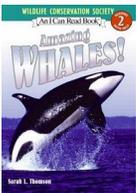




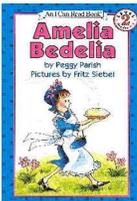
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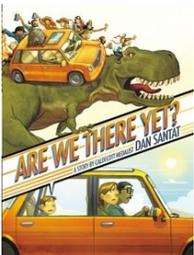
*Amazing Whales* by Sarah Thomson

Find out for yourself all about these amazing animals of the sea in this book from the "I Can Read" series.



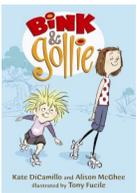
*Amelia Bedelia* [series] by Peggy Parish

Amelia Bedelia never gets anything right, but she always means well — and this makes for a series of very funny and sweet tales.



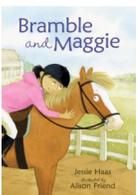
*Are We There Yet?* by Dan Santat

A boy's long boring car ride to his grandmother's house turns into an imaginative and humorous adventure.



*Bink and Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrated by Tony Fucile

Two roller-skating best friends — one tiny, one tall— share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.



*Bramble and Maggie* by Jennie Haas

Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie.



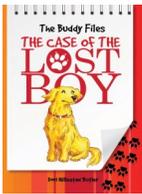
*Bright, Shiny Skylar* [Hopscotch Hill School series] by Valerie Tripp, illustrated by Joy Allen

In this series, each student learns a valuable lesson about how to become the best student they can be. This is the first book in the series.



*Can You Find It?* Metropolitan Museum of Art

Find small details that the artists have hidden in well known paintings through the centuries.



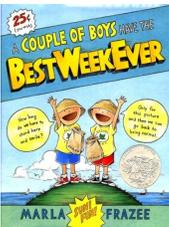
*The Case of the Lost Boy* [Buddy Files series] by Dori Hillestad Butler

Buddy the dog is on the case! He is always solving mysteries for his new humans while on the lookout for his old humans' mysterious disappearance. This is the first book in the series.



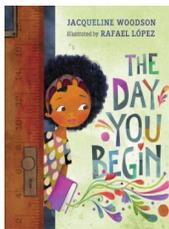
*Cork & Fuzz: The Babysitters* [Cork & Fuzz series] by Dori Chacones

A possum and a muskrat become friends despite their many differences. Repeated sentences and words help readers feel successful. This is the first book in the series.



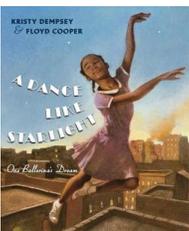
*A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* by Marla Frazee

In this moving and funny celebration of young boys, childhood friendships, and the power of the imagination, Frazee captures the very essence of summer vacation and what it means to be a kid.



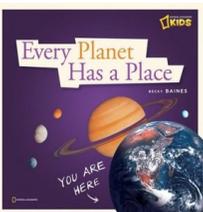
*The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López

A few kids at school feel like outsiders but when they are bravely being themselves, and sharing about themselves, new friendships begin.



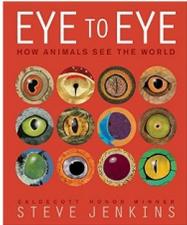
*Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream* by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

Seeing ballerina Janet Collins--the first African American to perform at New York's Metropolitan Opera--gives a young girl in the segregated 1950s hope for her own dance



*Every Planet Has a Place: A Book about Our Solar System* by Rebecca Baines

An eye-catching, accessible science book with basic information and interesting "factoids" about the planets.



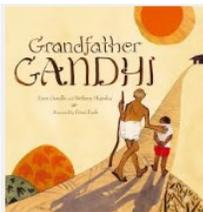
*Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World* by Steve Jenkins

Profiles a series of animals with unusual eyes, and explains how such animals use their uniquely evolved eyes.



