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written by Christian Robinson

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Apt. 3 (Prebound)

written by Ezra Jack Keats

On a rainy day two brothers try to discover who is playing the harmonica they hear in their apartment building.

Penguin Group (USA) ©1999 9 x 8 32 pgs. Grades K – 3, AR Lvl 2.6 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 2.8 GR Lvl M Lexile AD 310



Astronaut Annie (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Suzanne Slade

Career Day is approaching, and Annie can't wait to show her family what she's planning to be when she grows up. But, she must keep it a secret until Friday! So curious family members each ask Annie for a clue. When the big day arrives, Annie finally reveals her out-of- this-world dream to everyone. Tilbury House Publishers ©2018 9 x 10 36 pgs. Grades K – 2, AR Lvl 2.9 AR Pts .5



Be a King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Carole Boston Weatherford

Everyone can "Be a King"... readers will learn how by reliving the most famous actions of Martin Luther King, Jr. in this powerful picture book from award-winning creators Carole Boston Weatherford and James E. Ransome.

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Breaking News (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Sarah Lynne Reul

A young girl tries her hardest to respond to devastating news as compassionately and empathetically as possible.

Roaring Brook Press © 2018 10-1/2 x 8-1/4 48 pgs. Grades K - 2, AR Lvl 2.1 AR Pts .5 Lexile 470



Cassie's Word Quilt (Paperback (Trade)) written by Faith Ringgold

In this companion storybook book we join Cassie, the main characterfrom Tar Beach. As she takes us on a tour of her home, neighborhood, and school, dozens of new words are introduced with simple labels throughout.

Random House Publishing Group ©2002 10 x 12 32 pgs. Grades K – 3, AR Lvl 1.2 AR Pts .5



City Moon (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Rachael Cole

Soothing text and hip, colorful collage style illustrations create anighttime story that follows a little boy and his Mama as they walk around their neighborhood looking for the moon. As the elusive moon plays peek-a-boo behind buildings and clouds, the little boy asks simple questions about it, and his Mama patiently answers every one. When finally the moon appears—bright and white and round and glowing—the mama and her boy stop and wait for it to disappear again. The moonlit walk continues until the boy yawns and Mama lifts him into her arms and whispers, "it is time for bed."

Schwartz & Wade ©2017 9 x 11 40 pgs. Grades P – 1, GR Lvl X Lexile AD 450



Day You Begin (Hardcover (Trade)) 1 written by Jacqueline Woodson There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there isquite like you. There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look, talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it. Nancy Paulsen Books ©2018 9 x 10-1/2 32 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 4.0 AR Pts .5 Lexile AD 980



Do Not Take Your Dragon...(Capstone)

Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Library (Library 1 Binding) written by Julie Gassman Have you ever thought about bringing your dragon to the library?

Don't do it! You might have the best intentions, but that dragon will cause nothing but trouble. *Picture Window Books ©2017 9 x 11 32 pgs. Grades P - 2, AR Lvl 2.6 AR Pts .5 Lexile AD 560*



Dreams (Paperback (Trade))

written by Ezra Jack Keats

One night while everyone is sleeping, a little boy watches his paper mouse save a cat from an angry dog. *Penguin Group (USA)* ©2000 7-1/2 x 10 40 pgs. *Grades K* – 2, AR Lvl 1.5 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 2.2 GR Lvl I



Dress Like a Girl (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Patricia Toht

A slumber party full of girls enacts their own playful, empowering twists on several stuffy, old-timey rules of fashion.

HarperCollins Publishers ©2019 10 x 10 32 pgs. Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 2.5 AR Pts .5



Feast for 10 (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Cathryn Falwell

A counting book that features an African-American family shopping for food, preparing dinner, and sitting down to eat. Lively read-aloud text.

©1993 32 pgs. Grades P - 2, Lvl 1.6 GR Lvl D



Fresh-Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers' Market (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Michelle

*Schaub*This collection of poems takes young readers to a day at an urban farmers' market. Who to see, what to eat, and how produce is grown —it's all so exciting, fresh, and delicious.

©2017 8 x 10 32 pgs.Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 3.9 AR Pts .5 GR Lvl Q



Friend for Henry (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Jenn Bailey

In Classroom Six, second left down the hall, Henry has been on the lookout for a friend. A friend who shares. A friend who listens. Maybe even a friend who likes things to stay the same and all in order, as Henry does. But on a day full of too close and too loud, when nothing seems to go right, will Henry ever find a friend—or will a friend find him?

