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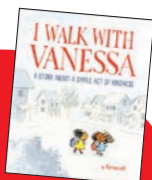


RANDOM HOUSE
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Picture Books



Picture books allow us to meet
UNIQUE AND LIVELY CHARACTERS who help us
learn, laugh, and explore the world around us!



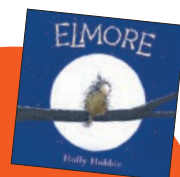
**Characters who
teach us to
stand up for
what is right!**



**Magical characters
who take us on
outdoor adventures!**



**Historical characters
who teach us about
our incredible past!**



**Relatable characters
who help us learn about
self-confidence and
being a good listener!**



We are pleased to showcase our forthcoming picture book list, along with crafts and activities for interactive storytimes that kids will treasure. For even more great picture book resources, you can log on to RHTeachersLibrarians.com, follow us on Twitter at [@RHCBEducators](https://twitter.com/RHCBEducators), like us on Facebook at [TheRandomSchoolHouse](https://www.facebook.com/TheRandomSchoolHouse), and check out our Random House Children's Books Pinterest boards!

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Snow Sisters!

Kerri Kokias;
illustrated by Teagan White
Hardcover: 9781101938836
GLB: 9781101938843
EL: 9781101938850
Ages: 3–7



Just like snowflakes, no two sisters are alike, but that does not mean they can't work together to make the perfect snow day!

When snowflakes fall, two sisters react very differently. One is excited; the other is wary. The first sister spends the morning outdoors, playing until she's all tuckered out. Meanwhile, the second sister stays indoors, becoming ever more curious about the drifts outside. Soon they switch places and spend the second half of the day retracing each other's footsteps. But each sister puts her own spin on activities like sledding, baking, and building. The simple mirrored text is spare and lovely, and spreads are split to show what each sister is doing independently—until at last they come together in the sweet, satisfying conclusion.

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Grandma's Purse

Vanessa Brantley-Newton
Hardcover: 9781524714314
GLB: 9781524714321
EL: 9781524714338
Ages: 3–5



Spend the day with Mimi and her granddaughter in this charming picture book about the magic found in Mimi's favorite accessory.

When Grandma Mimi comes to visit, she always brings warm hugs, sweet treats . . . and her purse. You never know what she'll have in there—fancy jewelry, tokens from around the world, or something special just for her granddaughter. It might look like a normal bag from the outside, but Mimi and her granddaughter know that it's pure magic! In this adorable, energetic ode to visits from grandma, beloved picture book creator Vanessa Brantley-Newton shows how an ordinary day can become extraordinary.

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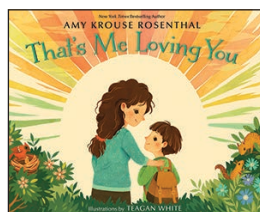
Snow Sisters!

Kerri Kokias; illustrated by Teagan White

S is for Snowman!

What you'll need: white cardstock; orange, black, and brown construction paper; markers; scissors; and glue

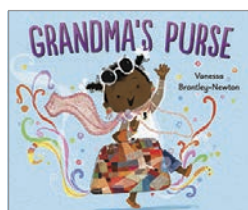
- 1 Draw a bubble-letter S on the white cardstock and cut it out.
- 2 Cut out one orange nose and nine small black circles for the eyes, mouth, and buttons. Then cut out a black hat and two brown twig hands.
- 3 Glue on the hat, eyes, nose, mouth, buttons, and hands. Decorate your snowman with markers!
- 4 Practice reading and writing other snowy S words while reading *Snow Sisters!* with your craft.



Read-Alike

That's Me Loving You

Amy Krouse Rosenthal;
illustrated by Teagan White
Hardcover: 9781101932384
Ages: 3–7



Grandma's Purse

Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Patchwork Purse

What you'll need: two paper plates, ribbon, colorful construction paper, glue, scissors, a hole-punch

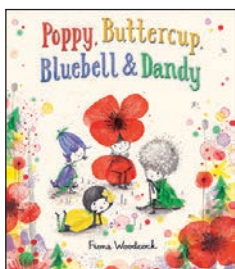
- 1 Cut off one edge of the two paper plates so there is a straight edge.
- 2 Holding them together, punch holes all the way around the circular edges of the plates. Thread the ribbon through the holes to secure the purse.
- 3 Cut a long piece of ribbon for the strap, thread it through the top two holes, and tie a knot.
- 4 Using the construction paper, create a patchwork purse. Be creative! Cut out a variety of shapes in lots of colors. Glue the pieces to the front and back of your new bag.
- 5 What would you keep in your purse? Discuss while reading *Grandma's Purse*!



