

## Grades K - 1

**Bailey, Jenn** (illustrated by Mika Song). *Henry and the something new.*

Henry, a young boy with autism goes on a class field trip to the natural history museum, with instructions to find something new.

**Blackwood, Freya.** *The boy and the elephant.*

In this wordless picture book set in the midst of the city's hustle, a boy cherishes an overgrown piece of land where he befriends an imagined elephant formed by the trees, but when builders arrive to clear the space, he must devise a plan to save his cherished friend.

**Bolte, Mari.** *I am not a giraffe : animals in the African savanna.*

The African savanna is home to many kinds of animals, including me! I am spotted, but I am not a giraffe. I am strong, but I am not an elephant. Read the clues and try and guess which animal I am before the end of the book!

**Mack, Jeff.** *The Dog and Pony show.*

Pony has a surprise for Dog--a pet rock! Dog would have preferred a T-Rex, or a moose, or a cow for a pet, but Pony says if Dog gives the pet rock a name, Dog will like it more. Dog names his pet rock Lulu the T-Rex and says it likes to eat ponies! Uh-oh. Will Dog and Pony and Lulu learn to get along?

**Moon, Emily Kate.** *Puff : all about air.*

Puff the wisp of air leads young readers on an adventure that reveals air's role in the atmosphere and its impact on life on earth.

**Kantorovitz, Sylvie.** *A new car for Pickle.*

Pickle thinks he needs a new car, and tries several that are either too fast, too large, or too expensive--until Coco the mechanic shows him what is wrong with the car he already had.

**Kugler, Tina.** *The biggest roller coaster.*

Fox siblings Fritz and Franny, and their patient dog Fred, are at the amusement park squabbling about which ride is fastest and loudest--but when they are confronted by the biggest, tallest, and loudest roller coaster they decide that maybe Fred would prefer something not quite so scary.

**Redniss, Lauren.** *Heatwave.*

An almost unbearably hot day of one hundred degrees is transformed as raindrops fall one by one, culminating in a downpour.

**Rocco, Hayley and John. *Hello, I'm a quokka.***

An introduction to the unique characteristics of the quokka.

**Tabor, Corey R. *Fox versus fox.***

When a newcomer arrives, Fox demonstrates all his foxy skills, but when the other creature can do all the same things, he wonders if it really is another fox--and possibly a new friend!

## **Grades 2 - 3**

**Aradhya, Kerry (illustrated by Kara Kramer). *Ernő Rubik and his magic cube.***

Presents an illustrated look at Ernő Rubik and the Rubik's Cube, revealing the obsession, imagination, and engineering process behind the creation of the puzzle that will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2024.

**Atherton, David and Harry Woodgate. *David Atherton's baking book for kids : delicious recipes for budding bakers.***

David Atherton guides readers through a veritable feast of sweet and savory baked treats. From snacky samosas to hot cross hedgehogs, from loaves baked in flowerpots to an ombre cake

**Bolte, Mari. *I am not a dog : pet animals.***

Around 84 percent of homeowners have a pet, so I'm in good company. I'm a common pet, but I am not a dog. I am quiet and like to sleep, but I am not a ferret. Read the clues and try to guess which pet I am before the end of the book!

**Donaldson, Julia and Axel Scheffer. *Jonty Gentoo : the adventures of a penguin.***

Jonty Gentoo is excited by his aunts' stories of the South Pole, so he slips out of the zoo, and sets out to find his ancestral home--which would be easier if he was not swimming in the wrong direction.

**Faruqui, Saadia (illustrated by Hatem Aly). *Yasmin the camper. 25 p.***

Yasmin is excited but nervous about her first camping trip with her scout troop--and a tent that threatens to collapse does not help.

**Freedman, Deborah. *Partly cloudy.***

Two curious bunnies enjoy watching clouds go by. But when they look at the sky, they see something completely different! While one bunny likes to use his imagination the other bunny can only see the scientific. Together they learn that cloud watching is much more fun when they see it through each other's eyes.

