

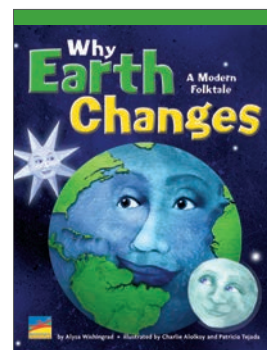
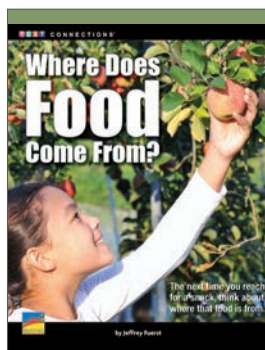
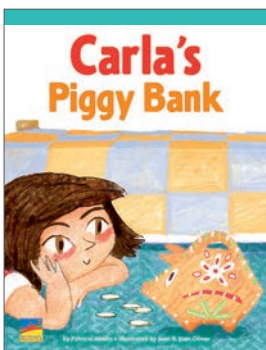
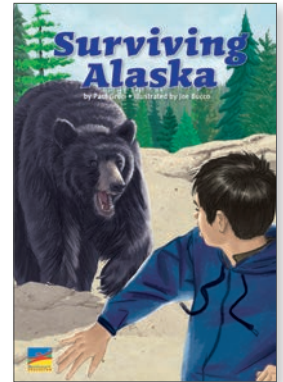
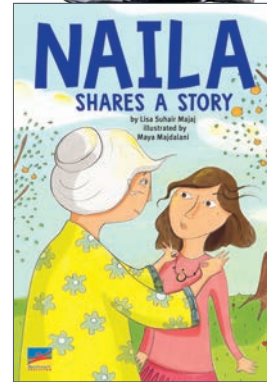
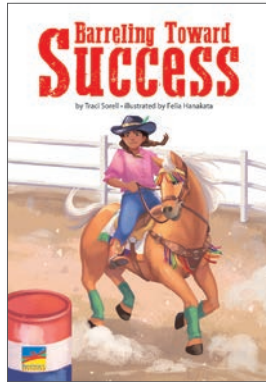
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Tom Reycraft
Co-Founder/CEO

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Co-Founder/President



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Developmental Category	Letter Level	Number Level	Grade Level	Lexile® Level Range		
Emergent	AA	1	PreK-K	BR40L*–230L		
	A	1	K			
	B	2				
	C	3, 4				
Emergent/Early	D	5, 6	1			
	E	7, 8				
Early	F	9, 10			1	190L–530L
	G	11, 12				
	H	13, 14				
	I	15, 16				
Early/Fluent	J	17, 18	2	420L–650L		
	K	19, 20				
	L	24				
	M	28				
Fluent	N	30	3	520L–820L		
	O	34				
	P	38, 40	4	740L–940L		
	Q	40				
	R	40				
	S	40, 50				
	Advanced Fluent	T	40, 50	5	830L–1010L	
		U	50			
V		50, 60	6	925L–1070L		
W		50, 60				
X		70				
Y		70, 80				
Z	80	7–8	970L–1185L			

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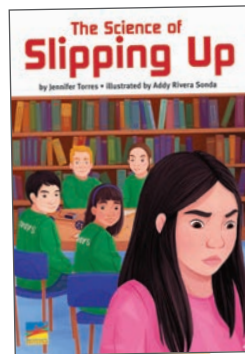
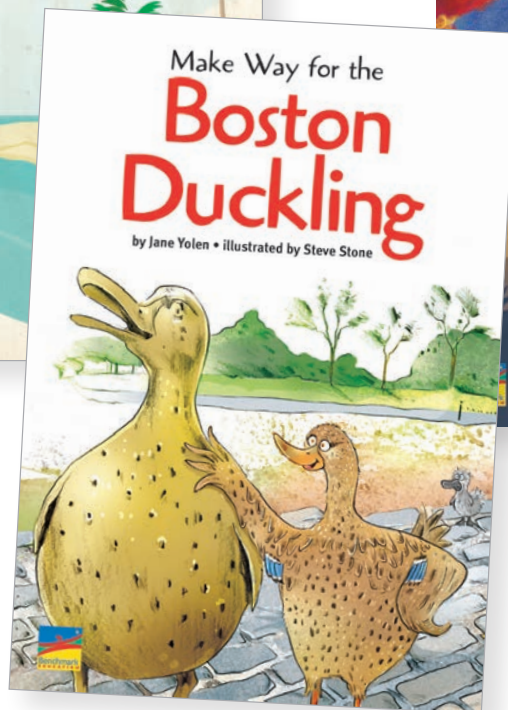
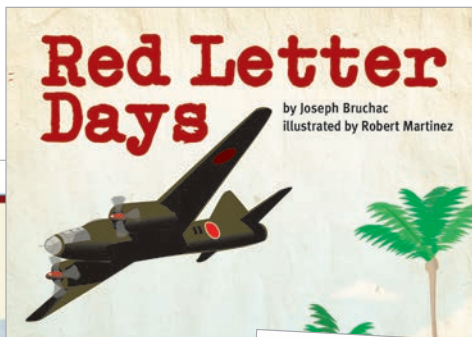


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Ibi Zoboi

Ibi Zoboi writes for children and teens. *American Street* is her first

book for teens, and her middle-grade novel, *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich*, will be published soon. Ibi started telling stories to herself and her friends in kindergarten. By the fourth grade, she wrote her stories down on looseleaf paper, stapled the pages, and drew a cover. Her favorite books to read are about the future and magical places. Ibi was born in Haiti and loves mangos and avocados.

Awards include: National Book Award Finalist, Young People's Literature 2017



Mathangi Subramanian

Mathangi Subramanian is an award-

winning writer, author, and educator. She is a former public school teacher, senior policy analyst for the New York City Council, and assistant vice president at Sesame Workshop. She has received various fellowships, including a Fulbright-Nehru Senior Scholarship, a Jacob Javits Fellowship, and an Office of Policy and Research Fellowship from Columbia Teachers College.

*Awards include: Runner Up, Reynolds Price Short Fiction Award from the Center for Women Writers for Perfectly Clear, 2016*Winner, South Asia Book Award*

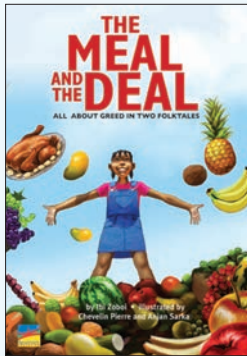


Oliver Chin

Oliver Chin has written 20 children's books including *Tales*

from the Chinese Zodiac, *Julie Black Belt*, and *The Discovery of Ramen: The Asian Hall of Fame*. He was the cartoonist of *The Harvard Crimson*, helped introduce Pokémon and Dragon Ball Z into America, and has taught thousands of kids how to make their own comic books. Oliver values reading because we can learn about ourselves, others, and our world.

Awards include: 9 of 1: A Window to the World (graphic novel) won Honorable Mention for the Gustavus Myers Award



The Meal and the Deal

The girls in this story are both hungry. But the greedy godmother and the rajah hoard the food. The girls will have to be clever and wise to outsmart them.



Pongal in Pennsylvania

Anu and Ram's mother, Amma, misses Pongal—an Indian celebration that is similar to Thanksgiving. Anu and Ram plan to bring Pongal to their Amma, but some Indian traditions don't translate to America. Will Amma like her surprise?



The Tao Twins' Trouble

Taylor and Tori Tao are identical twins, but they couldn't be more different from each other. They want to find a way to show their teachers and classmates their differences. But how far will they have to go to help everyone understand?

Award-Winning Voices

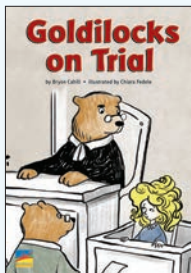


Bryon Cahill

Bryon Cahill has been a kid all his life and has been writing

for them since 2004. Bryon first fell in love with reading when he discovered E.B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. These days, Bryon lives by the shore in southern New Jersey, and spends many summer days building sandcastles on the beach and daydreaming with his own children.

*Awards include: 2014 New Jersey Human Relations Council Journalism Award*2010 Association of Educational Publishers' (AEP) Distinguished Achievement Awards*Won Best Web Site for "Edgar Allan Poe"*

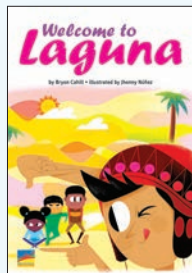


Goldilocks on Trial

Goldilocks is in trouble. She ate the Bear family's porridge. Mama, Papa, and Baby Bear are taking her to Woodland Court. See if she is found guilty or innocent.

Welcome to Laguna

Cameron, Ty, Frankie, Simone, and Deirdre are shooting an alien-invasion movie. When they hear the new kid speaking gibberish, suddenly the movie doesn't seem so fictional as they thought.

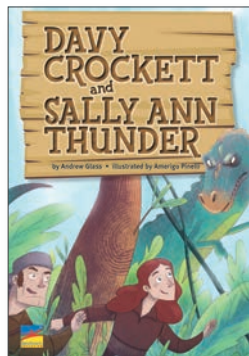


Andrew Glass

Andrew Glass is the award-winning author

and illustrator of books for young readers. He loves drawing wacky characters and telling their tall tales. His search for a modern tall tale led oddly enough to a nonfiction book, *Flying Cars: The True Story*.

