

Green Acres School
Reading Suggestions
for Students in Kindergarten or First Grade
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(The books recommended below are part of the Green Acres Library collection.
Reading levels and interests vary greatly, so you may want to look also at
Reading Suggestions for Pre-Kindergarten Students and Reading Suggestions for 2nd/3rd Graders.)

This list includes:

- **Picture Books (Fiction and Nonfiction)**
- **Graphic Early Readers**
- **Beginner Reader Series**
- **Longer Chapter Books**

Picture Books (Fiction and Nonfiction)

Alexie, Sherman; illus. by Yuyi Morales. *Thunder Boy Jr.*

"An expertly crafted, soulful, and humorous work that tenderly explores identity, culture, and the bond between father and son." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Anderson, Airlie. *Neither*

"A sweet story of acceptance for all those who are this, that, neither, either, and everything in between." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Arnaldo, Monica. *Little Brothers & Little Sisters*

"A heartfelt reflection on the trials and joys of sibling dynamics." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Aronson, Billy; illus. by Jennifer Oxley. *Melia and Jo*

"STEM becomes STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) as Melia, an inventor, and Jo, a dancer, discover that they're a dynamic team." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Asim, Jabari; illus. by E. B. Lewis. *Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis*

"A glimpse into the childhood whimsy of an important African-American congressman who has become famous for his words." *Biography. (Kirkus Reviews)*

Aston, Dianna Hutts; illus. by Sylvia Long. *A Nest Is Noisy*

"From tiny bee hummingbird nests to orangutan nests high in the rainforest canopy, an incredible variety of nests are showcased here in all their splendor." (Publisher)

Austrian, J. J.; illus. by Mike Curato. *Worm Loves Worm*

"Two worms in love decide to get married, and with help from Cricket, Beetle, Spider, and the Bees they have everything they need and more, but which one will be the bride and which the groom?" (Publisher)

Becker, Aaron.

Journey; Quest; Return (Journey wordless trilogy)

In *Journey*, a lonely young girl, getting no attention from her family, enters a fantasy world through a door that she draws with red crayon on her bedroom wall. In *Quest*, the girl who starred in *Journey* and the boy introduced at the end must use their crayons to defeat the enemy of a desperate king's realm. In the finale, *Return*, the girl enters the fantasy world again, but this time her father joins her.

Blackall, Sophie.

Hello Lighthouse

"This tribute to lighthouses of an earlier era focuses on one lighthouse and its dedicated keeper. ... A fascinating, splendidly executed peek into both the mundane and the dramatic aspects of lighthouse life." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Blake, Quentin.

The Five of Us

"Angie, Ollie, Simona, Mario and Eric are five fantastic friends, each of whom has an unusual ability. Disaster strikes on a day out to the countryside but, working together and combining their individual powers, the Fantastic Five save the day." (Publisher)

Brown, Monica; illus. by Sara Palacios.

Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald No Combina

"Marisol's varied, distinctive lifestyle and multiracial family affirms our increasingly blended society and clearly celebrates independent thinking. Brava!" (*Kirkus Reviews*)

**Buitrago, Jairo; illus. by Rafael Yockteng;
transl. by Elisa Amado.**

Walk with Me

"A lion accompanies a child on a walk home during a day in the city in this wistful tale of parental absence. ... Emotionally resonant in the loveliest of ways." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

**Campoy, Isabel F. and Theresa Howell;
illus. by Rafael López.**

Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood

"In a neighborhood full of gray, young Mira shares her colorful art (and heart) with the world beyond her window." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Chung, Arree.

Mixed: A Colorful Story

"A colorful story about celebrating difference as complementary and transformative." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Clark, M.H.; illus. by Madeline Kloeppel.

Tiny, Perfect Things

"A white grandfather and a brown-skinned, biracial child stroll through their neighborhood keeping their 'eyes open for tiny, perfect things.' ... A mindful appreciation of often unnoticed delights enhanced by subtle and stunning illustrations." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

**Clark-Robinson, Monica; illus.
by Frank Morrison.**

Let the Children March

"A vibrantly illustrated account of the Birmingham Children's Crusade through the eyes of a young girl who volunteers to participate." Historical fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*) **Recommended for 1st graders.**

Cooper, Elisha.

