raincoat has clasps and buttons and zippers and straps and *seven* pockets, but it's *orange* and Emily wanted a *yellow* one. Plus, it's way too big. Wait, it was too big a minute ago. . . .

ISBN-13: 9781932425680 • ISBN-10: 1932425683 • 40 pp  
Dewey: E • Front Street price: \$17.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### You Read to Me, I'll Read to You

Very Short Scary Tales to Read Together

by Mary Ann Hoberman • illustrated by Michael Emberley

**(August)** “Do you like to / Quake and quiver? / Do you like to / Shake and shiver? . . . If you do, / Then take a look / At the stories / In this book!” Color-coded to indicate the alternating parts, here are thirteen spooky stories to share.

ISBN-13: 9780316017336 • ISBN-10: 0316017337 • 32 pp  
Dewey: 811.54 • Little, Brown price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### One Saturday Evening

by Barbara Baker • illustrated by Kate Duke

**(September)** Mama and Papa Bear are tired, but Lily, Daisy, Rose, and Baby Jack are NOT. In six stories—one for each bear—readers will find out how this loving family ends a busy day.

ISBN-13: 9780525471035 • ISBN-10: 0525471030 • 48 pp  
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poems by Kobayashi Issa • illustrated by G. Brian Karas

(April) Haiku by a Japanese master capture the essence of each season while mixed-media illustrations depict important moments in the life of a boy, a girl, their parents, and their ailing grandfather: “As simple as that— / spring has finally arrived / with a pale blue sky”

ISBN-13: 9780439590785 • ISBN-10: 0439590787 • 40 pp  
Dewey: 895.6'13 • Scholastic price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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ISBN-13: 9780823420063 • ISBN-10: 082342006X • 32 pp  
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written and illustrated by Lynne Rae Perkins

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ISBN-13: 9780060850982 • ISBN-10: 0060850981 • 40 pp  
Dewey: E • Greenwillow price: \$17.89 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Trolls, Go Home!

by Alan MacDonald • illustrated by Mark Beech

(July) Mr. Priddle and his son, Warren, take turns watching the new neighbors through a telescope: Good gravy! They are HUGE and hairy all over—and “Whoa! Ugly or what?” But it's the strange digging and the terrifying conversation Mrs. Priddle overhears at the supermarket that really make the Priddles nervous. . . .

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#### Best Friend Emma

by Sally Warner • illustrated by Jamie Harper

(August) The new girl looks like she'll be a great best friend. Emma has to act fast so that someone else won't get her first. But what about the best friend Emma already has?

ISBN-13: 9780670061730 • ISBN-10: 0670061735 • 112 pp  
Dewey: E • Viking price: \$14.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Brian Meunier • illustrated by Perky Edgerton

(September) Papa says Tavo will have to wait until the rains come before he can get new basketball shoes. But when will that be?

ISBN-13: 9780525474784 • ISBN-10: 0525474781 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Penguin price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Ellen Levine • illustrated by Kadir Nelson

(April) “Dr. Smith begged the clerks to be careful. But they didn't listen. They threw the box into the baggage car. Hours passed. Henry was lifted up and thrown again. Upside down!” Henry Brown had an ingenious idea to escape from slavery. He mailed himself from Richmond, Virginia, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in a wooden box.

ISBN-13: 9780439777339 • ISBN-10: 043977733X • 40 pp  
Dewey: F • Scholastic price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Douglas Florian

(May) From the phases of the moon, to the constellations that are a “zoo in the sky,” to “super-dupiter” Jupiter, these twenty space poems describe our

universe: “The universe is every place / including all the empty space. . . .”

ISBN-13: 9780152053727 • ISBN-10: 0152053727 • 56 pp  
Dewey: 811.54 • Harcourt price: \$16.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Tricycle

by Elisa Amado • illustrated by Alfonso Ruano

(June) Margarita knows what happened to the tricycle she left outside, but should she tell?

ISBN-13: 9780888996145 • ISBN-10: 0888996144 • 32 pp  
Dewey: E • Groundwood price: \$16.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### The Talented Clementine

by Sara Pennypacker • illustrated by Marla Frazee

(July) “What if there's a kid who doesn't have any talent,” Clementine asks her teacher. “Not me, because I have L-O-T-S, lots. Of course. I have so many. But what if some *other* kid doesn't? . . . Wouldn't that person who is not me be embarrassed at a talent show?”

ISBN-13: 9780786838707 • ISBN-10: 0786838701 • 144 pp  
Dewey: F • Hyperion price: \$14.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### A Girl, a Boy, and a Monster Cat

by Gail Gauthier • illustrated by Joe Cepeda

(August) If Brandon were at a friend's house after school, he could watch TV. He could be with a boy at least. But instead he has to go to Hannah's house. Hannah doesn't even have a TV. She makes up games from what she reads—spy games, cave explorers, pirates. Brandon always gets stuck with the worst parts.

ISBN-13: 9780399246890 • ISBN-10: 0399246894 • 96 pp  
Dewey: F • Penguin price: \$14.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### A Horse in the House and Other Strange but True Animal Stories

by Gail Ablow • illustrated by Kathy Osborn

(September) Beavers that used stolen money to build a dam, a man who resuscitated his goldfish using mouth-to-mouth, and a greyhound that started winning races only after he got contact lenses. These amazing stories are drawn from news reports around the world.

ISBN-13: 9780763628333 • ISBN-10: 0763628337 • 40 pp  
Dewey: 590 • Candlewick price: \$17.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**



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ISBN–13: 9780439813785 • ISBN–10: 0439813786 • 544 pp  
Dewey: F • Scholastic price: \$21.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Ghosthunters and the Totally Moldy Baroness!

written and illustrated by Cornelia Funke

translated by Helena Ragg

**(May)** Whistle? Check. Salt? Check. Mint toothpaste? Double check. The Ghosthunters are packed and ready to fight a nasty poltergeist bent on revenge.

ISBN–13: 9780439862660 • ISBN–10: 0439862663 • 192 pp  
Dewey: F • Scholastic price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos

by R. L. LaFevers

**(June)** Only Theo knows that the Egyptian artifacts in her parents' London museum are cursed. When someone steals a priceless amulet, Theo must return the relic to its rightful place before its curse destroys all of England!

ISBN–13: 9780618756384 • ISBN–10: 0618756388 • 368 pp  
Dewey: F • Houghton Mifflin price: \$16.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Atherton: The House of Power

by Patrick Carman

**(July)** Edgar breaks the rules and scales the cliffs separating Tabletop, where he grew up, from the Highlands. Then he learns that all the rules are about to change.

ISBN–13: 9780316166706 • ISBN–10: 0316166707 • 352 pp  
Dewey: F • Little, Brown price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Digory and the Lost King

by Angela McAllister • illustrated by Ian Beck

**(August)** Prince Digory would rather write songs than go on an adventure, but *someone* has to find lost King Widget. . . .