Awards include: 1984 Newbery Honor, illustrator



Davy Crockett and Sally Ann Thunder

There are many tall tales told about Davy Crockett. In *Davy Crockett and Sally Ann Thunder*, Davy gets married to Sally Ann, and they time-travel on their honeymoon. Who doesn't want to spend their honeymoon in the time of the dinosaurs?



Art Coulson

Art Coulson is Cherokee from Oklahoma and comes from a

family of storytellers. Some of his earliest memories were of listening to stories and reading books on his grandmother's lap. He is the author of *The Creator's Game* and *Unstoppable*.

*Awards include: The Bear Award, Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce*Best National Newspaper Columnist, Native American Journalists Association*



The Reluctant Storyteller

Chooch is reluctant about many things—he is reluctant to be a storyteller like the rest of his family, and he is reluctant to spend spring break in the small town of Greasy, Oklahoma, with Uncle Dynamite. But Chooch will find out there's more than one way to tell a story.

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Acclaimed Authors Providing Mirrors, Windows,



Charles R. Smith Jr.

Charles R. Smith Jr. wears many hats. He is an

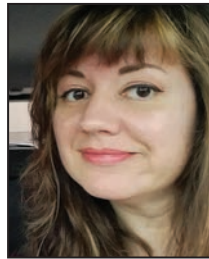
award-winning children's book author, photographer, poet, and fitness trainer. He even competed on season nine of *American Ninja Warrior!* With over thirty books to his credit, Charles has won numerous awards, particularly for reluctant readers, proving that kids that don't like to read still like to read his books.

*Awards include: 2008 Coretta Scott King Author Honor for Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali*2010 Coretta Scott King Illustrator winner for "My People" written by Langston Hughes*



The Blue Boys

On a class trip, Jonny sees a painting of a boy who looks very familiar—the boy looks just like him. It is a painting called *The Blue Boy*, from the eighteenth century. They even have the same name! Jonny starts to wonder what it would be like to be the Blue Boy, but Jonny should be careful what he wishes for.



Gwendolyn Zepeda

Gwendolyn Zepeda was born in

Houston, Texas, and attended the University of Texas at Austin. She was among the first Latina bloggers and began her writing career on the Web in 1997 as one of the founding writers of entertainment site Television Without Pity. Since that time, Zepeda has published acclaimed novels, children's books, a short-story collection, and poems.

*Awards include: Houston's first Poet Laureate, 2013 to 2015*2014 NALAC Houston Honors, the National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures*Texas Library Association 2011*Lariat Reading List (Best of 2010's Adult Fiction): Lone Star Legend*



Lexi's Lantern

Lexi and her parents are in Bangkok, Thailand, to visit family. When her dad loses his watch, Lexi makes it her mission to find it. When Lexi begins her search, she finds that exploring Bangkok is just as much fun as looking for her father's watch.



Claudia Oviedo

Claudia Oviedo has written several books

for kids under various names for the last 10 years. She now lives in Chicago after spending her early years in sunny western Texas. When Claudia is not driving her daughter Penny to dance classes, they are checking out books together from the Chicago Public Library, one of their favorite places in the world.

*Awards include: 2009 Paterson Prize for Books for Young People*2008 Texas Institute of Letters Best Young Adult Book Award*2009 Americas Award Commendation*2015 Texas Institute of Letters Best Young Adult Book*



Esme Solis, Superstar

Brush, step, heel. Step, heel, drop. Esme practices being a superstar in front of the mirror every night. Will she be ready for her school's Superstar Showcase?

and Sliding Glass Doors to a Diverse World



Lisa Suhair Majaj

Lisa Suhair Majaj is a Palestinian American writer

living in Cyprus. Her poetry, creative nonfiction, and critical essays have appeared in many journals and anthologies across the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. She is co-editor of three volumes of critical essays on women writers, and the author of two books of poetry.

*Awards include: Winner of the Del Sol Press Poetry Prize*Multiple Pushcart Prize nominations*

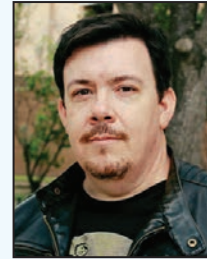


Derrick Barnes

Derrick Barnes loves writing books for

children and young adults. In 2018, Barnes won the Ezra Jack Keats Award, Coretta Scott King Author Honor, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor, Newbury Honor, and Caldecott Honor for his book *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*.

*Awards include: Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award 2018*Coretta Scott King Author Honor 2018**

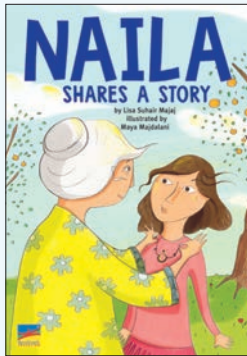


David Bowles

David Bowles is a Mexican American author from the very

tip of Texas. His childhood was filled with the magical tales by his grandmother, who encouraged him to read. When he is not writing or traveling, he loves making music and learning new languages.

*Awards include: Flower, Song, Dance: Aztec and Mayan Poetry: awarded the Texas Institute of Letters' 2014 Soeurette Diehl Fraser Award for Best Translation*TOP SHELF Book Review Column: received a 2014 Texas Associated Press Managing Editors' Headliners Excellence in Journalism Award for Comment and Criticism*The Smoking Mirror was selected as a Pura Belpré Honor Book in 2016 by the American Library Association*Inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters in 2017*



Naila Shares a Story

It is hard for Naila when she moves to the United States from Jordan. The English is different, the people are different, and the food is different. But Naila has her grandmother's words of advice to help her: "Don't forget to share the special things about you with the people you meet."



Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Missing Muffins

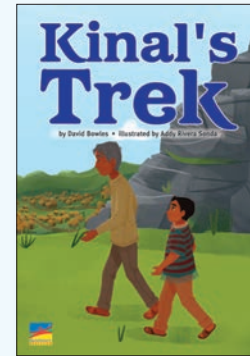
Grandpa's famous blueberry muffins have disappeared!

Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Broken Window

Bex and Team Thunderfeet are in a backyard kickball championship when a window mysteriously breaks.

Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Missing Gecko

Bex is on the case looking for clues about the lizard's whereabouts.



Kinal's Trek

Kinal is the last healthy person in the kingdom of Kabah. Everyone else has fallen sick from a mysterious illness. When his mother asks him to find a healer from an enemy kingdom, Kinal sets out on a journey to save his people.



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Gwendolyn Hooks

Gwendolyn Hooks is the author of 20

books for children. She writes both fiction and nonfiction to encourage children to explore their world. Readers will find pets, friendship, and family sprinkled throughout Gwendolyn's stories because that's what inspires her.

*Awards include: NAACP Image Award Winner: Outstanding Literary Work – Children 2017*Listed as one of The Best Children's Books of the Year, 2017 Edition by Bank Street College of Education*Booklist STAR review*Booklist's Top Ten Science and Health Books for Youth List*New York Public Library Recommends New Nonfiction for Kids*New York Public Library 100 Best Books for Kids*



Nathan and the Secret Project

Nathan just moved to a new town. He notices there is something strange about one of his new neighbors. Every time Nathan sees Mr. Trams, Mr. Trams has a new dog. But Nathan's new friend, Gabby, says Mr. Trams doesn't even own a dog. Can Nathan and Gabby solve the mystery?



Frances E. Ruffin

Frances E. Ruffin, a New Yorker, is an

award-winning author of more than 40 books for young readers. She has written biographies of Civil Rights leaders and of women who lived legendary lives. Some of her books are about animals: from cats to whales and red-tailed hawks. One of her books about heroic dogs won a Henry Berg Children's Award from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

*Awards include: 2006 Winner, Henry Bergh Children's Book Awards from the ASPCA*2007 Winner of the AEP Distinguished Achievement Award for Social Studies Instruction K–5*



Finding Jacob

Since the end of the Civil War, Louisa has been working for a family in Maryland. One day she gets a letter from New York that changes everything.

I Was There

When Tim tries to find a way to stand up to a school bully, he's surprised to learn that historical events can help him make the right decision.



Shenaaz Nanji

Shenaaz Nanji likes to think of herself as a

squid who lives in under the sea, but surfaces occasionally to read and write. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Vermont College. Her publications include 11 award-winning picture books, short stories, and novels. She lives in the city of Calgary in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. She has been chased by a monkey, almost fed a giraffe, and swam with sting rays.

*Awards include: Governor General: Finalist, Children's Literature, 2008*Manitoba Young Readers Choice: Finalist, 2010*Rhode Island Teen Book: Finalist, 2010*



Ring of Remembrance

Bharat finds a lost ring in the river and embarks on a journey that leads to a surprising discovery.