Train

"This delightful picture book delivers the literal and figurative rush of cross-country rail travel as it tracks a variety of trains, beginning with a New York commuter line and ending with a high-speed train pulling into a California terminal." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Cunnane, Kelly.

Deep in the Sahara

"An Arab girl of the Sahara who wants to wear a malafa, the veiled dress worn by her mother and older sister, learns that the garment represents beauty, mystery, tradition, belonging, and faith." (Publisher)

- Davies, Nicola; illus. by Petr Horáček.** *Song of the Wild: A First Book of Animals*
 "A treasure for readers of any age who delight in the natural world." Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Daywalt, Drew; illus. by Oliver Jeffers.** *The Day the Crayons Came Home*
 "Duncan's crayons are back in this comical sequel to *The Day the Crayons Quit* (2013), and this time they need to be rescued." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Dempsey, Kristy.** *A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream*
 "An African American girl from Harlem dreams of becoming a prima ballerina in this beautifully written narrative, which is also a tribute to Janet Collins, who, in 1951, was the 'first colored prima ballerina' to perform at the Metropolitan Opera." (*School Library Journal*)
- Denos, Julia; illus. by E. B. Goodale.** *Windows*
 "A warmhearted tale of a child, a dog, and their peaceful, friendly, and inviting neighborhood." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Desmond, Jenni.** *Albert's Tree*
 "A wailing, sad tree poses a problem for a loving bear just waking from hibernation." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Dewdney, Anna.** *Llama Llama series*
 Rhyming text about a young llama who often needs comforting from his mama to cope with new things.
- Díaz, Junot; illus. by Leo Espinosa.** *Islandborn*
 "A young girl's homework assignment unravels the history and beauty of her homeland [Dominican Republic]." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- DiCamillo, Kate; illus. by Harry Bliss.** *Good Rosie!*
 "A lonely, brown-and-white terrier named Rosie learns how to stand up to a bully and how to make new friends in this understated, gently humorous story." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Diggs, Taye.** *Mixed Me*
 "Told in rhyming text, Mike is a mixed-race boy, completely comfortable with his identity and his parents--and his wild, curly hair." (Publisher)
- Dominguez, Angela.** *María Had a Little Llama / María Tenía Una Llamita*
 "In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme, Maria takes her llama to school one day." (Publisher)
- Eaton, Jason Carter; illus. by John Rocco.** *How to Train a Train*
 "Train and pet enthusiasts alike will delight in this rollicking story about selecting, naming, soothing and caring for a full-sized locomotive." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Elliott, David; illus. by Melissa Sweet.** *Baabwaa and Wooliam: A Tale of Literacy, Dental Hygiene, and Friendship*
 "Wooliam is a sheep who reads... His best friend, Baabwaa, is a sheep who knits... Great for knitters, for readers, for fun-seeking adventurers." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Elliott, Zetta; illus. by Purple Wong.** *Benny Doesn't Like to Be Hugged*
 "A little girl uses rhyming verse to describe the unique traits of her autistic friend." (Publisher)
- Empson, Jo.** *Little Home Bird*
 "Little Bird loves his cozy nest so much that, as winter approaches, he can't bear to leave it... Simply lovely." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