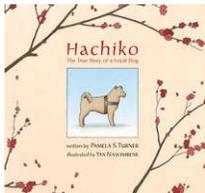
*Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems* selected by Paul B. Janeczko, illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Celebrated poet and anthologist Paul B. Janeczko pairs with Caldecott Honoree Melissa



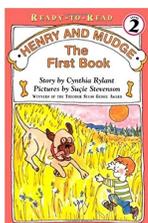
*Grandfather Gandhi* by Arun Gandhi with Bethany Hegedus, illustrated by Evan Turk

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson tells the story of how his grandfather taught him to turn darkness into light in this uniquely personal and vibrantly illustrated tale that carries a



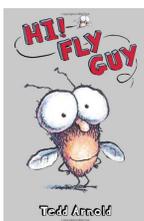
*Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog* by Pamela S. Turner, illustrated by Yan Nascimbene

Relates the true story of a dog who accompanied his master to and from a Tokyo train station for a year and, after his master died, continued to wait for him there every day for many years.



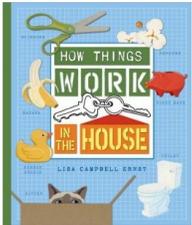
*Henry and Mudge* [series] by Cynthia Rylant

Henry and his dog Mudge are best friends and never run out of new adventures together.



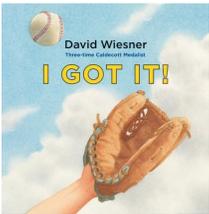
*Hi! Fly Guy* [*Fly Guy* series] by Tedd Arnold

Who says a fly cannot be a pet? Watch Buzz prove to everyone how much fun a fly can be. This is the first book in the series.



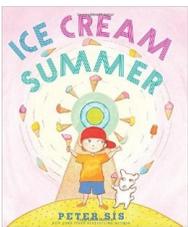
*How Things Work in the House* by Lisa Campbell Ernst

Learn interesting facts about many items that fill your house.



*I Got It!* By David Wiesner

In this wordless picture book, a young outfielder imagines all the terrifying ways he might not catch the baseball, and one way that he can.



*Ice Cream Summer* by Peter Sis

A little boy writes a letter to his grandfather about all the reading and studying he is doing this summer--and all his activities revolve around ice cream.



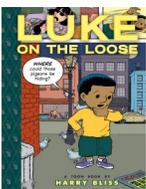
*Insect Detective* by Steve Voake

Tells where to look for different insects, including wasps, ants, bees, beetles, and others, and provides illustrations and facts about each six-legged creature.



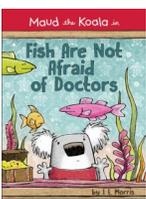
*Jack the Builder* by Stuart Murphy, illustrated by Michael Rex

Presents an introduction to simple addition, as Jack uses his imagination and builds a variety of things with blocks. A MathStart book.



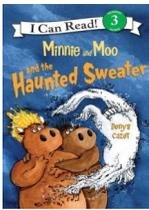
*Luke on the Loose* by Harry Bliss

A young boy's fascination with pigeons erupts into a full-blown chase around Central Park, across the Brooklyn Bridge, through a fancy restaurant, and into the sky. This is a "Toon Books" graphic novel for young readers.



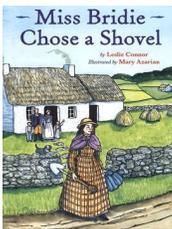
*Maud the Koala in...Fish are not Afraid of Doctors* by J.E. Morris

When Maud pretends she is one of the fish in the waiting room, it helps her to be brave about her shots at her check up.



*Minnie and Moo and the Haunted Sweater* by Denys Cazet

Minnie and Moo want to give special presents to the farmer for his birthday, but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater. This is the first in a series about two lively and wacky cows who are best friends and never run out of ideas to have fun and enjoy human activities.



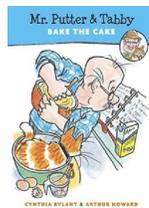
*Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel* by Leslie Connor, illustrated by Mary Azarian

When Miss Bridie moved to America in 1856, she brought with her a shovel that came in quite handy in many different ways throughout her life.