Read-Alike

Sewing Stories

Barbara Herkert; illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
Hardcover: 9780385754620
Ages: 4–8



Poppy, Buttercup, Bluebell & Dandy
Fiona Woodcock
Hardcover: 9781524769673
Ages: 3–7

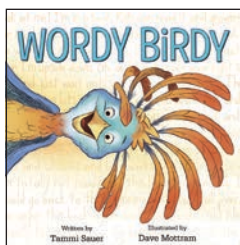


Watch a gorgeous garden grow and bloom in this enchanting new picture book from rising star Fiona Woodcock!

A group of beautiful and feisty young wildflowers on skateboards and scooters zoom through the pages of this stunning book, spreading flower seeds as they go. Together they transform their urban environment into a place that is no longer gray, but filled with color and scent. Nature's magic is revealed in all its glory, embodying Ralph Waldo Emerson's idea that a weed is "a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." Budding environmentalists will respond to the underlying themes of conservation.



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Wordy Birdy
Tammi Sauer;
illustrated by Dave Mottram
Hardcover: 9781524719296
GLB: 9781524719302
EL: 9781524719326
Ages: 3–7

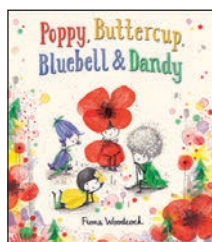


Meet Wordy Birdy, a very chatty bird who talks WAY more than she listens! This is a hilarious new story with a subtle lesson from beloved author Tammi Sauer.

Wordy Birdy LOVES to talk. "Hello, sunrise. Hello, pink sky. Hello, orange sky." But does she love to listen? NOPE. One day, while walking through the forest, her gift of the gab gets her into hot water: "That's a pretty tree and that's a pretty tree and that's a pretty danger sign and that's a pretty tree. . . ." Will this inattentive bird walk right into danger? Will her faraway thoughts lead her down a path of doom? It's up to her long-suffering, heard-it-all-before pals Squirrel, Raccoon, and Rabbit to save their distracted friend.



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Poppy, Buttercup, Bluebell & Dandy
Fiona Woodcock



Flower Friends

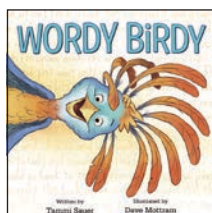
What you'll need: colorful construction paper, green paper, scissors, tape, a ruler

- 1 Cut out three 6" x 8" rectangles of green paper, and roll each piece into a tube, 8" tall. Use tape to hold each tube together. These are your stems.
- 2 Cut two 4" x 8" strips for each stem. You can use any colors you like! Fold the strips in half lengthwise, and make cuts every half inch or so, leaving a little space at either end and cutting from the folded edge.
- 3 Beginning at the top of the stem, roll the strip around and down the stem, securing it with tape. Repeat with the second strip.
- 4 Display your new flower friends for an interactive storytime with *Poppy, Buttercup, Bluebell & Dandy*!



Read-Alike

How to Grow a Friend
Sara Gillingham
Hardcover: 9780385376693
Ages: 3–7

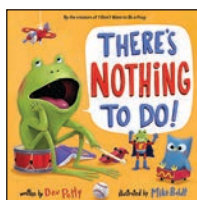


Wordy Birdy
Tammi Sauer; illustrated
by Dave Mottram

Make Your Own Wordy Birdy!

What you'll need: one wooden clothespin, colorful markers, colorful feathers, orange paper, two googly eyes, glue, scissors

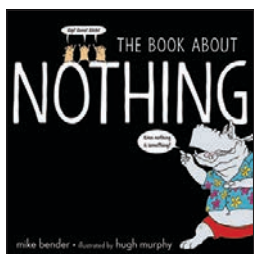
- 1 Color and decorate your clothespin with bright colors.
- 2 Cut out a small orange triangle for the beak. Glue on the googly eyes and beak at the top of the clothespin.
- 3 Glue colorful feathers on the back.
- 4 Use your Wordy Birdy friend for an interactive storytime!



Read-Alike

There's Nothing to Do!
Dev Petty;
illustrated by Mike Boldt
Hardcover: 9780399558030
Ages: 3–7





The Book About Nothing
 Mike Bender;
 illustrated by Hugh Murphy
 Hardcover: 9780399551093
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 EL: 9780399551116
 Ages: 3–7

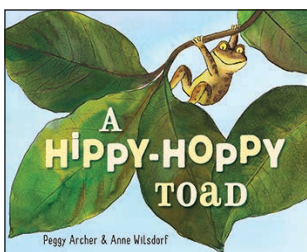


An innovative and wildly funny read-aloud about how nothing is actually something!

This book has nothing to do with rainbows, rocket ships, meatballs, or wizards. Instead, it's full of zip, zilch, diddly-squat, bupkes. But don't worry; reading this book isn't all for nothing, because sometimes nothing is actually something. Like if you pick up all the toys in your room, what will be on the floor? NOTHING. When you take a bath, what are you wearing? NOTHING. And when you shut the lights off to go to bed, what do you see? NOTHING.



