Pumpkins
Gail Gibbons

Summary
Watch all kinds of pumpkins grow in this simple introduction to autumn’s favorite vegetable.

This simple board book is ideal for Halloween party favors or parents who want a gift for toddlers. It features basic information on how pumpkins grow, talks about different types of pumpkins, and shows how pumpkins are enjoyed at Thanksgiving and Halloween—ending with a glowing row of jack-o-lanterns.

Contributor Bio
According to The Washington Post, Gail Gibbons “has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children’s writer-illustrator.” Ms. Gibbons has published more than 100 informational titles, including the bestselling titles From Seed to Plant and Monarch Butterfly, all fully vetted by experts. Her many honors include The Washington Post/Children’s Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

Author Residence: Corinth, VT

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush
Jane Cabrera

Summary
There's so much to do on a cold and frosty day....

All the neighborhood animals - from a puppy with heart-shaped spots to a cuddly pig in a scarf - brave the cold to play together and go 'round the mulberry bush. Sing along with the familiar nursery rhyme celebrating morning routine...continuing into an afternoon of fun and cozy bedtime wishes, in Jane Cabrera’s twist on a traditional song. A perfect fit for small hands looking for something to read early in the morning or late at night.

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Author Residence: South Devon, England

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe
Jane Cabrera

Summary
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Parents’ newest story hour pick is a seasoned favorite counting rhyme with an exciting twist. Rabbit needs to one, two, buckle her shoe and three, four, run out the door so she can help her neighbor Mommy Hen prepare a yummy surprise for the little pigs’ birthday party. Meanwhile, Mommy Hen’s four little chickes are playing hide and seek. Can you count to 20 with Rabbit and keep track of those sneaky chicks at the same time?

Between the four little chicks hiding on every page and the creative story-telling approach to a popular counting rhyme, there is a lot to love about this board book that is perfect for small hands. Combined with Jane Cabrera’s signature eye-catching art style, learning to count has never been so much fun.

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**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**  
Jane Cabrera

**Summary**

All around the world, from the sleeping city to the icy pole, baby animals and their parents share the wonder of a twinkling star.

In this sturdy board book just right for small hands, a favorite lullaby becomes a celebration of love. On a beautiful night an owl sings to his owlet, a deer to her fawn, a whale to her calf. Animal parents all over the world sing this lullaby to their young, just as parents all over the world sing to their children as they go to sleep.

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**Car Goes Far**  
Michael Garland

**Summary**

Bright bold artwork and lots of gorgeous cars—and one tractor!—star in this playful board book about a car wash for babies and toddlers.

*Splash! Splash! Car* gets wet and soapy as he goes through the car wash. He’s had a big adventure today. His shiny paint got dirtier and dirtier as he drove all over town—first with mud from a construction site, then from exhaust, and finally from a flock of birds. At the end of his big day, a bath is just what this little car needs.

Michael Garland’s bright and bold art features lots of different vehicles, from diggers to big trucks, making this book just right for young car enthusiasts.

**Contributor Bio**

Michael Garland is a fine artist and children’s book author and illustrator. His fine art can be found in private and corporate collections. His *Fish Had a Wish* was praised as “a striking picture book...a keeper” in a starred review in Kirkus Reviews. He lives in New Jersey.

**Author Residence:** Patterson, NJ
**The Night Before Christmas**
Clement C. Moore, Tomie dePaola

**Summary**
From the creator of *Strega Nona*, the perfect stocking stuffer version of a beloved Christmas tale.

Award-winning artist Tomie dePaola brings the beloved holiday poem to life, depicting a New England family in turn of the 19th century America, lovingly tucked up in cozy quilts as Santa arrives. Portraits of ancestors hang by the fire as Santa leaves toy trumpets, dolls, and toy soldiers for the children before taking off over the snow-capped hills with his eight reindeer. The borders on the illustrations are based on designs from New England quilts.

**Contributor Bio**
Tomie dePaola has been an author and artist for more than 50 years, and there are parents today who have grown up with *Strega Nona* or *The Popcorn Book*! His numerous awards include the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the Caldecott Honor Award, and the Newbery Honor Award. DOs: list author’s accomplishments, awards, well-known titles readers will recognize—even if not Holiday House titles. What are they experts in? What are they passionate about? Fun and eye-catching bios are great.

**Author Residence:** New London, NH

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**The Day of the Dead / El Dia de Los Muertos**
Bob Barner

**Summary**
Now even the youngest children can enjoy the ghosts, skeletons and treats of this spirited holiday - in a bilingual board book!

We celebrate our ancestors on *The Day of the Dead / With offerings of flowers, sugar skulls, and bread*.

With sweet-smelling marigold petals and joyful songs, a family welcomes back their beloved ancestors. This lively and colorful (and not too scary) tribute to a unique holiday is in English and Spanish.

**Contributor Bio**
Bob Barner is the author and illustrator of over 25 books for children, including *Fish Wish* and *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!*! An accomplished artist, he began his career as a cartoonist working on *Li’l Abner* under Al Capp before moving on to art direction and illustration. His clients include *The Boston Globe*, *Scholastic*, *Chronicle*, the New England Aquarium, Little, Brown, and many more. He lives in San Francisco, California.

**Author Residence:** San Francisco, CA
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Jane Cabrera

Summary
There's so much to do on a cold and frosty day....

Two young pups are excited to go outside and play - but first they have to get ready for school. Sing along as they wake up, brush their teeth, get dressed, march to school, and finally get to go have fun. All the neighborhood children - from three young mice bundled up tight to a cuddly pig in a cozy hat - brave the cold to play together.

Experience the familiar nursery rhyme celebrating morning routine...and continue the day’s routine into an afternoon of fun and cozy bedtime wishes that makes this picture book perfect for both story hours and bedtime. Send little ones off to school for the first time knowing what to expect - and also what to be excited for!

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Jane Cabrera

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*Sparkle, sparkle, little star, how I wonder what you are. Peeking through the silent trees, high above the deep blue seas…*

On a beautiful night an owl sings to his owlet, a deer to her fawn, a whale to her calf. Animal parents all over the world sing this lullaby to their young, celebrating parents’ love for their children. Jane Cabrera’s handsomely painted full-sized picture book is perfect for story hours or sharing at bedtime.

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**Author Residence:** South Devon, England
### How Do You Feel?
Lizzy Rockwell

**Summary**
Do you feel happy? Sad? Silly? Angry? This book helps children and parents talk about feelings! A Feelings Faces Poster is included!

The playground is the perfect place to witness a wide range of emotions. A girl is happy when playing with a puppy. Another girl is angry when a boy knocks over her drink. And the boy is sorry.

Readers learn to identify feelings in themselves and in others in this simple, but clever book by a prominent preschool nonfiction author-illustrator. Beautiful, detailed spreads show panoramic views, while close-ups focus on specific incidents, body language, and facial expressions. The art provides many opportunities for meaningful conversation and solid learning.

Backing the book jacket is a Feelings Faces poster.

**Contributor Bio**

Visits to the Adam J. Lewis Preschool galvanized a desire to create a picture book about emotional health. “Knowing how important self-awareness and empathy are to success in all areas of life, I wanted to do a book that would be a helpful tool to parents, teachers, and most especially children.

“Most of our emotional life is affected by non-verbal communication. By limiting the language of the text, I was able to highlight that non-verbal communication. I was able to show narrative scenes that children would interpret on their own so they could make their own predictions and relate to each scene from their own point of view.

“When these events are happening in real time, it is so hard to stop and analyze what is happening. But the beauty of a picture book is, we can stop time and step back and gain understanding.”

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### I'm Brave! I'm Strong! I'm Five!
Cari Best, Boris Kulikov

**Summary**
It's bedtime but Sasha can't fall asleep because of the scary things she sees in her room. Luckily, she uses her imagination to battle her fears until she's finally ready for sleep.

Sasha has had Mama's stories and Papa's jokes and coffee kisses on both her cheeks, but she's not tired. So she makes a star with her flashlight, a car with one headlight, and a lighthouse that blinks on and off. She checks out the noises outside her window and sees the moon—it is like a giant eye staring right at her! But when she closes her curtains, there are shadows and more noises and scary faces. Instead of calling to her parents, Sasha handles each situation herself because she's brave, she's strong, she's five—and then finally, she's ready for sleep.

This energetic, gorgeously-illustrated bedtime book is perfect for young readers learning to conquer bedtime fears by themselves.

**Contributor Bio**

Cari Best is the author of several award-winning picture books, including Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen, and My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay. She lives in Connecticut.