- Fagan, Cary; illus. by Madeline Kloepper.** *Little Blue Chair*
 “A sweet, whimsical tale that chronicles the journey of a chair as it changes hands and uses.” (Publisher)
- Fan, Terry and Eric Fan.** *The Night Gardener*
 “Grimloch Lane is a gray place where individuals trudge along wrapped in their own thoughts, until a man carrying a ladder and tools enters their sphere.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Faruqi, Reem; illus. by Lea Lyon.** *Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story*
 “On the first year she is able to participate in Ramadan, Lailah finds herself in a new country, far from her native Abu Dhabi. She is excited to fast, but nervous that her classmates will not understand. With the help of a teacher and a librarian, she learns how she can explain Ramadan to her fellow students and make friends who are respectful of her culture.” (*New York Times*)
- Faulconer, Maria.** *A Mom for Umande*
 “At the center of this tale based on a true story is an adorable baby gorilla whose mother does not know how to take care of him.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Florence, Melanie; illus. by Gabrielle Grimard.** *Stolen Words*
 “When Grandpa tells his granddaughter he has lost his Cree words, the 7-year-old asks for an explanation. ... Unforgettable.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Fogliano, Julie; illus. by Christian Robinson.** *When's My Birthday?*
 “An exuberant ode to children's anticipation for the most special day each year: their birthday.” (*School Library Journal*)
- Frost, Helen; photographed by Rick Lieder.** *Wake Up!*
 “Nature's littlest creatures figure large in this poetic portrait of their early movements.” Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Frazee, Marla.** *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*
 “James and Eamon spend a week with Bill and Pam, Eamon's grandparents, while they take in a week of nature camp—a week that turns out to be ‘the best week ever.’” (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Friesen, Angnakuluk; transl. from Inuktitut by Jean Kusugak.** *Kisimi Taimaippaktut Angirrarijarani / Only In My Hometown*
 “Life in a snowy northern town, from a child's perspective and written both in Inuktitut and English ... Heartwarming and illuminating.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Galing, Ed; illus. by Erin E. Stead.** *Tony*
 “Young readers will simply marvel at the poem’s lulling, looping cadence and at the pictures’ extraordinary empathy and likeness—fitting enough for a story about a horse, his driver, eggs, milk, butter, and a man’s pure, simple appreciation.” Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Grey, Mini.** *Traction Man series*
 The fantasy play of a young boy stars his Traction Man action figure.
- Guillain, Charlotte; illus. by Yuval Zommer.** *The Street Beneath My Feet*
 “This British import is an imaginatively constructed sequence of images that show a white boy examining a city pavement, clearly in London, and the sights he would see if he were able to travel down to the Earth's core and then back again to the surface.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Haack, Daniel; illus. by Stevie Lewis. *Prince & Knight*
"A prince of marriageable age looks far and wide for a partner who sings the same tune." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Hale, Christy. *Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building*
"Hale turns her educated eye to modern and contemporary architecture and produces a book that is at once groundbreaking, child-friendly and marvelously inclusive." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Harshman, Marc and Anna Egan Smucker; illus. by LeUyen Pham. *Fallingwater*
"Late in his career, architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed one of the world's most famous houses." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Haughton, Chris. *Shh! We Have a Plan*
"In a gorgeous nocturnal landscape of deep purples and blues, four figures go marching along. ... They tiptoe towards the bird with hilariously expressive body language. ... In a breathtakingly rich spread, a flock of colorful, jewel-toned birds appear and drive the schemers into retreat." (*School Library Journal*)

Heide, Florence Parry. *Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated*
"Princess Hyacinth is bored and unhappy sitting in her palace every day because, unless she is weighed down by specially-made clothes, she will float away, but her days are made brighter when kite-flying Boy stops to say hello." (Publisher)

Herrera, Juan Felipe; illus. by Lauren Castillo. *Imagine*
"Former Poet Laureate Herrera encourages his young readers to imagine all they might be in his new picture book." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Hesse, Karen; illus. by G. Brian Karas. *Night Job*
"A little boy accompanies his single-parent father to his evening job as the custodian at a large middle school in this serene, evocative story. ... An endearing story conveying a satisfying sense of a job well done." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Hoffman, Mary. *Amazing Grace*
"Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do." (Publisher)

Hoffman, Mary. *Princess Grace*
"Grace longs to be chosen to be a princess in the town parade." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Hoffman, Mary. *The Great Big Book of Feelings*
"Explores the host of emotions that children can feel, including happiness, sadness, anger, loneliness, fear, and embarrassment." (Publisher)

Hopkinson, Deborah; illus. by Steven Guarnaccia. *Knit Your Bit: A World War I Story*
"When his father leaves to fight in World War I, Mikey joins the Central Park Knitting Bee to help knit clothing for soldiers overseas." (Publisher)

Idle, Molly. *Flora and the Flamingo*
"In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together." (Publisher)

Jackson, Richard; illus. by Jerry Pinkney. *In Plain Sight*
"Readers will tune up their observation skills while spending time with a grandfather and granddaughter who keep life interesting." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Jenkins, Emily; illus. by Hyewon Yum. *The Fun Book of Scary Stuff*
"With the help of his two dogs, a boy attempts to tackle his fears—both imagined and real." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Jin-Ho, Jung; transl. from Korean by Mi Hyun Kim. *Look Up!*
"What can sidewalk activity mean to someone high above on a balcony?" (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Kelsey, Elin; illus. by Soyeon Kim. *Wild Ideas*
"Finding solutions to sticky problems can be a mind-expanding adventure. ... Profound and entirely wonderful." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Khan, Rukhsana. *King for a Day*
"Set in Pakistan during Basant, 'the most exciting day of the year,' this story focuses on the strength and resourcefulness of a child in a wheelchair as he navigates the skies at the spring kite festival." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Larsen, Andrew; illus. by Mike Lowery. *A Squiggly Story*
"A positive tale of how a story can emerge organically from an inkling of an idea to an imaginative literary excursion—even at the hands of preliterate kids." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Lawson, JonArno; illus. by Sydney Smith. *Sidewalk Flowers*
"In this wordless picture book, a little girl collects wildflowers while her distracted father pays her little attention. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter." (Publisher)