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A Hippy-Hoppy Toad
 Peggy Archer;
 illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf
 Hardcover: 9780399556760
 GLB: 9780399556777
 EL: 9780399556784
 Ages: 3–7

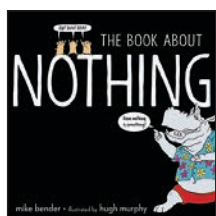


From the illustrator of the award-winning Sophie's Squash comes a rollicking read-aloud featuring a very tiny toad who gets displaced as animals—and humans—brush past him on the road.

It's hard to be a teeny toad, minding your own business on a twig. First a bird pecks at him. . . . Then a bee buzzes. . . . Then a dog barks . . . and so on. And each time the toad is surprised by a buzz or a woof (or the toe of a sneaker!), he hops to a new location farther down the road. With fun sounds, clever rhymes, and an irresistible rhythm, this is the perfect story for sharing one-on-one or in a group.



Illustration © 2018 by Anne Wilsdorf



The Book About Nothing

Mike Bender; illustrated by Hugh Murphy



Party Hats for Nothing!

What you'll need: colorful construction paper, yarn, glitter, stickers, glue, a stapler, scissors, markers

- 1 Make your hat: draw a large half circle on construction paper and cut it out. Bring the ends together and overlap the sides to form a cone; staple at the base. Then apply glue along the seams.
- 2
- 3 Cut out fun, colorful shapes and add them to your hat!
- 4 Decorate with glitter, yarn, stickers, and anything else you want to make your hat unique.
- 5 Throw a party with your new party hat, celebrating . . . nothing!

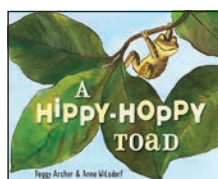


Read-Alike

This Book Will Not Be Fun.

Cirocco Dunlap;
illustrated by Olivier Tallec
Hardcover: 9780399550614
Ages: 3-7

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A Hippy-Hoppy Toad

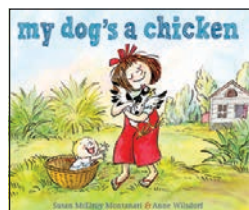
Peggy Archer; illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf



Paper Plate Toad!

What you'll need: a paper plate, green paint, black markers, red and pink paper, a Styrofoam ball, glue, scissors

- 1 Paint both sides of the paper plate green.
- 2 Cut the Styrofoam ball in half, and draw eyes on the rounded sides using the black marker.
- 3 Cut an oval shape out of the red paper for the mouth, and glue it on the top of the paper plate. Then cut out a smaller oval shape from the pink paper for the tongue, and glue that on top of the red paper.
- 4 Fold the paper plate in half, crease it, and open again. Glue the eyes to the top of the toad's head.
- 5 Read *A Hippy-Hoppy Toad* with your new paper plate toad!



Read-Alike

My Dog's a Chicken

Susan McElroy Montanari;
illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf
Hardcover: 9780385384902
Ages: 4-8



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More New Picture Books to Look Forward to This Spring

January



The Pink Hat
Andrew Joyner
Hardcover: 9781524772260
GLB: 9781524772277
EL: 9781524772284
Ages: 4–8



Duck, Duck, Goose
Tad Hill
Board: 9781524766153
Ages: 0–3

Now in Board



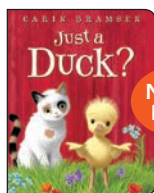
The Littlest Viking
Alexandra Penfold;
illustrated by Isabel Roxas
Hardcover: 9780399554292
GLB: 9780399554308
EL: 9780399554315
Ages: 4–8



Sleepover Duck!
Carin Bramsen
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Ages: 3–7

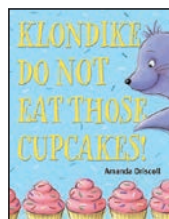


The Little Pioneer
Adam Hancher
Hardcover: 9781524717926
EL: 9781524717933
Ages: 4–8



Just a Duck?
Carin Bramsen
Board: 9781524766009
Ages: 0–3

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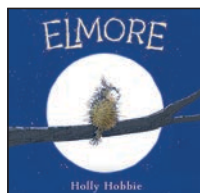
Klondike, Do Not Eat Those Cupcakes!
Amanda Driscoll
Hardcover: 9781524713164
GLB: 9781524713171
EL: 9781524713188
Ages: 3–5



The Forever Tree
Tereasa Surratt and Donna Lukas;
illustrated by Nicola Slater
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Ages: 3–7

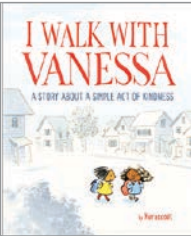


Made for Each Other: Why Dogs and People are Perfect Partners
Dorothy Hinshaw Patent;
photographs by William Muñoz
Hardcover: 9781101931042
GLB: 9781101931059
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Ages: 6–9



