

Picture Books Picture Books

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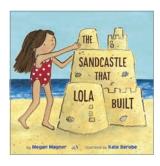




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The Sandcastle That Lola Built

Megan Maynor; illustrated by Kate Berube Hardcover: 9781524716158 GLB: 9781524716165 EL: 9781524716172 Ages: 3-5





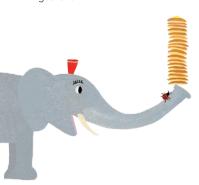
A modern, summery spin on the classic The House That Jack Built, in which Lola's day at the beach leads to new friends and a giant sandcastle.

Lola is building her dream sandcastle—one with a tall, tall tower and sea glass that sends signals to mermaids. But the beach is crowded, and soon enough, a boy steps on her castle. Not to worry! Lola recruits him to build a wall. When a toddler with a bulldozer starts digging too close to the wall, Lola decides he can be in charge of digging the moat. As the sandcastle grows, so does Lola's friendly group of helpers. There's only one thing that Lola doesn't want near the sandcastle: a wave! Will the new friends be able to salvage the mermaids' castle when their hard work is washed away?



Let's Go! Sarah Williamson Hardcover: 9781524700683 GLB: 9781524700690

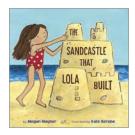
EL: 9781524700706 Ages: 0-3





From the creator of Where Are You? comes this vibrant tale of a taxi-driving elephant and everyone—and everything he picks up along the way. Let's go!

Beep, beep! Let's go! Colors and sounds collide as Tuski the elephant gets ready for adventure. And there's no limit to what Tuski's red taxi can pick up. From friends, like a blue bird, an every-colored fish, and a trail of ladybugs, to objects big and small, like a lemon, a pea, peaches, and pancakes, Tuski's taxi takes them all! But as they venture up the hill, Tuski's packed taxi might just take a tumble.



The Sandcastle That Lola Built Megan Maynor; illustrated by Kate Berube

A Summer Sandcastle!

What you'll need: paper plates, toilet-paper tubes, a paintbrush, a toothpick, colored sand, construction paper, scissors, glue

- 1 Cut the tops off three toilet-paper tubes to varying heights. Cut out a small triangle from the construction paper to make a flag, and glue it to the toothpick.
- Pour the colored sand onto the paper plates. Use the paintbrush to cover the toilet-paper tubes in glue, then roll the tubes in the sand until covered.
- 3 Glue the toothpick with the flag to the inside of one of the tubes.
- 4 Glue the tubes to a paper plate, and cover the bottom with sand.
- 5 Enjoy your sandcastle while reading The Sandcastle That Lola Built!



Read Alike

Bringing the Outside In Mary McKenna Siddals; illustrated by Patrice Barton Hardcover: 9780449814307 Ages: 3–7





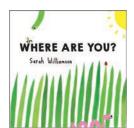
Car Craft!

What you'll need: a paper plate, black paper, markers, two bottle caps, scissors, glue

- Out the paper plate in half, and color one side with the markers.

 Draw on a front and back window. Then draw yourself in the front window, driving the car!
- Cut the black paper into two U-shapes, and glue to the bottom of the paper plate car. Glue the bottle caps onto the black paper for the wheels.
- Read Let's Go! with your new car craft for an interactive storytime!

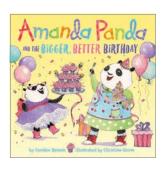




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Where Are You? Sarah Williamson Hardcover: 9781524700638 Ages: 0–3

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Amanda Panda and the Bigger, Better Birthday

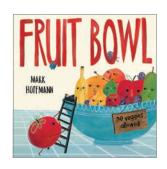
Candice Ransom; illustrated by Christine Grove Hardcover: 9781524768195 GLB: 9781524768201 EL: 9781524768218 Ages: 3-7





In the hilarious follow-up to Amanda Panda Quits Kindergarten, strong, sassy, and funny Amanda Panda is having a birthday crisis!

Amanda Panda's birthday is tomorrow. She'll be the first kid in her class to turn six! But when she gets to the bus stop, her best friend/worst enemy, Bitsy, is there—announcing that today is HER birthday! And her party is planned for Saturday, the same day as Amanda's! Birthday dreams ruined, Amanda can't keep her temper in check at school. By recess, it looks like Amanda's birthday plans—and her friendship with Bitsy—are over. But when the girls stop arguing long enough to listen to each other, they come up with a birthday plan that is TWICE the fun.