Boris Kulikov has illustrated many picture books including Papa's Mechanical Fish by Candace Fleming, Barnum's Bones by Tracey Fern and the Max series by Kate Banks. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

**Author Residence:** Wilton, CT

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**Illustrator Residence:** Brooklyn, NY
**The Luckiest Snowball**  
Elliot Kreloff

**Summary**

“Help! I’m melting!” A boy rescues a snowball again and again in this funny story about a snowball that gets to see all four seasons.

A boy makes a snowball and is about to throw it when he hears “Stop! Let’s do something else.” So the boy and the snowball make a snow angel, build a snow fort, and make a snowman instead. The boy decides to take the snowball home. When the snowball starts to melt, the boy rescues it by putting it in the freezer, where the snowball meets some very nice frozen foods and a tray of ice cubes too. The snowball meets flowers and butterflies in spring, sea and sand in summer, and apples and colorful leaves in fall.

This is a great read-aloud. Children will enjoy shouting the refrain “Help! I’m melting!”

There is back matter about the seasons and the three states of water.

**Contributor Bio**

Elliot Kreloff is a best-selling illustrator of picture books, easy readers and board books, some of which he also wrote. A desire to illustrate the same scene in different seasons sparked the idea for The Luckiest Snowball, his first book for Holiday House. The father of a grown daughter, Elliot lives in New York City.

**Author Residence:** New York, NY

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**Mini Rabbit Is Not Lost**  
John Bond

**Summary**

Mini Rabbit is prepared to travel far and wide when he and Mother Rabbit realize they’ve run out of berries for the cake they’re baking. And really, it’s all about cake.

Mini Rabbit and Mother Rabbit are just putting the finishing touches on a cake when they realize they’re out of berries! But before Mother Rabbit can even open her mouth, the intrepid Mini Rabbit is out the door.

Must have cake, he repeats to himself, as he crosses oceans, climbs mountains, and treks through creepy forests, all the while keeping his eyes peeled for some delicious berries.

And as he travels further and further from home, Mini Rabbit insists to everyone who asks that he is not lost. Or is he?

At least there’s one thing that can lead Mini Rabbit back home no matter how far he roams...the alluring smell of cake.

**Contributor Bio**

John Bond is an illustrator, designer, and animator whose clients have included Nickelodeon, Disney, MTV, Starbucks, and the BBC. He lives on the south coast of England.
Just In Case You Want to Fly
Julie Fogliano, Christian Robinson

Summary
The creators of the award-winning When’s My Birthday? team up again to create an inspirational book for anyone—parent or child—looking for support when facing a new challenge.

just in case you want to fly
here’s some wind
and here’s the sky
here’s a feather
here’s up high
and here’s a wing from a butterfly

This tender, contemplative picture book is about growing up. It’s about parents giving their children the gifts, no matter how quiet or small, to succeed and to navigate the world on their own. And it’s about the connection that binds a parent and child...because no matter how far they fly or who they become, they will always have home.

Contributor Bio
Julie Fogliano is an author of bestselling children’s books, including A House That Once Was, illustrated by Lane Smith, When Green Becomes Tomatoes, illustrated by Julie Morstad, and And Then It’s Spring and If You Want to See a Whale, both illustrated by Erin E. Stead. She lives in the Hudson Valley in New York.

Christian Robinson is an acclaimed illustrator of children’s books, including Gaston by Kelly di Puchhio and the New York Times bestseller Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, which won the Newbery Medal as well as a Caldecott Honor. He also illustrated School’s First Day of School by Adam Rex, recipient of seven starred reviews and a New York Times Bestseller. He has collaborated with Julie Fogliano on When’s My Birthday? Which received five starred reviews and was named a 2018 Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book.

Author Residence: Woodstock, NY

Chinese New Year Colors
Richard Lo

Summary
This bilingual color concept book celebrates a rainbow of traditional objects seen during the Chinese New Year.

Hóng is the color of explosive firecrackers! Jīn is the hue of lucky coins. Zŏng is the shade of sweet peanut puffs. Welcome to the festivities of the Chinese New Year, where symbolic gifts, foods, and objects come together in a celebration of beautiful colors.

This vibrant, simple, and highly graphic bilingual book is the perfect introduction to Chinese and English words for colors as it honors one of the biggest holidays around the world. Includes informative back matter.

Contributor Bio
Rich Lo, born in Canton, China, was always drawing and painting with his six siblings. At the age of seven, he and his family immigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago’s Chinatown. An accomplished illustrator and fine artist, his work can be found on packaging and ads for national brands and on large installations in public buildings throughout the Midwest. He is also the illustrator of Mountain Chef and Father’s Chinese Opera, which was an Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor Book.

Author Residence: Chicago, IL
### Snowy Race

**April Jones Prince, Christine Davenier**

**Summary**

Cozy up with this lyrical wintry journey through a snowstorm. A girl and her father hop in their snowplow—will they make it to the train station in time? And who’s waiting for them?

This timeless seasonal classic captures the thrill of snow and the warmth of family. Beautifully written rhyming text that’s just right for one or two readers, by accomplished author April Prince and illustrated with lively, expressive paintings by the beloved illustrator of the New York Times best selling series The Very Fairy Princess, Christine Davenier.

This delightful picture book makes for a perfect rhyming read-aloud.

**Contributor Bio**

April Jones Prince is the author of many books for young readers, including What Do Wheels Do All Day?, a Child magazine best book of the year, and most recently, Goldinlocks and the Three Pirates, illustrated by Steven Salerno. She lives in Massachusetts.

Christine Davenier is the acclaimed illustrator of more than 60 books for children, including the New York Times bestselling series The Very Fairy Princess by Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton, as well as the New York Times best Illustrated The First Thing My Mama Told Me by Susan Marie Swanson, and Miss Lina's Ballerina's by Grace Maccarone. She lives in France.

**Author Residence:** Shrewsbury, MA

**Illustrator Residence:** Paris, France

### Bats (New & Updated Edition)

**Gail Gibbons**

**Summary**

Presenting fascinating information on all kinds of bats, from how they use echoes to hear, to the legends that surround them and how to protect the species

Though people often think of bats as scary, bats are really shy, gentle animals. There are nearly 1000 different species of bats, and they live on every continent except Antarctica. Some are tiny, but the giant flying fox bat has a five-foot wingspan! Popular science author Gail Gibbons also discusses the efforts to protect the world’s only truly flying mammals. A final page offers additional facts.

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**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT
Small in the City
Sydney Smith

Summary
It can be a little scary to be small in a big city, but this child has some good advice for a very special friend in need.

When you’re small in the city, people don’t see you, and loud sounds can scare you, and knowing what to do is sometimes hard. But this little kid knows what it’s like, and knows the neighborhood. That makes for some pretty good advice for a small feline friend.

Like, alleys can be good shortcuts, but some are too dark.

Or, there are lots of good hiding places in the city, like under a mulberry bush or up a walnut tree.

And, if the city is too loud and scary, a small cat can always just go back home, where it’s safe and quiet.

In his first author-illustrated picture book, Sydney Smith tells a contemplative, quiet story from the perspective of a child searching for a beloved lost cat.

Contributor Bio
Sydney Smith is an illustrator of picture books whose work includes The White Cat and the Monk by Jo Ellen Bogart; Smoot, A Rebellious Shadow by Michelle Cuevas; Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson; and Town Is By the Sea by Joanne Schwartz, which was awarded the 2018 Kate Greenaway Medal. His accolades include a Governor General’s Award for Illustrated Children’s Books and four New York Times Best Illustrated Children’s Book of the Year citations. He lives in Toronto, Canada.

Author Residence: Toronto, Canada

Tomie dePaola's Christmas Tree Book
Tomie dePaola

Summary
Facts and fun about Christmas Trees from the creator of Strega Nona and Quiet.

Who invented the first Christmas Tree? When and where did they become popular? Why did Teddy Roosevelt’s son hide a Christmas Tree in his closet? A family learns all about Christmas trees and their legends in this imaginative and informative book from one of today’s most popular children’s authors.

Contributor Bio
Tomie dePaola has been an author and artist for more than 50 years, and there are parents today who have grown up with Strega Nona or The Popcorn Book! His numerous awards include the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the Caldecott Honor Award, and the Newbery Honor Award.

Author Residence: New London, NH
**Octopus Stew**
Eric Velasquez

**Summary**
What do you do when an octopus captures Grandma? Put on your superhero cape and rescue her! Two stories in one from award-winning Afro-Latino artist Eric Velasquez.

The octopus Grandma is cooking has grown to titanic proportions. “¡Tenga cuidado!” Ramsey shouts. “Be careful!” But it’s too late. The octopus traps Grandma!

Ramsey uses both art and intellect to free his beloved abuela.

Then the story takes a surprising twist. And it can be read two ways. Open the fold-out pages to find Ramsey telling a story to his family. Keep the pages folded, and Ramsey’s octopus adventure is real.