Elmore
Holly Hobbie
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Ages: 3–7

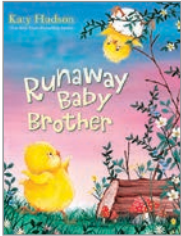




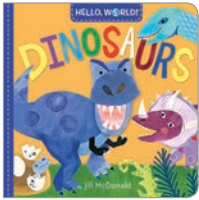
**I Walk with Vanessa:
A Story About a Simple
Act of Kindness**
Kerascoët
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EL: 9781524769574
Ages: 4–8



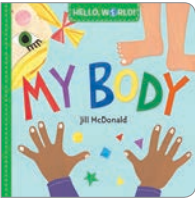
Kate, Who Tamed the Wind
Liz Garton Scanlon;
illustrated by Lee White
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Ages: 4–8



Runaway Baby Brother
Katy Hudson
Hardcover: 9781524718602
GLB: 9781524718619
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Ages: 3–7



Hello, World! Dinosaurs
Jill McDonald
Board: 9781524719340
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Ages: 0–3



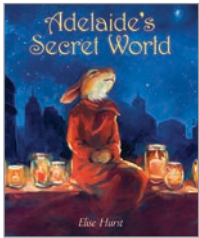
Hello, World! My Body
Jill McDonald
Board: 9781524766368
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Ages: 0–3



**Moon;
a Peek-Through Picture Book**
Britta Teckentrup
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Ages: 3–7

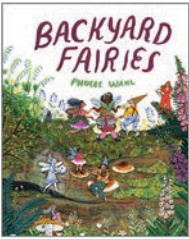


**The Amazing Collection of
Joey Cornell: Based on the
Childhood of a Great American
Artist**
Candace Fleming; illustrated by
Gérard DuBois
Hardcover: 9780399552380
GLB: 9780399552397
EL: 9780399552403
Ages: 4–8



Adelaide's Secret World
Elise Hurst
Hardcover: 9781524714543
GLB: 9781524714550
EL: 9781524714567
Ages: 5–9





Backyard Fairies
Phoebe Wahl
Hardcover: 9781524715274
GLB: 9781524715281
EL: 9781524715298
Ages: 3–7



Can I Be Your Dog?
Troy Cummings
Hardcover: 9780399554520
GLB: 9780399554537
EL: 9780399554544
Ages: 3–7



Don't Blink!
Amy Krouse Rosenthal;
illustrated by David Roberts
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Ages: 3–7



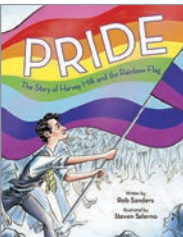
If You Had a Jetpack
Lisl Detlefsen;
illustrated by Linzie Hunter
Hardcover: 9780399553295
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Ages: 4–8



Ten Magic Butterflies
Danica McKellar;
illustrated by Jennifer Bricking
Hardcover: 9781101933824
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EL: 9781101933848
Ages: 4–6



Even Superheroes Use the Potty
Sara Crow;
illustrated by Adam Record
Hardcover: 9780399559341
EL: 9780399559365
Ages: 0–3



Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag
Rob Sanders;
illustrated by Steven Salerno
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Ages: 5–8

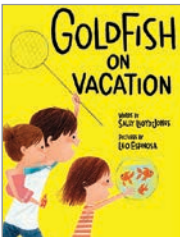


Rumble Grumble . . . Hush
Kate Banks;
illustrated by Simone Shin
Hardcover: 9781101940495
GLB: 9781101940501
EL: 9781101940518
Ages: 3–7



Now in Board

How to Babysit a Grandma
Jean Reagan;
illustrated by Lee Wildish
Board: 9781524772567
Ages: 0–3



Goldfish on Vacation
Sally Lloyd-Jones;
illustrated by Leo Espinosa
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Ages: 4–8

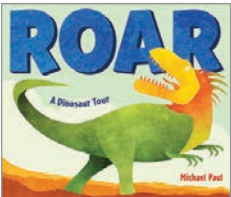


Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles
Patricia Valdez;
illustrated by Felicitia Sala
Hardcover: 9780399557255
GLB: 9780399557262
EL: 9780399557279
Ages: 4–8



Now in Board

How to Babysit a Grandpa
Jean Reagan;
illustrated by Lee Wildish
Board: 9781524772550
Ages: 0–3
April



Roar: A Dinosaur Toot
Michael Paul
Hardcover: 9781524766986
GLB: 9781524766993
EL: 9781524767006
Ages: 2–5





How many words will you read this summer?

Dr. Seuss's Word Challenge is a six-week program, running in summer 2018, that encourages participants to read Dr. Seuss books.

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