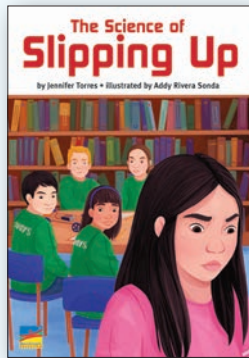
Authors



Jennifer Torres

Jennifer Torres is the author of multiple middle-grade novels. She started her writing career as a newspaper reporter. She still writes for magazines and is still passionate about the news. Jennifer's fiction is inspired by her Mexican American heritage, and she hopes her books help show young readers that their voices and their stories matter.

*Awards include: Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List, 2017*Junior Library Guild Selection, 2015 and 2017*Lee & Low: New Voices Award for Children's Writing, 2011*California Newspaper Publishers Association: First Place for Investigative/Enterprise Reporting, 2008*Education Writers Association: Special Citation, 2006 and 2007*



The Science of Slipping Up

Soraya is doing homework in the school library when the robotics club draws her attention. Soraya knows as much about building things as the club members do—probably more. But she is afraid to join them. She's afraid of slipping up.



Joseph Bruchac

For over 30 years Joseph Bruchac has been creating poetry, short stories, novels, anthologies, and music that reflect his Native American heritage and traditions. He is the author of more than 120 books for children and adults.

*Awards include: Justice Studies Association Social Activist Award*American Indian Library Association Young Adult Fiction Award*Western Writers of America Spur Award*



Red Letter Days

Tommy is away at a Native American boarding school, and his uncle George is in the Pacific, fighting in World War II. The unique letters they exchange help them both through some hard times.

Coyote Tales

Coyote is a trickster in the Native American storytelling tradition. He is greedy in the Lakota tale "Coyote Goes to the Dance," but helpful in the Nez Perce tale "Coyote and the Swallowing Hill."



F. Isabel Campoy

F. Isabel Campoy is the author of numerous children's books in the areas of poetry, theatre, stories, biographies, and art. As a researcher she has published extensively, bringing to the curriculum an awareness of the richness of the Hispanic culture. She is an internationally recognized scholar devoted to the study of language acquisition, a field in which she started publishing in 1973.

*Awards include: San Francisco Public Library Laureate Award (2003)*University of San Francisco's Reading the World Award (2005)*National Association of Bilingual Education Ramon Santiago Award (2016)*



Ready to Fight the Wind

Lorena is excited to receive her first paycheck for her newspaper delivery job, until she realizes she is paid much less than her brother for the same job. Lorena is then faced with a difficult choice: go back to her job and receive unequal pay or quit. But Lorena meets Miss Ella, who proposes a third option.



Beautiful Illustrations and Enchanting Stories



Lyn Miller-Lachmann

Lyn Miller-Lachmann is a native

of Houston, Texas. A graduate of Princeton University, she has a Master of Arts in Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and edited the journal *MultiCultural Review* for 16 years. In 2012 she received a Master of Fine Arts in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts.

*Awards include: ALA/YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, 2010*2010 Americas Award Honor Book*2010 Bank Street Best Children's Books list*



Jane Yolen

Jane Yolen, author of over 360 published books, is often

called “The Hans Christian Andersen of America,” especially relevant because Andersen wrote the original “Ugly Duckling” story. Ms. Yolen has won many awards for her writing, and six honorary doctorates for her body of work. She lives in western Massachusetts in the fall and winter, but spends late spring and summer in Scotland where she writes many of her books.

*Awards include: 1987 Special World Fantasy Award (for Favorite Folktales From Around the World)*1992 The Catholic Library Association's Regina Medal (for her body of children's literature)*



Paul Greci

Paul Greci has made Alaska his home for 30 years. When

he's not writing or teaching, Paul spends lots of time exploring the Alaskan wilderness on foot and by kayak. He has seen black bears fishing for salmon, a pair of bald eagles building a nest, and polar bears gnawing on a whale carcass. The only thing Paul likes better than reading and writing stories set in the wilderness is being in the wilderness.

*Awards include: Surviving Bear Island—2015 Junior Library Guild Selection*2016 Scholastic Reading Club Selection*

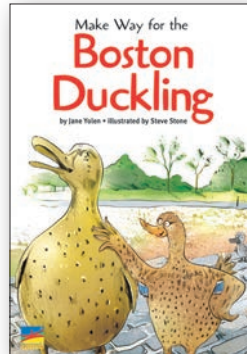


Trouble at Sea

Anna wishes for adventure as she heads to England aboard the ship *Lusitania*. She meets the professor who tells her she has to be careful what she wishes for. On May 7, 1915, Anna's life changes forever.

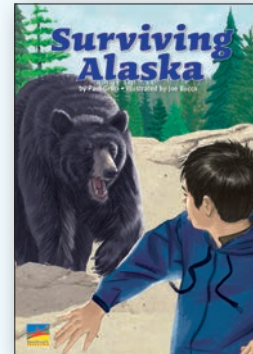
The Cooking Gene

Ben misses his Bubby, or grandma, and the yummy food she made. Then Ben has an idea to cook her dishes himself. Does Ben really have the cooking gene, like his grandma?



Make Way for the Boston Duckling

Quark is not like his brothers and sisters. He doesn't have an orange beak, and he doesn't have soft, fluffy feathers. Can Quark learn to look past what makes him different and notice how he is special?



Surviving Alaska

Willie and his dad are at their fishing cabin when Willie's dad breaks his leg. Cut off from the world, Willie has to hike to a friend's cabin to call for help. Can Willie make the twelve-mile hike before nightfall?

Captivate Young Readers



Robert Liu-Trujillo

Robert Liu-Trujillo is a lifelong artist

who loves children's books. He is the author and illustrator of *Furqan's First Flat Top*. He loves ice cream, singing, the public library, social justice, and watching videos of stop-motion animation. He lives in Oakland with his wife and son.

*Awards include: Artist in Residence at Mobilize the Immigrant Vote*Featured author on Latinos in Kid Lit 2016*



Judith Bauer Stamper

Judith Bauer Stamper grew up on a farm in

Ohio. She had lots of pets—lamb, chickens, calves, dogs, and cats. Today she has just one pet—a cat named Stinky. She never dreamed that she would grow up to be a writer. Now she has written over a hundred books for children.

*Awards include: Children's Choice Award, More Tales for the Midnight Hour, 1982*Oppenheimer Toy Award, The Red Hen, 1998*Silver Burdett & Ginn World of Reading Readers' Choice Award, 1990*National Council for the Social Studies/Children's Book Council Notable Book, Eco-Dogs, 2011*



Sue Williams

Sue Williams lives at the bottom of the world in Australia,

the home of kangaroos, koalas, boomerangs, and people who love adventures. She lived the first half of her life in England, before visiting Australia; she loved it so much that she never left. Sue lives in Sydney, where she can see the Opera House from her apartment balcony, with her partner and their two cats, Mac and Pepper.

Awards include: Shortlisted for the International 2006 Gold Dagger Award for the world's best crime nonfiction



Hana on Stage

Hana Domínguez has a knack for building things. While planning to build a stage for her cat, Purple, she stumbles upon the idea of performing herself. Will Hana be able to take center stage in her local theater's musical revue?



Pura Vida

James and his family move to the rain forest of Costa Rica for a year so his mom and dad can study the endangered squirrel monkey. While there, James helps a park ranger, Mateo, protect an endangered tree from loggers.

Through the Storm

When Pa gets called away and Ma hurts her ankle, it is up to Henry and Clara to take care of the farm. Will they make it until Pa returns?



Everest Dreaming

Ness has been dreaming of climbing Mt. Everest since she was eight years old. It seems like a big task for anyone, let alone Ness, who has cerebral palsy. On her sixteenth birthday, her mother makes a deal with her, and Ness discovers Everest might be within her grasp.

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Jerry Craft

Jerry Craft is an author and illustrator who has worked on

numerous picture books, graphic novels, and middle-grade novels. Jerry has earned recognition from the Junior Library Guild, and has won five African American Literary Awards. He is a co-founder and co-producer of the Schomburg's Annual Black Comic Book Festival which has drawn close to 40,000 fans since its inception in 2013.

Awards include: Glyph Awards, 2013—Best Comic Strip or Webcomic African American Literary Awards Show Open Book Awards, 2004 and 2009*



Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

was born and raised on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. She is retired from 25 years as an educator. Her first book was published in 1972. Since then she has published 27 books, numerous short stories, articles, and poems.

Awards include: National Humanities Medal, 2000 Human Rights Award, South Dakota State Counselors Association, 1996* Author-Illustrator Human and Civil Rights Award, 1996* Spirit of Crazy Horse Award, 1996* South Dakota Education Association Human Services Award, 1994* Native American Prose Award, University of Nebraska Press, 1992* Woman of Achievement, National Federation of Press Women, 1975*

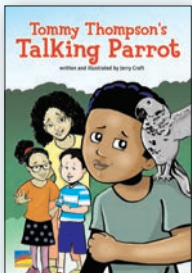


Sari Wilson

Sari Wilson grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where she

often walked into parking meters because her nose was in a book. Now she writes stories that she hopes transport readers to other times and places. She is the author of several books, including *State of Emergency* and *Girl Through Glass*.