Fruit Bowl

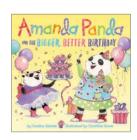
Mark Hoffmann Hardcover: 9781524719913 GLB: 9781524719920 EL: 9781524719937 Ages: 3-7





Who belongs in the fruit bowl? Apples, check. Blueberries, check. Tomato, che- Wait, what?! Tomato wants to join the other fruits, but does he belong? The perfect mix of botany and a bunch of bananas!

All the fruit are in the bowl. There's Apple and Orange. Strawberry and Peach. Plum and Pear. And, of course, Tomato. Now wait just a minute! Tomatoes aren't fruit! Or are they? Using sly science (and some wisdom from a wise old raisin), Tomato proves all the fruit wrong and shows that he belongs in the bowl just as much as the next blueberry! And he's bringing some unexpected friends, too!

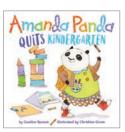


Amanda Panda and the Bigger, Better Birthday Candice Ransom; illustrated by Christine Grove

Birthday Cake Fun!

What you'll need: large white construction paper, stickers, glitter, markers, scissors

- Draw a three-tiered cake on the large white construction paper, and cut it out. Cut out candles.
- Get creative and start decorating! Color the cake, add stickers or glitter, and be sure to color in some frosting!
- Glue your candles to the top of your cake. Celebrate a bigger, better birthday with Amanda Panda!



Read Alike

Amanda Panda Quits Kindergarten

Candice Ransom; illustrated by Christine Grove Hardcover: 9780399554551 Ages: 3–7



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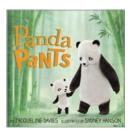
Fruit Bowl Mark Hoffmann

Paper Plate Tomato Friend!

What you'll need: a paper plate, red and black markers, green paper, googly eyes, scissors, glue

- 1 Color the bottom side of the paper plate completely red.
- Cut out a stem from the green paper, and glue it to the top of the plate. Glue on googly eyes.
- 3 Use the black marker to draw on a smiling face for your new tomato friend!

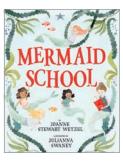




Read Alike

Panda Pants Jacqueline Davies; illustrated by Sydney Hanson Hardcover: 9780553535761 Ages: 3-7

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Mermaid School

JoAnne S. Wetzel; illustrated by Julianna Swaney Hardcover: 9780399557163 GLB: 9780399557170 EL: 9780399557187 Ages: 3–7





Starting school is always exciting . . . especially when you're a mermaid! From schools of fish to the A-B-Seas, this whimsical underwater tale puts a fun twist on what to expect on the first day of school.

It's Molly's first day at mermaid school, and there's so much to learn! Follow the mermaids as they count clamshells, recite the A-B-Seas, and make new friends. They even enjoy storytime about children who walk on land! At the end of the day, it's time to sing the goodbye song and head home. With sweet, rhyming language and a peek into a fantastical undersea world, *Mermaid School* touches on all the major moments children will experience on their first day. And don't miss the mermaid school handbook in the back of this book for more mermaid fun!



How to Scare a Ghost

Jean Reagan; illustrated by Lee Wildish Hardcover: 9781524701901 GLB: 9781524701918 EL: 9781524701925 Ages: 4–8





From the creators of the New York Times bestsellers How to Catch Santa and How to Babysit a Grandpa comes a silly (and not-too-spooky) send-up of Halloween . . . and ghosts!

Who says ghosts get to have all the fun on Halloween? In this humorous new addition to Jean Reagan and Lee Wildish's bestselling How To... books, the kids are in charge! But in order to scare a ghost, you have to find one first. Guided by a tongue-in-cheek instructional style, two children show young readers how to set the stage for a *spooktacular* Halloween by carving pumpkins, playing games, and even reading scary stories. Has a ghost showed up? Great! Now the fun—er, the *scaring*—can really begin.



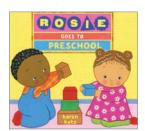
Mermaid School JoAnne S. Wetzel; illustrated by Julianna Swaney

Mermaid Tails!

What you'll need: colorful paper, six Popsicle sticks, markers, glitter, glue, scissors

- 1 Glue three Popsicle sticks together to form a triangle.
- Cut out a triangle and two ovals for the tail and fins from the colorful paper. Glue the triangle behind the Popsicle sticks and the fins on the bottom point.
- 3 Decorate your mermaid tail using markers and glitter, and repeat to make another!





Read Alike

Rosie Goes to Preschool Karen Katz Hardcover: 9780385379175 Ages: 2–5



How to Scare a Ghost Jean Reagan; illustrated by Lee Wildish

A Spooky Friend!

What you'll need: black paper, cotton balls, string, scissors, glue

- Cut out a ghost shape from the paper. Cut out eyes and a mouth from the paper.
- ② Glue on the cotton balls, covering the entire ghost. Then glue on the black eyes and mouth.
- 3 Cut a long piece of string, and glue the two ends to the ghost. Hang it on a hook or handle.
- Read How to Scare a Ghost with your new spooky friend!





