



Summer Reading at Bank Street

(Lower School)

Happy Summer Reading!

Inside you will find, compiled by your librarian:

- Tips to make summer reading a non-chore
- Summer reading recommendations

The library is open all summer; please come visit us to refresh your reading options.

Enjoy!

-Allie

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Note: Because I am on the 2016 Newbery Committee, I am unable to provide suggestions that are eligible for the 2016 Newbery award.

Important Dates and Numbers

- Any children's books checked out in May or June are due September 15.
- **If you would like to keep any children's books that were checked out before May for the summer, please renew them.** Otherwise, please return them by their due dates.
- Kids may have up to 10 books out at a time for the summer. Grown-ups may have up to 25.



7 Ways to make Summer Reading a NON-CHORE!

1 Studies show that **kids read more when they see others reading***—so make time to read yourself. Curl up with a book, right where your kid can see you.

2 Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.** Remember that **“reading” is not just novels; picture books, non-fiction, magazines, comics, and audiobooks all count.**

3 Kids often report that they have a hard time finding books that they like. If that happens, **have a friend recommend books.** Your kids are much more likely to enjoy something recommended by a friend than by a grown-up.

4 **Plan regular trips to the library** to refresh your reading options. Bank Street Library is open Mon-Thurs 9-9:45; Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5 (August Mon-Fri 9-5). Check out your local public library, too.

5 **Visit bookstores for author events and storyhours,** and invite friends too! Check bankstreetbooks.com for Bank Street Bookstore’s calendar.

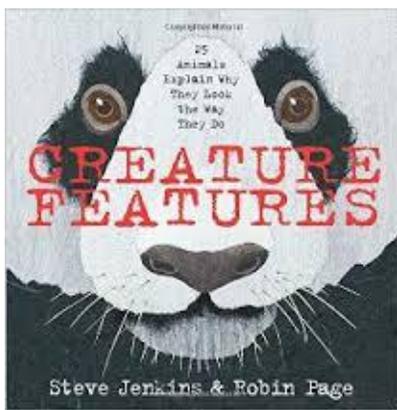
6 Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and **just let it go when they choose The Day My Butt Went Psycho.**

7 To **understand what your child may be feeling about reading-as-chore,** read Summer Reading Is Killing Me (Jon Scieszka) or Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little (Peggy Elizabeth Gifford).

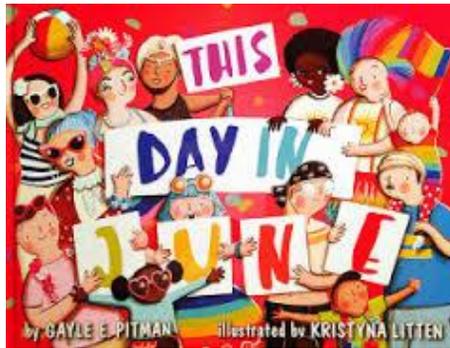
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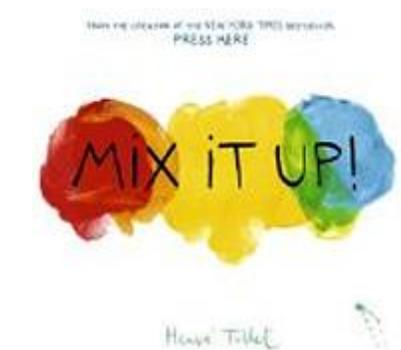
Non-Fiction/Concepts



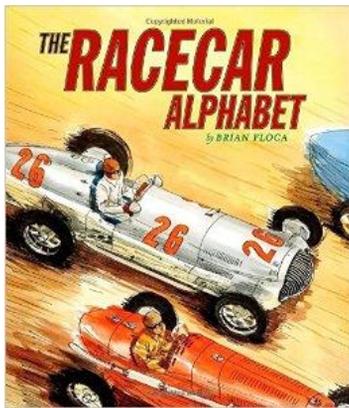
Creature Features
by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
Animals give funny but true explanations of why they look the way they do, and how it helps them survive.