Awards include: Nominated for a Pushcart Prize Long-Listed for First Novel Prize from Center for Fiction* Awarded Wallace Stegner Creative Writing Fellowship* Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center Fellowship* Residency from The Corporation of Yaddo*

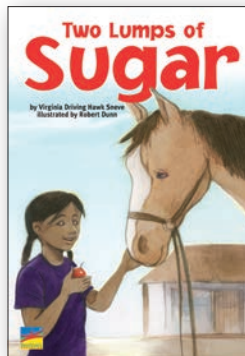


Tommy Thompson's Talking Parrot

Tommy is excited to bring his talking parrot to school for show-and-tell. But in class, Clarence won't talk. How will Tommy prove he has a talking bird?

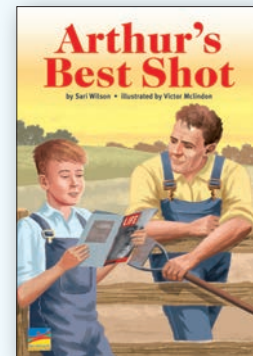
The Big Race

Devin, Danny, and Amrita are three best friends who are training together for a race during the annual Town Day. Devin is training to be with his friends. Danny is desperate to defeat his successful older sister, Amrita. Who will win the big race?



Two Lumps of Sugar

Marie is enjoying her time on her grandparents' farm, and she especially loves to ride their horse, Nelly. When her grandpa gets hurt, Marie and Nelly save the day.



Arthur's Best Shot

When Arthur's family has to move back to their family farm during the Great Depression, Arthur dedicates himself to farmwork. Then, one day, a librarian rides in on horseback with books and magazines. The librarian, Alice, gives Arthur a tattered book that will change his life forever.

Celebrated Authors



Niki Daly

Niki's heart-warming stories and exuberant illustrations

depicting children's lives in South Africa are enjoyed around the world. Born in 1946, Niki started writing and illustrating during the 1970s while living in London. In 1980 Niki returned to South Africa, where literacy and reading has become one of his passionate causes.

*Awards include: The Katrine Harries Award and U.S. Parents' Choice Award, 1986*Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award, 1996*The New York Times Literary Supplement One of the Year's Best Illustrated Books, 1996*Honor Winner in the U.S. Children's Africana Book Awards, 2004*ALA Notable Children's Book, 2000*Parents' Choice Silver Award, 2000*



Whale Coast Caper

Cyrus is excited to go to South Africa with his father on a business trip. He imagines hanging out in luxury beachfront hotels. When Cyrus arrives at a bed-and-breakfast in a small town on the Whale Coast, he soon learns that his South African trip isn't what he planned it to be.

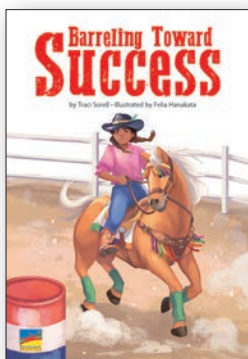


Traci Sorell

Traci Sorell loves writing books for children. She grew up in

rural northeastern Oklahoma where her tribe, the Cherokee Nation, is located. Many of her stories are about Cherokee children, families, culture, and history. She writes the stories she wishes would have been in her classroom texts or at the library when she was younger. When she was a child, she never found any culturally accurate books to read about Cherokee or other indigenous people.

Awards include: First Peoples Fund Fellowship Award



Barrelling Toward Success

Autumn and her horse, Usdi, may be small, but they are determined to be great barrel racers. But Autumn is nervous. She isn't sure if they are good enough to qualify for the Indian National Finals Rodeo.



Nguyen Phan Que Mai

Nguyen Phan Que Mai is the author and

translator of 17 books of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction, published in Vietnam and the United States. Born in a small village in the north of Vietnam in 1973, Que Mai migrated with her family to the Mekong Delta, south of Vietnam, when she was six years old. Currently working toward her Ph.D. in Creative Writing, her main research area is the long-lasting impact of wars.

*Awards include: Poetry of the Year 2010 Award from the Hanoi Writers' Association*Capital's Literature & Arts Award, First Prize, Earth Cakes and Sky Cakes*



Earth Cakes and Sky Cakes

Hoa's parents keep fighting, and the last place she wants to be is in her grandparents' village. When she hears the story of Lang Liêu and his earth and sky cakes, she gets excited. Can making the cakes with her family bring them closer together?



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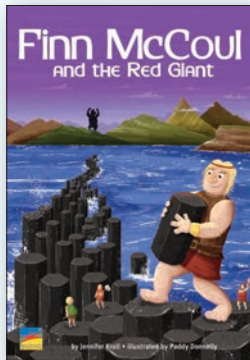


Jennifer Kroll

Jennifer Kroll has been writing and editing

publications for kids and teens for almost 20 years. She studied mythology, folklore, English, and writing at the University of Notre Dame and Auburn University. Jennifer has a great fondness for mythic giants. She lives in Hamden, Connecticut, which is known as the “Land of the Sleeping Giant.” It is called that because a big rock ridge in the north of Hamden is shaped like a sleeping giant.

*Awards include: 2011 Storytelling World Resource Award Honor Book*2017 AAP REVERE Award*



Finn McCoul and the Red Giant

“I never lose. I always win. For I am Finn McCoul of Ireland. I’m big and strong and tough and mighty, And, no man out there would dare to fight me!” Read this book to find out what happens when the Red Giant of Scotland comes to Ireland.



Said Salah Ahmed

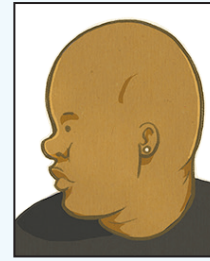
Said Salah Ahmed is a lifetime

educator and presently teaches Somali Language and Culture at the University of Minnesota. He worked with the Minnesota Humanities Center on their Somali children’s books. For the project, he wrote *Lion’s Share* in both Somali and English. He has taught in Minnesota’s public schools and is actively engaged in its Somali American youth and community issues.



Warsame

Warsame struggles to adapt to his new home in Minnesota. It can be hard being the new kid at school. But sometimes looking back can help find the way forward.



Joel Christian Gill

Joel Christian Gill is an American

cartoonist, comics artist, graphic novelist, and author of four graphic novels. His series of graphic novels highlight little-known and uncelebrated historic African Americans and the contributions they made to American history.



The Girl Who Met the Greatest Lawman

In Old West Oklahoma, Carrie Anne overhears two outlaws planning a crime outside her parents’ store. She tries to warn her parents about the outlaws, but they won’t listen. In the middle of the night, there is a knock on Carrie Anne’s door: It’s Bass Reeves, the first black marshal. Will Bass Reeves be able to bring the outlaws to justice?

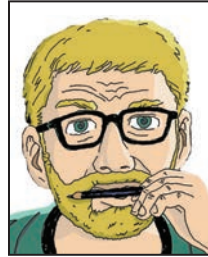
Instruction



Chuck Gonzales

Chuck Gonzales is an author/illustrator

living in Brooklyn, New York, and Providence, Rhode Island. He illustrated the OMG column in *TigerBeat* magazine for over a decade, designed the characters for a Nick Jr. show called *Swoosh*, and illustrated the Worst-Case Scenario Junior Edition series. He is the author and illustrator of the graphic novel *Oscar the Mighty*. He's excited to be writing about a topic as important to young people as keeping our planet clean and green.



Mike Rosler

Mike Rosler is a comics writer who lives in NYC. As a kid, he loved urban legends—especially about New York City's "sewer gators." This is his version of the tale.



Monica Mici

Monica Mici, illustrator, is a comic book artist from New York City

who is always doodling when not snacking or sleeping. She loves drawing animals, creatures, and fun characters that go on exciting adventures.



Eco Hero

In the year 2080, the world has become a garbage-filled desert, crawling with garbage monsters. One day, Elena and her brother, Carlos, battle a shapeshifting garbage monster. With help from Vera the Oracle, they learn that the world wasn't always so barren. And Elena has powers she didn't know she had—powers to be the Eco Hero.



Mystery of the Sewer Gators

A horrible storm is about to hit Metro City. While preparing for the storm, Eva starts to hear rumors of sewer gators, alligators who were once pets but were abandoned and now wander about. Could it really be true?

★ = Authentic Literature

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Teacher's Guide

Get Involved in Your Community



Genre: Informational Text
Text Level: K/20–M/28
Lexile®: 610L–640L
Word Count: 1,411
Additional Materials

- Level K Informational Prompting Card
- Writing materials

Summary
 This book has two texts. Text 1 looks at the jobs and duties of student council positions. Text 2 focuses on volunteer opportunities in a community and the reasons for volunteering.

Learning Goals

- Ask and answer questions.
- Draw inferences and discuss key details.
- Apply Level K reading behaviors.

Responsive Teaching: Small-Group Reading

Based on your observational notes and progress-monitoring oral reading records, identify specific behaviors you want to support with each student. Use the language on the Level K Informational Prompting Card to scaffold their development.

Session 1: Build Reading Behaviors

Focus (2 min.)

Engage

Briefly introduce the book to help students engage with meaning and activate strategies. Allow students to preview the book on their own.

• What did you notice about the book with their own eyes?

Tell students they will read the book together.

Build Social Awareness

Help students build social awareness by discussing the book's theme.

• As you are reading, think about how the community helps the people.

