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Board Book

*Anywhere Farm

by Phyllis Root, illustrated by G. Brian Karas
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-7499-1
One smart seed can start a garden, and one small
gardener can inspire others. Delightful mixed-media
illustrations. (4-6)

Apples for Little Fox

written and illustrated by Ekaterina Trukhan
(Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$17.99)
978-0-399-55562-6
Mystery books inspire Little Fox to solve his own
mysteries. What happened to the apples he loves to
eat? Cheerful, detailed spot illustrations. (4-6)



Are You a Monkey?: A Tale of Animal Charades

written and illustrated by Marine Rivoal
(Phaidon, \$16.95) 978-0-7148-7417-3
Young children will enjoy guessing the animals acted
out by others in an imaginary jungle. Vibrant prints.
(4-6)

Bamboo for Me, Bamboo for You!

by Fran Manushkin, illustrated by Purificación
Hernández
(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-5063-8
Playing and squabbling, two panda cubs know which
food tastes good and express opinions about other
animals' food tastes. Simple rhyming text with colorful
digital illustrations. (4-6)

Big Bear Can't Fall Asleep

written and illustrated by Adeline Ruel
(Minedition/Michael Neugebauer Publishing, \$9.99)
978-988-8341-49-8
With a little help from one's friends, the perfect
napping companion can be found. Ripped paper
illustrations. (1-3)

*Big Cat, Little Cat

written and illustrated by Elisha Cooper
(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-1-62672-371-9
A cat teaches a kitten how to live; then one day, the
older cat goes away. Bold, expressive line drawings.
(4-6)

Big Machines: The Story of Virginia Lee Burton

by Sherri Duskey Rinker, illustrated by John Rocco
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 978-0-544-71557-8
Inspired by her sons, "Jinnee" Burton magically created
her now classic stories. Watercolor, colored pencil, and
digital media illustrations are reminiscent of Burton's
artistic style. (5-6)



*Birds Make Nests

written and illustrated by Michael Garland
(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-3662-0
Birds build nests of various shapes and sizes in different
locales to keep eggs and chicks safe. Realistic
illustrations of dozens of kinds of birds. (3-6)

Bizzy Mizz Lizzie

written and illustrated by David Shannon
(Blue Sky Press/Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-61943-1
An exhausted young bee learns to slow down and smell
the flowers. Humorous acrylic illustrations. (4-6)

Blue Ethel

written and illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Farrar Straus Giroux
BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-30382-2
A large cat is very content until she accidentally turns
herself blue. She then learns about true friendship.
Watercolor and ink illustrations. (4-6)

Boo!/¡Bu!

written and illustrated by Leslie Patricelli, Spanish
translation by Georgina Lazaro
(Candlewick Press, \$6.99) 978-0-7636-9314-5
It's Halloween! Get ready in Spanish and English.
Heavily outlined and vibrant acrylic illustrations. (1-3)

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Bulldozer Helps Out

by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann
(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon &
Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-414-5894-8

Bulldozer finally gets his big chance to help out at a
construction site, with surprising but lovable results.
Bold, expressive block print illustrations. (3-6)

-  **Canticos series**

The Birthday Book/Las mañanitas (978-1-945635-07-6)

Little Mice/Ratoncitos (978-0-996995-92-4)

**My Little Donkey: A Christmas Song/Mi burrito: Una
canción navideña** (978-0-996995-93-1)

written and illustrated by Susie Jaramillo, English
translation by Susie Jaramillo, English translation by
Susie Jaramillo

(Encantos Media, \$14.99 each)

Enjoy beloved songs from the Spanish-speaking world.
Spanish and English text. Accordion-book format and
bright, lift-the-flap tempera illustrations. (2-5)

Charlotte and the Rock

by Stephen W. Martin, illustrated by Samantha Cotterill
(Dial BFYR/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99) 978-1-101-99389-7

Charlotte wants a pet and receives one for her
birthday—a pet rock. Can it love her back? Humorous
pen and ink art. (3-6)

City Moon

by Rachael Cole, illustrated by Blanca Gómez
(Schwartz & Wade Books/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)
978-0-553-49707-6

A mother and her son take a quiet walk before bedtime
and search for the moon. Keenly observed illustrations
enhance the text. (3-5)

Colette's Lost Pet

written and illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault
(Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$17.99)
978-0-553-53659-1