Chronicle Books LLC ©2019 8-1/2 x 10-1/4 36 pgs.Grades K – 2, Lexile AD 480



Harriet Gets Carried Away (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Jessie Sima

Harriet loves costumes. She wears them to the dentist, to the supermarket, and most importantly, to her super-special dress-up birthday party. Her dads have decorated everything for the party and Harriet has her most favorite costume all picked out for the big day. There's just one thing missing—party hats! Simon & Schuster ©2018 9 x 11 48 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 3.2 AR Pts .5 Lexile AD 520



How To... (Trade) House That Once Was (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Julie Fogliano

A delightful story about a boy and a girl who explore an abandoned house and imagine who might have lived there. Deep in the woods is a house, just a house that once was but now isn't a home. Who lived in that house? Who walked down its hallways? Why did they leave it, and where did they go? Roaring Brook Press ©2018 8-1/2 x 10-1/2 48 pgs. Grades P-1, AR Lvl 3.3 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 1.7 Lexile AD 500



How to Get Your Teacher Ready (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Jean Reagan Written in tongue-incheek instructional style, a class of adorable students gives tips and tricks for getting a teacher ready—for the first day of school, and all the events and milestones that will follow (picture day, holiday concert, the 100th day of school, field day!). And along the way, children will see that getting their teacher ready is really getting themselves ready.

©2017 8-1/2 x 11 32 pgs.Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 2.4 AR Pts .5 Lexile 530



Idea Mas Maravillosa (The Most Magnificent Thing) (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Ashley Spires

All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy- peasy!? But making her magnificent thing is anything but easy, and the girl tries and fails, repeatedly. Eventually, the girl gets really, really mad. She is so mad, in fact, that she quits. But after her dog convinces her to take a walk, she comes back to her project with renewed enthusiasm and manages to get it just right.

©2018 9 x 9 32 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 2.7 AR Pts .5 Lexile 390



Andrea Beaty Science Picture Books (Trade) Iggy Peck, Architect (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Andrea Beaty

A hilarious, irreverent book about doing your own thing. Iggy has one passion: building. His parents are proud of his fabulous creations, though they're sometimes surprised by his materials--who could forget the tower he built of dirty diapers? When his second- grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture, Iggy faces a challenge. He loves building too much to give it up!

©2007 9-3/8 x 10-3/8 32 pgs.Grades K – 2, AR Lvl 4.1 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 4.5 Lexile AD 750



Newbery Medal Last Stop on Market Street (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Matt de la Pena

A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. Newbery Medal 2016

©2015 8-1/2 x 10-1/2 32 pgs.

Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 3.3 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 2.4 Lexile AD 610



Letter to Amy (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Ezra Jack Keats

Peter wants to invite Amy to his birthday party but he wants it to be a surprise. Viking ©1998 8 x 10 40 pgs.Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 2.4 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 3.1 GR Lvl K Lexile 430



Lola Plants a Garden (Prebound)

written by Anna McQuinn

A backyard adventure starring the heroine from Lola at the Library and Lola Loves Stories finds her planting flower seeds with her mother and carefully tending her garden while waiting for the flowers to grow.

Charlesbridge Publishing ©2017 8-1/2 x 9-1/2 28 pgs.Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 1.8 AR Pts .5 GR Lvl I Lexile AD 470



Lost Property Office (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Emily Rand

A little girl and her mother are on the train, going to visit Grandpa. It's very busy—hold on tight! But when they arrive at their destination and get off the train they realize something is wrong: the little girl's beloved teddy bear has gone missing!

Tate Publishing, Limited ©2019 8 x 10-1/4 32 pgs. Grades P – 1



Lottie Paris (Trade)

Lottie Paris and the Best Place (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Angela Johnson

Lottie Paris goes to the library, her favorite place in the world, and makes a new friend for whom the library is also a special place.

©2013 32 pgs.Grades P – 1

AR Lvl 2.9 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 3.2 Lexile AD 500



Louie (Paperback (Trade))

written by Ezra Jack Keats Susie and Roberto's puppet show is temporarily interrupted when Louie becomes fascinated by one of the puppets.