• How do you think the community can help you?

EL Vocabulary

• Words are unfamiliar to you.

• Pre-teach words that are important to the text.

• Don't know what a word means?

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Session 1: Build Reading Behaviors

Discuss the Text (3–5 min.)

Revisit Inferences and Discuss Key Details

Have students revisit their before-reading inferences. Which inferences were confirmed? Which were not? If possible, refer them to an existing anchor chart.

- What were some of the inferences you made about this book based on the headings and photographs? Did what you read match what you thought when you previewed the book?
- Turn to your shoulder partner and share something you learned about being on a student council.
- Identify a role in the student council that interests you the most. Turn to your partner and explain why you are interested in that role and why you would like to be involved with the student council.

Continue the discussion about elections, the functions of a student council, the different jobs and responsibilities, and what students can contribute as you monitor students' comprehension of the text.

Build Social and Emotional Mindfulness

Help students build social awareness by revising the question "Why is it important to get involved?" Invite students to share their understanding of why contributing to the community is vital.

EL Support for English Learners

- You may want to do a think-aloud with students to remind them how to draw inferences and discuss key details.
- Provide key words as anchors to support discussing the content of the text (examples: student council, secretary, representative).

Sample Share

• Before I read about serving on the student council, I never really thought much about running for office. Now I understand that the school student council helps the school, and helps students develop important skills. I think I could be a treasurer. I'm good with money, I'm responsible, and I like working with other people.

Discussion Sentence Frames

• Before I read the book, I thought that ____, because on page ____ I noticed that _____. As I read, I learned that _____.

Share, Reflect and Transfer (2 min.)

Apply the Strategy

Work with students to apply the reading strategy you modeled. Encourage them to practice transferring this strategy to their independent reading.

Barbara Andrews


Developing well-practiced routines for helping students have collaborative conversations is imperative.

Sample Strategy Application

• When you are reading Text 2, ask questions about the headings and the photographs as you encounter each section. Continue reading the text to find the answers to your questions.

Text Evidence Questions

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The questions on this card ask students to apply these text-dependent strategies:

- Ask and Answer Questions to Show Understanding
- Determine Main Idea and Recount Key Details
- Describe Connections Between Events or Ideas
- Determine the Meaning of Words and Phrases

Get Involved in Your Community

Level¹: K/20-M/28
Lexile²: 610L-640L


Ways to Use This Card

The reproducible questions on this card provide opportunities for students to read, analyze, and answer questions by finding text evidence. These questions reflect the item types students will encounter on new standardized reading assessments.

Guided Practice Work with students in small groups to answer these questions, providing support as needed to help them reread and identify text evidence.

Independent or Partner Practice Copy, cut out, and distribute the questions. Have students work independently or with a partner to answer assigned questions and respond in one of the following ways:

Annotate the Text	Have students use self-stick notes to mark text evidence and make other notations.
Annotate the E-Book	Have students use the highlighting and sticky note tools to respond to the question.
Write Answers and Evidence	Have students prepare written responses to questions or respond using a graphic organizer.
Respond Orally	Meet with students individually or in a small group and ask them to explain their answers and the evidence they used.



*Standards Close-Up books include text within a range of reading and Lexile² levels. The leveling bar indicates the leveled reading level of the book within this program.
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1 Get Involved in Your Community
How do the student council members help the school?

2 Get Involved in Your Community
What does the text tell you about the student council members?

3 Get Involved in Your Community Standards Close-Up
What student council position might a student who is good at math want? Use text evidence to support your answer.

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4 Get Involved in Your Community Standards Close-Up
What steps should a student council take before holding a bake sale?

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5 Get Involved in Your Community Standards Close-Up
What steps did students at Jefferson Elementary follow to raise money for a new playground?

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Text Evidence Question Cards

Provides Teachers with Reproducible Questions to Help Students Access Complex Text


- 10 text-dependent questions per card at various DOK levels
- Answer key for quick assessment
- Tips for guided, independent, or partner practice

The collage shows several examples of the question cards and their corresponding answer keys. Each card includes a question, a space for the student's answer, and a space for the teacher to provide feedback. The answer keys provide detailed responses to each question, often citing specific text evidence from the book.

Small-Group Texts
















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Grade K				
Where Do They Live?	Life Science	Science	A	NF
Big Animals	Life Science	Science	A	NF
Tasty Fruit	Life Science	Science	B	NF
Who Is in the Tree?	Life Science	Science	B	NF
How Dragonflies Change	Life Science	Science	C	NF
Where Do Plants Grow?	Life Science	Science	C	NF
Frog and the Forest	Life Science	Science	D	F
Red the Horse	Life Science	Science	D	F
The Parts of a Plant	Life Science	Science	E	NF
My New Dog	Character	Literature	A	F
Dad Can	Character	Literature	A	F
I Play	Character	Literature	B	F
I See	Character	Literature	B	F
Yago Helps a Lot	Character	Literature	C	F
I Can	Character	Literature	C	F
















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Grade K				
Flora the Iguana Can Fly	Character	Literature	D	F
Cows of Many Colors	Character	Literature	D	F
Who Lives in This Cave?	Character	Literature	D	F
A School Day	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	D	F
I Go Downtown	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	A	F
What Is on the Table?	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	A	NF
Who Is in My House?	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	B	NF
The Little Dogs and Mom	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	C	F
They Like to Help	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	C	NF
At School	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	D	F
What Symbols Do You See?	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	D	NF
One Scary Bike Ride	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	E	F
Who Do You See?	Point of View	Literature	A	F
Who Comes Along?	Point of View	Literature	A	F
Where Are the Animals?	Point of View	Literature	B	F
















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 I Am Having Fun	Point of View	Literature	B	F
 May I Go Fly?	Point of View	Literature	C	F
 A Good Trip	Point of View	Literature	C	F
 Dog Reads	Point of View	Literature	D	F
 Brave Jim	Point of View	Literature	D	F
 Miso Meows	Point of View	Literature	E	F
 Tools for Seeing	Technology & Society	Science	A	NF
 What I Hear	Technology & Society	Science	A	NF
 My Story	Technology & Society	Social Studies	B	NF
 Bess and Jess	Technology & Society	Social Studies	B	F
 Science Tools	Technology & Society	Science	C	NF
 Teachers Are Important	Technology & Society	Social Studies	C	NF
 We Can Move Things	Technology & Society	Science	D	NF
 All About Maps	Technology & Society	Social Studies	D	NF
 Junk Is My Art	Technology & Society	Social Studies	E	NF













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 Today!	Theme	Literature	A	F
 We Play Ball	Theme	Literature	A	F
 Arctic Animals	Theme	Literature	B	F
 Things We Like to Do	Theme	Literature	B	F
 It Is Hot!	Theme	Literature	C	F
 Jonah Is a Leader	Theme	Literature	C	F
 Rainy Day Adventure	Theme	Literature	D	F
 Bear's Adventure	Theme	Literature	D	F
 The Day the Rooster Slept Late	Theme	Literature	E	F
 Dad's Birthday	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	A	NF
 The Party	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	A	NF
 A Party at the Zoo	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	B	F
 What I Like to Do	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	B	NF
 A Mariachi Band	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	C	NF
 Make a Plan of the Library	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	C	NF

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
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 The Best Thanksgiving Ever!	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	D	NF
 It's Sunday!	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	D	F
 Presidents' Day	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	E	NF
 The Boat Trip	Earth Science	Science	A	F
 What Can I See?	Earth Science	Science	A	NF
 My Friend the Sun	Earth Science	Science	B	NF
 The Sun	Earth Science	Science	B	NF
 Water	Earth Science	Science	C	NF
 My Weather Log	Earth Science	Science	C	NF
 The Puddle	Earth Science	Science	D	NF
 Let's Check the Weather	Earth Science	Science	D	F
 A World Without Water	Earth Science	Science	E	NF
 Healthy Habits	Economics	Social Studies	A	NF
 They Eat Well	Economics	Social Studies	A	NF
 Food on the Ranch	Economics	Social Studies	B	F
















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 Fun at the Playground	Economics	Social Studies	B	NF
 What Can They Do?	Economics	Social Studies	C	NF
 Our Favorite Meal	Economics	Social Studies	C	NF
 A Busy Bear	Economics	Social Studies	D	F
 What Do You Like to Do?	Economics	Social Studies	D	NF
 Clean Up!	Economics	Social Studies	E	F
 Changing Colors	Physical Science	Science	A	F
 They Are Big!	Physical Science	Science	A	NF
 What Is Heavier?	Physical Science	Science	B	NF
 Science Outside	Physical Science	Science	B	NF
 Look at This	Physical Science	Science	C	NF
 Pony's Cart	Physical Science	Science	C	F
 A Hot Day	Physical Science	Science	D	F
 I Like Energy	Physical Science	Science	D	NF
 Push and Pull in the Garden	Physical Science	Science	E	NF