This beautifully illustrated picture book, drawn from the author’s childhood memories, celebrates creativity, heroism, family, grandmothers, grandsons, Puerto Rican food, Latinx culture and more.

**Contributor Bio**
Eric Velasquez’ awards include the Coretta Scott King/ John Steptoe Award for new talent, a Pura Belpré Award, an NAACP Image Award, and a Carter G. Woodson Award.

For Holiday House, he both wrote and illustrated *Looking for Bongo*, and he illustrated *Ol’ Clip-Clop: A Ghost Story* by Patricia C. McKissack (Ann Izard Storyteller’s Choice Award Winner, Georgia Children’s Book Award, Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year—Outstanding Merit) and *New Shoes* by Susan Lynn Meyer (Jane Addams Peace Association Children’s Book Award, Bank Street Best Children’s Book of the Year, New York State Reading Association Charlotte Award).

The son of Afro-Puerto Rican parents who encouraged music and storytelling, Eric grew up in Spanish Harlem, New York. As a child, he loved superheroes, comics and drawing, much like the boy in *Octopus Stew.*

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**The Word Pirates**
Susan Cooper, Steven Kellogg

**Summary**
A ravenous band of pirates who eat words for breakfast gobble up the world’s greatest stories. But never fear—the Word Wizard and the children she reads to are on the case!

Pirate Captain Rottingbones and his crew need breakfast. But these pirates can’t have just any ordinary breakfast...no, they need nice, fresh WORDS. And where better to get them than stealing them straight off the pages of all kinds of books?

But when Captain Rottingbones and his cronies go after the Word Wizard and her extra delicious words that they steal from her extra juicy stories, they’ve finally gone too far...because not only does the Word Wizard believe words are precious things that belong in stories, but she also has a weapon stronger than any sword—a mighty pen.

Susan Cooper, author of the acclaimed Dark Is Rising fantasy series, teams up with renowned illustrator Steven Kellogg to create a swashbuckling adventure that celebrates the power of reading.

**Contributor Bio**
Newbery Medalist Susan Cooper is the author of the classic fantasy series The Dark Is Rising, as well as many other works for children, including the picture books *The Magician’s Boy, Tam Lin,* and *Frog.* Born in England to Welsh parents, she now lives in Marshfield, Massachusetts. She is a recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement from the American Library Association.

Steven Kellogg is a revered author and illustrator who has written and/or illustrated almost 100 children’s books, including the Pinkerton series and *How Much Is a Million?*. A recipient of an honorary doctor of letters from the University of Findlay, he lives in Essex, New York.

**Author Residence:** Marshfield, MA
Henry and Bea
Jessixa Bagley

Summary
Henry and Bea are inseparable, but one day Henry suddenly stops talking to his best friend. Bea knows there's something Henry's not telling her, but what could it be?

Henry and Bea have always been inseparable...until one day Henry suddenly stops talking to Bea. He won't chat with her in class, and he won't sit with her at lunch. Bea can tell something's going on, and she's determined to find out what it is.

Then their teacher announces that the class is taking a field trip to a farm, and Bea hopes that this might be her chance to reconnect with Henry. When Henry finds an old cat collar at the farm and starts to cry, he finally reveals his secret to Bea: his cat Buddy died last week.

And even though it's hard for them both, Bea knows that she'll be there for Henry, as his best friend, no matter what.

Author Residence: Seattle, WA

The Thank You Letter
Jane Cabrera

Summary
Grace sets off to spread gratitude to everyone in her community and receives a delightful response!

Grace writes charming and humorous letters to thank relatives and friends for her birthday presents. But why stop there? To who else can she give thanks? Grace thanks Mr. Jones for teaching her to read, her dog for his waggy tail, and the sky for being so blue.

Soon showers of thoughtful letters and notes are circulating through the town. When Grace returns home, a gatefold reveals that the inside is decorated from floor to ceiling with notes, cards, and letters responding to her thoughtful missives.

Favorite storytime author and illustrator, Jane Cabrera’s vivid and textured acrylic paintings are filled with joyful cuteness and warmth. Patterns from the inside of envelopes smartly add to the epistolary theme. This delightful celebration of mindful thankfulness and community togetherness is perfect for curling up in a cozy spot and sharing one-on-one.

Author Residence: South Devon, England
**I See**  
Joe Cepeda  

Summary  
A book that's just right for first-time readers!  

I see an ant. I see a snail. I see a butterfly. I see a nest. I see eggs. I see birds. With high-energy artwork by an award-winning author-illustrator, this book is perfect for first-time readers and kindergarten readers.

This book is a companion to Joe Cepeda’s Up, a Guided Reading Level B I Like to Read book and I Dig, a Guided Reading Level C I Like to Read book.

Contributor Bio  
Joe Cepeda received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from California State University, Long Beach, and also studied Engineering at Cornell University. He is a fine artist, as well as an illustrator of more than thirty-five book jackets and picture books, which have received many honors including Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies, Parenting Magazine’s Reading Magic Award, Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award, Texas Library Association 2x2 Reading List, ALA Notable Books, and Child Magazine's Best Book of the Year. Joe illustrated Hey, Hey, Hay! by Christy Mihaly, ¡Vamonos! Let's Go! by Rene Colato Lainez, and Swing Sisters by Karen Deans. He both wrote and illustrated two I Like to Read books—Up and I Dig. Joe received an American Library Association Pura Belpre Honor and the Recognition of Merit Award from the George G. Stone Center for Children’s Books. He lives in Southern California.

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**Where Is Mommy?**  
Pat Cummings  

Summary  
A girl follows clues that lead to Mommy! This Level D book is perfect for new readers.  

A girl, her mother, and their cat are snuggled up on a couch and reading a book. The girl falls asleep, and when she wakes up, Mommy is gone. Where could she be? The girl searches the house, picks up clues (including a recipe for kale and a sunhat and gardening gloves that come and go). And she figures out where Mommy is—in the garden!

Level D, for late kindergarten, features longer sentences and greater variety in sentence structure than levels A, B, and C. May include questions. When Level D is mastered, follow up with Level E.

Contributor Bio  
Pat Cummings has illustrated more than thirty children's books, some of which she also wrote. She has won the Coretta Scott King Award and the NAACP Image Award. She has also worked as a producer and writer for Nickelodeon and is currently an Associate Professor at Pratt Institute. She lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Author Residence: Brooklyn, NY
Coral Reefs (New & Updated Edition)
Gail Gibbons

Summary
What is life like in a coral reef? What do corals eat? Why are corals more colorful at nighttime? Learn about some of the most beautiful locations in the natural world.

Marine biologists believe coral reefs existed 400 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Today this active environment is home to about 20,000 kinds of brilliantly colored corals, plants, and animals—more sea creatures than are found anywhere else in the world. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is so large that astronauts can see it from outer space! Children in early elementary grades will enjoy Gibbon's informative text and clear, detailed illustrations on this journey into the unique lives of coral reefs.

Contributor Bio
According to The Washington Post, Gail Gibbons "has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children's writer-illustrator." Ms. Gibbons has published more than 100 informational titles, including the bestselling titles From Seed to Plant and Monarch Butterfly, all fully vetted by experts. Her many honors include the Washington Post/Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

Author Residence: Corith, VT

A Picture Book of Alexander Hamilton
David A. Adler, Matt Collins

Summary
How the extraordinary patriot made soaring accomplishments but then met his devastating end, the life of Alexander Hamilton for picture book readers.

From his youth in the Caribbean to his immigration to New York City, this picture book covers the highlights of Alexander Hamilton's legacy, including his part in the American revolution, his influence on the monetary system we still use today, and his tragic death.

Matt Collin's hyperrealistic art style will transport readers right alongside Hamilton, while David A. Adler deftly chronicles pivotal moments in the Founding Father's short but hugely influential life. A time line is included.

Contributor Bio
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children. His Cam Jansen books have made him a household name. He lives on Long Island.

Matt Collins has illustrated numerous picture books for children. Publishers Weekly praised his "dynamic" and "painterly" illustrations for Basketball Belles, and in a starred review, Booklist lauded the art’s "clever details that contribute to the you-are-there feeling.” He lives in Connecticut.

Author Residence: Mineola, NY

Illustrator Residence: Wilton CT
Rain Makes Applesauce (Restored Edition)
Julian Scheer, Marvin Bileck, Jerry Pinkney

Summary
My House goes walking every day...and rain makes applesauce. Oh, you're just talking silly talk! So begins this award-winning collection of nonsense verse and images has been carefully restored for a new generation.

A story-hour favorite since it was first published in 1964, this beloved read-aloud has been carefully remastered to bring back the rich, vivid details of its Caldecott Honor-winning artwork.