As her eager new neighbors help her search for an
invented parakeet, Colette spins a grandiose tale.
Graphic, cartoonish black-and-white yellow-splashed
illustrations over speech bubbles. (3-5)

***Creepy Pair of Underwear!**

by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Peter Brown
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4424-0298-0
Jasper Rabbit comes home from the store with a most
unusual and scary pair of underwear. Illustrated in
ghoulish, glowing green against a grayish, blackish
background. (4-6)

Daddy Honk Honk!

written and illustrated by Rosalinde Bonnet
(Dial Books/PRH, \$16.99) 978-0-399-18676-9

A fox may not know much about babies, but with help
from his friends, he learns how to be a daddy. Mixed-
media illustrations. (4-6)

Dream

written and illustrated by Matthew Cordell
(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4847-7340-6
A parent gorilla lovingly envisions what the future may
hold for a newborn baby gorilla. Gentle watercolors.
(4-6)

Egg

written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes
(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)
978-0-06-240872-3

Of four eggs, three crack open and out come three baby
birds. But what's in the fourth egg? Soft pastel, ink, and
watercolor illustrations. (4-6)



Everybunny Dance!

written and illustrated by Ellie Sandall
(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster,
\$17.99) 978-1-4814-9822-7

Lilting rhymes will inspire young listeners to join this
lively dance of friendship. Energetic, humorous full-
color illustrations. (3-6)

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Frankie

written and illustrated by Mary Sullivan
(Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$12.99)
978-0-544-61113-9

Pencil and digitally colored illustrations capture the humorous "sibling rivalry" between two dogs. (3-5)

Free the Lines

written and illustrated by Clayton Junior
(Words & Pictures/Quarto, \$17.95) 978-1-91027-729-4
Captivatingly drawn linework tells a wordless story of a cat who fishes and sails and cleverly saves the day. (4-6)

The Giant Jumperee

by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
(Dial BFYR/Penguin YR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-7352-2797-2
A rabbit's friends help to rid his burrow of a menacing creature. Told through rhyme and repetition with vivid illustrations that capture the humor and suspense. (3-6)

Go Sleep in Your Own Bed

by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Lori Nichols
(Schwartz & Wade Books/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)
978-0-375-86648-7
Bed-poaching is a problem on the farm, but eventually everyone snuggles down where they belong for a cozy night's sleep. Twilight palette illustrations evoke nighttime. (3-6)



Green Pants

written and illustrated by Kenneth Kraegel
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-8840-0
Jameson wants to be in the wedding, but he must dress formally, not in his green pants. What will he do?
Watercolor and pencil illustrations. (4-6)

Hand over Hand

by Alma Fullerton, illustrated by Renné Benoit
(Second Story Press, \$16.95) 978-1-77260-015-5
In a small Filipino village, Nina persuades her grandfather that she is as capable of fishing as boys are.
Realistic watercolors. (3-6)



Have You Seen My Lunch Box?

written and illustrated by Steve Light
(Candlewick Press, \$6.99) 978-0-7636-9068-7
Search for things to get ready for school, cleverly hidden in ink drawings with collage paper. The colorful labeled list tells the things you need to find. (3-5)

Home in the Rain

written and illustrated by Bob Graham
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-9269-8
A long road trip home leaves Francie and her mom time to contemplate names for her new baby sister. Poetic text and light watercolors. (4-6)

How to Be a Bigger Bunny

by Florence Minor, illustrated by Wendell Minor
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$14.99)
978-0-06-235255-2
Tickles is left behind to read when her family goes on adventures. When they have a problem, Tickles's book helps her save the day. Warm, reassuring illustrations in watercolor and gouache. (4-6)

How to Find an Elephant

by Kate Banks, illustrated by Boris Kulikov
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Farrar Straus Giroux
BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-374-33508-3
Follow the simple suggestions offered by the intrepid young (backyard) explorer! Clever, colorful illustrations. (3-5)



I Am (Not) Scared

by Anna Kang, illustrated by Christopher Weyant
(Two Lions/Amazon Publishing, \$17.99)
978-1-50393-745-1
What are scary things? Two appealing creatures take comfort in sharing their fears and conquering them.
Amusing ink and watercolor illustrations. (4-6)

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I Got a New Friend

written and illustrated by Karl Newsom Edwards
(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)
978-0-399-55700-2

A toddler and a puppy get to know each other in this delightful tale of budding friendship. Digitally refined pencil and watercolor illustrations. (2-4)