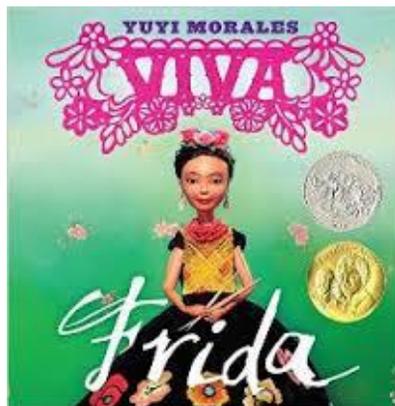
This Day In June by Gayle E. Pitman
Welcomes readers to a Pride parade. The endmatter serves as a primer on LGBTQ history and culture and explains the references made in the story.



Mix It Up! by Hervé Tullet
Using no special effects other than the reader's imagination, simple directions lead the reader to experiment with mixing and changing colors on the printed page.



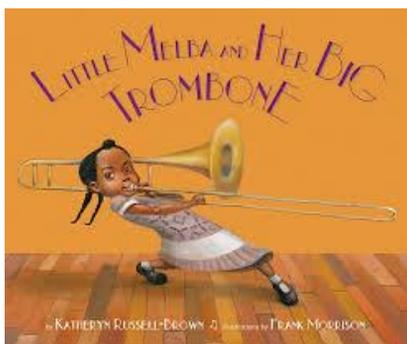
The Racecar Alphabet
by Brian Floca
An exciting day at the races highlights the letters of the alphabet as a variety of automobiles burn fuel speeding through the curves of the track.



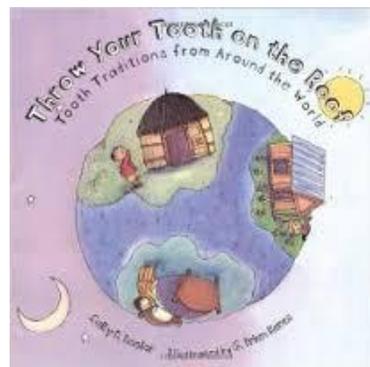
Viva Frida by Yuyi Morales
Artist Frida Kahlo, manifested both as a puppet and as an acrylic-painted figure, sees, plays, dreams, creates, and lives.



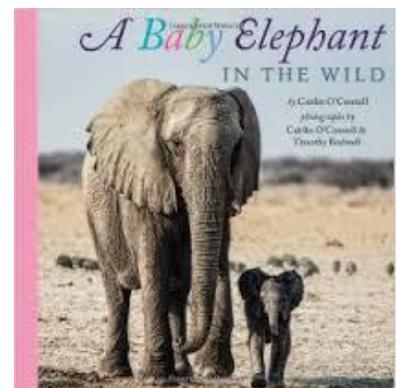
Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos
By Stephanie Roth Sisson
Carl Sagan dreams of exploring the galaxy as a child, and fulfills his dream as an adult.



Little Melba and Her Big Trombone
by Kathryn Russell-Brown
Melba Liston didn't let anything stop her from learning to play the trombone, and became one of the greatest jazz musicians of all time.

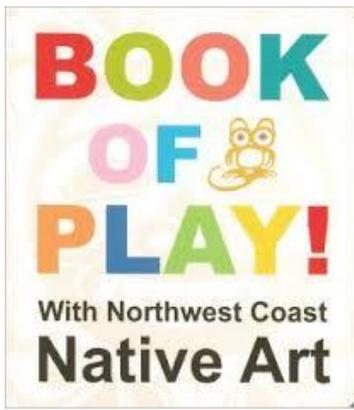


Throw Your Tooth On The Roof
by Selby B. Beeler
What do children around the world do with a tooth that has fallen out? Although traditions differ, children's feelings of pride, and the celebration of a lost tooth, are universal.



A Baby Elephant In the Wild
by Caitlin O'Connell
With stunning in-the-field photographs, this photo essay brings young children to the African scrub desert to witness how a baby elephant survives in the wild.