Featuring an introduction by Caldecott Medalist Jerry Pinkney, R Makes A is popular both as a bedtime story and as a go-to title for elementary teachers of creative writing.

Created by the unique team of legendary NASA publicist Julian Scheer and illustration master Marvin Bileck, this influential picture book has inspired artists and writers, as well as young children creating their own nonsense stories, for more than 50 years.

Contributor Bio
Julian Scheer (1926-2001) was a native Virginian and a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He began his career as a journalist, and later became an administrator for NASA's public affairs and a trustee for the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. After the lunar landing, Scheer was awarded NASA's highest recognition, the Distinguished Service Medal. He wrote two books for children and three books for adults.

Marvin Bileck (1920-2005) was born in New Jersey and graduated from Cooper Union before receiving a Fulbright Grant to study in France. His work has been exhibited in galleries and museums across the country, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Chicago Institute of Art. He illustrated many books for children and received a Caldecott Honor for Rain Makes Applesauce.

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Noodleheads Fortress of Doom
Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, Mitch Weiss

Summary
Mac and Mac may be noodles with empty heads, but they have big ideas: building a fortress! This vibrantly colorful graphic novel for easy readers hits the nail on the head with comedy.

The Noodlehead brothers are back from the library with a joke book, a fantasy novel, and a dream: to build their very own Fortress of Doom. If they can stop bickering for long enough. And if they can defend it from their wily friend Meatball. Jump right in with this fourth title in an easy-to-read graphic novel series about more than two hollow pastas trying to have fun. Noodleheads has its roots in world folklore, making it a classic tale of fools.

Authors Mitch Weiss and Martha Hamilton, award-winning storytellers, join Tedd Arnold, author of the Fly Guy series, to create a masterpiece of hilarity. The series has gotten several honors, including the American Folklore Society's Aesop Prize and a Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor.

Series Overview: Like comics? Like to laugh? Then you'll love the antics of brothers Mac and Mac, brought to you by the guy who does Fly Guy and his two Noodlehead friends. These...

Contributor Bio
Tedd Arnold is the best-selling author-illustrator of the Fly Guy series, with two Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor books and more than 18.5 million books in print. He is author and illustrator of Dirty Gert, Vincent Paints His House, and Fix This Mess, an I Like to Read book. He is co-author and illustrator of Noodlehead Nightmares and Noodleheads See the Future, a Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor Book, an American Library Association Notable Book, and winner of the American Folklore Society's Aesop Prize.

HAMILTON, MARTHA AND MITCH WEISS. Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss are acclaimed storytellers who have won an Irma Simonton Black Award for Excellence in Children's Literature, two Storytelling World Awards, and an Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award. With Tedd Arnold, they are co-authors of Noodlehead Nightmares and Noodleheads See the Future, a Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Honor Book, an American Library Association Notable Book, and winner of the American Folklore Society's Aesop Prize.
Dinosaur Feathers

An Epic Rhyme
Dennis Nolan

Summary
Dinosaurs disappeared completely from the Earth many, many years ago...or did they?

Millions of years ago, dinosaurs roamed the shores of Mesozoic seas. They lay eggs in the shade of ginkgo trees, and as time went on, dinosaurs grew, and grew, and grew.

There were so many different species of dinosaurs. Large, monstrous, and fearsome, they ruled the earth. Until gradually, there were no dinosaurs left.

But they didn’t disappear completely. Some dinosaurs had feathers, which grew and grew...until all through the skies were hundreds of species of birds, which flew and flew.

From the bestselling creator of Dinosaur Dream Dennis Nolan comes a poetic nonfiction picture book about how dinosaurs evolved into birds.

Contributor Bio
Dennis Nolan is the author and illustrator of many books for children, including the bestseller Dinosaur Dream and the acclaimed wordless books Sea of Dreams and Hunters of the Great Forest. He also illustrated Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s Saint Francis of Assisi: A Life of Joy. He lives in Massachusetts.

Author Residence: Northampton, MA

Telling Time

David A. Adler, Edward Miller

Summary
A group of young space travelers can’t wait for their pizza party later, but how many hours away is dinner? What are hours anyway?

Readers follow along as a loveable crew of kid astronauts and their Martain friends go about their daily routine, exploring the differences between seconds, minutes, and hours; what A.M. and P.M. mean; and how to tell time on both digital and analog clocks. Ten seconds to liftoff! Are you ready?

Veteran children’s nonfiction author David Adler incorporates math concepts, such as addition and subtraction, into this fun narrative with problem-solving exercises for readers to tackle at their own pace. Edward Miller’s vibrant cartoon art depicts the happy group of friends embarking on space walks, working together on projects, and settling in for bed.

The sixteenth book in Alder and Miller’s math picture book series, this title is perfect for enthusiastic learners or kids who may need a little extra support in mastering this essential life skill. A glossary explains time zones, daylight savings time, and more. An out-of-this-world STEM book.

Contributor Bio
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children.

Edward Miller loves to make concepts clear to kids and has demonstrated that in his previous nonfiction books. School Library Journal praised his Alphabeep: A Zipping, Zooming ABC by Debora Pearson as "stunningly illustrated." He lives in New York.

Author Residence: New York
Rachel's Roses
Ferida Wolff, Margeaux Lucas

Summary
Rachel Berger needs twenty-five cents to make her dream come true. But for Rachel, twenty-five cents is a fortune—and she’s running out of time.

Third-grader Rachel Berger longs to be different. At the very least, she’d like to be set apart from her copycat little sister, Hannah. The second Rachel spots the glass rose buttons at Mr. Solomon’s button shop, her heart stops. They'll be the perfect, unique touch on the skirt her mother is making her for Rosh Hashanah. There’s just one problem: Rachel can’t afford them. With her focus set on earning enough to buy them before the holiday, will Rachel lose sight of what’s really important?

Themes of sisterhood, sibling rivalry, and strong family values are organically woven in to this charmingly illustrated chapter book set on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the early twentieth century.

Contributor Bio
Ferida Wolff worked as a teacher and a journalist before becoming a writer. She has written more than a dozen books, including It Is the Wind, illustrated by James Ransome. Ferida lives in New Jersey.

Margeaux Lucas began drawing at age four and never stopped. She lives in Brooklyn, New York, where easy access to the enormous historical riches of Manhattan’s Lower East Side allowed her to truly immerse herself in her illustration research for this story.

Author Residence: Cherry Hill, NJ

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Illustrator Residence: Brooklyn, NY

A Place to Land
Barry Wittenstein, Jerry Pinkney

Summary
Much has been written about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1963 March on Washington. But there’s little on his legendary speech and how he came to write it. Find out more in this gripping book with illustrations by Caldecott Medalist Jerry Pinkney.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was once asked if the hardest part of preaching was knowing where to begin. No, he said. The hardest part is knowing where to end. "It’s terrible to be circling up there without a place to land.” Finding this place to land was what Martin Luther King, Jr. struggled with, alongside advisors and fellow speech writers, in the Willard Hotel the night before the March on Washington, where he gave his historic “I Have a Dream” speech. But those famous words were never intended to be heard on that day, not even written down for that day, not even once.

Barry Wittenstein teams up with legendary illustrator Jerry Pinkney to tell the story of how, against all odds, Martin found his place to land.

Contributor Bio
Barry Wittenstein is the author of several picture books, including Waiting for Pumpsie and The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really). He is pursuing a Masters in Childhood Education at Hunter College and lives in New York City.

Legendary author and illustrator Jerry Pinkney’s many accolades include the Caldecott Medal, five Coretta Scott King Awards, five Coretta Scott King Honor Awards, four New York Times Best Illustrated Books, and four gold medals from the Society of Illustrators. He served on the National Council of the Arts, is a Trustee Emeritus of the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, and has taught at Pratt Institute, the University of Delaware, and the University of Buffalo. He lives in Westchester, New York.

Author Residence: New York, NY
Ra the Mighty: The Great Tomb Robbery
The Great Tomb Robbery
A. B. Greenfield, Sarah Horne

Summary
A smug royal cat turned detective and his dung beetle sidekick are on the case when a precious tomb gets ransacked in the Valley of the Kings.

Ra the Mighty adores his duties as Pharaoh’s cat: naps by the pool and plenty of snacks. Being lazy is so much fun. But when a royal tomb gets robbed, Ra and his hardworking friend Khepri must team up to restore justice. The clues point to a young boy whom Ra admires. Will the Great Detective play favorites, or will he uncover the truth? Mystery awaits!

More than thirty wacky illustrations with fun historical details bring these oddball characters to life, along with a glossary, pronunciation guide, and detailed author’s note about ancient Egypt. Fans of Bad Kitty will love Ra’s witty voice and arrogant antics. Pair with companion, Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective.

