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Best Books of 2018



Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

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***Adrian Simcox Does Not Have a Horse* – Marcy Campbell**

++Campbell, Picture Books

Adrian Simcox brags about owning a horse, and Chloe just knows he's making stuff up until she learns an important lesson in empathy.

***Baby Monkey, Private Eye* – Brian Selznick**

++Selznick, Early Readers*

Baby Monkey, private eye, will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on.

***Best Friends in the Universe* – Stephanie Watson**

++Watson, Picture Books

Hector and Louie are writing a book to explain the many reasons that they are the best friends in the universe but will their friendship, and their book, survive when they start to reveal each other's secrets?

***The Big Bed* – Bunmi Laditan**

++Laditan, Picture Books

A young girl tries to persuade her father that he is the one who should sleep in a special, little bed while she shares the big bed with Mommy.

***Carmela Full of Wishes* – Matt de la Peña**

++De La Peña, Picture Books*

Carmela, finally old enough to run errands with her brother, tries to think of the perfect birthday wish.

***Cece Loves Science* – Kimberly Derting**

++Derting, Picture Books

Cece, a budding and inquisitive scientist, and her equally curious best friend Isaac conduct experiments to see whether Cece's dog Einstein will eat his vegetables.

***Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur* – Cirocco Dunlap**

++Dunlap, Picture Books

This book advises the reader how to interact with a very shy dinosaur.

***The Detective Dog* – Julia Donaldson**

++Donaldson, Picture Books

A rollicking, rhyming picture book about a dog who uses her amazing sense of smell to solve mysteries.

***The Digger and the Flower* – Joseph Kuefler**

++Kuefler, Picture Books

When Digger discovers a flower growing in the center of the town being built, his entire perspective changes.

***The Dinosaur Expert* – Margaret McNamara**

++McNamara, Picture Books

Future scientist, Kimmy, eagerly shares information about dinosaurs during a school field trip until her classmate, Jake, tells her "girls aren't scientists," but Mr. Tiffin sets her straight.

***Do Not Lick This Book* : *It's Full of Germs* – Idan Ben-Barak**

+579 Ben, Non-Fiction

Min is a microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact, so small that you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Or, you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she's never seen before.

***A Dog Named Doug* – Karma Wilson**

++ Wilson, Picture Books

Egged on by a ground squirrel, a dog named Doug digs miles underground taking a detour through the White House until he returns home, goes to bed, and dreams of digging some more.

***Don't Touch My Hair* – Sharee Miller**

++Miller, Picture Books

Aria loves her soft and bouncy hair, but must go to extremes to avoid people who touch it without permission until, finally, she speaks up.

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***Drawn Together* – Minh Lê**

A boy and his grandfather cross language and cultural barriers using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.

++ Lê, Picture Books*

***Dreamers* – Yuyi Morales**

An illustrated picture book autobiography in which award-winning author Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story.

++Morales, Picture Books*

***Dude!* – Aaron Reynolds**

A platypus and a beaver who love surfing encounter a shark with unexpected results.

++Reynolds, Picture Books

***The Forever Tree* – Tereasa Surratt**

When a beloved tree gets sick, the human and animal communities work together to give it a new life.

++Surratt, Picture Books

***Found* – Jeff Newman**

While Jenn is seeking Prudence, her big, sleek and shiny, black and white dog, she meets and falls in love with Roscoe, a scruffy little golden dog. (wordless)

++Newman, Picture Books

***Fox the Tiger* – Corey R. Tabor**

Fox decides to become a tiger because they are fast and sneaky, and soon, his other animal friends are joining in.

++Tabor, Early Readers*

***Hansel & Gretel* – Bethan Woollvin**

In a fairy tale twist, Hansel and Gretel ransack Willow the good witch's gingerbread cottage and play havoc with her spells, driving the poor witch to her wit's end.

++Woollvin, Picture Books

***Harriet Gets Carried Away* – Jessie Sima**

While shopping with her two dads for supplies for her birthday party, Harriet, who is wearing a penguin costume, is carried away by a waddle of penguins and must hatch a plan in order to get herself back to the store in the city.

++Sima, Picture Books

***A House that Once Was* – Julie Fogliano**

Deep in the woods is a house, just a house, that once was, but now isn't, a home. Who lived in that house?

++Fogliano, Picture Books

***How to Be a Lion* – Ed Vere**

When Leonard the lion and his friend Marianne, a duck, are confronted by a pack of lion bullies, they find a creative way to stand up for themselves.

++Vere, Picture Books

***I Walk with Vanessa* – Kerascoët**

An elementary school girl witnesses the bullying of another girl, but she is not sure how to help.

++Kerascoët, Picture Books

***Julián is a Mermaid* – Jessica Love**

While riding the subway, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed, and daydreams of dressing up the same.

++Love, Picture Books

***Mapping Sam* – Joyce Hesselberth**

An adventurous cat named Sam explores her neighborhood at night. Maps of all types reveal her journey, illuminating different points of view and the various spots Sam visits.

++Hesselberth, Picture Books

***Marlo and the Dinosaurs* – Christopher Browne**

When Marlo wakes up from his afternoon nap, he spots something curious. His investigation brings him into a lush jungle, where a whole new world full of colorful dinosaurs of every size awaits him. (nearly wordless picture book)

++Browne, Picture Books

***Mason Jar Science: 40 Slimy, Squishy, Super-Cool Experiments* – Jonathan Adolph +507.8 Ado, Non-Fiction**

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***Meet Yasmin!* – Saadia Faruqi**

Pakistani American second grader, Yasmin, learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.