Lê, Minh; illus. by Dan Santat. *Drawn Together*
"The power of art takes center stage in this cleverly titled story of a Thai-speaking grandfather connecting to his assimilated American grandson." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Love, Jessica. *Julián Is a Mermaid*
"Julián *knows* he's a mermaid. ... a simple yet powerful story of the importance of being seen and affirmed." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

MacLachlan, Patricia; illus. by Hadley Hooper. *The Iridescence of Birds: A Book About Henri Matisse*
"If indeed the 'child is father to the man,' Newbery medalist MacLachlan's poetic, careful and concentrated text captures the essence of Matisse's childhood experiences and draws powerful parallels with his later life and work." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Madrigal, Antonio Hernández; illus. by Tomie dePaola. *Erandi's Braids*
"Set in the Mexican village of Patzcuaro, this is the story of a young girl's selflessness and her mother's tenderness. Excited about her birthday, Erandi hopes for a present, but when her mother worries that their fishing net is worn out, the girl fears that they will not be able to afford a gift." (*School Library Journal*)

Mallery, Sydra; illus. by E. B. Goodale. *A Most Unusual Day*
"A heartwarming adoption story from a new big sister's perspective." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

- Marino, Gianna.** *If I Had a Horse*
 "A young child imagines having a horse for a companion. ... Readers will almost feel the wind in their hair and hear the thunder of hooves as they are inspired to pursue their dreams. Beautiful." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- McCanna, Tim; illus. by Richard Smythe.** *Watersong*
 "A red fox seeks shelter as a rainstorm builds in intensity. ... Beautiful." Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Medina, Meg; illus. by Angela Dominguez.** *Mango, Abuela, and Me*
 "Abuela is coming to stay with Mia and her parents. But how will they communicate if Mia speaks little Spanish and Abuela, little English? Could it be that a parrot named Mango is the solution?" (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Meyer, Susan; illus. by Eric Velasquez.** *New Shoes*
 "Ella Mae and her cousin Charlotte, both African American, start their own shoe store when they learn that they cannot try on shoes at the shoe store." (Publisher)
- Miller, Pat Zietlow; illus. by Anne Wilsdorf.** *Sophie's Squash*
 "This season spanning turn with high spirited Sophie offers endearing lessons about nurture and regeneration." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Miller, Sharee.** *Don't Touch My Hair!*
 "Miller tells it like it is while giving children of color permission to set boundaries when people reach out to touch their curly, kinky, or nappy hair." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Morales, Yuyi.** *Dreamers*
 "Based on her experience of leaving Mexico for the United States, Morales' latest offers an immigrant's tale steeped in hope, dreams, and love. ... A resplendent masterpiece." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Most, Bernard.** *If the Dinosaurs Came Back*
 "A young boy who wishes for the return of dinosaurs imagines how useful they would be." (Publisher)
- Munro, Roxie.** *Slithery Snakes*
 "This oversize informational picture book will thrill those who like their scaly beasts large and up close, while those less enamored might be intrigued by the dazzling patterns and vibrant colors of their scales, artistically featured throughout." (*Booklist*)
- Murray, Diana; illus. by Bryan Collier.** *City Shapes*
 "Rhyming text and brilliant multimedia collage combine to follow a girl's journey through her beloved city. ... A visual feast of cityscape shapes." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- O'Leary, Sara; illus. by Qin Leng.** *A Family Is a Family Is a Family*
 "A picture book affirmation of family diversity." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Parr, Todd.** *It's Okay to Be Different*
 "Differences are observed and encouraged in this wonderful celebration of the vast distinctions that make each of us individuals." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Parr, Todd.** *It's OK to Make Mistakes*
 "Parr encourages readers to see mistakes as opportunities with characteristic élan." (*Kirkus Reviews*)
- Parr, Todd.** *Teachers Rock!*
 "Parr turns his bold, vibrant colors and simple declarative sentences to teachers, looking at what they do and who they are." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Peacock, Shane; illus. by Sophie Casson. *The Artist and Me*
"A low-key yet powerful picture book evocation of the final days of an eccentric artist who was both a victim of his own demons and the target of village bullies." (*Kirkus Reviews*) **Recommended for 1st graders.**