ISBN–13: 9781599900889 • ISBN–10: 1599900882 • 128 pp  
Dewey: F • Bloomsbury price: \$14.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case

by Donald J. Sobol • illustrated by James Bernardin

**(September)** The first new Encyclopedia Brown book in twenty-five years! How many of the boy detective's cases can *you* solve?

ISBN–13: 9780525479246 • ISBN–10: 0525479244 • 128 pp  
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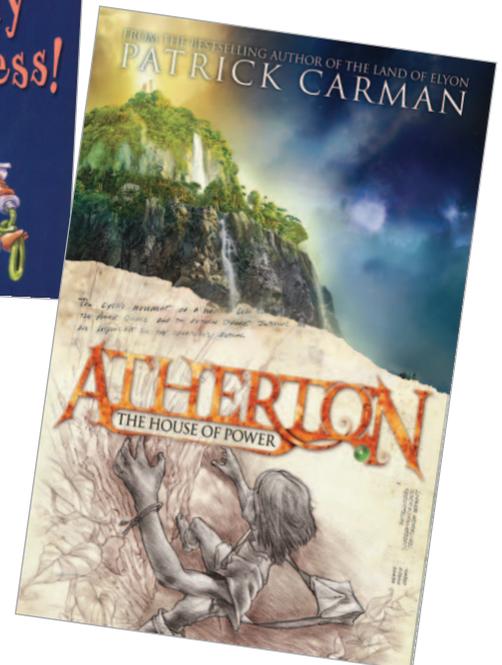
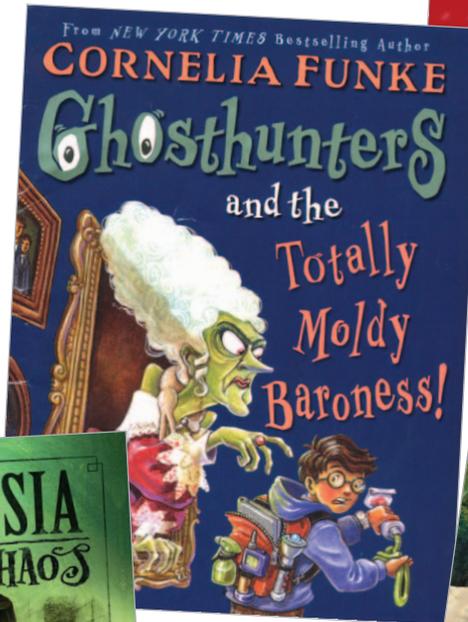
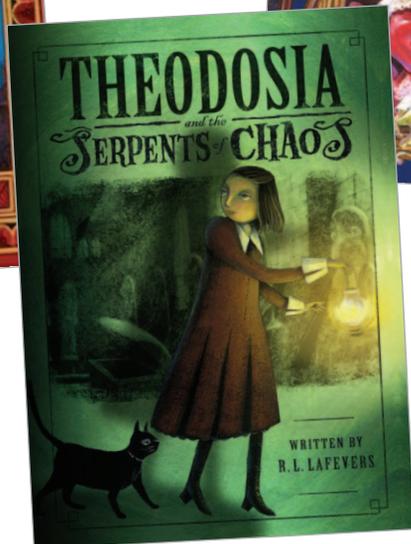
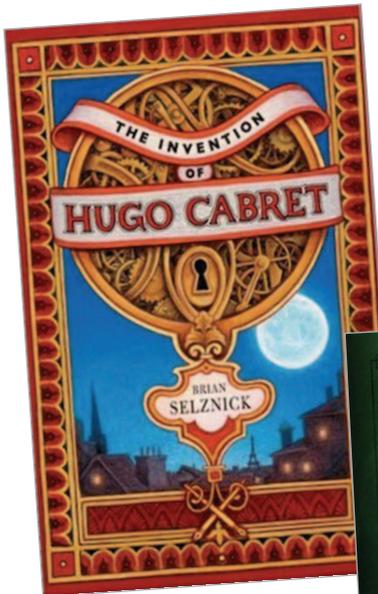
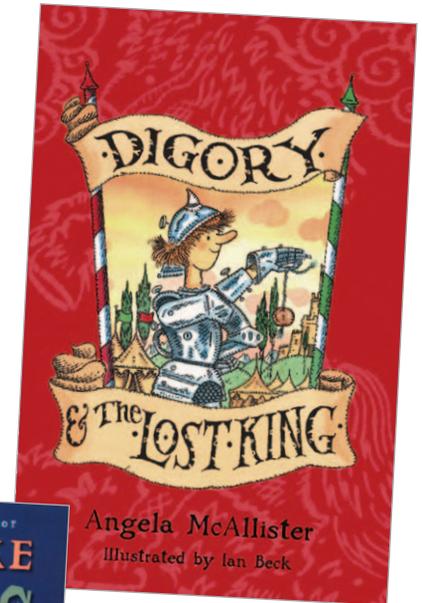
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### ME LEVEL AT A GLANCE:

- Fiction and nonfiction
- Suspense
- Adventure

### Perfect for:

Elementary readers seeking a thrill



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### ■ Exclusively nonfiction

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#### Owen & Mzee: The Language of Friendship

by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, and Dr. Paula Kahumbu  
illustrated by Peter Greste

**(April)** A young hippo, Owen, was rescued after the Tsunami of December 2004 and brought to an animal sanctuary in Kenya. There he struck up an amazing friendship with a 130-year-old tortoise named Mzee. Here is the story of how the two communicate and what may pull them apart.  
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Dewey: 599.63/5139 • Scholastic price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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written and illustrated by Patrick O'Brien

**(May)** In 1788 the *Bounty* sailed from England to the island of Tahiti. The *Bounty's* men thought they had found heaven on earth, but there was trouble brewing below deck.  
ISBN-13: 9780802795885 • ISBN-10: 0802795889 • 40 pp  
Dewey: 910.4'5 • Walker price: \$18.85 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

## NE: NONFICTION ELEMENTARY | GRADES 2–6

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ISBN-13: 9781590784365 • ISBN-10: 1590784367 • 48 pp  
Dewey: 305.897'1 • Boyd's Mills price: \$17.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### It's Probably Penny

written and illustrated by Loreen Leedy

**(July)** Lisa is studying probability in school. What are the chances she'll use her dog, Penny, to do her homework?

ISBN-13: 9780805073898 • ISBN-10: 0805073892 • 32 pp  
Dewey: 519.2 • Holt price: \$16.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Dogs and Cats

written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins

**(August)** Dogs come in more shapes and sizes than any other animal. (To learn about that other popular house pet, just turn this page over and read it from the other side.)

**Cats and Dogs**  
Written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins  
**(August)** Cats sleep more than any other mammal. (To learn about that other popular house pet, just turn this page over and read it from the other side.)