Contributor Bio
A. B. Greenfield once had four newborn kittens living in her closet and has loved cats ever since. She is the author of many books, and has won a PEN/Albrand Award, the Veolia Prix du Livre Environnement, and a Beacon of Freedom Award. Amy was raised in the United States and studied history at Oxford. She now lives with her family in England.

Sarah Horne is an award-winning illustrator. Her children’s books include You Get What You Get by Julie Gassman and the Sesame Seade series by Clémentine Beauvais. Her design and advertising clients range from IKEA and Nike to The Sunday Times and Sesame Street. She lives in London.

Author Residence: Woodstock, England
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Solids, Liquids, Gases, and Plasma
David A. Adler, Anna Raff

Summary
Explore physics in this early introduction to the states of matter, starring a goofy dog and his all-too-human family.

Zippy art and clear explanations introduce the basic characteristics of four states of matter and how they change from one state to another. Totally up-to-date, this book for elementary school children includes plasma, now covered in all curricula.

Straightforward text presents the facts and Raff’s infographic illustrations demonstrate the science and tell a humorous story. There are hands-on activities, such as using a chocolate bar to demonstrate material consistency and using a balloon to prove gases have weight, to reinforce the learning. A glossary defines density, plasma, vapor, and more essential terms.

Contributor Bio
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children. His Cam Jansen books have made him a household name. He lives on Long Island.

Anna Raff has illustrated, designed, and written many books for children. She lives in New York City.

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Illustrator Residence: New York, NY
**The Space We're In**  
Katya Balen

**Summary**  
Ten-year-old Frank has trouble navigating his relationship with his younger brother Max who is autistic.

Frank loves soccer, codes, riding his bike, and playing with his friends. His brother Max is five. Max only eats foods that are beige or white, hates baths, and if he has to wear a t-shirt that isn’t gray with yellow stripes he melts down down down.

Frank longs for the brother he was promised by his parents before Max was born—someone who was supposed to be his biggest fan, so he could be the best brother in the world. Instead, Frank has trouble navigating Max’s behavior and their relationship. But when tragedy strikes, Frank finds a way to try and repair their fractured family and in doing so learns to love Max for who he is.

In her debut novel, Katya Balen uses her knowledge of autism and experience working with autistic people to create an intriguing and intense yet always respectful family story.

For readers of *Counting by 7s* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*.

**Contributor Bio**  
Katya Balen lives just outside London with her boyfriend and their rescue dog. She’s worked in a number of special schools for autistic children. She now runs Mainspring Arts, a non-profit that organizes creative projects for neurodivergent people. The Space We’re In is her first novel.

**Author Residence:** Reading, England

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**Surprise Lily**  
Sharelle Byars Moranville

**Summary**  
Ten-year-old Rose’s perfect life is upended when her long-absent disaster of a mother turns up. Can she hold her family together as everything unravels?

Growing up on the farm it was always just Rose and grandma, working the land that had been in the Lovell family for generations. She doesn’t miss her mother, Iris, a bit.

In fact, when Iris shows up, Rose is furious. But when an ugly argument between her mother and grandmother reveals painful truths about their family history, Rose runs away…. And inadvertently discovers her secret little sister, Lily.

Generations of whispered secrets and family dysfunction surface as Rose struggles to reconcile the home and life she loves with the history she never knew—and to protect Lily at all costs. Even if it means letting Iris into her life.

In alternating chapters, previous generations of Lovell women narrate their experiences on the farm, adding depth and context to this powerful story of complex families and unconditional love. Moranville’s captivating prose will keep readers turning the pages as Rose grapples with her changing life and learns ...

**Contributor Bio**  
Sharelle Byars Moranville is the author of critically acclaimed middle grade novels *Over the River* and *27 Magic Words*, which received starred reviews in *School Library Journal* and *Kirkus Reviews* and was a 2017 Notable Children’s Book in the Language Arts. She lives in West Des Moines, Iowa.

**Author Residence:** West Des Moines, IA
The Battle for the Castle
Elizabeth Winthrop

Summary
In this sequel to The Castle in the Attic, twelve-year-old William uses a magic token to return, through the toy castle in his attic, to the medieval land of Sir Simon, which is now menaced by a skeleton ship bearing a plague of evil.

Contributor Bio
Elizabeth Winthrop is the author of books for all ages. The "Battle for the Castle" was nominated for several state awards, the "The Castle in the Attic," a prequel to "The Battle for the Castle," was nominated for twenty-four state awards and won the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children’s Book Award, the California Young Reader’s Medal, and was named a Children’s Choice by the International Reading Association.

Author Residence: New York, NY

The Castle in the Attic (35th Anniversary Edition)
Elizabeth Winthrop

Summary
A miniature Medieval castle seems like the perfect gift—and it leads William on the adventure of a lifetime.

Presenting the 35th anniversary edition of this beloved adventure. William thinks the miniature castle, complete with a drawbridge, portcullis, and a silver knight, is the perfect gift. But when a problem arises, William finds himself entering the castle and getting caught up on a daring quest, having to face a dragon, and needing to face a few personal challenges, too, before he can save the kingdom.

Contributor Bio
Elizabeth Winthrop is the author of more than sixty books, most of them for children. Her best-known works are THE CASTLE IN THE ATTIC and THE BATTLE FOR THE CASTLE, beloved classics which were listed for 23 state book awards. A great-grandniece of Theodore Roosevelt, she lives in New York City.

Author Residence: New York, NY
Out to Get You
13 Tales of Weirdness and Woe
Josh Allen, Sarah J. Coleman

Summary
Thirteen ordinary kids. Thirteen ordinary towns. Danger lurks around every corner!

“Wonderful and weird, compelling and unsettling.” - Gary Schmidt, two-time Newbery Honor author

Get ready for a collection of thirteen short stories that will chill your bones, tingle your spine, and scare your pants off. Debut author Josh Allen masterfully concocts horror in the most innocent places, like R.L. Stine meets a modern Edgar Allan Poe. A stray kitten turns into a threatening follower. The street sign down the block starts taunting you. Even your own shadow is out to get you! Spooky things love hiding in plain sight.

The everyday world is full of sinister secrets and these page-turning stories show that there’s darkness even where you least expect it. Readers will sleep with one eye open....

Thirteen eerie full-page illustrations by award-winning artist Sarah J. Coleman accompany the tales in this frightful mashup that reads like a contemporary Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.

Contributor Bio
Josh Allen checks under his bed before switching off the light each night. During the day, he teaches creative writing and literature at Brigham Young University-Idaho. His work has appeared in Cricket, Dialogue, Juxtapose, and other literary magazines. He lives in Idaho with his family.

Sarah Coleman was an early pioneer of hand lettering and has illustrated covers for many renowned books, including the 50th anniversary edition of To Kill a Mockingbird and Newbery Honor-winner Wolf Hollow. Her design clients range from Coca Cola and Starbucks to The New York Times. She lives in the UK.

Author Residence: Rexburg, ID

Running Wild
Lucy Jane Bledsoe

Summary
Twelve-year-old Willa and her twin brothers have survived with their father in the Alaskan wilderness for five years. But Willa knows this can’t go on—they must escape.

Since their mother died five years ago, Willa, her younger brothers, and her father have lived in the wilderness, in a log cabin they built. They survive on food they grow and animals they hunt. Every year they have struggled a little bit more to survive. Now, with winter approaching and her father becoming more reckless, Willa wonders if they will live to see spring. She also knows her father will never agree to leave. When her father goes on a hunting expedition by himself, Willa convinces her brothers that they must make the four-day journey down the Yukon River to Fort Yukon to get help. But first, they’ll need to survive the treacherous trip...and all the while, their father is on their trail.

Perfect for middle grade readers looking for adventure stories with strong female protagonists, Lucy Jane Bledsoe’s Running Wild is a page-turner that hooks you from the beginning and doesn’t let go.

Contributor Bio
BLEDSOE, Lucy Jane. Lucy Jane Bledsoe is an author of books for children and adults, both fiction and nonfiction. An adventurer, Lucy has been to Alaska many times to hike and kayak, and has worked as a National Park Service ranger. She lives in Berkeley, California.

Author Residence: Berkely, CA
The Liar's Daughter
Megan Cooley Peterson

Summary
Piper was raised in a cult.
She just doesn’t know it.

Seventeen-year-old Piper knows that Father is a Prophet. Infallible. The chosen one.
She would do anything for Father. That’s why she takes care of all her little sisters. That’s why she runs end-of-the-world drills. That’s why she never asks questions. Because Father knows best.

Until the day he doesn’t. Until the day the government raids the compound and separates Piper from her siblings, from Mother, from the Aunts, from all of Father’s followers—even from Caspian, the boy she loves.

Now Piper is living Outside. Among Them.

With a woman They claim is her real mother—a woman They say Father stole her from.