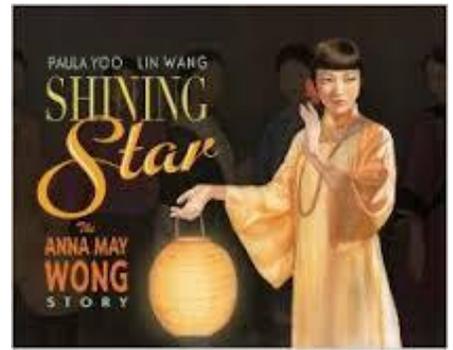
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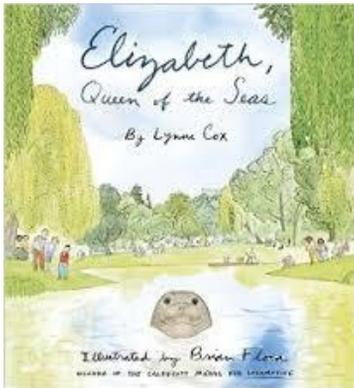
Book of Play! With Northwest Coast Native Art by Native Northwest Count toes. Solve a maze. Point to animals that fly, swim, and walk. And absorb the bright, magnificent artwork in this activity book.



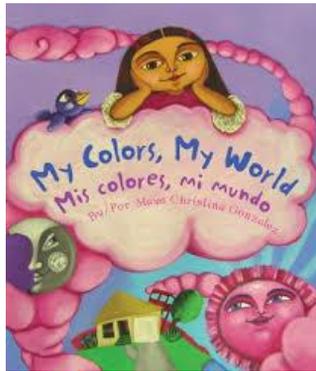
We March by Shane W. Evans
Simple illustrations and text portray the events of the 1963 march in Washington, D.C., where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered an historic speech.



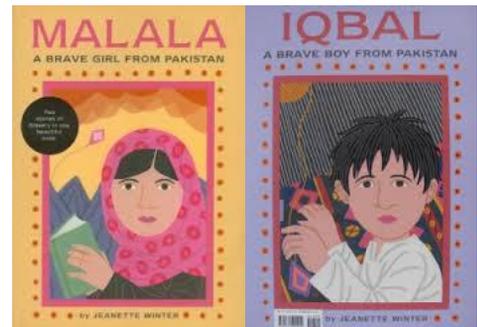
Shining Star: The Anna May Wong Story by Paula Yoo
Despite limited opportunities, Anna May Wong achieved her dream of becoming an actress, and worked to represent her race on screen in a truthful, positive manner.



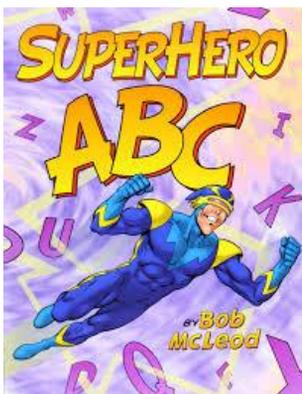
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox
Elizabeth, an elephant seal, makes herself at home in the Avon River in New Zealand. How will the town keep her safe when she decides to lie down in the middle of a road?



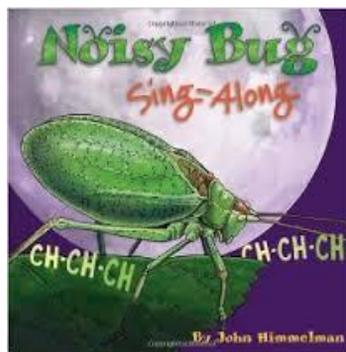
My Colors, My World/Mis Colores, Mi Mundo by Maya Christina Gonzalez
Maya, who lives in the dusty desert, opens her eyes wide to find the colors in her world, from Papi's black hair and Mami's orange and purple flowers to Maya's red swing set and the fiery pink sunset.



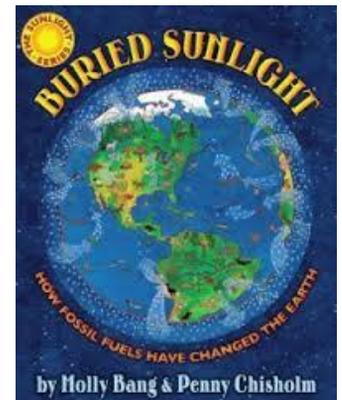
Malala: A Brave Girl From Pakistan/Iqbal: A Brave Boy From Pakistan by Jeanette Winter
Two children, Iqbal Masih and Malala Yousafzai, were unafraid to speak out for freedom and education. Both were shot for their words. Iqbal was killed instantly; Malala miraculously survived and continues to speak out around the world.