ISBN-13: 9780618507672 • ISBN-10: 0618507671 • 40 pp  
Dewey: 636.7 • Houghton Mifflin price: \$16.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Ox, House, Stick: The History of Our Alphabet

by Don Robb • illustrated by Anne Smith

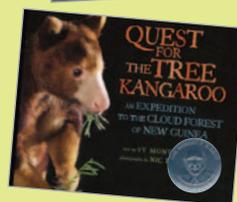
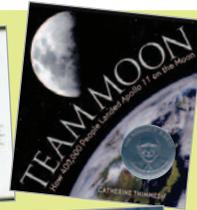
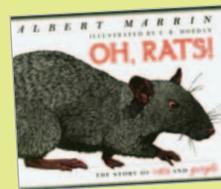
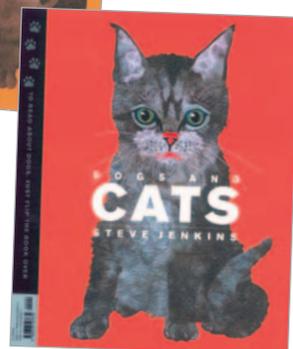
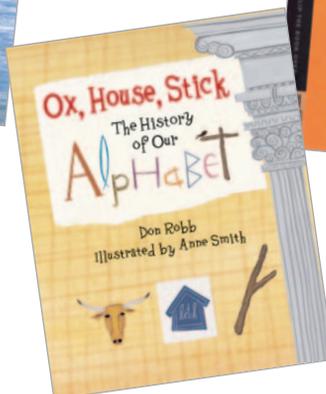
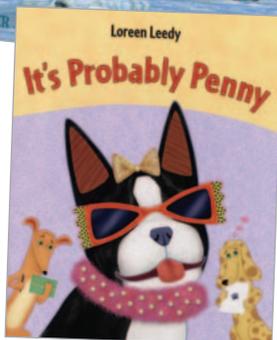
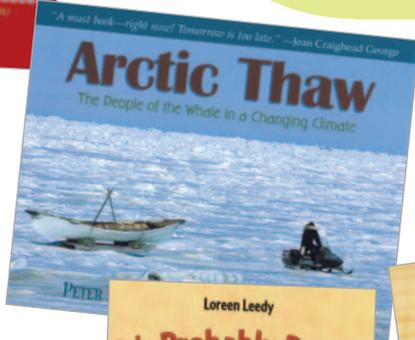
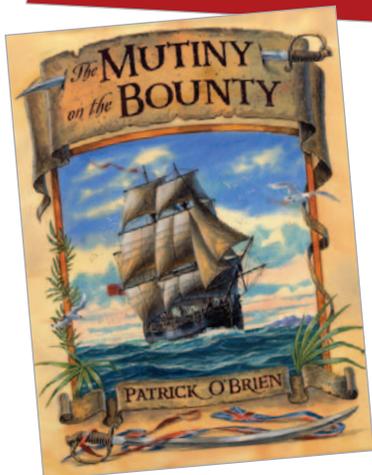
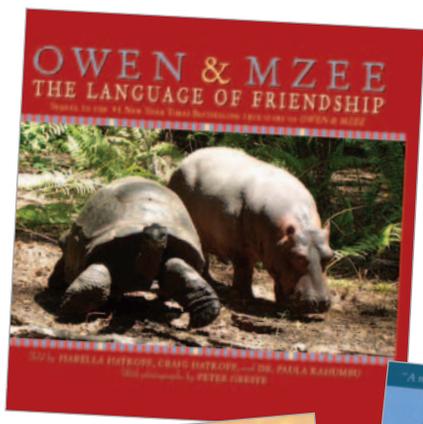
**(September)** Our letter *A* started out as *aleph*, the Semitic name for oxen. *H* started out as a consonant, turned into a vowel, and is now a consonant again. *Z* is the only letter that was once thrown out of the alphabet and later allowed back in. Here are the fascinating stories of how our alphabet came to be.

ISBN-13: 9781570916090 • ISBN-10: 1570916098 • 48 pp  
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### Casey Back at Bat

by Dan Gutman • illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher  
(April) “I’m sure you’ve heard of Casey, the baseball world sensation, whose famous strikeout lost a game and stunned a hopeful nation. / Well, if you think *that* tale was sad, sit down, let’s have a chat, / and I’ll tell you all a story I call *Casey Back at Bat*.” ISBN–13: 9780060560263 • ISBN–10: 0060560266 • 32 pp Dewey: 811.54 • HarperCollins price: \$17.89 • JLG price: \$12.50

### Louis Sockalexis: Native American Baseball Pioneer

by Bill Wise • illustrated by Bill Farnsworth  
(May) “Strike the chief out,” taunted the packed Polo Grounds crowd in 1897. “Grab a tomahawk, not a bat!” Louis Sockalexis, the first Native American to play in the major leagues, settled in at the plate, awaiting a pitch that would make history. . . . ISBN–13: 9781584302698 • ISBN–10: 1584302690 • 32 pp Dewey: 796.357092 • Lee & Low price: \$16.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

### Rufus the Scrub Does Not Wear a Tutu

by Jamie McEwan • illustrated by John Margeson  
(June) Rufus is the biggest guy on his football team, but he’s clumsy. His mom has a suggestion: ballet lessons. *Ballet lessons?* ISBN–13: 9781581960600 • ISBN–10: 1581960603 • 64 pp Dewey: F • Darby Creek price: \$14.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

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written and illustrated by Nicolas Debon  
(July) At the end of the nineteenth century, weightlifting was one of the most popular sports in the world. And there was no one stronger or more popular than Louis Cyr, whose real-life feats of strength captivated audiences everywhere he went. ISBN–13: 9780888997319 • ISBN–10: 0888997310 • 36 pp Dewey: 796.41092 • Greenwood price: \$17.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

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### Second String Center: Winning Season #10

by Rich Wallace  
(August) For Cornell “Dunk” Duncan, simply making the school basketball team is an accomplishment. He doesn’t expect to play much, but a teammate’s absence suddenly thrusts Dunk into a starting role. Will this backup center come through at crunch time? ISBN–13: 9780670061501 • ISBN–10: 0670061506 • 128 pp Dewey: F • Viking price: \$14.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

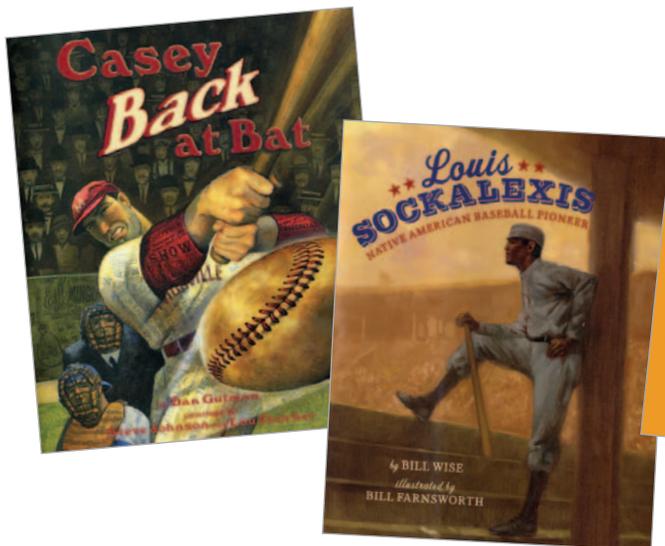
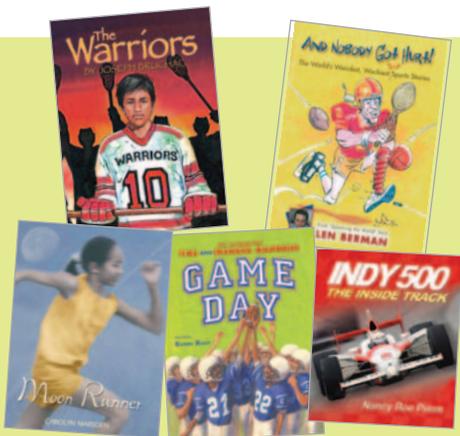
### Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson

by Karen Deans • illustrated by Elbrite Brown  
(September) Before Venus and Serena, there was Althea. More than fifty years ago, she broke the color line in tennis, won Wimbledon, and became the number one player in the world. ISBN–13: 9780823419265 • ISBN–10: 0823419266 • 32 pp Dewey: 796.342 • Holiday House price: \$16.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