I Promise

written and illustrated by David McPhail
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$16.99)
978-0-316-29787-5

In this warm and loving dialogue, a mother bear explains the concept of "promises to keep" to her cub. Exquisite pen and ink and watercolor illustrations. (4-6)



If My Love Were a Fire Truck: A Daddy's Love Song

by Luke Reynolds, illustrated by Jeff Mack
(Doubleday BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)
978-1-101-93740-2

An endearing nighttime rhyme celebrates the gargantuan love of a father for his son. Lively mixed-media illustrations. (4-6)



Imagine That!

written and illustrated by Yasmeen Ismail
(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99)
978-1-68119-362-5

Lila's imagination helps her play creatively throughout her day. Lively, vibrant watercolor illustrations. (3-6)

In the Middle of Fall

by Kevin Henkes, illustrated by Laura Dronzek
(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)
978-0-06-257311-7

Brilliant fall-colored acrylic paints illustrate this simple tale as autumn unfolds into winter. (3-5)

Ira Crumb Makes a Pretty Good Friend

by Naseem Hrab, illustrated by Josh Holinaty
(Owlkids Books, \$16.95) 978-1-77147-171-8

Dreading being the new kid in a new school, Ira tries to reach out in advance to future classmates. Humorous illustrations add to the fun. (4-6)

Jabari Jumps

written and illustrated by Gaia Cornwall
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-7838-8

A boy, eager to use the diving board, has second thoughts, but his father's encouragement enables him to take the plunge. Animated illustrations. (4-6)

Laundry Day

written and illustrated by Jessixa Bagley
(A Neal Porter Book/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-62672-317-7

What happens when two bored badgers eagerly take up their mother's offer to hang up the laundry while she is out? Humorous, detailed watercolor illustrations. (4-6)

Leaf

written and illustrated by Sandra Dieckmann
(Flying Eye Books/Nobrow, \$17.96) 978-1-911171-31-7
Forest animals, at first fearful of the intrusion of a polar bear, discover his plight and help him return to his natural habitat. Vibrant, energetic full-page illustrations. (4-6)

Little Excavator

written and illustrated by Anna Dewdney
(Viking/Penguin YR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-1-101-99920-2
Can a machine so small help transform a vacant lot into a park? Finding the right size job helps. Oil on masonite illustrations. (3-5)

Little Pig Saves the Ship

written and illustrated by David Hyde Costello
(Charlesbridge, \$14.99) 978-1-58089-715-0
When Little Pig is unable to attend sailing camp with his siblings, his Poppy builds him a sailboat, and Little Pig surprises everyone with his sailing acumen. Watercolor and ink illustrations. (3-6)

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***The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His A B C's (the Hard Way)**

written and illustrated by Patrick McDonnell
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.99)
978-0-316-50246-7

An adventurous cat sets off on a zany chase in this guessing game and alphabet book. Retro-style cartoon pen and ink, pencil, and watercolor illustrations. (4-6)

Littles: And How They Grow

by Kelly DiPuccio, illustrated by AG Ford
(Doubleday BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)
978-0-399-55526-8

A sprightly rhymed text presents a diverse group of babies engaged in their daily activities with those that love them. Animated, tender illustrations. (2-4)

Lovely

written and illustrated by Jess Hong
(Creston Books, \$17.99) 978-1-939547-37-8
Humorous, colorful illustrations and simple text create a celebration of the many ways people are different. (3-5)

Mighty, Mighty Construction Site

by Sherri Duskey Rinker, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
(Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 978--4521-5216-5
Construction vehicles, tools, and tasks are the topic of this dawn-to-dusk rhyming tale that emphasizes the importance of collaboration. Clear, vivid illustrations. (3-5)



***Mine!**

written and illustrated by Jeff Mack
(Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4521-5234-9
Action-packed mixed-media illustrations bring to life an escalating battle between two mice for possession of a coveted rock. (4-5)



Mouse and Hippo

written and illustrated by Mike Twohy
(A Paula Wiseman Book/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
978-1-4814-5124-6

Two animals differentiated by their physical attributes, text color, and typeface, share their perspectives, creativity, and ingenuity in their role as artists. Humorous cartoonlike illustrations. (4-5)



Mouse Is Small

written and illustrated by Mary Murphy
(Candlewick Press, \$7.99) 978-0-7636-9059-5
Some animals are little and some are large. Which one makes the biggest impact? Bold mixed-media illustrations. (1-3)