SuperHero ABC by Bob McLeod
Humorous SuperHeroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

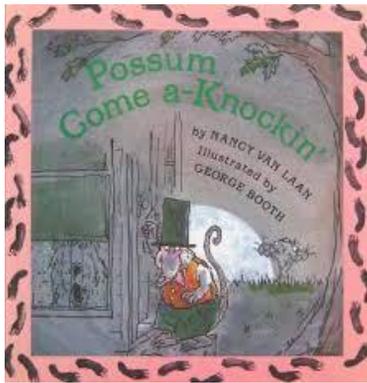


Noisy Bug Sing-Along by John Himmelman
Listen closely to the sounds of insects. Together they make a concert! Learn about how they do it, and make the sounds yourself.

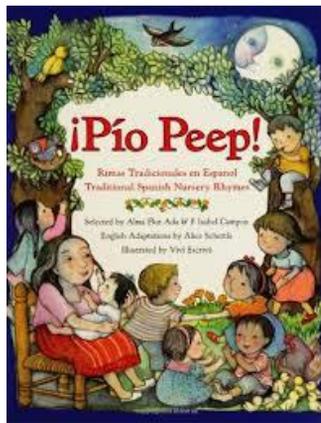


Buried Sunlight by Molly Bang & Penny Chisholm
Simple text and bright, stunning illustrations explain carbon and fossil fuels, and the connection between sunlight and all life on earth.

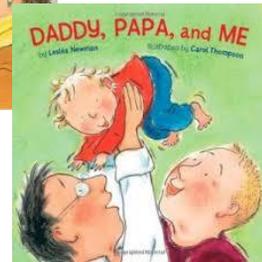
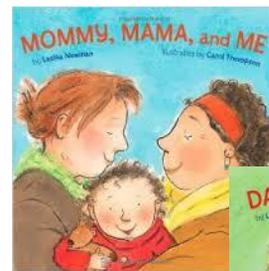
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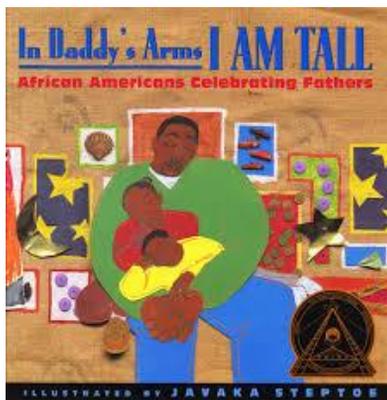
Possum Come A-Knockin'
by Nancy Van Laan
A mysterious visitor knocks at the door and interrupts a family's routine in this cumulative, rhyming story.



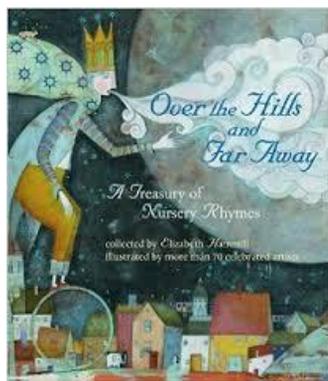
¡Pío Peep! by Alma Flor Ada
A collection of more than two dozen nursery rhymes in Spanish, from Spain and Latin America, with English translations.



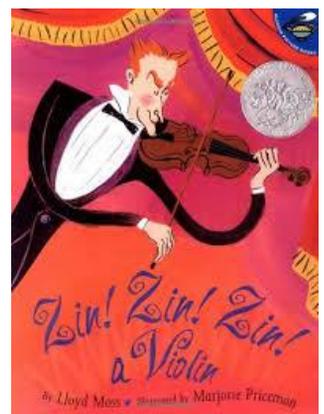
Mommy, Mama and Me and Daddy, Papa and Me
by Lesléa Newman
Kids drum, strum, zoom, vroom, sew, and throw together with their parents.



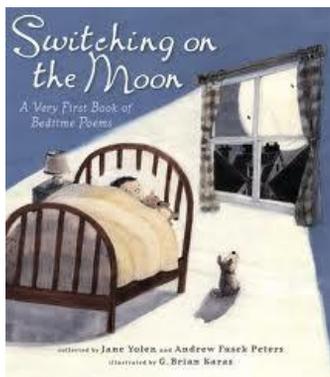
In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall
by Javaka Steptoe
"I am big and strong & proud like him / in daddy's arms / my daddy." Poems by renowned Black writers celebrate fatherhood.