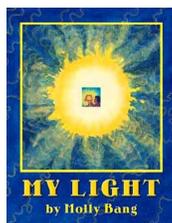
*Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends* by Wong Herbert Yee

This charming pair finds a unique way to bird-watch.



*Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake* [Mr. Putter and Tabby series] by Cynthia Rylant

This is the first book in the series about Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby, who are happy companions and share many comical times together in this sweet series.



*My Light* by Molly Bang

A refreshingly accessible science book that is both beautifully illustrated and engagingly written exploring how the sun's light translates into energy.



*Nate the Great* [series] by Marjorie Sharmat, illustrated by Marc Simont

This young pancake-loving detective has a new case to solve in every story.



*The Night Gardener* by Eric Fan, illustrated by Terry Fan

Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist,

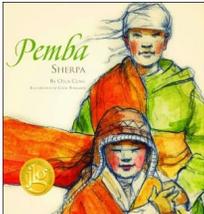


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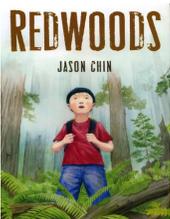
*One Minute till Bedtime: 60-Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep* edited by Kenn Nesbitt, illustrated by Christoph Niemann

A collection of poems that can be read in sixty seconds features the work of celebrated writers, including Jon Scieszka, Nikki Grimes, and Lemony Snicket.



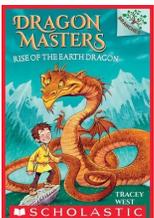
*Pemba Sherpa* by Olga Cossi

In Nepal, Pemba is angry when his sister follows him carrying wood. She wants to train to be a Sherpa too and will not be deterred when he tells her girls cannot be guides. It turns out he needs her more than he realizes.



*Redwoods* by Jason Chin

A boy finds a book on the subway about redwood trees and ends up in the same forest he is reading about.



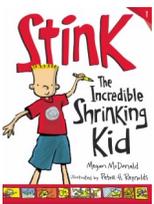
*Rise of the Earth Dragon* [Dragon Masters series] by Tracy West, illustrated by Graham Howells

Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told that he has been chosen to be a DragonMaster like Ana, Rori, and Bo. This is the first book in this illustrated series aimed at newly independent readers.



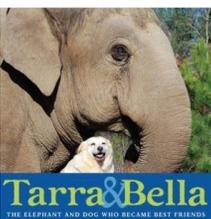
*Ronald Morgan Goes to Camp* by Patricia Reilly Giff, illustrated by Susanna Natti

Ronald Morgan is afraid he won't win a medal at camp. He discovers what he is really good at on Medal Day.



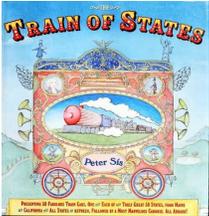
*Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid* [Stink series] by Megan McDonald, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

Get to know the shortest kid in second grade (maybe in the world!), James Moody, also known as Stink.



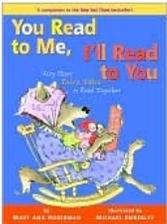
*Tarra & Bella* by Carol Buckley

Recounts the true story of Tarra, an elephant who befriended a stray dog named Bella at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.



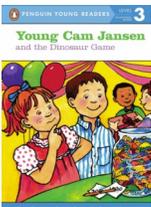
*Train of States* by Peter Sis

Ride the circus train and enjoy this creative introduction to all of the United States, learning basic state information as well as fun facts.



*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together* by Mary Ann Hoberman, illustrated by Michael Emberly

This collection of silly "fractured" fairy tales invites parents and children to read together.



*Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game* [Young Cam Jansen series] by David Adler, illustrated by Susanna Natti

Cam puts her photographic memory to good use at a birthday party as she solves the dinosaur game puzzle. Cam Jansen solves new mysteries and puzzles in each book in the series.



*Zelda and Ivy*[series] by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Spirited fox sisters Zelda and Ivy have many adventures in these well-written early readers featuring expressive cartoon illustrations.

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