My Grandpa's Chair

written and illustrated by Jiyeon Pak
(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)
978-1-5247-0075-1
Will Grandpa find a chair he likes? Full-page expressive, colorful illustrations. (3-6)

No Kimchi for Me!

written and illustrated by Aram Kim
(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-3762-7
Yoomi's older brothers make fun of her when she won't eat spicy kimchi (Korean pickled vegetables), but Grandma has a delicious solution. Includes a recipe. Humorous mixed-media illustrations. (4-6)



***Noisy Night**

by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Brian Biggs
(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-1-59643-967-2
Neighbors in an apartment house hear many different sounds above them. Entertaining, full-page illustrations provide clues about what the noises are. (3-6)

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North, South, East, West

by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Greg Pizzoli
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-026278-5
It's time for a little bird to leave her home. Where will she go? Warm, expressive illustrations of simple shapes and colors. (3-6)

Now

written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis
(A Neal Porter Book/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-62672-137-1
A girl names her favorite things, from a falling leaf to a missing tooth, as she shares a book with her mother. Expressive brush and bamboo stick illustrations. (3-6)

On the Night of the Shooting Star

by Amy Hest, illustrated by Jenni Desmond
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-9154-7
A very independent bunny and a very independent dog find that friendship has its benefits. Soothing mixed-media illustrations. (3-5)

A Perfect Day

written and illustrated by Lane Smith
(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-62672-536-2
It's a sunny and warm day in Bert's garden for Cat, Dog, Chickadee, and Squirrel—at least until Bear comes along. Gently blended, soft illustrations. (4-6)



Priscilla Gorilla

by Barbara Bottner, illustrated by Michael Emberley
(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-5897-9
Priscilla acts like a gorilla in class, at first producing humorously negative—but ultimately positive—results. Animated pencil and watercolor illustrations. (4-6)



The Quiet Crocodile

by Natacha Andriamirado, illustrated by Delphine Renon
(Princeton Architectural Press, \$17.95) 978-1-61689-610-2
Fossil, the tranquil reptile, loves silence but a parade of friends invade his repose. Humorous pen, ink, and colored pencil drawings and attractive endpapers. (3-6)

Rain

written and illustrated by Sam Usher
(Templar Books/Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-9296-4
A boy is impatient to play in inclement weather. His pent-up energy and imagination are finally unleashed when his grandfather ventures outside. Appealing watercolor-and-ink illustrations. (4-6)

The Ring Bearer

written and illustrated by Floyd Cooper
(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-399-16740-9
Jackson worries that he'll trip when he carries the rings at his mama's wedding, but when his new little sister needs help, he finds courage. Soft mixed-media illustrations. (3-5)

The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!/ ¡El gallo que no se callaba!

by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin, Spanish translation by Madelca Domínguez
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-1-338-11414-0
A courageous farm bird stands up to his oppressor and wins. Spanish and English text. Vibrant mixed-media illustrations. (4-6)

*Sam & Eva

written and illustrated by Debbie Ridpath Ohi
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-1628-3
Can Eva and Sam work together, or will their creative differences cause chaos? Expressive color and black-and-white illustrations. (3-6)

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Say Zoop!

written and illustrated by by Hervé Tullet
(Handprint Books/Chronicle, \$15.99)

978-1-4521-6473-1

Get your fingers ready to touch the dots and make sounds, music, and much more. Brightly painted blue, red, and yellow dots fill every page. (3-6)

Shawn Loves Sharks

by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Tracy Subisak
(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-62672-134-0

Shawn knows just about everything there is to know about sharks, but friendship proves a little trickier to grasp. Colorful, imaginative illustrations. (4-6)

Sister Day!

by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez
(A Paula Wiseman Book/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-4814-3795-0

Lizzie's big sister is always busy with lessons and her own friends, but one day Lizzie finds a way to surprise her. Humorous digital illustrations. (4-6)

Sleep Well, Siba & Saba

by Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl, illustrated by Sandra van Doorn

(Lantana Publishing, \$17.99) 978-1-911373-09-4

Two sisters are always losing things and finding them in their dreams. Set in Uganda, the story is told with alliteration and delicate watercolor drawings. (4-6)

Sloppy Wants a Hug

written and illustrated by Sean Julian
(NorthSouth Books, \$17.95) 978-0-7358-4273-1