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Grade 1				
 Animals Are Different	Life Science	Science	C	NF
 Neighbors at Play	Life Science	Science	D	F
 Gus's Tree Trip	Life Science	Science	E	F
 Plants	Life Science	Science	F	NF
 I Want a Pound of Plums!	Life Science	Science	F	F
 Mammals	Life Science	Science	G	NF
 An Adventure at the Zoo	Life Science	Science	G	F
 The Rain Forest	Life Science	Science	H	NF
 Reptiles	Life Science	Science	H	NF
 Incredible Birds	Life Science	Science	I	NF
 The Secrets of Soil	Life Science	Science	J	NF
 Dinosaur Bone Doctor	Life Science	Science	K	NF
 Betty the Bee	Character	Literature	C	F
 The Treasure Map	Character	Literature	D	F
 A Wolf, a Girl, and Her Grandma	Character	Literature	E	F
















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Grade 1				
 Elena and Luisa Switch Houses	Character	Literature	F	F
 Carla's Piggy Bank	Character	Literature	F	F
 Susie Sunflower	Character	Literature	G	F
 Rescue in the Amazon River	Character	Literature	G	F
 The Prince and the Three Oranges	Character	Literature	H	F
 Andre's Dream	Character	Literature	H	F
 Stormy Stuart	Character	Literature	I	F
 Saving Squirt	Character	Literature	J	F
 Blanca and the Animals	Character	Literature	K	F
 Students Vote	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	C	NF
 I Can Help	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	D	NF
 A Neighborhood of Friends	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	E	NF
 The Great Seal of the United States	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	F	NF
 Where Is the President?	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	F	F
 Monuments for Presidents	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	G	NF

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Grade 1				
 Our Classroom Rules	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	G	NF
 Citizenship	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	H	NF
 Susan B. Casts a Ballot	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	H	F
 Let's Vote!	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	I	F
 The President of the United States	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	J	NF
 Red, White, and Bloom	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	K	F
 Jin and Pedro Get to Work!	Point of View	Literature	C	F
 A Day at the Beach	Point of View	Literature	D	F
 The Band	Point of View	Literature	E	F
 The Piñata	Point of View	Literature	F	F
 My Favorite Holiday	Point of View	Literature	F	F
 The Flight of the Eagles	Point of View	Literature	G	F
 Salsa, Maestro!	Point of View	Literature	G	F
 A Mysterious Light	Point of View	Literature	H	F
 An Adventure in a Hot-Air Balloon	Point of View	Literature	H	F
















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Grade 1				
 Juan and Claudia's Stand	Point of View	Literature	I	F
 A Bowl of Dust	Point of View	Literature	J	F
 My Wish	Point of View	Literature	K	F
 We Are Firefighters	Technology & Society	Science	C	NF
 Technology Brings Us Together	Technology & Society	Science	D	NF
 A Bridge in San Francisco	Technology & Society	Social Studies	E	NF
 My Mom Makes Cars	Technology & Society	Science	F	F
 Changes in the Kitchen	Technology & Society	Science	F	NF
 Carlos Noriega	Technology & Society	Science	G	NF
 Becoming a Veterinarian	Technology & Society	Social Studies	G	NF
 A Trip to the Past, Present, and Future	Technology & Society	Social Studies	H	F
 On the Move: Travel by Land, Sea, and Air	Technology & Society	Social Studies	H	NF
 What Time Is It?	Technology & Society	Science	I	NF
 Tools We Use	Technology & Society	Social Studies	J	NF
 Opinions About Computers	Technology & Society	Social Studies	K	NF

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Grade 1				
 Sam Can't Sleep	Theme	Literature	C	F
 Ajay's Big Move	Theme	Literature	D	F
 The Shepherd and the Wolf	Theme	Literature	E	F
 The King's Elephant	Theme	Literature	F	F
 Beware of the Wolf!	Theme	Literature	F	F
 Postcards From Luis	Theme	Literature	G	F
 Sam Walks on the Ceiling	Theme	Literature	G	F
 No More Bananas for Moncho	Theme	Literature	H	F
 The Race of the Little Turtles	Theme	Literature	H	F
 Rosita and the Rooster	Theme	Literature	I	F
 Julia and the Plants	Theme	Literature	J	F
 The Neighbors Next Door	Theme	Literature	K	F
 Good Friends	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	C	NF
 The Mayflower	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	D	NF
 The Maya Calendar	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	E	NF
















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Grade 1				
 We All Help	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	F	NF
 Flag Day	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	F	NF
 Lake Maracaibo	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	G	NF
 Abraham Lincoln	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	G	NF
 Cinco de Mayo	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	H	NF
 Mary McLeod Bethune: An Educator	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	H	F
 Rules and Laws	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	I	NF
 Before or After?	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	J	NF
 My Town Long Ago	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	K	F
 In My Country	Earth Science	Science	C	NF
 What Is the Sun?	Earth Science	Science	D	NF
 Let's Explore the Caves	Earth Science	Science	E	NF
 How Bear Lost Her Tail	Earth Science	Science	F	F
 It's Raining Ice Cream!	Earth Science	Science	F	F
 How We Use Soil	Earth Science	Science	G	NF

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







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Grade 1				
 Rivers	Earth Science	Science	G	NF
 The Grand Canyon	Earth Science	Science	H	NF
 Paw Prints	Earth Science	Science	H	F
 Puerto Rico Is an Island	Earth Science	Science	I	NF
 The Little Raindrop	Earth Science	Science	J	F
 Living Dinosaurs	Earth Science	Science	K	NF
 Making Things, Doing Things	Economics	Social Studies	C	NF
 Pam's New Puppy	Economics	Social Studies	D	F
 Same and Different: Kids Around the World	Economics	Social Studies	E	NF
 Let's Save!	Economics	Social Studies	F	NF
 How to Spend and Save Money	Economics	Social Studies	F	NF
 Choices, Choices	Economics	Social Studies	G	F
 Providing Services	Economics	Social Studies	G	NF
 Trading for Goods and Services	Economics	Social Studies	H	NF
 I Like to Make Things	Economics	Social Studies	H	NF

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Grade 1				
 One Hundred Pennies Is a Dollar!	Economics	Social Studies	I	NF
 The Perfect Babysitter	Economics	Social Studies	J	F
 How to Help Others	Economics	Social Studies	K	NF
 My Pet	Physical Science	Science	C	F
 Jill Explores Energy	Physical Science	Science	D	F
 The Power of the Sun	Physical Science	Science	E	NF
 Fun Changes	Physical Science	Science	F	NF
 How Much Does It Weigh?	Physical Science	Science	F	F
 Coal	Physical Science	Science	G	NF
 Cool Waves	Physical Science	Science	G	F
 Daylight and Night Light!	Physical Science	Science	H	NF
 A Visit to the Aquarium	Physical Science	Science	H	F
 Carlos and the Drum	Physical Science	Science	I	F
 Meteorites on Earth	Physical Science	Science	J	NF
 Magnets on the Move	Physical Science	Science	K	NF
















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Grade 2				
 Measuring Fun	Life Science	Science	H	NF
 Animal Sounds	Life Science	Science	I	NF
 Delicious Vegetables	Life Science	Science	J	NF
 The Amazon Rain Forest	Life Science	Science	K	NF
 The River Adventure	Life Science	Science	K	F
 Working at the Zoo	Life Science	Science	L	NF
 Turtles in Trouble	Life Science	Science	L	F
 All About Flies	Life Science	Science	M	NF
 Medicinal Plants	Life Science	Science	N	NF
 The Hungry Coyote	Character	Literature	H	F
 The Envious Mountain	Character	Literature	I	F
 A Meteorite in the Backyard!	Character	Literature	J	F
 What is Happening at the Coffee Farm?	Character	Literature	K	F
 Wally Smithers Tames the River	Character	Literature	K	F
 Little Bear and the Golds	Character	Literature	L	F






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Grade 2				
 My Diary to the Rescue!	Character	Literature	L	F
 Iktomi and His Blanket	Character	Literature	M	F
 Clara and Dolores	Character	Literature	N	F
 My Mom, Our Mayor	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	H	NF
 Paul Revere's Ride	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	J	F
 The Star-Spangled Banner	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	K	NF
 Being a Good Citizen	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	K	NF
 How to Help in Your Community	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	I	NF
 The Job of the President of the USA	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	L	NF
 The Life of a Cop	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	L	NF
 What Does the Mayor Do?	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	M	NF
 Symbols of Our Country	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	K	NF
 The Three Faces of Rain	Point of View	Literature	H	F
 A Family Meal	Point of View	Literature	I	F
 Christina Makes a Promise	Point of View	Literature	J	F

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Grade 2				
 A Frog in New York	Point of View	Literature	K	F
 Tilly and Millie Go Camping	Point of View	Literature	K	F
 From Wagon to Train	Point of View	Literature	L	F
 Alice's Trial	Point of View	Literature	L	F
 The Great Hunger	Point of View	Literature	M	F
 The Mystery of the Missing Pencil	Point of View	Literature	N	F
 Technology in Our Homes	Technology & Society	Social Studies	H	NF
 From Bell to Cell	Technology & Society	Social Studies	J	NF
 Riding into the Future	Technology & Society	Social Studies	J	F
 Opinions About Waste	Technology & Society	Science	K	NF
 Our School Garden	Technology & Society	Science	K	NF
 Opinions About Robots	Technology & Society	Social Studies	L	NF
 Forecasting the Weather	Technology & Society	Science	L	NF
 Michael's Story: Life with Type 1 Diabetes	Technology & Society	Science	M	NF
 Exploring with Science Tools	Technology & Society	Science	N	NF