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##### Martin Bridge: Sound the Alarm!

by Jessica Scott Kerrin • illustrated by Joseph Kelly

(April) Martin isn't too excited about his new babysitter, Darla. She'll never be as cool as his old babysitter, Bruce, and—yuck—she likes to dance! ISBN-13: 9781553379768 • ISBN-10: 1553379764 • 112 pp Dewey: F • Kids Can price: \$14.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

##### One Well: The Story of Water on Earth

by Rochelle Strauss • illustrated by Rosemary Woods

(May) Most of Earth's surface is covered in water—in oceans, glaciers, lakes, and the atmosphere—and all of it is connected. Here is the story of Earth's water, how we use it, and why we should conserve it.

ISBN-13: 9781553379546 • ISBN-10: 1553379543 • 32 pp Dewey: 553.7 • Kids Can price: \$17.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

##### Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion

by Loree Griffin Burns

(June) What do sneakers, plastic bath toys, and old fishing nets have in common? As floating trash, all have taught scientists more about ocean currents. ISBN-13: 9780618581313 • ISBN-10: 0618581316 • 64 pp Dewey: 551.46'2 • Houghton Mifflin price: \$18.00 • JLG price: \$12.50

##### Missing Magic

by Emma Laybourn

(July) Ned is having a hard time at his new school. Unlike his classmates, he can't do a bit of magic. ISBN-13: 9780803732193 • ISBN-10: 0803732198 • 192 pp Dewey: F • Dial price: \$16.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

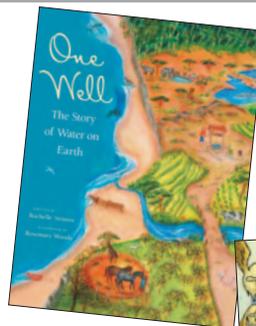
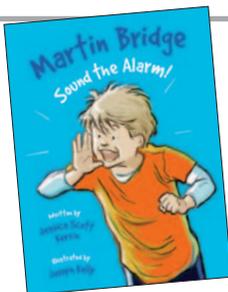
##### No Talking

by Andrew Clements • illustrated by Mark Elliott

(August) The boisterous fifth-graders of Laketon Elementary School have made a pact: "No talking at all. And it's a contest—boys against the girls." ISBN-13: 9781416909835 • ISBN-10: 1416909834 • 128 pp Dewey: F • Simon & Schuster price: \$15.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

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by Linda Urban

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##### Solomon Snow and the Stolen Jewel

by Kaye Umansky

(April) Can practical Solly, bookish Prudence, and the charmingly bratty Infant Prodigy rescue Prudence's dad from prison without getting mixed up in Dr. Calamari's dastardly gem heist? ISBN-13: 9780763627935 • ISBN-10: 0763627933 • 256 pp Dewey: F • Candlewick price: \$12.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

##### The Long Gone Lonesome History of Country Music

written and illustrated by Bret Bertholf

(May) "You're not gonna believe this, but there was a time before movies, before video games, before cars, when America was a brand-new country. Back then, if you didn't live in a city, and you wanted to hear some music, you had to make it yourself." Here's the story of how country music began. ISBN-13: 9780316523936 • ISBN-10: 0316523933 • 64 pp Dewey: 781.642'09 • Little, Brown price: \$18.99 • JLG price: \$12.50



##### Eoin Colfer's Legend of the Worst Boy in the World

by Eoin Colfer • illustrated by Glenn McCoy

(June) Will likes to tell Grandad his problems, but Grandad always outdoes his stories. No fair! Will wishes something really horrible would happen to *him*, too. ISBN-13: 9780786855032 • ISBN-10: 0786855037 • 112 pp Dewey: F • Hyperion price: \$12.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

##### Cave Detectives

##### Uncovering One of America's Oldest Ice Age Caves

by David L. Harrison • pictures by Edward Biamonte

and Lisa McCann • illustrated by Ashley Mims  
(July) "We have to save this cave! You're not going to believe what's down there!" As soon as paleontologist Matt Forir saw the fossils and markings inside newly-discovered Riverbluff, he knew it was a job for the cave detectives. ISBN-13: 9780811850063 • ISBN-10: 0811850064 • 48 pp Dewey: 560.179 • Chronicle price: \$16.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

##### Me and the Pumpkin Queen

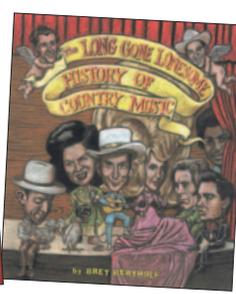
by Marlane Kennedy

(August) Eleven-year-old Mildred is not interested in boys or clothes. She just wants to grow a pumpkin big enough to win a prize at the fair. ISBN-13: 9780061140235 • ISBN-10: 0061140236 • 144 pp Dewey: F • Greenwillow price: \$16.89 • JLG price: \$12.50

##### Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now

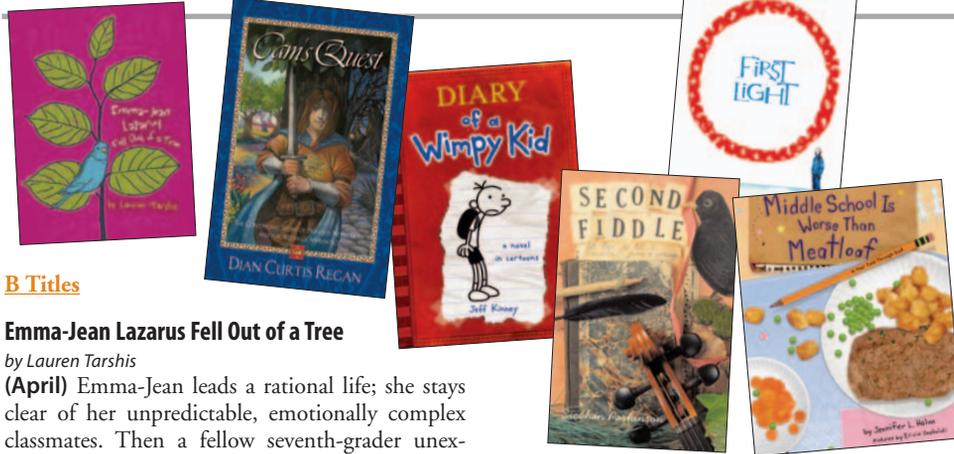
by Lauren Child

(September) Clarice Bean is full of worst worries, such as "strange things happening to the environment," "going back to school after the holidays," and "largish spiders." Then something awful happens that she hasn't even *thought* to worry about. ISBN-13: 9780763635367 • ISBN-10: 0763635367 • 256 pp Dewey: F • Candlewick price: \$15.99 • JLG price: \$12.50



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(April) Emma-Jean leads a rational life; she stays clear of her unpredictable, emotionally complex classmates. Then a fellow seventh-grader unexpectedly confides in her.