But Piper knows better. And Piper is going to escape.

Contributor Bio
Megan Cooley Peterson is an author, editor, and coffee drinker. As a teenager, Megan was part of a repressive, cult-like doomsday church that didn’t like to be questioned. She questioned anyway. The author of more than 80 nonfiction books for children, she has written on a wide variety of topics, including dinosaurs, sharks, urban legends, and haunted objects. This is her first YA novel. She lives in Minnesota with her husband and daughter. Learn more at megancooleypeterson.com or connect on Twitter @meganncpeterson.

Author Residence: Minneapolis, MN

Among the Fallen
Virginia Frances Schwartz

Summary
Sixteen-year-old Orpha is imprisoned for crimes she did not commit, and harboring a terrible secret about her abuser, but an unusual invitation from Charles Dickens to live in a home for fallen women offers hope.

From the infamous Tothill prison, Orpha is haunted by recurring flashbacks of sexual abuse, neglect, exploitation, and the horrors of a Victorian workhouse, but she refuses to be crushed. Her heartbreakingly yet inspiring story tells of the resilience and courage needed to make a new life for herself against all odds with the support of the amazing women of Urania cottage and the help of famous author Charles Dickens.

Fans of Laurie Halse Anderson’s Fever 1793, Margaret Atwood’s Alias Grace, and Katherine Paterson’s Lyddie will enjoy this riveting historical fiction title. Schwartz’s powerful prose speaks to the terrible things Orpha has endured yet celebrates the emotional and intellectual powers of young women.

Contributor Bio
Virginia Frances Schwartz grew up in rural Ontario but now lives in Queens, New York, where she taught writing in the public schools before devoting her career to her own writing. She is best known for her novels for YAs which a have been ALA Best Books for YAs, and winners of multiple Canadian awards including the Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction the Ontario Silver Birch Fiction Award, the Manitoba Young Readers’ Choice Award, and British Columbia Red Cedar Award. Her work includes Crossing to Freedom and If I Just Had Two Wings. She teaches a creative writing teacher at UCLA Online.

Author Residence: New York, NY
New in Paperback
Ollie's School Day
A Yes-and-No Story
Stephanie Calmenson, Abby Carter

Summary

Contributor Bio
Stephanie Calmenson, a former kindergarten teacher, has written many books for children, including Ollie’s School Day. She lives in New York City.

Abby Carter illustrated Scooter in the Outside by Anne Bowen and Ollie’s School Day by Stephanie Calmenson. She lives in Connecticut.

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Bats (New & Updated Edition)
Gail Gibbons

Summary
Presenting fascinating information on all kinds of bats, from how they use echoes to hear, to the legends that surround them and how to protect the species

Though people often think of bats as scary, bats are really shy, gentle animals. There are nearly 1000 different species of bats, and they live on every continent except Antarctica. Some are tiny, but the giant flying fox bat has a five-foot wingspan! Popular science author Gail Gibbons also discusses the efforts to protect the world’s only truly flying mammals. A final page offers additional facts.

Contributor Bio
According to The Washington Post, Gail Gibbons “has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children’s writer-illustrator.” Ms. Gibbons has published more than 100 informational titles, including the bestselling titles From Seed to Plant and Monarch Butterfly, all fully vetted by experts. Her many honors include the Washington Post/Children’s Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

Author Residence: Corinth, VT
Sheep Won't Sleep
Judy Cox, Nina Cuneo

Summary
A comical math skills book with a cast of colorful woolly animals. Clarissa is flabbergasted. Ten of the sheep she was counting while trying to doze off have barged into her bedroom. The bossy ewes tell her to count pairs of alpacas, herds of llamas, and sets of yaks. Pretty soon baaing, bleating, and snorting animals have overrun the room. Luckily Clarissa can use subtraction to literally unravel her problem in this whimsical story that introduces children to counting by twos, fives, and tens.

Contributor Bio
Judy Cox is a former elementary school teacher and the author of picture books such as Haunted House, Haunted Mouse and chapter books including Ukelele Hayley, a Bank Street College Best Book, and The Secret Chicken Society, which was nominated for four state awards and named a Best of the Best title by the Chicago Public Library. She lives in Oregon.

Nina Cuneo is a Swedish-Italian artist. She is the founder of Studio Armadillo, a graphic design and illustration studio based in Milan, Italy. In addition to illustrating children's books in Europe and North America, she has created editorial illustrations for La Repubblica.

Hello Autumn!
Shelley Rotner

Summary
"Green leaves are turning colors…. Maple seeds twirl to the ground…. Animals get ready for the cold days ahead."

A simple text and vivid photographs show children the changes in animals, plants, and landscapes that occur during fall. Leaves change, animals prepare for winter, and people celebrate autumn holidays as the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter.

Suitable for young readers, the simple text introduces a number of important concepts—such as hibernation, migration, and seed dispersal—in clear terms, without too much detail. For older readers, a brief author's note at the end expands on several concepts.

Shelley Rotner’s energetic photographs of diverse children add vitality and warmth to this celebration of the season, capturing the brilliance of the autumn sky, the saturation of autumn leaves, and the joy of kids interacting with the natural world.

Follow the changing seasons through the year with the rest of the Hello Seasons! series.

Contributor Bio
Shelley Rotner is the author and photo-illustrator of more than thirty books, including Families. Her collaborations with Sheila M. Kelly include Shades of People, an ALA Notable Children's Book, and her solo work includes Hello Spring!, which received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. She lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Author Residence: Northampton, MA
### Coral Reefs (New & Updated Edition)

**Gail Gibbons**

**Summary**

What is life like in a coral reef? What do corals eat? Why are corals more colorful at nighttime? Learn about some of the most beautiful locations in the natural world.

Marine biologists believe coral reefs existed 400 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Today this active environment is home to about 20,000 kinds of brilliantly colored corals, plants, and animals—more sea creatures than are found anywhere else in the world. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is so large that astronauts can see it from outer space! Children in early elementary grades will enjoy Gibbon’s informative text and clear, detailed illustrations on this journey into the unique lives of coral reefs.

**Contributor Bio**

According to *The Washington Post*, Gail Gibbons “has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children’s writer-illustrator.” Ms. Gibbons has published more than 100 informational titles, including the bestselling titles *From Seed to Plant* and *Monarch Butterfly*, all fully vetted by experts. Her many honors include the *Washington Post/Children’s Book Guild Nonfiction Award* and the *NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book Award*.

**Author Residence:** Corinth, VT

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### Cats are Cats

**Valeri Gorbachev**

**Summary**

Miss Bell’s new kitten turns out to be a tiger! But cats are cats, and she loves him all the same. This Level D book is perfect for new readers.

One day Miss Bell bought a tiny kitten she named Tiger. He had stripes like a tiger, a tail like a tiger, and a smile like a tiger. He was very cute, and she loved him a lot. But Tiger got bigger...and kept getting bigger...

Exuberant watercolor illustrations chronicle the transformation of Tiger from tiny kitten to giant jungle beast and his doting owner’s efforts to accommodate his “growing” needs—no matter what the neighbors think—in this funny, warmhearted celebration of unconditional love.

**Level D**, for late kindergarten, features longer sentences and greater variety in sentence structure than levels A, B, and C. May include questions. When Level D is mastered, follow up with Level E.

**Contributor Bio**

Valeri Gorbachev moved to the United States from his native Ukraine in 1991. He has illustrated more than fifty children’s books, half of which he also wrote, including *Me Too!*, *Nicky and the Big, Bad Wolves*, *That’s What Friends Are For*, and *Turtle’s Penguin Day*. His books have been translated into many languages, and he has participated in numerous exhibitions of children’s book illustrations in the United States, the former Soviet Union, and Europe. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

**Author Residence:** Brooklyn, New York
**Masterpiece Mix**  
Roxie Munro

**Summary**
37 masterpieces inspire an artist in this introduction to art history that includes a search-and-find game. Using works from the National Gallery of Art by Vincent Van Gogh, Marie Cassatt, Edward Hopper, and others, Roxie Munro has created an innovative introduction to art. As an artist contemplates her next painting, she introduces genres and subjects, showcasing reproductions of great works. The sweeping painting she creates cleverly incorporates all 37 pieces she has considered. Children can have fun finding the masterpieces in her painting and learn more about the artists in the notes in the back matter.

**Contributor Bio**
Roxie Munro has created more than 40 books for children, including Market Maze, which received a star from Kirkus Reviews. She lives in New York City.

**Author Residence:** New York, NY

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**Hello Winter!**  
Shelley Rotner

**Summary**
Vivid photographs of frozen wonderlands and cold-weather fun come together in a lively tribute to winter by an acclaimed author-photographer.