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Grade 2				
 The Pictures of My Grandfather	Theme	Literature	H	F
 Armadillo and the Oasis	Theme	Literature	I	F
 I Have Two Enormous Wings	Theme	Literature	J	F
 Jimena Visits a Museum	Theme	Literature	K	F
 The Turtle and the Tiger	Theme	Literature	K	F
 Don Quijote and the Windmills	Theme	Literature	L	F
 Honorable Minu	Theme	Literature	L	F
 Gabriela Saves the Concert	Theme	Literature	M	F
 Chamomile Saves the Forest	Theme	Literature	N	F
 What Do Paintings Tell Us?	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	H	NF
 My Life in the United States: Sophie Moore	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	I	NF
 Perrault and Andersen: From Fairies to Dragons	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	J	NF
 I Am Colombia!	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	K	NF
 George and Grace Find an Egg	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	K	F
 Sitting Bull	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	L	NF

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Grade 2				
 All About Diaries	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	L	NF
 Madame Parrot	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	M	F
 Reading Maps	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	N	NF
 The Treasure of the Cenote	Earth Science	Science	H	F
 Earth: A Planet of Water	Earth Science	Science	I	NF
 Petroleum	Earth Science	Science	J	NF
 Pico de Orizaba	Earth Science	Science	K	NF
 The Sonoran Desert	Earth Science	Science	K	NF
 Rock Erosion	Earth Science	Science	L	NF
 The Storm Chaser	Earth Science	Science	M	F
 Why Earth Changes	Earth Science	Science	L	F
 It's Cloud Time Again	Earth Science	Science	N	F
 Sally's Spinach Pies	Economics	Social Studies	H	F
 Lila's First Job	Economics	Social Studies	I	F
 Hats Off to Henry!	Economics	Social Studies	J	F
















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Grade 2				
 The Shopping List	Economics	Social Studies	K	F
 We Have Many Choices	Economics	Social Studies	K	NF
 From Field to Fashion	Economics	Social Studies	L	NF
 George Washington Carver	Economics	Social Studies	L	NF
 Where Does Food Come From?	Economics	Social Studies	M	NF
 How to Read Pictures	Economics	Social Studies	N	NF
 Stan's Trip Out West	Physical Science	Science	H	F
 Snow Cones in Space	Physical Science	Science	I	F
 The Blue Jays Build a Nest	Physical Science	Science	J	F
 How to Make Paper Designs	Physical Science	Science	K	NF
 Water Takes Different Forms	Physical Science	Science	K	NF
 Wind Power	Physical Science	Science	L	NF
 Yujie Ding: Hatmaker	Physical Science	Science	L	NF
 The Potter of San Ildefonso	Physical Science	Science	M	NF
 Forces in Sports	Physical Science	Science	N	NF

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Grade 3				
 Winnie's Watermelon	Life Science	Science	K	F
 Growing Plants	Life Science	Science	M	NF
 Animals Help Plants	Life Science	Science	M	NF
 What Am I?	Life Science	Science	M	F
 The Forest Friends	Life Science	Science	N	F
 Rain Forest Mystery	Life Science	Science	N	F
 Exploring and Preserving Nature	Life Science	Science	P	NF
 Opinions About Robot Bees	Life Science	Science	P	NF
 I Am a Botanist	Life Science	Science	Q	NF
 Esme Solis, Superstar	Character	Literature	K	F
 A Winning Team	Character	Literature	L	F
 Red in the Face	Character	Literature	P	F
 Make Way for the Boston Duckling	Character	Literature	M	F
 Lexi's Lantern	Character	Literature	N	F
 Tommy Thompson's Talking Parrot	Character	Literature	N	F
















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Grade 3				
 Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Missing Muffins	Character	Literature	O	F
 The Real Story of Jack and Jill	Character	Literature	M	F
 I Was There	Character	Literature	Q	F
 Get Involved in Your Community	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	M	NF
 The National Government	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	L	NF
 Community Changers	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	M	NF
 Saving Clayton House	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	M	F
 Making a Difference	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	N	NF
 U.S. Government	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	N	NF
 Opinions About Banning Plastic Bags	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	O	NF
 Eyewitness to Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	P	NF
 We the People	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	Q	NF
 Camp Awesome	Point of View	Literature	K	F
 Cricket Concert	Point of View	Literature	L	F
 The Tao Twins' Trouble	Point of View	Literature	M	F
















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Grade 3				
 Home Is Where the Art Is	Point of View	Literature	P	F
 A-Camping We Will Go	Point of View	Literature	M	F
 In Search of a Beanstalk	Point of View	Literature	N	F
 Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Broken Window	Point of View	Literature	O	F
 The Blue Boys	Point of View	Literature	Q	F
 The Secret Life of Wally Smithers	Point of View	Literature	O	F
 Beautiful Buildings	Technology & Society	Social Studies	L	NF
 Share the Road	Technology & Society	Science	L	NF
 Machines That Solve Problems	Technology & Society	Science	M	NF
 Deep Sea Technology	Technology & Society	Science	M	NF
 Hans Helps Change the World	Technology & Society	Social Studies	N	F
 Breakthrough Ideas	Technology & Society	Social Studies	N	NF
 Keep Out! Science Projects to Get Rid of Pests	Technology & Society	Science	O	NF
 Motion and Sound: Early Moviemaking	Technology & Society	Science	P	NF
 Opinions About Playing Video Games	Technology & Society	Social Studies	Q	NF

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Grade 3				
 Powerful Princess Ariadne	Theme	Literature	M	F
 Whispers from Nature	Theme	Literature	L	F
 Elliot's Pen Pal	Theme	Literature	M	F
 Two Lumps of Sugar	Theme	Literature	K	F
 When Red Met Wolfe	Theme	Literature	N	F
 The Meal and the Deal	Theme	Literature	N	F
 Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Missing Gecko	Theme	Literature	O	F
 The Perfect Pet	Theme	Literature	P	F
 The Great Molasses Flood: How Sleet and Hail Save the Day	Theme	Literature	Q	F
 Two Tales of Celebrations	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	K	F
 Road Trip	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	M	NF
 Many Museums	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	M	NF
 Nigozis's Story	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	M	NF
 Two Communities Over Time	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	N	NF
 Mastering Maps	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	N	NF

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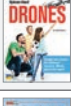







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Grade 3				
 The History of Two Cities: Houston and Miami	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	O	NF
 My Life and Hometown	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	P	NF
 Geography: Exploring Our World	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	Q	NF
 The Legend of Morning Star	Earth Science	Science	K	F
 Hot-Air Balloon Race	Earth Science	Science	L	F
 Volcanoes Erupt!	Earth Science	Science	M	NF
 Changing Coastlines	Earth Science	Science	M	NF
 Lost Along the Rio Grande	Earth Science	Science	N	F
 Naming Planet X	Earth Science	Science	N	F
 Wildfires	Earth Science	Science	O	NF
 Weather Reporters on the Job	Earth Science	Science	P	NF
 The Ultimate Thrill Ride	Earth Science	Science	Q	NF
 Open for Business	Economics	Social Studies	L	NF
 Money Matters	Economics	Social Studies	L	NF
 Inside Factories: How Products Are Made	Economics	Social Studies	M	NF

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Grade 3				
 Opinions About Spending Money	Economics	Social Studies	N	NF
 Trade: What Happens and Why	Economics	Social Studies	N	NF
 A Recipe for Success	Economics	Social Studies	M	F
 Making a Budget	Economics	Social Studies	O	NF
 Money, Money, Money	Economics	Social Studies	P	NF
 U.S. Economy	Economics	Social Studies	Q	NF
 Three... Two... One... LIFTOFF!	Physical Science	Science	K	F
 Hot and Cold in the Kitchen	Physical Science	Science	M	NF
 Hot and Cold Cooking	Physical Science	Science	M	NF
 Light and Sound Technology	Physical Science	Science	M	NF
 The Ultimate Sandcastle	Physical Science	Science	N	F
 Lily the Robot	Physical Science	Science	N	F
 Playground Physics	Physical Science	Science	P	NF
 Electric and Magnetic FUNomena	Physical Science	Science	P	NF
 The Science Behind an Illusion	Physical Science	Science	Q	NF
















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Grade 4				
 Inspired by Nature	Life Science	Science	P	NF
 Animal Survivors	Life Science	Science	P	NF
 Padma's Paddy	Life Science	Science	Q	F
 A Wildlife Biologist on the Louisiana Coast	Life Science	Science	Q	NF
 Opinions About the Energy Cycle	Life Science	Science	R	NF
 Voyage Home	Life Science	Science	R	F
 Animal and Human Senses	Life Science	Science	S	NF
 Help Monarch Butterflies	Life Science	Science	T	NF
 The Science of Slipping Up	Character	Literature	O	F
 The Cooking Gene	Character	Literature	P	F
 Finding Jacob	Character	Literature	Q	F
 Tyler and Noah	Character	Literature	S	F
 Project Dot	Character	Literature	R	F
 Naila Shares a Story	Character	Literature	R	F
 Finn McCool and the Red Giant	Character	Literature	Q	F