ISBN–13: 9780803731646 • ISBN–10: 0803731647 • 208 pp  
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(May) Cam, apprentice to the wizard Melikar, would love to be worthy of Princess Quinn's hand. His parentage, however, is a mystery. Will he uncover his past on a journey to Outer Earth?

ISBN–13: 978151960563 • ISBN–10: 1581960565 • 352 pp  
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(June) Greg Heffley has a lot to say about the horrors of middle school: "You got kids like me who haven't hit their growth spurt yet mixed in with these gorillas who need to shave twice a day. And then they wonder why bullying is such a big problem . . ."

ISBN–13: 9780810993136 • ISBN–10: 0810993139 • 224 pp  
Dewey: F • Abrams price: \$14.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Second Fiddle

by Siobhán Parkinson

(July) Mags wants to get the story of her friendship with Gillian just right—how they met and why they decided to track down Gillian's father—so she describes it from both points of view. "I have tried to make Gillian sound like herself, which is sort of bossy and remote, and not like me, which is friendly and amusing and clever. . . ."

ISBN–13: 9781596431225 • ISBN–10: 1596431229 • 192 pp  
Dewey: F • Roaring Brook price: \$16.95 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### First Light

by Rebecca Stead

(August) Thea's people have lived in secret under the ice for generations. Peter's family is on a research trip to Greenland, supposedly to study global warming . . . but are his parents searching for more than just ice?

ISBN–13: 9780375940170 • ISBN–10: 0375940170 • 336 pp  
Dewey: F • Random House price: \$18.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf A Year Told Through Stuff

by Jennifer L. Holm • illustrated by Elicia Castaldi

(September) Ginny has big plans for the seventh grade. She wants to: get a dad, play the Sugarplum Fairy in the Nutcracker, and convince her older brother to stop acting like a juvenile delinquent. Unfortunately, Ginny has a hard time crossing certain items off her to-do list.

ISBN–13: 9780689852817 • ISBN–10: 0689852819 • 128 pp  
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by Terry Pratchett

(April) One night, Johnny finds dotty old Mrs. Tachyon lying in an alley. Her usual bag-filled shopping cart contains warm fish and chips . . . wrapped in fresh 1940s newspaper! Where, or when, is Mrs. Tachyon from, and what's really in those trash bags, anyway?

ISBN–13: 9780060541927 • ISBN–10: 006054192X • 256 pp  
Dewey: F • HarperCollins price: \$17.89 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Agnes Parker . . . Keeping Cool in Middle School

by Kathleen O'Dell

(May) Agnes has a strategy to survive seventh grade: hang out in the art room, avoid the eighth-grade boys, and most importantly, stay invisible.

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Middle grade readers

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by Ellen Potter

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ISBN–13: 9780399247019 • ISBN–10: 0399247017 • 336 pp  
Dewey: F • Philomel price: \$16.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

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by Jerry Spinelli

(July) David, nine, thinks that obeying the rules and never watching the sun rise will bring his mother back. So why is he spending his nights picking through the trash and going to the all-night Dunkin' Donuts with thirteen-year-old Primrose?

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by Patricia T. O'Conner • illustrated by Tom Stiglich

(August) ". . . When you say for pears add up to ate, / And wails swim in the see, / You can fool the spelling checker, / But you can't fool little me." This fun, funny guide helps middle schoolers with the basics of the English language.

ISBN–13: 9780399243318 • ISBN–10: 0399243313 • 144 pp  
Dewey: 372.6'1 • Penguin price: \$16.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village

by Laura Amy Schlitz • illustrated by Robert Byrd

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ISBN–13: 9780763615789 • ISBN–10: 0763615781 • 96 pp  
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Teenagers

#### C Titles

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by Kelly Milner Halls

(April) “Who was this person? How did he live? How did he die? And how did he wind up being a mummy?” A look at child mummies from around the world.

ISBN–13: 9781581960594 • ISBN–10: 158196059X • 72 pp  
Dewey: 393.3 • Darby Creek price: \$18.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Hilari Bell

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ISBN–13: 9781416905943 • ISBN–10: 1416905944 • 272 pp  
Dewey: F • Simon & Schuster price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Marc Aronson

(June) He has been described variously as a merciless crime fighter, an unscrupulous campaign manager, and a civil rights crusader. Who was Robert F. Kennedy, really?

ISBN–13: 9780670060665 • ISBN–10: 0670060666 • 208 pp  
Dewey: 973.922092 • Viking price: \$15.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Ann Rinaldi

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ISBN–13: 9780152059477 • ISBN–10: 0152059474 • 256 pp  
Dewey: F • Harcourt price: \$17.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

##### Someone Named Eva

by Joan M. Wolf

(August) Why did the Nazis tear Milada’s family apart? Why did they send her to an all-girls’ school in Poland? And why does every girl in the school have blonde hair and blue eyes?

ISBN–13: 9780618535798 • ISBN–10: 0618535799 • 208 pp  
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edited by Patrice Vecchione

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ISBN–13: 97808085082135 • ISBN–10: 08085082131 • 160 pp  
Dewey: 808.81'9382 • Holt price: \$16.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

##### Deep in the Mountains

##### An Encounter with Zhu Qizhan

by Terrence Cheng

(June) As the only Chinese boy in his Bronx neighborhood, Tony is used to being teased. But when he paints a graffiti mural caricaturing his tormentors, his plan for revenge seems to backfire: Tony’s parents send him to Shanghai for the summer to work in his uncle’s restaurant.