In crystal clear photographs and a spare text, Shelley Rotner notes changes in the physical earth as winter approaches as well as animal and plant adaptations. Rotner’s acclaimed photography beautifully captures the curiosity and energy of a diverse group of youngsters as they explore and learn about the natural world.

This third book in the celebrated, STEM-focused *Hello Seasons!* series is the perfect guide to take children from the shortest day of the year to the arrival of spring. A glossary is included.

**Contributor Bio**
Shelley Rotner is the author and photo-illustrator of more than thirty books, including *FAMILIES*. Her collaborations with Sheila M. Kelly include *SHADES OF PEOPLE*, an ALA Notable Children’s Book, and her solo work includes *HELLO SPRING!*, which received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. She lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.

**Author Residence:** Northampton, MA
**Betsy Ross**  
Becky White, Megan Lloyd

**Summary**  
Betsy ripped. Rip, rip. Seven rich, crimson strips. Inch by inch, bit by bit, Betsy Ross clips, dops, and stitches the first American flag. Based on a sketch Betsy's friend George Washington gave her in 1776, the flag had thirteen stripes and thirteen stars, which Betsy showed George how to make with a single clip of her scissors. Included activity shows children how to make their own Betsy Ross star.

**Contributor Bio**  
Becky White taught elementary school for five years before creating more than three hundred educational books. She lives with her husband in a windmill home in California, where she enjoys gardening and making books and movies for her grandchildren.

Megan Lloyd has illustrated many fine books for children, including "Too Many Pumpkins" by Linda White and "The Gingerbread Man" by Eric A. Kimmel. She lives on a farm in central Pennsylvania with her husband.

**A Hole in the Wall**  
Hans Wilhelm

**Summary**  
When the Dog looks inside a hole in the wall, he spies another dog! Dog can't wait to tell Warthog, Lion and Elephant the news. But when his friends look in the hole for themselves, none of them find the dog. In fact, they each see something different! An argument ensues. Each animal is sure the others are wrong, because everyone can't be right...can they? After a little reflection, readers will be delighted to discover that the hole in the wall is not a hole at all but a mirror. At the end of the day, friendship and harmony prevail.

Hans Wilhelm has created a humorous interpretation of Mark Twain's A Fable.

**Contributor Bio**  
Hans Wilhelm is an author and illustrator of many books for children. His books have been translated into more than twenty languages and are popular worldwide. Born in Bremen, Germany, Hans lived in Africa before moving to the United States. He lives in Connecticut with his wife, who is also an artist. A Hole in the Wall was inspired by "A Fable," by Mark Twain.

**Author Residence:** Westport, CT
A Picture Book of Louis Braille
David A. Adler, John Wallner, Alexandra Wallner

Summary
As a child, Louis Braille lost his sight in a tragic accident—but he was determined not to let that limit him.

The young Frenchman sought every opportunity to learn, and by the time he was a teenager, began experimenting with a new form of writing. Today, his system of raised dots is used by people with visual difficulties across the world.

Backmatter includes a timeline and author's note, as well as a page of letters and numerals in braille printing.

For almost thirty years, David Adler’s Picture Book Biography series has profiled famous people who changed the world. Colorful, kid-friendly illustrations combine with Adler's “expert mixtures of facts and personality” (Booklist) to introduce young readers to history through compelling biographies of presidents, heroes, inventors, explorers, and adventurers.

These books are ideal for first and second graders interested in history, or who need reliable sources for school book reports.

Contributor Bio
David A. Adler is the author of many popular books for children, including biographies, math books, and Judaica. His strong interest in history and biography led to his bestselling Picture Book Biography series. He lives in New York State with his wife and family.

John Wallner has illustrated dozens of books for children, including David A. Adler’s Honest Abe Lincoln: Easy-to-Read Stories about Abraham Lincoln, a Bank Street Best Book of the Year. Alexandra Wallner has written and illustrated many biographies for children about remarkable people, including Lucy Maud Montgomery, Grandma Moses, Abigail Adams, and Beatrix Potter. She and her husband live in Mexico and

I Like My Bike
AG Ferrari

Summary
Funny characters, humorous pictures, and an eco-friendly message with a text just right for the newest kindergarten reader.

“I like my bike. I like my car. I like my big car. I like my truck.”

The text in this humorous story is simple and repetitive—just right for new readers—but the pictures are wacky and imaginative. A sea lion chauffeurs a large shark, while a cactus drives a canvas-covered pickup truck, and a tiny mouse drives tractor-trailer filled with cheese. All the vehicles, except for the bicycle, get stuck in traffic, as a girl merrily rides along to her destination—a birthday party.

The artwork, in addition to supporting the text and providing surface level comprehension, is chock-full of details that allow for (but don't insist upon) deeper comprehension. There are subtexts, connections, and opportunities for inference.

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* More than 80 fun-to-read books for new readers
* Guided reading levels A through G, based upon Fountas and Pinnell standards
* Award-winning easy reader series, created by acclaimed author-illustrators including win...

Contributor Bio
ANTONGIONATA FERRARI has illustrated numerous works for children. In 2007 he won the Hans Christian Andersen Award for best Italian illustrator for children. Other books for Holiday House include The Kindhearted Crocodile by Lucia Panzieri and No Honking Allowed! by Stephanie Calemenson.
Job Wanted
Teresa Bateman, Chris Sheban

Summary
A plucky farm dog will do anything to get a job—even be a cow!

When a farmer tells a dog that "dogs just eat and don't give anything back," the dog is disappointed, but not discouraged.

He'll try being a cow, a horse, and a chicken before he's done. As the farmer learns the value of a good dog, children will laugh as the dog finds his rightful place on the farm.

Teresa Bateman's endearing story celebrates persistence, ingenuity, and the fact that everybody can make a contribution. Award-winning artist Chris Sheban's illustrations are filled with warmth and humor. Kids and parents will love this terrific read aloud with a subtle message about never giving up.

Nominated for The Washington Children's Choice Award, The New York State Charlotte Award, the Young Hoosier Book Award, and the Virginia Readers’ Choice Award.

Contributor Bio
Teresa Bateman is an award-winning storyteller and school librarian. She has won both the Storytelling World Award and the Anne Izard Storyteller's Award. Her books include Red, White, Blue, and Uncle Who? and Keeper of Soles, an ALA Notable Children’s Book. She lives in Tacoma, Washington.

Chris Sheban has been awarded three Gold and three Silver Medals from the Society of Illustrators. His picture books include What a Cold Needs. He lives near Chicago, Illinois.

Author Residence: Tacoma, Washington

Squares, Rectangles, and other Quadrilaterals
David A. Adler, Edward Miller

Summary
Demystify geometry with this primer on shapes that will have young builders everywhere on to their next towering project.

Comical cats and dogs guide kids through the essential characteristics of squares, rectangles, parallelograms, rhomboids, and other quadrilaterals. Angles and degrees are explained in accessible terms and useful visuals. Kids will get a handle on geometric vocabulary and can try out plenty of hands-on activities that will help reinforce the concepts.

David A. Adler and Edward Miller are a trusted team when it comes to math books for young people, having penned over 15 math-related books together. A glossary is included.

Contributor Bio
David A. Adler is a former math teacher and the author of more than two hundred picture books, biographies, and mysteries for children.

Edward Miller is the creator of The Tooth Book and Recycling Day as well as the illustrator of over 15 other math books by David A. Adler.

Author Residence: New York

Illustrator Residence: New York, NY
**The Good Samaritan and Other Parables**  
Tomie dePaola

**Summary**
Back in print, a collection of seventeen well-loved parables of Jesus, from the bestselling author-illustrator of *Quiet*, *Strega Nona*, and many more.

In simple, lyrical language, appropriate for young readers, Tomie dePaola introduces the best-known parables of Jesus, including the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, and the Lost Sheep.

Illustrated with bold, jewel-toned paintings inspired by early Christian art of the Romanesque period, this collection is perfect to share with families or classrooms as an introduction to these familiar Biblical tales.

Originally published as *The Parables of Jesus*, this new edition features a graceful new design.

**Contributor Bio**
Tomie dePaola is the beloved Caldecott Honor- and Newbery Honor-winning author and/or illustrator of close to 250 books, including *Strega Nona* and *Quiet*. Tomie was born in Connecticut and grew up there with his parents, brother, and two sisters. He loved reading and books from an early age and knew, when he was four, that he wanted to write and illustrate stories when he grew up. Tomie is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award from the American Library Association for his "substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children," the Smithsonian Medal from the Smithsonian Institution, the Regina Medal from the Catholic Library Association, and the Kerlan Award from the University of Minnesota for his "singular attainment in children's literature." He was nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in illustration and has received the New Hampshire’s Governor’s Arts Award of Living Treasure.