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Grade 4				
 Barreling Toward Success	Character	Literature	S	F
 The Recess Debate	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	P	NF
 Two Views of Benjamin Franklin	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	P	NF
 We Can Make a Difference	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	Q	NF
 Celebrating the United States	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	Q	NF
 Newsgirl	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	R	F
 Let Freedom Ring!	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	R	NF
 State Government in Action	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	S	NF
 Becoming a U.S. Citizen	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	T	NF
 Nathan and the Secret Project	Point of View	Literature	O	F
 The Girl Who Met the Greatest Lawman	Point of View	Literature	R	F
 Pongal in Pennsylvania	Point of View	Literature	Q	F
 Coyote Tales	Point of View	Literature	Q	F
 Forever Young	Point of View	Literature	P	F
 Earth Cakes and Sky Cakes	Point of View	Literature	R	F

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Grade 4				
 Through the Storm	Point of View	Literature	T	F
 The Divorce Club	Point of View	Literature	T	F
 Great Women of Science and Math	Technology & Society	Social Studies	O	NF
 The Only Kid on Mars	Technology & Society	Social Studies	P	F
 Medical Innovators	Technology & Society	Science	R	NF
 Alternative Homes	Technology & Society	Science	S	NF
 Safe Rides	Technology & Society	Science	S	NF
 Opinions About Drones	Technology & Society	Social Studies	R	NF
 Leading the Way with GPS	Technology & Society	Science	S	NF
 How to Save Energy	Technology & Society	Social Studies	T	NF
 Goldilocks on Trial	Theme	Literature	O	F
 Kinal's Trek	Theme	Literature	R	F
 The Love of the Game	Theme	Literature	Q	F
 Marisol and the Pineapple Drought	Theme	Literature	Q	F
 Hana on Stage	Theme	Literature	P	F

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Grade 4				
 The Big Race	Economics	Social Studies	R	NF
 Jinx: Digital Detective	Economics	Social Studies	S	NF
 The Secret Language of Elephants	Economics	Social Studies	T	F
 Travel the U.S.A.	Economics	Social Studies	O	NF
 City Histories in Maps	Economics	Social Studies	P	NF
 Early American Communities	Economics	Social Studies	Q	NF
 Where Two Rivers Meet	Physical Science	Science	T	F
 Cross-Country Adventures	Physical Science	Science	R	NF
 Eat Your Way Across the U.S.A.	Physical Science	Science	R	NF
 Time and Again: Exploring the United States	Physical Science	Science	S	NF
 Capital Clues	Physical Science	Science	Q	F
 Electricity for Saburo	Physical Science	Science	O	F
 The Great Hoodoo Detectives	Physical Science	Science	P	NF
 Waterfalls	Physical Science	Science	R	NF
 Avalanche	Physical Science	Science	R	NF

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Grade 4				
 Natural Disasters	Earth Science	Science	R	NF
 Mountain Climber	Earth Science	Science	S	NF
 Race to the North Star	Earth Science	Science	S	F
 I Am an Earth Scientist, Astronaut, and Explorer	Earth Science	Science	T	NF
 The Film Crew	Economics	Social Studies	O	F
 Online Research: Entrepreneurs	Economics	Social Studies	P	NF
 Denim Days	Economics	Social Studies	Q	F
 Dream Big	Economics	Social Studies	Q	F
 Growth of the Cattle Industry	Economics	Social Studies	S	NF
 The Cost of Green Energy	Economics	Social Studies	S	NF
 The Sioux Chef	Economics	Social Studies	R	NF
 Guide to Fundraising	Economics	Social Studies	T	NF
 Lost at Sea	Physical Science	Science	O	F
 Zee Junior High: Zapto's Revenge	Physical Science	Science	P	F
 Opinions About Maglev Trains	Physical Science	Science	Q	NF




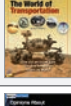





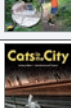





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Grade 4				
 Dr. Suzo's Blizzard Busters	Physical Science	Science	Q	NF
 Potato Power	Physical Science	Science	R	NF
 Energy: Go with the Flow	Physical Science	Science	S	NF
 Catch a Wave!	Physical Science	Science	S	NF
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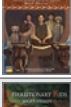



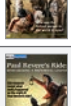


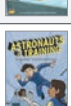





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








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Grade 5				
 Solar-Powered Sammy	Life Science	Science	R	F
 Super Senses	Life Science	Science	S	NF
 Conserving the American River	Life Science	Science	T	NF
 Growing Food	Life Science	Science	T	NF
 Invasive Species	Life Science	Science	U	NF
 From Apples to Energy	Life Science	Science	U	NF
 Observing Animals	Life Science	Science	V	NF
 Metamorphosis	Life Science	Science	W	NF
 Dad Came Home	Character	Literature	R	F
 Ready to Fight the Wind	Character	Literature	S	F
 Welcome to Laguna	Character	Literature	T	F
 The Cadence of War	Character	Literature	T	F
 Eco Hero	Character	Literature	U	F
 Arthur's Best Shot	Character	Literature	U	F
 Warsame	Character	Literature	V	F






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Grade 5				
 Game, Set, Match!	Character	Literature	W	F
 Tri's Story: Coming to America	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	R	NF
 Kids Take Action	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	S	NF
 Debating the U.S. Constitution	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	T	NF
 Voting Matters!	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	T	F
 Opinions About Community Service	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	U	NF
 The Northwest Ordinance	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	V	NF
 Native American Rights	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	V	NF
 The Bill of Rights in Action	Government & Citizenship	Social Studies	W	NF
 Whale Coast Caper	Point of View	Literature	R	F
 Vote for Me Because...	Point of View	Literature	S	F
 The Reluctant Storyteller	Point of View	Literature	T	F
 Ring of Remembrance	Point of View	Literature	T	F
 Knight School	Point of View	Literature	U	F
 Davy Crockett and Sally Ann Thunder	Point of View	Literature	W	F

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Grade 5				
 Red Letter Days	Point of View	Literature	V	F
 K9: To Serve and Protect	Point of View	Literature	U	F
 Exploring Space	Technology & Society	Social Studies	R	NF
 From Place to Place: The World of Transportation	Technology & Society	Social Studies	S	NF
 Opinions About Driverless Cars	Technology & Society	Social Studies	T	NF
 Inventions in Communication	Technology & Society	Science	V	NF
 Opinions About Water Power	Technology & Society	Science	U	NF
 Simple and Complex Machines	Technology & Society	Science	U	NF
 The Science of Modern Technology	Technology & Society	Science	V	NF
 Letterboxing: Create a Treasure Hunt	Technology & Society	Social Studies	W	NF
 Cats in the City	Theme	Literature	R	F
 Surviving Alaska	Theme	Literature	S	F
 Trouble at Sea	Theme	Literature	T	F
 Mystery of the Sewer Gators	Theme	Literature	T	F
 Pura Vida	Theme	Literature	U	F

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Grade 5				
 Nia's Palace Garden	Theme	Literature	U	F
 Everest Dreaming	Theme	Literature	V	F
 Menehune Castle	Theme	Literature	W	F
 Who Lives Where, and Why	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	R	NF
 In the West: Facing Change	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	S	F
 Revolutionary Kids	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	T	F
 Native Childhood	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	U	NF
 Revolutionary Women	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	U	NF
 Giants of the Gilded Age	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	V	NF
 Paul Revere's Ride: Researching a Historical Legend	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	V	NF
 The Memoir of Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard	History, Culture & Geography	Social Studies	W	NF
 Danger at the Beach	Earth Science	Science	R	F
 Astronauts in Training	Earth Science	Science	S	F
 Opinions About New Energy Ideas	Earth Science	Science	U	NF
 Seas in Danger	Earth Science	Science	U	NF

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Grade 5				
 Wanderer and the Ice Age	Earth Science	Science	T	F
 Make a Family Emergency Plan	Earth Science	Science	U	NF
 On the Space Station	Earth Science	Science	V	NF
 Finding Fossils	Earth Science	Science	W	NF
 Dear Annie: Letters from a Young Silversmith	Economics	Social Studies	R	F
 Working in the 1800s	Economics	Social Studies	S	F
 Zora's Great Migration	Economics	Social Studies	T	F
 Remarkable Roads	Economics	Social Studies	T	NF
 Building Barriers	Economics	Social Studies	V	NF
 Transportation Innovations	Economics	Social Studies	U	NF
 Immigrant Success Stories	Economics	Social Studies	V	NF
 Trade in Early America	Economics	Social Studies	W	NF
 The Sky Is Green	Physical Science	Science	R	F
 Light and Sound	Physical Science	Science	S	NF
 Tamales Made by the Sun	Physical Science	Science	T	F

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Grade 5				
 Spectacular Lunar Light Show	Physical Science	Science	T	F
 Gravity	Physical Science	Science	U	NF
 Best Chef	Physical Science	Science	U	F
 Understanding Water	Physical Science	Science	V	NF
 Candles in Space	Physical Science	Science	W	NF



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