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ISBN–13: 9780689853357 • ISBN–10: 0689853351 • 368 pp  
Dewey: F • Atheneum price: \$17.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

##### Benny and Omar

by Eoin Colfer

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ISBN–13: 9781423102816 • ISBN–10: 1423102819 • 288 pp  
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### Up Close: Frank Lloyd Wright

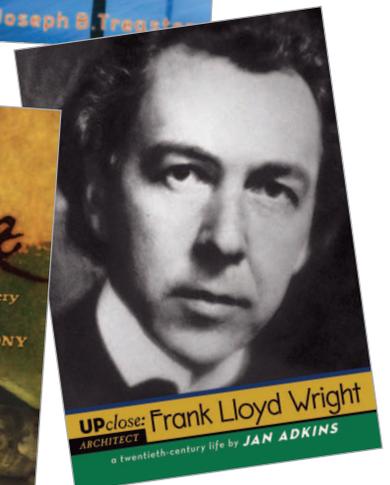
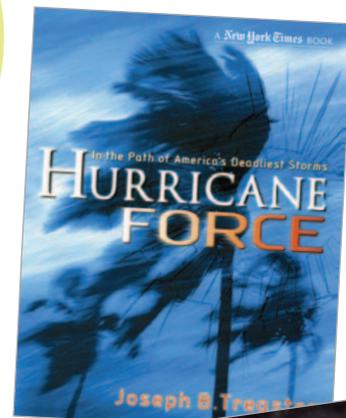
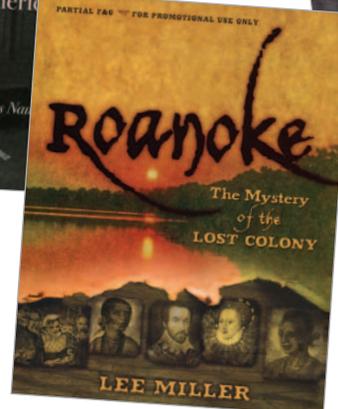
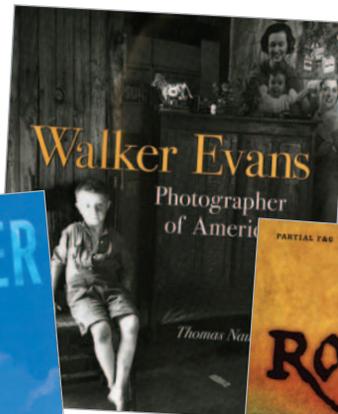
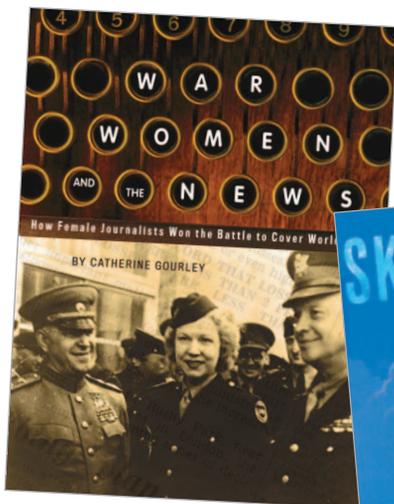
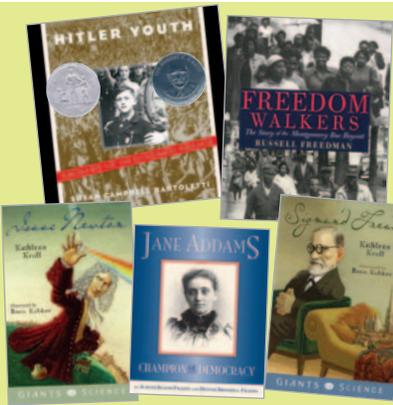
by Jan Adkins

(September) His innovative buildings appeared on magazine covers, and his personal trials grabbed newspaper headlines. This book tells Frank Lloyd Wright’s gripping story and considers the lasting effect of his work on the way Americans live today. ISBN–13: 9780670061389 • ISBN–10: 0670061387 • 192 pp Dewey: 720.92 • Viking price: \$14.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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ISBN-13: 9780375937446 • ISBN-10: 0375937447 • 224 pp Dewey: F • Knopf price: \$18.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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ISBN-13: 9780375940491 • ISBN-10: 0375940499 • 240 pp Dewey: F • Random House price: \$18.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Deborah Wiles • illustrated by Marla Frazee

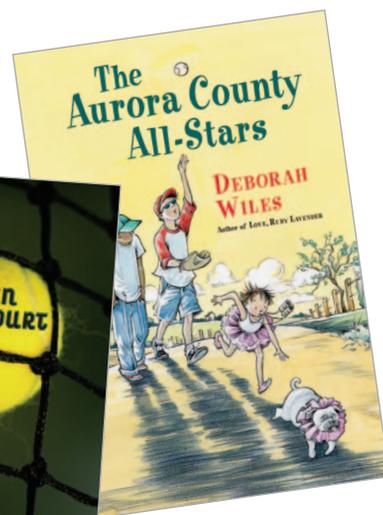
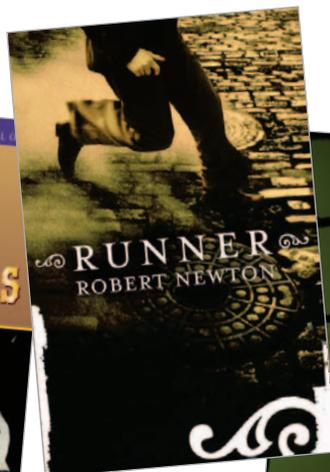
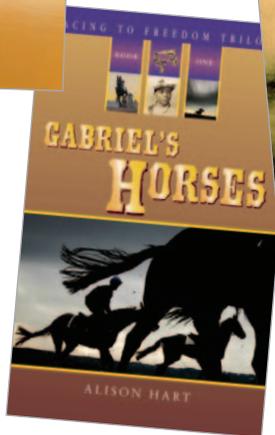
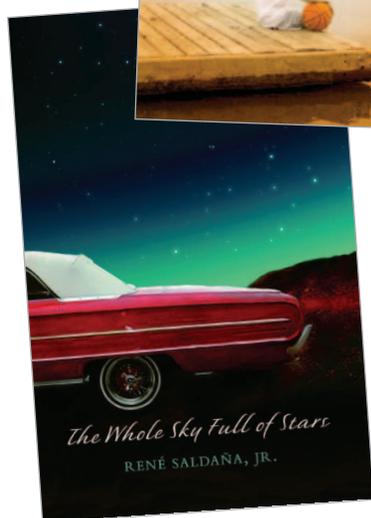
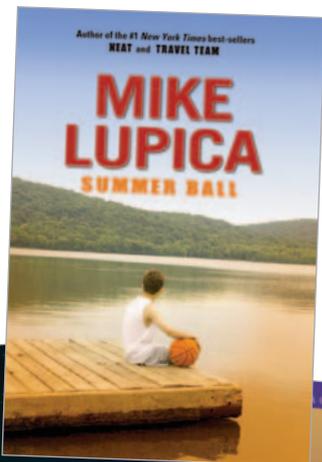
(September) Mabel, Mississippi, is so small that there are only enough kids for one baseball team. And they only get to play one real game a year, at the big July Fourth picnic. This year, however, there's a children's pageant scheduled for the same time—and the All-Stars' parents have signed them all up for it!

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#### Wildly Romantic: The English Romantic Poets The Mad, the Bad, and the Dangerous

by Catherine M. Andronik

**(May)** Revolutionaries! Rakes! Addicts! Pantisocrats! These were just some of the accusations hurled at the major Romantic poets. Wordsworth, Coleridge, Keats, Byron, and the Shelleys are presented in this group biography, which tells both their individual stories and the story of their friendships.