**Author Residence:** New London, NH

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**Fish for Jimmy**
Katie Yamasaki

**Summary**
For two boys in a Japanese American family, everything changed when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States went to war.

With the family forced to leave their home and go to an internment camp, Jimmy loses his appetite. Older brother Taro takes matters into his own hands and, night after night, sneaks out of the camp and catches fresh fish for Jimmy to help make him strong again.

This affecting tale of courage and love is an adaptation of the author’s true family story, and includes a letter to readers with more information about the historical background and inspiration.

**Contributor Bio**
Katie Yamasaki is a muralist, author, and teacher. When she was growing up, the World War II internment of 110,000 Japanese and Japanese American citizens was never discussed in school—even though most of Katie’s Japanese family was interned. Inspired by her family’s history, she wrote *Fish for Jimmy* to honor their bravery and the memory of those like them. Based in Brooklyn, New York, she travels widely across the world to paint and work with diverse communities. She is passionate about art as dialogue and storytelling.

**Author Residence:** New York, NY
Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective
A. B. Greenfield, Sarah Horne

Summary
An egotistical royal cat and his dung beetle sidekick track a jewelry thief in this hilarious new series set in ancient Egypt.

Nominated for an Edgar Award!

Can a lazy cat and a dung-obsessed beetle really crack a mystery? Ra relishes his role as the Pharaoh’s beloved—and spoiled—cat. So when an amulet goes missing from the palace, Ra plans to keep enjoying his snacks and nap in the sun. But Ra’s friend Khepri, a wise and industrious scarab beetle, insists on investigating in order to save the young servant girl who has been framed for the crime.

Once Ra gets going, he decides that being a Great Detective isn’t so bad; in fact, he doesn’t mind being hailed as “Protector of the Weak and Defender of Justice.” The comically mismatched duo is on the case!

Wacky illustrations with fun historical details bring these oddball characters to life. Includes a glossary, pronunciation guide, and detailed author’s note.

"An ingenious mystery full of entertaining details for fans of ancient Egypt.”—Paula Harrison, author of the Rescue Princesses series

Contributor Bio
A. B. Greenfield once had four newborn kittens living in her closet and has loved cats ever since. She is the author of many books, and has won a PEN/Albrand Award, the Veolia Prix du Livre Environnement, and a Beacon of Freedom Award. Amy was raised in the United States and studied history at Oxford. She now lives with her family in England.

Sarah Horne is an award-winning illustrator. Her children’s books include You Get What You Get by Julie Gassman and the Sesame Seade series by Clémentine Beauvais. Her design and advertising clients range

Tracks in the Snow
Lucy Jane Bledsoe

Summary
Erin and Tiffany are snowbound, with only one thought - survival!

For fans of Gary Paulsen’s Hatchet, a story of two girls who must rely on their wits to stay alive when they become trapped in the snow. When Erin goes looking for her babysitter, who has disappeared, she persuades Tiffany, her new science partner, to do a project on animal tracks, figuring the project will give her an excuse to search the woods for Amy. While the two girls are in the woods, a sudden spring blizzard strikes—and they know no one will start to look for them for the next three days. A page-turning adventure of wilderness survival

Contributor Bio
Lucy Jane Bledsoe is an author of books for children and adults, both fiction and nonfiction, including A Thin Bright Line and The Evolution of Love. She has received the American Library Association’s Stonewall Award, been nominated for the Lambda Literary Award five times, and received a nomination for the Pushcart Prize. An adventurer, Lucy has been to Antarctica three times on National Science Foundation fellowships for her writing research.

Author Residence: Berkeley, CA
Eliza Bing is (Not) a Star
Carmella Van Vleet

Summary
How will Eliza make it through the sixth grade? Her ADHD tends to complicate things....

Eliza Bing stuck with taekwondo and earned her yellow belt even though her family expected her to quit. She’s tough enough to break boards with her bare hands! Next up: middle school, and hopefully a best friend. The school play turns out to be the perfect opportunity to befriend confident, stage-obsessed Annie. But can their friendship survive the spotlight?

The joys and sorrows of middle school come to life in this funny and heartfelt sequel to Eliza Bing Is (NOT) a Big, Fat Quitter, recipient of the Christopher Award and four child-voted state award nominations.

Contributor Bio
Carmella Van Vleet is a former elementary school teacher and the author of numerous books for children, including To the Stars!, which was co-authored by astronaut Kathy Sullivan and named to the 2017 Amelia Bloomer list. Her debut children’s novel, Eliza Bing Is (NOT) a Big, Fat Quitter, received a Christopher Award and was named to four state award master lists. Just like Eliza, Carmella loves tae kwon do—she has earned her black belt! She lives in central Ohio with her family, including the daughter who inspired Eliza.

Author Residence: Lewis Center, OH

The Story of Owen
Dragon Slayer of Trondheim
E.K. Johnston

Summary
Dragons. In modern day North America. How can sixteen-year-old Owen fight back when he can barely pass algebra? It takes a village to train a dragon slayer, and Owen needs all the help he can get.

Owen is destined by birth to carry on his family’s legacy as a noble dragon slayer. Siobhan, his classmate and new friend, agrees to be Owen’s bard, slated to tell his stories for posterity. Together they embark on an epic quest to protect their rural Canadian town from dragons who hunger for fossil fuels. For in this wildly creative alternate version of our world, dragons feed on carbon emissions, and they’ll take down any human who stands in their way.

Owen and Siobhan have homework to do, instruments to practice, and college to think of, but their most important job is to keep the residents of Trondheim, Ontario, from getting caught in the dragons’ cross fire. Literally.

Fans of M.T. Anderson and readers who love contemporary fantasy, alternate history, and old Norse ballads will devour this clever, award-winning tale of friendship and adventure.

Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist
Kirkus P...

Contributor Bio
E. K. Johnston is the #1 New York Times best-selling author of several YA novels, including Star Wars: Ahsoka and A Thousand Nights. She is also a trained forensic archaeologist, has lived on four continents, and decorates cupcakes in her spare time. These days, she calls Stratford, Ontario, home.

Author Residence: Stratford, Ontario
Realm of Ruins
A Nissera Novel
Hannah West

Summary
Valory’s power is different—it’s dangerous, unruly, and destructive. Can she channel it to save the realm from chaos...or will her magic master her?

A century after her legendary ancestors overcame a bloodthirsty tyrant, seventeen-year-old Valory Braiosa attends a training academy for elicromancers, immortal beings with magical gifts. But Valory’s immense power isn’t like that of her peers—it seems impossible to tame, and she faces imprisonment by the Nisseran authorities.

But when a forbidden resurrection spell awakens a long-dormant evil, Valory may be the only one who can vanquish this terrifying villain. Together with a band of allies—including an old friend; a haughty princess; and a mysterious, handsome stranger—Valory must learn to harness her power and fight back. Dark magic, romance, and an ancient evil make Realm of Ruins a harrowing page-turner.

“A brilliantly paced adventure full of betrayals and romance and magic. I could have stayed and played in this treacherous world for a long time.” – Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times best-selling author of Legendary

Weaving together...

Contributor Bio
Hannah West’s debut novel, Kingdom of Ash and Briars, received a starred review from Kirkus Reviews and was named one of their Best Teen Books of the Year. Inspired by fairy tale castles and snowy winter days, Hannah began writing the book as a college junior studying abroad in France. Realm of Ruins is her second novel. She lives in Texas with her husband, Vince, and their two dogs. Visit her at www.hannahwestauthor.com and on Twitter @hannahwestya.

Out of Darkness
Ashley Hope Pérez

Summary
A dangerous forbidden romance rocks a Texan oil town in 1937, when segregation was a matter of life and death.

A Printz Honor Book

"This is East Texas, and there’s lines. Lines you cross, lines you don’t cross. That clear?” New London, TX. 1937. Naomi Vargas is Mexican American. Wash Fuller is Black. These teens know the town’s divisive racism better than anyone. But sometimes the attraction between two people is so powerful it breaks through even the most entrenched color lines. And the consequences can be explosive.

Naomi and Wash dare to defy the rules, and the New London school explosion serves as a ticking time bomb in the background. Can their love survive both prejudice and tragedy?

Race, romance, and family converge in this riveting novel that transplants Romeo and Juliet to a bitterly segregated Texas town. Includes a fascinating author’s note detailing the process of research and writing about voices that have largely been excluded from historical accounts.

A Printz Honor Book
A Booklist 50 Best YA Books of All Time Selection
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year
A School Library ...

Contributor Bio
Ashley Hope Pérez grew up in Texas and is the author of three award-winning novels for young adults. Out of Darkness received a Printz Honor and the Tomás Rivera Book Award. She is an assistant professor of world literatures at The Ohio State University and lives in Columbus with her husband and two sons.