++Faruqi, Early Readers

***Misunderstood Shark: Starring Shark!* – Ame Dyckman**

Shark interrupts the filming of Underwater World with Bob, scattering the other creatures (and the audience), but he claims it is all a terrible misunderstanding that he would never think of eating the fish, the squid, the audience...or Bob.

++Dyckman, Picture Books

***Mixed: A Colorful Story* – Arree Chung**

Each believing that their hue is the best, the three primary colors live in separate parts of the city until Yellow and Blue meet, fall in love, and decide to mix.

++Chung, Picture Books

***Moon* – Alison Oliver**

Throughout her busy days, Moon wonders what it would be like to be wild and free until the day she meets a wolf.

++Oliver, Picture Books

***My Heart is a Compass* – Deborah Marcero**

Rose wants to bring something truly unique for show-and-tell, so she creates maps to explore her imagination in search of something no one has ever seen before.

++Marcero, Picture Books

***No Boring Stories* – Julie Falatko**

Bored with sweet, picture books about cute and fluffy creatures, a group of unpopular animals try to write an adventure story featuring themselves, with unwanted help from over-eager Bunny.

++Falatko, Picture Books

***Ocean Meets Sky* – Terry Fan**

A little boy builds a ship to honor his late grandfather and sets sail for the magical place from his grandfather's stories.

++Fan, Picture Books

***On the Other Side of the Garden* – Jairo Buitrago**

Taken to live with her grandma in the country, a young city girl finds a way to cope with the change brought about by her parents' separation when an owl, a frog, and a mouse take her on a nighttime tour of her extraordinary new world.

++Buitrago, Picture Books

***Our Celebracion!* – Susan Middleton Elya**

A brief rain shower does not dampen a Latino family's enjoyment of their town's parade and summer celebration, which includes street food, bands, a corn princess, and fireworks. Spanish words, interspersed, are defined in a glossary.

++Elya, Picture Books

***The Party and Other Stories* – Sergio Ruzzier**

Fox is calm and thoughtful. Chick is energetic and flighty. They don't always agree, but they are friends anyway.

++Ruzzier, Early Readers*

***Pet Dad* – Elanna Allen**

Denied a pet, Plum decides her father will do. Plum sets out to train him to sit, fetch, and more, but he only responds by barking "No!" until she finds the right reward.

++Allen, Picture Books

***Petra* – Marianna Coppo**

Petra is a little rock who believes she is a mighty mountain until a dog fetches her for its owner and she is tossed into a bird's nest. A mountain? No, Petra is now an egg! An egg of the world in a world of possibility.

++Coppo, Picture Books

***Pip & Pup* – Eugene Yelchin**

Across the barnyard, Pip the chick spots a new friend to play with: Pup! But Pup isn't sure he likes how Pip plays too rough. These two friends will weather the storm, though. A bright, fun celebration of spring and friendship. (wordless)

++Yelchin, Picture Books

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When an elephant plants himself in the road and refuses to move, the people of Persnickety try all sorts of methods to get him to go. One thoughtful little girl works up the courage to do what no one else has done: ask him.

++DiPucchio, Picture Books

***Prince & Knight* – Daniel Haack**

A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love in each other's embrace after fighting a dragon together.

++Haack, Picture Books

***Read the Book, Lemmings!* – Ame Dyckman**

A literate fox attempts to teach a trio of overzealous lemmings to read, in order to save them from their habit of jumping off cliffs.

++Dyckman, Picture Books

***Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship* – Jessica Kensky**

When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog.

++Kensky, Picture Books*

***A Seed is the Start* – Melissa Stewart**

Beautiful photography and lyrical text pair with comprehensive picture captions in award-winning author Melissa Stewart's story about the surprisingly diverse world of seeds. Learn all about the plant cycle.

+581.4 Ste, Non-Fiction

***Sleepy, the Goodnight Buddy* – Drew Daywalt**

When a boy who routinely refuses to go to bed gets a talkative stuffed animal, the tables are turned!

++Daywalt, Picture Books

***The Sloth Who Slowed Us Down* – Margaret Wild**

When young Amy brings a sloth home for a visit, her family, the speediest in town, learns how to slow down.

++Wild, Picture Books

***Thank You, Omu!* – Oge Mora**

When the aroma of Omu's homemade stew fills the air her neighbors arrive, one by one for a taste, until all is gone except for her generous spirit.

++Mora, Picture Books*

***They Say Blue* – Jillian Tamaki**

A young girl describes where she finds colors, in both the world around her and beyond what she can see.

++Tamaki, Picture Books*

***The Truth About Bears: Seriously Funny Facts* – Maxwell Eaton III**

Did you know that polar bears smell seals through the ice and snow in order to find and eat them? Did you know that bears sleep all winter and don't go to the bathroom while they hibernate?

+599.78 Eat, Non-Fiction

***The Wall in the Middle of the Book* – Jon Agee**

A knight who feels secure on his side of the wall that divides his book, discovers that his side is not as safe as he thought, and the other side is not as threatening.

++Agee, Picture Books

***Wallpaper* – Thao Lam**

In Thao Lam's signature paper collage style, this wordless picture book shows an imaginary world behind the walls.

++Lam, Picture Books

***We Don't Eat Our Classmates!* – Ryan T. Higgins**

When the class pet bites the finger of Penelope, a Tyrannosaurus rex, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates, no matter how tasty they are.

++Higgins, Picture Books*

***Zola's Elephant* – Randall de Sève**

A little girl hesitates to initiate a friendship with her new neighbor, Zola, because she imagines Zola is busy with another friend an elephant.

++De Sève, Picture Books