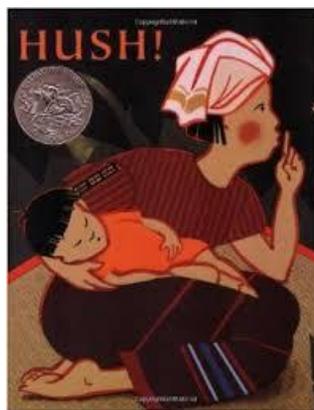
Over the Hills and Far Away
by Elizabeth Hammill
77 all-star illustrators are paired with over 150 classic nursery rhymes to create a rich collection of poetry from around the globe.



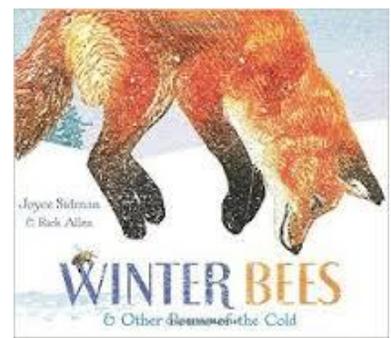
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin
by Lloyd Moss
Ten instruments take their parts one by one in a (rhyming) musical performance.



Switching on the Moon: A Very First Book of Bedtime Poems
by Jane Yolen
Poems and lullabies about getting ready for bed, falling asleep, and dreaming lull little ones to sleep.

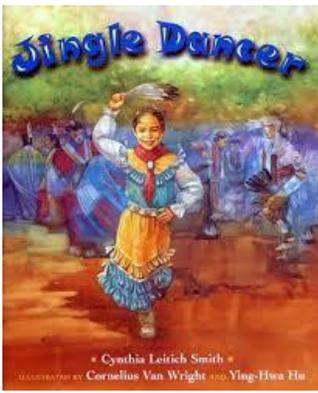


Hush!: A Thai Lullaby
by Minfong Ho
In a lullaby, a parent asks animals such as a lizard, monkey, and water-buffalo to be quiet and not disturb the sleeping baby.

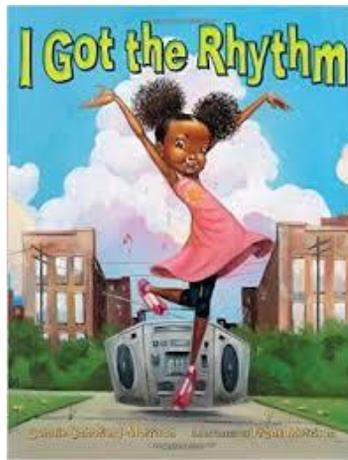


Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold
by Joyce Sidman
Discover through poems how animals stay alive in the wintertime, and learn about their secret lives happening under the snow.

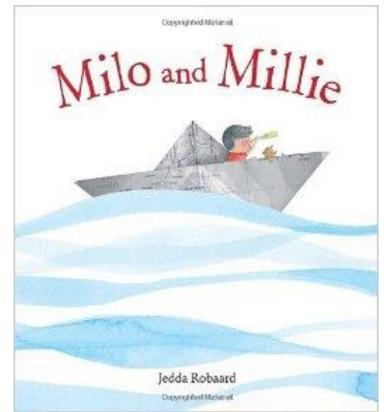
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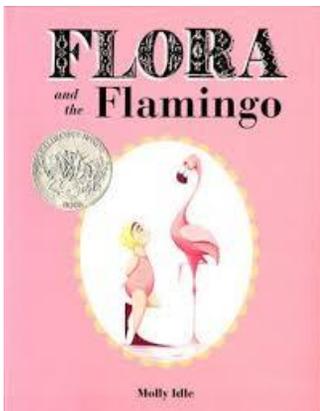
Jingle Dancer by Cynthia Leitich Smith
Jenna, a member of the Muscogee, or Creek, Nation, borrows jingles from the dresses of several friends and relatives so that she can dance at the powwow.