**Hodgkinson, Leigh.** *The princess and the (greedy) pea.*

This little pea is hungry! So hungry it swallows a sprout, slurps up some soup, munches the bread, gobbles the cake, noshes the pickle, guzzles the cheese, drinks all the tea, and even chomps down the table it's all served on. After all that, it needs to sleep. But whose dinner did it steal? And whose mattress is the now-humungous pea resting under?

**Long, Loren.** *The yellow bus.*

A forgotten school bus finds joy and purpose in the most unexpected places.

**Mo, Cherry.** *Home in a lunchbox.*

After moving to America from Hong Kong, Jun feels isolated at her new school but discovers a sense of home in the familiar foods and flavors she finds in her lunchbox.

**Sturgell, Todd.** *Except Antarctica.*

Turtles are found on every continent EXCEPT Antarctica. But not for long! When a David Attenborough-esque narrator explains that turtles are found everywhere except Antarctica, one determined turtle sets out to prove him wrong. After recruiting other non-Antarctic animals along the way--much to the narrator's dismay--the turtle and his adventurous friends travel through fields, forests, and cross an entire ocean to reach their goal. But what exactly do they do once they get there?

## Grades 4 -5

**Applegate, Katherine (illustrations by Patricia Castelao).** *The one and only family.* 262 p.

Ivan has been happily living in a wildlife sanctuary, with his friend Ruby next door in the elephant enclosure, frequent visits from his canine friend Bob, and his mate Kinyani by his side. And in the happiest turn of all, Ivan and Kinyani have welcomed a set of twins to their family! Ivan loves being a papa, even though it can be hard sometimes. But as he navigates the joys and challenges of parenthood, he can't help but recall his life before the glass walls of the mall circus, his own childhood in the jungle-and his own twin.

**Brown, Peter.** *The wild robot protects.* 281 p.

Roz must take an under-the-ocean journey to save her island from a mysterious poison tide.

**Brunelle, Lynn (illustrated by Jason Chin).** *Life after whale : the amazing ecosystem of a whale fall.*

A book about the rich ecosystem that springs up around the death of a whale in the deep sea.

**DiCamillo, Kate. *Ferris***

During the summer before fifth grade, Ferris Wilkey has her hands full with her little sister terrorizing the town, her Aunt Shirley moving into their basement and her grandmother seeing a ghost--one who has wild, impractical and illuminating plans.

**Gardner, PJ (illustrations by David Mottram). *The great Zoodini*. 197 p.**

When his latest escape goes wrong, the Great Zoodini--a fennec fox--winds up at an animal sanctuary/drive-in movie theater where he gets the chance to become world-famous but wonders if fame is worth losing his newfound family--the only ones who've ever accepted him.

**Jones, Hayley and John. *Wild places : the life of naturalist David Attenborough*.**

A nonfiction account of the life of British naturalist David Attenborough and his advocacy for the protection of wild places on Earth.

**Kelly, Erin Entrada. *The first state of being*. 253 p.**

When Ridge, a time-traveling teenager from the future, gets trapped in 1999, he befriends Michael, a lonely twelve-year-old boy, changing the course of their lives forever.

**Markle, Sandra. *Call the bee doctor! : how science is saving honey bees*. 48 p.**

Since Colony Collapse Disorder began decimating honey bees in 2006, scientists have been researching its causes and how to prevent it. Get an up-to-date look at what we know and how new innovations are saving honey bees.

**Rosenstock, Barb (illustrated by Jamey Christoph). *The Great Lakes : our freshwater treasure*.**

A picture book about the five largest lakes in North America--how they formed, the importance of these waters, and how they've become a national treasure.

**Tur, Miriam Bonastre. *Hooky*. 384 p.**

A fantastical story about twin siblings Dani and Dorian who have missed the bus to magic school and scramble to find a mentor to teach them before their parents find out.