Penfold, Alexandra; illus. by Suzanne Kaufman. *All Are Welcome*
"A lively city school celebrates its diversity." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Pfeffer, Rubin; illus. by Mike Austin. *Summer Supper*
"Vivid colors, a multiracial cast, and seamless alliteration make this book a wonderful read—not once, not twice, but again and again. ... This charming farm-to-table picture book hits all the right spots for the younger set." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Phi, Bao; illus. by Thi Bui. *A Different Pond*
"A fishing trip is not just a fishing trip in this poignant, semiautobiographical tale. ... Spare and simple, a must-read for our times." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Polacco, Patricia. *In Our Mothers' House*
"Two mothers own this house, and they have filled it with lots of love." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Portis, Antoinette. *A Penguin Story*
"Icy Antarctica is frustratingly monochromatic for Edna the penguin, so she forsakes playing (and occasionally even lunch) to scan the horizon for something else." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Poulin, Andrée; illus. by Félix Girard. *That's Not Hockey!*
"A clever introduction to the game-changing career of professional hockey goalie Jacques Plante." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Rex, Adam. *Nothing Rhymes with Orange*
"As page after page uses rhymes and puns to celebrate fruits, an orange, who is sadly aware of its nonrhyming name, provides commentary that encompasses a wide range of emotions—ending with a feeling of acceptance from the greater fruit community. ... Fruitful in every sense of the word." Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Rex, Adam; illus. by Christian Robinson. *School's First Day of School*
"Rex offers a different perspective on the first day of school: that of the newly constructed school building itself." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Reynolds, Aaron; illus. by Floyd Cooper. *Back of the Bus*
"From the back of the bus, an African American child watches the arrest of Rosa Parks." Historical fiction. (Publisher)

Richardson, Justin and Peter Parnell; illus. by Henry Cole. *And Tango Makes Three*
"At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches." (Publisher)

Rocco, John. *Blizzard*
"After a massive blizzard, a boy becomes a hero when he manages to walk to the local store and bring supplies back to his neighborhood which has been snowed in for days." (Publisher)

Rodgers, Greg; illus. by Leslie Stall Widener. *Chukfi Rabbit's Big, Bad Bellyache: A Trickster Tale*
"A classic trickster tale in the Choctaw tradition." (Publisher)

Russell-Brown, Katheryn; illus. by Frank Morrison. *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*

"A biography of African American musician Melba Doretta Liston, a virtuoso musician who played the trombone and composed and arranged music for many of the great jazz musicians of the twentieth century." Biography. (Publisher)

Santat, Dan. *Are We There Yet?*

"A boy feels time slowing down so much that it starts going backward--into the time of pirates! Of princesses! Of dinosaurs! The boy was just trying to get to his grandmother's birthday party." (Publisher)

Santat, Dan. *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*

"An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world." (Publisher)

Sayre, April Pulley. *Raindrops Roll*

"Sheds new light on the wonders of rain, from the beauty of a raindrop balanced on a leaf to the amazing, never-ending water cycle that keeps our planet in perfect ecological balance." (Publisher)

Scanlon, Liz Garton; illus. by Marla Frazee. *All the World*

"At once a lullaby and an invigorating love song to nature, families and interconnectedness." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Schertle, Alice; illus. by Petra Mathers. *Button Up! Wrinkled Rhymes*

"Told from the points of view of various anthropomorphic articles of clothing, these poems will give readers a new perspective on getting dressed." Poetry. (*School Library Journal*)

Sehgal, Kabir and Surishtha Sehgal. *A Bucket of Blessings*

"A picture book based on an Indian myth about a monkey who tries to save his village, and a dancing peacock that brings rain." (Publisher)

Sherry, Kevin. *I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*

"A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean--almost." (Publisher)

Sheth, Kashmira; illus. by Yoshiko Jaeggi. *My Dadima Wears a Sari*

"Rupa's grandmother wears beautiful saris every day, and Rupa wants to know if she ever gets tired of them." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Smith, Hope Anita. *My Daddy Rules the World: Poems About Fathers*

"A masterful salute to fatherhood." Poetry. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Soosh. *Dad by My Side*

"Indeed, with a dad like this by a child's side, there is little that cannot be accomplished." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Stinson, Kathy; illus. by Dušan Petričić. *The Man with the Violin*

"A Stradivarius on the subway? This Canadian import tells the story of violinist Joshua Bell's quirky experiment. Imaginatively illustrated and beautifully written, this offbeat ode to the power of music is a winner." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Sulurayok, Matilda.