ISBN-13: 9780805077834 • ISBN-10: 0805077839 • 240 pp Dewey: 821.709 • Holt price: \$18.95 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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**(June)** Working as a character at Disney World sounds like the best summer job ever. But Ella soon discovers that her Prince Charming is a dud and that she's much more interested in Luke, who spends his days dressed up as Dale the Chipmunk. The problem? Luke has the perfect girlfriend.

ISBN-13: 9780525478027 • ISBN-10: 0525478027 • 256 pp Dewey: F • Penguin price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

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ISBN-13: 9780618686957 • ISBN-10: 0618686959 • 278 pp Dewey: F • Houghton Mifflin price: \$16.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Pete Hautman

**(August)** Denn has been on a streak: playing poker with Vegas's highest rollers and winning every time. But his luck takes a turn for the worse when he gets involved with a redheaded card dealer named Cattie.

ISBN-13: 9781416913252 • ISBN-10: 1416913254 • 192 pp Dewey: F • Simon & Schuster price: \$15.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### The Coyote Road: Trickster Tales

edited by Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling  
illustrated by Charles Vess

**(September)** In mythologies from around the world, the Trickster figure plays many roles at once: joker, thief, prophet, and troublemaker. These twenty-six original stories by popular authors provide unique perspectives on this ambiguous folk legend.

ISBN-13: 9780670061945 • ISBN-10: 0670061948 • 544 pp Dewey: F • Viking price: \$19.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by Geraldine McCaughrean

**(April)** When Uncle Victor whisks Sym away on a surprise trip to Antarctica, she is thrilled to visit the final resting place of her secret confidant, Titus Oates. But the trip soon becomes a struggle against a deadly wilderness and a lunatic's ambitions.

ISBN-13: 9780060890360 • ISBN-10: 0060890363 • 384 pp Dewey: F • HarperCollins price: \$17.89 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### A Samurai Never Fears Death

by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler

**(May)** Seikei, a sixteen-year-old living in eighteenth-century Japan, heads home for the first time since becoming a samurai. When his visit is interrupted



### Y LEVELS AT A GLANCE:

- Fiction and nonfiction
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- Complex issues

*Perfect for:*  
Older teens

by two murders at the puppet theater, Seikei investigates, only to discover that his brother and sister may be involved.

ISBN-13: 9780399246098 • ISBN-10: 0399246096 • 208 pp Dewey: F • Philomel price: \$14.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### Peak

by Roland Smith

**(June)** Of course fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello wants to climb Mt. Everest, but what's in it for his father?

ISBN-13: 9780152024178 • ISBN-10: 0152024174 • 256 pp Dewey: F • Harcourt price: \$17.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### The Breakup Bible

by Melissa Kantor

**(July)** As if getting dumped isn't embarrassing enough, Jen also has to deal with a humiliating gift from her grandmother: *The Break-Up Bible*, a cliché-ridden heap of self-help nonsense. But Jen is reduced to following the book's advice when she can't stop thinking about her ex-boyfriend Max.

ISBN-13: 9780786809622 • ISBN-10: 0786809620 • 272 pp Dewey: F • Hyperion price: \$15.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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by William Nicholson

**(August)** Seeker has become more powerful than he could have imagined, but will it be enough to save Anacrea from the onslaught of a terrible new warlord?

ISBN-13: 9780152060114 • ISBN-10: 0152060111 • 416 pp Dewey: F • Harcourt price: \$17.00 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

#### The Restless Dead

##### Ten Original Stories of the Supernatural

edited by Deborah Noyes

**(September)** What's to be done when the dearly departed refuse to depart? In these ten stories by popular YA authors, the dead return to haunt the living, to deliver warnings, and to settle scores from beyond the grave.

ISBN-13: 9780763622435 • ISBN-10: 0763622435 • 272 pp Dewey: F • Candlewick price: \$16.99 • **JLG price: \$12.50**

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#### *Perfect for:*

Bridging the gap between YA and adult reading

#### Tamar

by Mal Peet

**(April)** In this Carnegie Medal winner, fifteen-year-old Tamar sets out to unravel a boxful of clues and coded messages her late grandfather left for her. What emerges is the incredible story of *another* Tamar, a Dutch resistance fighter in World War II.

ISBN-13: 9780763634889 • ISBN-10: 0763634883 • 432 pp  
Dewey: F • Candlewick price: \$17.99 • JLG price: \$12.50

#### Resurrection Men

by T. K. Welsh

**(May)** On the streets of 1830s London, life is cheap—but death can be valuable. In this gothic murder mystery, Victor and his fellow orphans fight to stay one step ahead of the “resurrection men,” who trade in fresh corpses.

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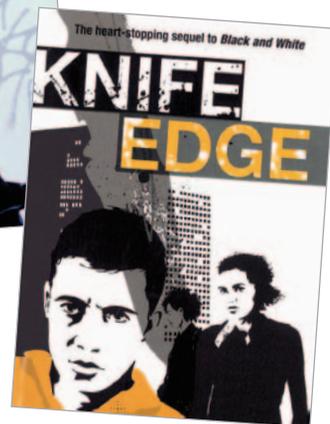
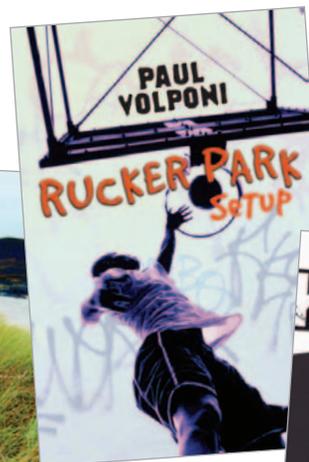
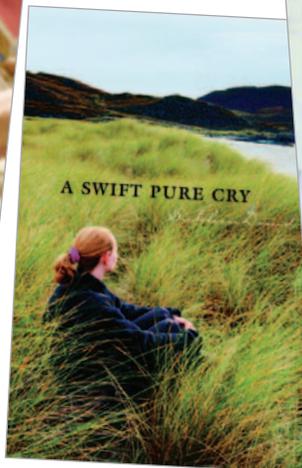
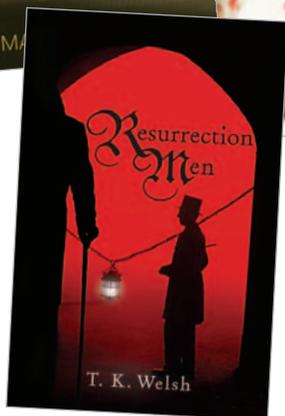
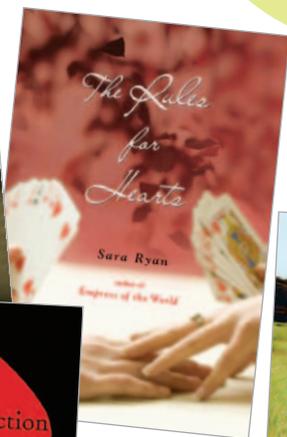
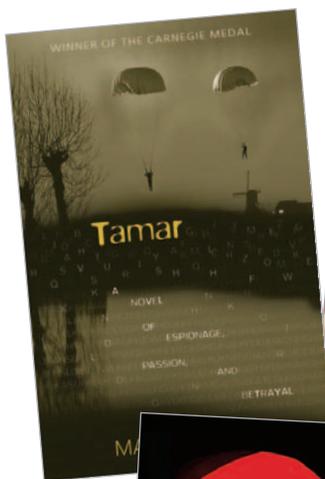
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by KIDSLABEL