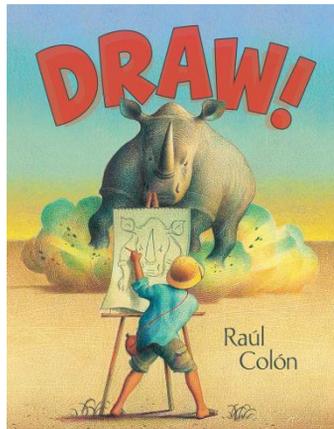
I Got the Rhythm
by Connie Schofield-Morrison
On a trip to the park with her mother, a young girl hears a rhythm coming from the world around her and begins to move to the beat, finally beginning an impromptu dance in which other children join her.



Milo and Millie by Jemma Robaard
Embarking on an adventure at bath time, Milo and his teddy bear, Millie, navigate through imagined cityscapes, past spouting whales, and around swirling whirlpools before arriving at their destination just in time for a cozy good night.



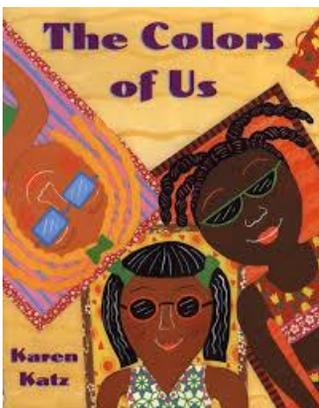
Flora and the Flamingo
by Molly Idle
In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl and a graceful flamingo as they learn to dance together.



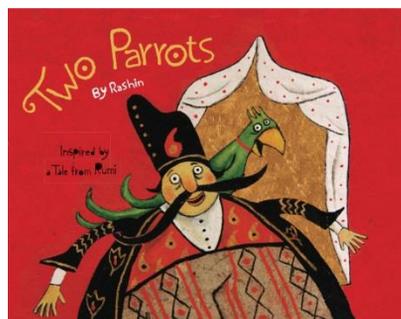
Draw! by Raúl Colón
In this wordless picture book, a boy who is confined to his room fills his sketch pad with lions and elephants, then imagines himself on a safari.



Shh! We Have a Plan
by Chris Haughton
Hunters are outwitted, again and again, by a tiny bird. The littlest one might know what's going on, though...



The Colors of Us by Karen Katz
Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature.

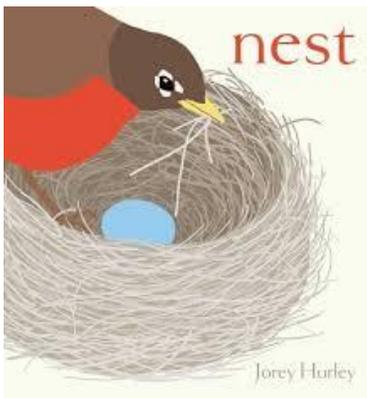


Two Parrots by Rashin
A wealthy merchant is willing to do almost anything to make his pet parrot happy. But is he willing to set him free?

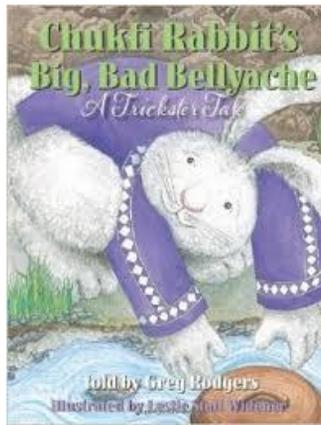


Yo! Yes? by Chris Raschka
Two lonely characters meet on the street and, after some conversation ups and downs, become friends.

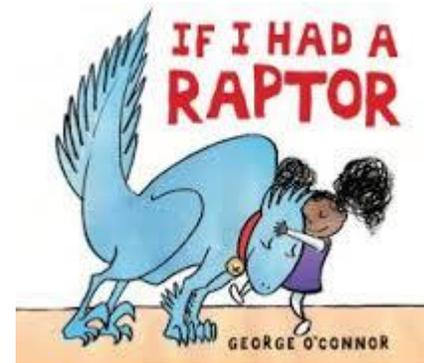
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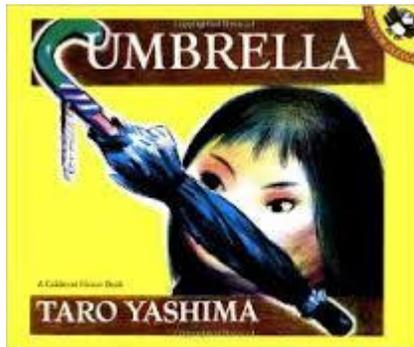
Nest by Jorey Hurley
From birth to first flight to new friend, the first year of a bird's life is full of activity and wonder.