978-0-14-240080-7 Penguin Publishing Group ©2004 9 x 8 40 pgs. Grades P – 2, AR Lvl 1.7 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 1.1 Lexile AD 460



Maybe Something Beautiful (Hardcover (Trade))

written by F. Isabel CampoyIn this exuberant picture book about transformation through art, Miralives in a gray urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and hope to the neighborhood.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt © 2016 10-1/4 x 10- 1/4 40 pgs. Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 2.8 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 2.3 Lexile AD 580



Mixed Me! (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Taye Diggs

Mike has awesome hair. He has LOTS of energy! His parents lovehim. And Mike is a PERFECT blend of the two of them. Still, Mike has to answer LOTS of questions about being mixed. And he does, with LOTS of energy and joy in this charming story about a day in the life of a mixed-race child.

Feiwel & Friends ©2015 8-3/4 x 10-3/4 40 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 1.8 AR Pts .5 Lexile AD 540



Most People (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Michael Leannah

The world can be a scary place. Anxious adults want children to beaware of dangers, but shouldn't kids be aware of kindness too?

Tilbury House Publishers ©2017 32 pgs. Grades K – 2, AR Lvl 2.5 AR Pts .5



My Steps (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Sally Derby

As the young narrator of this delightful story points out, the frontsteps can be one of the best places for city kids to play. Each season brings new experiences, from the long, "hot-through-your-shoes" days of summer to the discovery of leaf prints in autumn. Best of all, whenever you come back from being away, setting foot on the front steps means you're finally home. Text copyright 2004 Lectorum Publications, Inc. Lee & Low Books, Incorporated ©1999 32 pgs. Grades P – 2, AR Lvl 3.3 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 4.2 GR Lvl L Lexile NC 680



Neighborhood Mother Goose (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Nina Crews

A collection of nursery rhymes, both familiar and lesser known, illustrated with photographs in a city setting.

©2004 8-1/2 x 10-1/2 64 pgs. Grades K – 3, AR Lvl 3.8 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 1.8 Lexile NP



Outside My Window (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Linda Ashman

Children living in different parts of the world see very different things when they gaze out of their windows. One child looks out over a boulevard lined with palm trees, another sees a train whistling past snow-capped mountains, and another waves to her father as he tends to their garden.

William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company ©2018 11 x 8-1/4 40 pgs. Grades K – 2, Lexile NC 930



Por Que Yo Soy Yo? (Why am I me?) (Prebound) written by Paige Britt

Presented as a thoughtful, poetic exchange between two characters -- who don't realize they are thinking and asking the very same questions -- this beautiful celebration of our humanity and diversity invites readers of all ages to imagine a world where there is no you or me, only we.

©2018 10 x 10 40 pgs. Grades P – 2



Rabbit Listened (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Cori Doerrfeld

When something terrible happens, Taylor doesn't know where to turn. All the animals are sure they have the answer. The chicken wants to talk it out, but Taylor doesn't feel like chatting. The bear thinks Taylor should get angry, but that's not quite right either. One by one, the animals try to tell Taylor how to process this loss, and one by one they fail.

Dial Books © 2018 10 x 10 40 pgs. Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 1.7 AR Pts .5 Lexile AD 450



Remarkably You (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Pat Zietlow Miller

An inspirational manifesto about all the things—little or small, loud or quiet—that make us who we are. HarperCollins Publishers ©2019 10 x 10 32 pgs. Grades P - 1, Lexile 300



Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Justin Roberts

Hardly anyone noticed young Sally McCabe. She was the smallest girl in the smallest grade. But Sally notices everything from the twenty-seven keys on the janitor's ring to the bullying happening on the playground. One day, Sally has had enough and decides to make herself heard. And when she takes a chance and stands up to the bullies, she finds that one small girl can make a big difference. *Penguin Group (USA)* ©2014 8-1/2 x 10-1/2 40 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 4.5 AR Pts .5 Lexile AD 1010



Strictly No Elephants (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Lisa Mantchev

Today is Pet Club day. There will be cats and dogs and fish, but strictly no elephants are allowed. The Pet Club doesn't understand that pets come in all shapes and sizes, just like friends. Now it is time for a boy and his tiny pet elephant to show them what it means to be a true friend. Simon & Schuster ©2015 9 x 10 32 pgs. Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 2.0 AR Pts .5



$Superheroes\ Are\ Everywhere\ (Hardcover\ (Trade))$

written by Kamala Harris

In this empowering and joyful picture-book memoir that speaks directly to kids, Kamala Harris takes readers through her life and shows them that the power to make the world a better place is inside all of us. And with fun and engaging art by Mechal Renee Roe, as well as a guide to being a superhero at the end, this book is sure to have kids taking up the superhero mantle (cape and mask optional). $©2019 \ 9 \ x \ 11 \ 40 \ pgs$. Grades K-2, Lexile 640



Tan to Tamarind: Poems about the Color Brown (Prebound)

written by Malathai Michelle Iyengar A poetry collection that explores the spectrum of beautiful shades of brown.