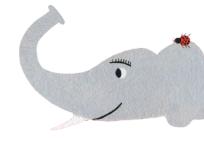
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How to Raise a Mom Jean Reagan; illustrated by Lee Wildish Hardcover: 9780553538298 Ages: 4–8

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to Look Forward to This Summer!

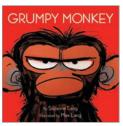




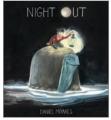
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A Lullaby of Summer Things Natalie Ziarnik; illustrated by Madeline Valentine Hardcover: 9781101935521 GLB: 9781101935538 EL: 9781101935545 Ages: 4–8



Grumpy Monkey Suzanne Lang; illustrated by Max Lang Hardcover: 9780553537864 GLB: 9780553537881 EL: 9780553537888 Ages: 3–7



Night OutDaniel Miyares
Hardcover: 9781524765729
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Ages: 4–8



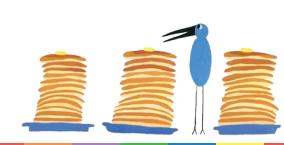
Whale in a Fishbowl Troy Howell; illustrated by Richard Jones Hardcover: 9781524715182 GLB: 9781524715199 EL: 9781524715205 Ages: 4–8



Summer Supper Rubin Pfeffer; illustrated by Mike Austin Hardcover: 9781524714642 GLB: 9781524714659 EL: 9781524714666 Ages: 3–7



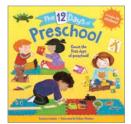
Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur Cirocco Dunlap; illustrated by Greg Pizzoli Hardcover: 9780399550560 GLB: 9780399550591 EL: 9780399550607 Ages: 3-7





A Name for Baby

Lizi Boyd Hardcover: 9781524714192 GLB: 9781524714208 EL: 9781524714215 Ages: 3-7



The 12 Days of Preschool

Jenna Lettice; illustrated by Colleen Madden Paperback: 9781524766603 EL: 9781524766610 Ages: 3–7



How to Be a Lion

Ed Vere Hardcover: 9780525578055 GLB: 9780525578062 EL: 9780525578079 Ages: 3-7



Bathtime Mathtime

Danica McKellar; Board: 9781101933947





Quiet Please, Owen McPhee!

Trudy Ludwig; illustrated by Patrice Barton Hardcover: 9780399557132 GLB: 9780399557149 EL: 9780399557156 Ages: 5-8



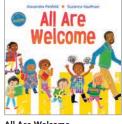
The Dinosaur Expert

Margaret McNamara; illustrated by G. Brian Karas Hardcover: 9780553511437 GLB: 9780553511444 EL: 9780553511451 Ages: 4-8



You See, I See: On the Farm

Michelle Sinclair Colman; illustrated by Paul Schmid Board: 9781524714475 EL: 9781524715014 Ages: 0-3



All Are Welcome

Alexandra Penfold; illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman Hardcover: 9780525579649 GLB: 9780525579656 EL: 9780525579663 Ages: 4-8



Go to Sleep, Little Creep

David Quinn; illustrated by Ashley Spires Hardcover: 9781101939444 GLB: 9781101939451 EL: 9781101939468 Ages: 2-5



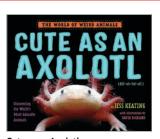
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Where Did You Come From, **Baby Dear?**

George MacDonald; illustrated by Jane Dyer Hardcover: 9780553509199 GLB: 9780553509205 EL: 9780553509212 Ages: 3-7





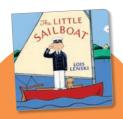
Cute as an Axolotl

Jess Keating; illustrated by David DeGrand Hardcover: 9781524764470 GLB: 9781524764487 EL: 9781524764494 Ages: 5-8



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Enjoy these fun and educational board books, perfect for the very youngest of readers!



Now even smaller sailors can take to the seas in Lois Lenski's classic adventure!

The Little Sailboat Lois Lenski Board: 9781524770792

Laugh and play with astronauts, tigers, cowboys, and dragons before naptime!

10 Little Ninjas



A solar system adventure with aliens and robots for the youngest readers!

The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot

Margaret McNamara; illustrated by Mark Fearing Board: 9780525578857





Explore the whimsical world of the littlest family, with fold-out pages to discover!

The Littlest Family's Big Day Emily Winfield Martin Board: 9780525578673





Play a game of "I Spy" and find the cat and owl on every page!

10 Busy Brooms Carole Gerber; illustrated by Michael Fleming Board: 9781524768997





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