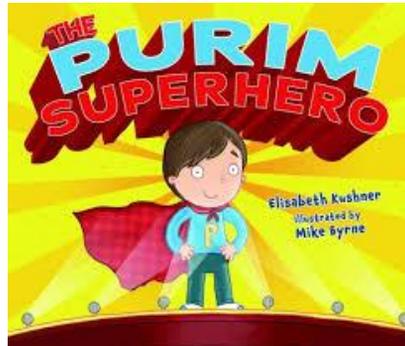
Chukfi Rabbit's Big, Bad Bellyache
by Greg Rodgers
Bear, Turtle, Fox, and Beaver agree to build Ms. Possum a new house, but trickster Chukfi Rabbit says he is too busy to help... until he hears there will be a Choctaw feast afterwards...



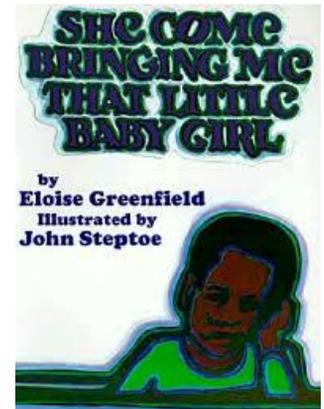
If I Had a Raptor by George O'Connor
What could be a better pet than a raptor? Our heroine can't think of anything she'd rather do than play and cuddle with one... even if it's large enough to devour her...



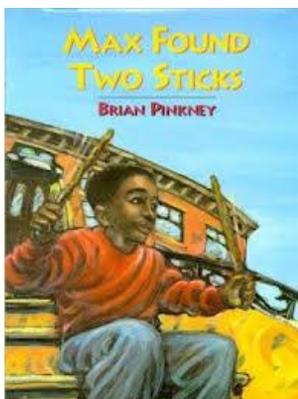
The Umbrella by Taro Yashima
A young girl living in New York City can't wait to use her new umbrella and boots. Now, if only it would rain!



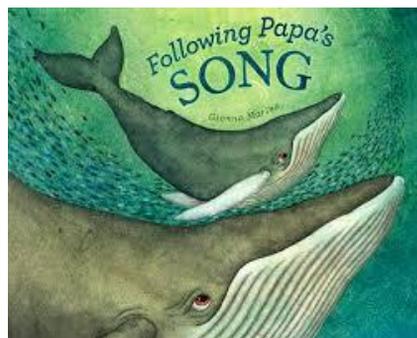
The Purim Superhero
by Elisabeth Kushner
Nate wants to dress as an alien for Purim, but his friend wants him to wear a superhero costume. Nate seeks guidance from his Daddy and Abba, who advise Nate to be himself.



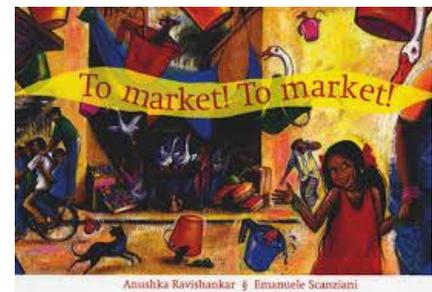
She Come Bringing Me That Little Baby Girl
by Eloise Greenfield
A child's disappointment and jealousy over a new baby sister are dispelled as he becomes aware of the importance of his new role as a big brother.



Max Found Two Sticks
by Brian Pinkney
Although he doesn't feel like talking, a young boy responds to questions by drumming on various objects, including a bucket, hat boxes, and garbage cans, echoing the city sounds around him.



Following Papa's Song
by Gianna Marino
Little Blue, a young humpback whale, has never made the long migration up the coast, and he is worried about his first long journey with Papa.



To Market, To Market
by Anushka Ravishankar
In India, a little girl with a pocketful of change visits a local market. But the girl has no idea what to buy-- something funny, nice or strange?