Kamik's First Sled

"An exciting tale of boy-and-puppy bonding for Inuit children, this story is also accessible to non-Inuit readers willing to meet Kamik and Jake out on the tundra." (Publisher)

Taylor, G. Todd; ed. by Jorge Hernandez;

Dad, Who Will I Be?

illus. by Delayna Robbins.

"This book inspires, encourages and educates young readers to be great by introducing to them heroes of color from a number of different professions on an elementary level. Some real-life heroes in the book include Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammed Ali, Mansa Musa, Guion Bluford and Garrett Morgan, W.E.B. Duboise, Tiger Woods and many more." (Publisher)

Taylor, Sean; photographed by Caio Vilela. *Goal!*

"A solid introduction to soccer, carrying with it the sport's openness to any and all." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Tetri, Emily.

Tiger vs. Nightmare

"... a sweet, uplifting tale of best friends, imagination, bravery, and teamwork." (*School Library Journal*)

Recommended for 1st graders.

Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah; illus.

Mommy's Khimar

by Ebony Glenn.

"From a debut author-and-illustrator team comes a glimpse into a young American Muslim girl's family and community as she walks around in 'Mommy's khimar,' or headscarf." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Thompson, Laurie Ann; illus. by Sean Qualls.

Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah

"Born in Ghana, West Africa, with one deformed leg, he was dismissed by most people--but not by his mother, who taught him to reach for his dreams." (Publisher)

Tonatiuh, Duncan.

Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale

"A brilliant modern fable—eloquent, hopeful and heart-rending—about a rabbit family whose members cross the border in search of a better life, and each other." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Tullet, Hervé; transl. from French

I Am Blop

by Alexandra Stetter.

"Blop comes in many colors, but only one distinctive, easy-to-draw shape. The latest in a series of offbeat, imaginative creations by renowned French artist Tullet will intrigue children and encourage them to think outside the blop." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Verde, Susan; illus. by Peter H. Reynolds.

I Am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness

"A gentle, helpful tool for cultivating kid mindfulness." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Wallace, Sandra Neil; illus. by Bryan Collier.

Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery

"A biography with appeal for sports fans and budding artists alike, it will also beckon to any reader who appreciates a well-told, artfully illustrated story." Biography. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Wechsler, Doug.

The Hidden Life of a Toad

"A book that encourages observation and conservation and may start some young biologists off on their own lifelong quests to understand animals." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Williams, Vera B.

A Chair for Always

"Rosa waits for the birth of her baby cousin, who is being delivered at home by a midwife." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Woodson, Jacqueline; illus. by Rafael López. *The Day You Begin*

"A must-have book about the power of one's voice and the friendships that emerge when you are yourself." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Wormell, Christopher.

*Mice, Morals, & Monkey Business: Lively Lessons
from Aesop's Fables*

"Relegating the actual texts of 21 fables to an appendix, Wormell presents a suite of full-page color woodcuts to illustrate them, captioned with titles and morals alone, and printed on buttery paper that really sets off the strong lines and gorgeous hues." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

**Yee, Kristina and Frances Poletti; illus. by
Susanna Chapman.**

*The Girl Who Ran: Bobbi Gibb, The First Woman to Run
the Boston Marathon*

"Well-told and illustrated, Gibb's story speaks to not only women's fight for equality, but the power of community." Historical fiction. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Yelchin, Eugene.

Pip & Pup

"A newly hatched chick befriends a beagle puppy in this humorous, wordless picture book set outdoors on a farm." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Yoon, Salina.

Be a Friend

"An ordinary boy with an unusual hobby makes a new friend through extraordinary means." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Zagarenski, Pamela.