©2017 8-1/4 x 9-3/4 32 pgs. Grades K - 2



Tap Tap Boom Boom (Prebound)

written by Elizabeth Bluemle

The clouds are gathering above a city street and soon — tap, tap, boom, boom! As a thunderstorm rolls in, people of all stripes race down to the subway to get away from the crackling rain and wind. With quirky wordplay and infectious rhymes, Elizabeth Bluemle crystallizes an unexpected moment of community, while G. Brian Karas's warm illustrations show the smiles to be had when a storm brings strangers together as friends.

Candlewick Press © 2017 9-1/4 x 10-3/4 32 pgs. Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 1.7 AR Pts .5 GR Lvl L



This Is Me: A Story of Who We Are and Where We Came From (Pop-Up) (Hardcove (Trade)) written by Jamie Lee Curtis

Asks young readers to imagine what they would bring if they were leaving for a new country and could take along only what would fit in a small suitcase, a choice that explores and celebrates identity. Workman Publishing Company, Incorporated ©2016 32 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 3.3 AR Pts .5



Those shoes (Prebound)

written by Maribeth Boelts

Jeremy, who longs to have the black high tops that everyone at school seems to have but his grandmother cannot afford, is excited when he sees them for sale in a thrift shop and decides to buy them even though they are the wrong size.

Candlewick Press © 2009 10-1/4 x 9-3/4 40 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 3.1 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 3.2 GR Lvl L Lexile AD 550



One Word From Sophia

Two Problems for Sophia (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Jim Averbeck

Sophia quickly learns her new pet comes two giraffe-sized problems.

©2018 11 x 8-1/2 40 pgs. Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 3.8 AR Pts .5 Lexile AD 620



Market Street) (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Matt de la Pena

A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty--and fun--in their routine and the world around them.

©2016 32 pgs. Grades P - 1, AR Lvl 3.4 AR Pts .5



$Walls\ (Hardcover\ (Trade))$

written by Brad Holdgrafer

Walls of all sorts: social walls, border walls, political walls, emotional walls, big walls, old walls, and small walls. Speaking to today's critical political issues, this playful and encouraging story about breaking down barriers helps children learn about inclusivity, equality, openness, and kindness while also reminding grown-ups of the same values.

Princeton Architectural Press © 2018 9-3/4 x 6- 3/4 32 pgs.Grades P - 1



We Came to America (Hardcover (Trade))

written by Faith Ringgold

Celebrates United States immigration and the country's diverse immigrant heritage. Random House Children's Books © 2016 8-3/4 x 11-1/4 32 pgs. Grades P – 1, Lexile AD 430



Whistle for Willie (Prebound)

written by Ezra Jack Keats

A young boy roams happily through the city one warm summer day, practicing his whistle. He wants to be able to whistle for his dog, Willie-and at last, he succeeds!

Penguin Group (USA) © 1977 9 x 7-1/2 32 pgs. Grades P-2, AR Lvl 2.5 AR Pts .5 RC Lvl 2.8 GR Lvl L Lexile AD 490



Windows (Hardcover (Trade)) written by Julia Denos

Walking his dog at dusk, one boy catches glimpses of the lives around him in this lovely ode to autumn evenings, exploring your neighborhood, and coming home.

Candlewick Press © 2017 10-1/4 x 9 32 pgs. Grades K - 2, AR Lvl 2.5 AR Pts .5 GR Lvl L



Word Collector (Hardcover (Trade)) 1 \$17.99 *written by Peter H. Reynolds* Some people collect stamps. Some people collect coins. Somepeople collect art. And Jerome? Jerome collected words... *Orchard Books* © 2018 9 x 8-1/4 40 pgs. Grades P – 1, AR Lvl 2.4 AR Pts .5 Lexile 490