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*Best Books for Young Adults, 2006*  
*Hilder Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*  
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# THE TROUBLE WITH WISHES

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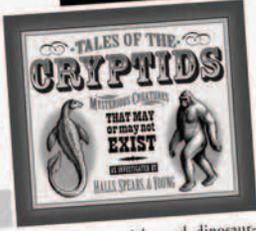
"I'm looking for happiness," says Sheep. "Don't waste your time, Sheep. Happiness will find you," replies Goat. Sheep and Goat lead a quiet (but frequently argumentative) life in the meadow. Sometimes they have a visitor—the farmer, Cow, or Goat's sister. Mostly, though, Sheep and Goat totter through their lives together for company: to celebrate birthdays, shelter from rain, and to dandelions. Black-and-white illustrations of sheep and goats are scattered throughout the text.

# TALES OF THE CRYPTIDS

MYSTERIOUS CREATURES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT EXIST

by Kelly Milner Halls, Rick Spears, and Rosyanne Young  
illustrated by Rick Spears

A foul-smelling, nine-foot-tall ape. A long-necked or possibly serpentine sea creature. A horned, dinosaur-like reptile that hunts elephants. Could any of these fantastic-sounding animals really exist? Legend says yes, and many researchers agree. Here are several mysterious species and the cases for—and against—their existence. Full-color photographs and illustrations. Glossary. Bibliography. Index.



# MAGPIE GABBARD AND THE QUEST FOR THE BURIED MOON

by Sally M. Kechn

All girls receive magic on their thirteenth birthday, and Magpie Gabbard is no exception. But magic might not be enough to help Magpie reunite her brother with his missing foot, satisfy the demands of a moody floating head...

# THE SILVER DONKEY

by Sonya Hartnett • illustrated by Don Powers

Sisters Marcelle and Coco are walking in the woods near their home in France when they find an English soldier sleeping under a tree. When they wake him, he tells them that he's blind and is trying to find his way across the Channel to visit his sick brother. Marcelle and Coco, enchanted with the man and his storytelling, promise to keep his presence a secret but...

# ANOTHER DAY IN THE MILKY WAY

written and illustrated by David Milgrim

Three-headed Mom is serving liver flakes and goldfish for breakfast. Four-armed Dad is brushing his teeth, combing his hair, and drinking coffee at the same time. Uh oh. Monty's woken up on the wrong planet. Again. What he needs is a space transporter, a secret passage, or maybe just a rocket to bring him back home—but all he can find is a raggedy-looking horse named Buck, who claims to know the universe like the back of his hoof. Full-color art.

# EDWINA, THE DINOSAUR WHO DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS EXTINCT

written and illustrated by Mo Willems

Edwina the dinosaur is the most popular gal in town. She plays with the kids, helps little old Hoobie-Doobie, who has persuasive evidence that dinosaurs are extinct. Reginald does all sorts of things to prove his argument—he gives a report, hands out flyers, stages a protest—but no one cares.



Mo Willems says, "As I was first playing around with the character of Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct, I felt certain that the spotlight of the piece would focus firmly on Edwina, and that there-

Bunny: A Cautionary Tale. He is also a six-time Emmy-winning writer for *Seaside Street* and an animator with over a hundred short films and television half hours to his credit. He serves as head writer for Cartoon Network's *Cadet* and *Next Door* and is the creator of Cartoon Network's *Cadet*. He is also a mentor for BBC radio, Mr. Willems has a long list of stand-up as well as many voices in his cartoons, including the Angry Scientist and the Sombro in *Sheep in the Big City*. His JLG selections are *The Pigeon*, *Hot Dog!*, *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*, *Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!* He continues to *Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?* featured on page 39 of this catalog. Mr. Willems lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife, daughter, and dog, "all of whom are an inspiration, one of whom must be wined and dined several times daily."



for the book would be quite tall. Tall books tend to be about characters and wide books tend to be about locations, because most characters stand upright on two legs and most locations are panoramic. "As I continued exploring the story in doodles, I found that my drawings were becoming wider and wider—but why? It took a while for my dinosaur-sized brain to realize the obvious: The story was really about a community, and how a town reacted to a giant, oblivious, and quite extinct cookie-baking dinosaur in its midst. Like a lumbering dinosaur, I was oblivious to the story starring me in the face."

Mo Willems is the author and illustrator of two Caldecott Honor Books, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* and *Knuffle Bunny*



### CURRICULUM INDICATIONS

**Themes:** Waking up and finding that everyone and everything around you is strange. Feeling confused and curious. Trying to act like nothing is wrong. Looking at things in a new way. Opposites. Ridiculous behavior, an odd job. Asking for help. Making a friend. Going with the flow. Accepting weird occurrences. Meeting lots of animals in costumes. Getting the wrong directions. Finding wisdom in an unlikely source. Climbing a mountain. Meeting an eccentric aspirant. Realizing that you already know the answer to a question. Remembering how to get home. Feeling relieved. Eating pizza. Going to sleep. Waking up and finding everything restored to normal. Hearing your mother's voice. Starting your day.

**Units:** Outer space. Dreams. Humor.

**Subjects:** Language arts.

**Who:** Monty, a boy who wakes up to find that his mother has three heads and his father has four arms, and everything around him is strange.

**What:** Traveling across a strange world full of odd but friendly creatures and searching for a way to get back home.

**Where:** On a small planet.

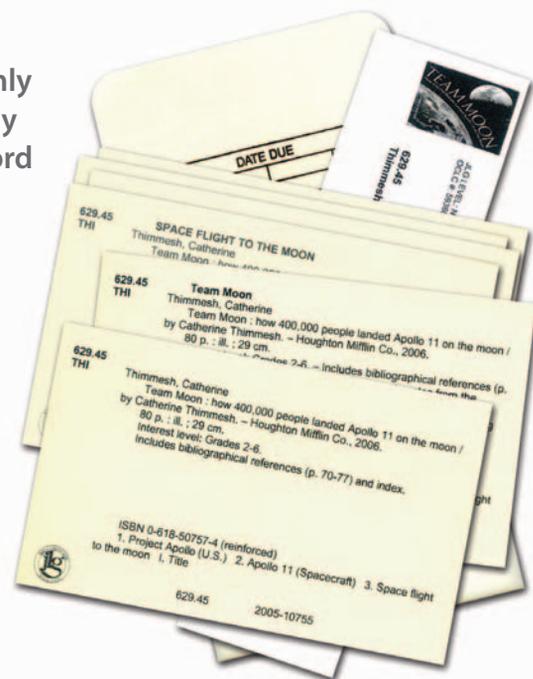
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