The Whisper

"A 'magical book' on loan from her teacher loses its words on the trip home, so a little girl spins her own stories for each enchanting picture." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Graphic Early Readers

Brunetti, Ivan.

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"Annemarie from *Wordplay* (2017) and her class work on set theory. ... So exemplary an execution of a simple concept that it can be read multiple ways—as multiplication, counting, sorting—without sacrificing fun." Graphic story. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Brunetti, Ivan.

Wordplay

"Fun with compound words defines this early reader." Graphic story. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Beginner Reader Series

Adler, David A.

Mo Jackson series

Sports stories about a passionate player who's younger and smaller than the other kids on his teams.

Adler, David A.

Young Cam Jansen series

Mysteries starring a girl with a photographic memory.

Arnold, Tedd.

Fly Guy series

Zany stories about a boy and his unusual pet.

Byars, Betsy.

My Brother, Ant; Ant Plays Bear

Humorous companion books about younger brother Anthony (Ant) and his older brother.

Calmenson, Stephanie and Joanna Cole

Gator Girls series

Stories about the adventures of alligator best friends Allie and Amy.

Cazet, Denys.

Minnie and Moo series

Slapstick mysteries involving two lovable cows.

Danziger, Paula.

A Is for Amber series

These are the back stories leading up to the Amber Brown books for older readers.

DiCamillo, Kate.

Mercy Watson series

The adventures of a pet pig who loves to eat buttered toast, sleeps in a human bed, and likes to dress up and do other things that ordinary pigs don't do.

Falconer, Ian.

Olivia series

An amusing series about an energetic pig named Olivia drawn with Falconer's distinctive style. "Olivia is constantly on the move, dreaming big dreams and meeting every challenge head-on. ... She doesn't just dance, she envisions herself as a prima ballerina bowing before an adoring audience." (*School Library Journal*)

Hale, Shannon and Dean Hale.

Princess in Black series

A monster-fighting princess leads a double life.

Henkes, Kevin.

Penny series

A mouse named Penny expresses different emotions and behaviors in a variety of situations.

Hills, Tad.

Rocket series

Stories about a dog with an interest in words, books, and writing.

Howe, James.

Houndsley and Catina series

Stories about the friendship between Houndsley the dog and Catina the cat.

Lobel, Arnold.

Frog and Toad series

Stories about an enduring friendship, "with Frog as the wiser, supportive partner easing Toad through his small frustrations and uncertainties." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Macaulay, David.

Jet Plane: How It Works (How It Works series)

"Introduces young readers to the mechanical science of jet planes that recreates an airplane ride while explaining how powerful engines, specially designed wings, and cockpit controls work together to enable a jet's flight." (Publisher)

Rylant, Cynthia.

Henry and Mudge series

Stories about the adventures of a small boy and his large dog.

Rylant, Cynthia.

Mr. Putter & Tabby series

"Who would have thought that a balding white homebody and his orange cat could become beloved stars of a long running series for first and second-graders?" (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Rylant, Cynthia.

Poppleton series

"Kindly pig has adventures with friends in gentle tales." (*Common Sense Media*)

Watt, Mélanie. *Scaredy Squirrel series*
Scaredy Squirrel tries to be prepared for everything that scares him.

Willems, Mo. *Elephant & Piggie series*
The silly adventures of two devoted friends.

Willems, Mo. *Pigeon series*
A demanding city pigeon gets involved in over-the-top behavior!

Longer Chapter Books

Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona series*
Eight humorous novels about Ramona Quimby and her friends and family.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. *My Father's Dragon series*
The classic trilogy about a young boy who leaves home to rescue a baby dragon that has been captured and enslaved.

Kelly, David A. *Ballpark Mysteries series*
A brother and sister solve mysteries occurring in major league ballparks.

Lin, Grace. *Ling and Ting series*
Humorous chapter books about identical Chinese-American twin girls Ling and Ting, who have unique personalities and tastes.

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody series*
The humorous adventures of a 3rd grader.

O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy series*
Friendship stories centering around an effervescent young girl who loves everything that is fancy.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *The Magic Tree House series*
Travel through space and time with Jack and his little sister Annie.

Roy, Ron. *A to Z Mysteries series*
Kids solve a variety of mysteries.

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. *Nate the Great series*
Detective stories for 1st graders.

Stilton, Geronimo. *Geronimo Stilton series*
A shy mouse gets drawn into mysteries and adventures.