The tree dragon only gets a hug from Dewdrop, the sprite, when he earns it. Too late, she remembers his yucky habit. Humorous, appealing illustrations. (3-5)



Small

written and illustrated by Gina Perry

(Little Bee Books, \$17.99) 978-1-4998-0401-0

Can a small girl conquer the city and begin to feel big? Expressive illustrations. (3-5)

*Snow Scene

by Richard Jackson, illustrated by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
(A Neal Porter Book/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-62672-680-2

Beautiful, quiet winter and spring scenes of woods, birds, and children are portrayed in whimsical, expressive textured acrylics. (3-6)

Snowflake in My Pocket

by Rachel Bright, illustrated by Yu Rong
(Kane Miller/EDC, \$12.99) 978-1-61067-551-2

A squirrel and a bear are best friends forever, even if the snow doesn't last. Bright, cut paper artwork. (3-5)

Spring for Sophie

by Yael Werber, illustrated by Jen Hill
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-5134-5

Guided by her parents, Sophie uses all five senses to tell her when spring has come. Warm, sensitive gouache illustrations. (3-5)

Still Stuck

written and illustrated by Shinsuke Yoshitake
(Abrams BFYR, \$12.95) 978-1-4197-2699-6

A young child, stuck with his shirt over his head while undressing for bath time, imagines possible future scenarios. Humorous, cartoon-style illustrations. (3-5)

There Might Be Lobsters

by Carolyn Crimi, illustrated by Laurel Molk
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-7542-4

A girl's dog, fearful of the beach, surprises his patient owner when he dashes into the water to retrieve her toy monkey. Expressive mixed-media illustrations. (3-5)

There's Nothing to Do!

by Dev Petty, illustrated by Mike Boldt
(Doubleday BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)
978-0-399-55803-0

After rejecting suggestions from his father and his animal friends about ways to relieve his boredom, a frog embraces his momentary condition. Dialogue bubble text and expansive, humorous illustrations. (3-5)

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**Through with the Zoo**

written and illustrated by Jacob Grant
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-1-250-10814-2

Charcoal, crayon, colored digital drawings capture
Goat's humorous and heartfelt search for a perfect
place to live. (4-6)

**Time Now to Dream**

by Timothy Knapman, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-9078-6

While walking in the woods, Alice and Jack take turns
reassuring one another. Their relationship defies age
and gender stereotypes. Muted watercolor illustrations.
(3-6)

**Tubby/Bañito**

written and illustrated by Leslie Patricelli, Spanish
translation by Georgina Lazaro
(Candlewick Press, \$6.99) 978-0-7636-9316-9
In this bilingual board book, a baby enjoys bath time
adventures. Vibrant, bold illustrations, outlined in black.
(1-3)

Under the Silver Moon: Lullabies, Night Songs & Poems

illustrated by Pamela Dalton
(Handprint Books/Chronicle, \$17.99)
978-1-4521-1673-0

Cut paper and watercolor illustrations bring to life this
collection of traditional songs and poems for bedtime
sharing. (3-6)

Wake Up!

by Helen Frost, photographed by Rick Lieder
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-8149-4
Exceptional photographs and rhyming text portray the
awakening of the world of nature in the spring. Back
matter explains the photo content. (2-5)

What Are You Waiting For?

by Scott Menchin, illustrated by Matt Phelan
(A Neal Porter Book/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan,
\$16.99) 978-1-62672-152-4

A curious badger tries to solve the riddle his rabbit
friend poses throughout the day. Question-and-answer
format. Sketchy pencil and pastel illustrations. (3-5)

What George Forgot

by Kathy Wolff, illustrated by Richard Byrne
(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99)
978-1-61963-871-6

George is getting ready for school, but what hasn't he
done? Amusing pencil illustrations. (2-5)

What Is Baby Gorilla Doing?

by Christena Nippert-Eng, photographed by John
Dominski and Miguel Martinez
(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, \$7.99)
978-1-62779-479-4

Babies and toddlers will relate to the busy world of a
baby gorilla, shown through simple, engaging
photographs paired with bold action words. (1-3)

When Your Elephant Has the Sniffles

by Susanna Leonard Hill, illustrated by Daniel Wiseman
(Little Simon/ Simon & Schuster, \$7.99)
978-1-4814-9504-2

When a young girl's elephant has the sniffles, she must
do everything to take care of him and make sure he
doesn't sneeze. Amusing colorful illustrations (2-4)

When Your Lion Needs a Bath

by Susanna Leonard Hill, illustrated by Daniel Wiseman
(Little Simon/ Simon & Schuster, \$7.99)
978-1-4814-9502-8

A boy must try to trick his smelly lion into getting in the
tub to take a bath. Amusing colorful illustrations. (2-4)

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Where, Oh Where, Is Baby Bear?

written and illustrated by Ashley Wolff
(Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
978-1-4814-9916-3
While his mama searches for food, Baby Bear hides.
How will the adventure end? Hand water-colored
linoleum block illustrations. (3-5)

Who Am I?: An Animal Guessing Game

by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page, illustrated by Steve
Jenkins
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$14.99) 978-0-544-93539-6
Clues specific to different animals will have readers
guessing the identity of a diverse collection of
creatures. Accurate drawings and informative back
matter. (3-5)

The Whopper

written and illustrated by Rebecca Ashdown
(Templar Books/Candlewick, \$16.99)
978-0-7636-9291-9
A personified lie that grows bigger with each fib anchors
the story of an ugly sweater, bad decisions, and fessing
up. Mixed-media illustrations. (3-6)

Whose Moon Is That?

written and illustrated by Kim Krans
(Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$17.99)
978-1-101-93227-8
The curious cat's question, "Whose moon is that?"
results in many claims of ownership, until the moon sets
the record straight. Luminous watercolor illustrations.
(3-6)

***Windows**

by Julia Denos, illustrated by E. B. Goodale
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-9035-9
Walking his dog in the evening, a young boy notices
windows light up and watches the many activities of his
neighbors. Detailed ink, watercolor, and digital collage
illustrations. (3-6)

***Winter Dance**

by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Richard Jones
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99) 978-0-544-31334-7
Winter is coming and young fox seeks information from
different forest creatures about what to do. Soft
illustrations in earth tones. (4-6)

The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse

by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen
(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-7754-1
A mouse joins a duck who has happily set up
housekeeping inside a wolf, until a hunter threatens
their cozy arrangement. Expressive mixed-media
illustrations. (3-6)

Yoga Bunny

written and illustrated by Brian Russo
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-242952-0
Bunny performs yoga throughout the day,
demonstrating to his friends all the reasons to join him
in practice and end their exercise chanting "om."
Watercolors, colored pencil, and digital illustrations.
(3-6)



***You Hold Me Up/Ki Kihcêyimin Mâna**

by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Danielle Daniel
(Orca Book Publishers, \$19.95) 978-1-4598-1447-9
Enjoy a celebration of all the ways people help, affirm,
and support each other. Plains Cree and English text.
Simple but effective gouache, acrylic, and pencil
illustrations. (3-5)

Zebra on the Go

by Jill Nogaes, illustrated by Lorraine Rocha
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 978-1-56145-911-7
The lion turns angry when the zebra steps on his toe,
and a hilarious circus chase is on. Lively, rhythmic text
with vibrant watercolor and gouache illustrations. (4-6)

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Merit



Read Aloud

(2-4) Suggested
age range



Graphic
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Board Book

Concept Books

B **Baby Animals Take a Bath** (978-1-58089-538-5)

B **Baby Animals Take a Nap** (978-1-58089-539-2)

by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Phyllis Tildes
(Charlesbridge, \$6.99 each)

Celebrate bath time and nap time with your little one
and some playful baby animals. Clever mixed-media
illustrations. (1-3)

Blanket of Love

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, illustrated by Brooke Boynton
Hughes

(Little Simon/ Simon & Schuster, \$7.99)

978-1-4814-8972-0

There are so many ways to feel warm and protected.
Soft mixed-media illustrations. (1-3)



B **Circle, Triangle, Elephant!: A Book of Shapes &
Surprises**

by Kenji Oikawa, illustrated by Mayuko Takeuchi
(Phaidon, \$9.95) 978-0-7148-7411-1

As they observe the shapes in this clever, appealing
board book, young readers will discover surprising
objects. Bold, colorful illustrations. (2-4)

• **B** **First Concepts in Mexican Folk Art in English
and Spanish series**

***ABeCedarios: Mexican Folk Art ABCs in English and
Spanish** (978-1-941026-66-3)

by Cynthia Weill, with K. B. Basseches, illustrated by
Moisés and Armando Jiménez

***Animal Talk: Mexican Folk Art Animal Sounds in
English and Spanish** (978-1-941026-69-4)

by Cynthia Weill, illustrated by Rubí Fuentes and Efraín
Broa

***Colores de la vida: Mexican Folk Art Colors in English
and Spanish** (978-1-941026-67-0)

by Cynthia Weill, illustrated by Oaxacan artists

***Count Me In!: A Parade of Mexican Folk Art Numbers
in English and Spanish** (978-1-941026-70-0)

by Cynthia Weill, illustrated by Guillermina, Josefina,
Irene, and Concepción Aguilar

***Opuestos: Mexican Folk Art Opposites in English and
Spanish** (978-1-941026-68-7)

by Cynthia Weill, illustrated by Quirino and Martín
Santiago

(Cinco Puntos Press, \$9.95 each)

Illustrated with photos of wooden and ceramic
sculptures, these bilingual board books will delight
English and Spanish readers alike. (1-3)

Grandma's Tiny House: A Counting Story!

by JaNay Brown-Wood, illustrated by Priscilla Burris
(Charlesbridge, \$16.99) 978-1-58089-712-9

Lively bold illustrations depict Grandma's tiny, tiny
house that is somehow big enough for numerous
friends and family to fit in. (3-6)

Hector the Collector

by Emily Beeny, illustrated by Stephanie Graegin
(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-62672-296-5

Hector is teased about his acorn collection, until his
classmates learn about the many kinds of collections
there are in the world. Pencil, watercolor, and ink
illustrations. (3-6)

B **Motor Mix: Flight**

by Emily Snape, illustrated by Rilla Alexander
(Chronicle Books, \$9.99) 978-1-4521-4839-7

Young readers will discover vehicles that fly above the
city, around the moon, and on the ocean. A cleverly
constructed flip book with digital artwork. (3-5)

B **Opposite Surprise**

written and illustrated by Agnese Baruzzi
(Minedition/Michael Neugebauer Publishing, \$12.99)

978-988-8341-37-5

Children learn opposites including "one and many" and
"closed and open" in this interactive pull-the-flap board
book. Colorful cartoonish illustrations with bold text.

(2-3)

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*Round

by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Tae-eun Yoo
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 978-0-544-38761-4
Poetic text celebrates round form, from the smallest
details of everyday life to the vast and ancient forces
that shape our world. Mixed-media illustrations. (4-6)



Time for Bed

written and illustrated by Thierry Bedouet
(Twirl/Editions Tourbillon/Chronicle, \$12.99)
978-2-74598-177-6
It's so hard to fall asleep without a little help or word of
comfort. Pull-tabs and mixed-media illustrations. (1-3)

Warthog: A Counting Adventure

by Birdie Black, illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw
(Nosy Crow/Candlewick, \$14.99) 978-0-7636-9323-7
A warthog goes on a counting adventure. Pull-down
flaps lead to surprises. Lively, mixed-media illustrations.
(3-5)

Holidays and Religion

Red & Lulu

written and illustrated by Matt Tavares
(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-7733-6
In this holiday ode, a cardinal miraculously unites with
his mate at the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center
after a frantic search. Detailed watercolor and gouache
illustrations. (4-6)

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Feathers and Hair: What Animals Wear

by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Jing Jing Tsong
(Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
978-1-4814-3081-4
Dynamic colors and richly textured illustrations of
various animal body coverings are woven seamlessly
into a simple rhyming text. End notes label each animal
with accompanying facts. (3-6)



Penguin Day: A Family Story

written and photographed by Nic Bishop
(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-20636-5
Vivid full-color photographs capture a day in the life of a
rockhopper penguin chick and its parents in Antarctica.
Author's note. (4-6)

Water, Little Water/Agua, agüita

by Jorge Tetl Argueta, illustrated by Felipe Ugalde
Alcántara, translated from the Spanish by Gabriela
Baeza Ventura
(Piñata Books/Arte Público, \$17.95) 978-1-55885-854-1
The life cycle of a droplet is told poetically in Spanish
and English. Nahuatl translation at the end. Lush mixed-
media illustrations. (4-6)

*Whose Poop Is That?

by Darrin Lunde, illustrated by Kelsey Oseid
(Charlesbridge, \$16.99) 978-1-57091-798-1
Guess which animal has left a "gift" behind! Amazing
digitally colored pen-and-ink illustrations. (4-6)