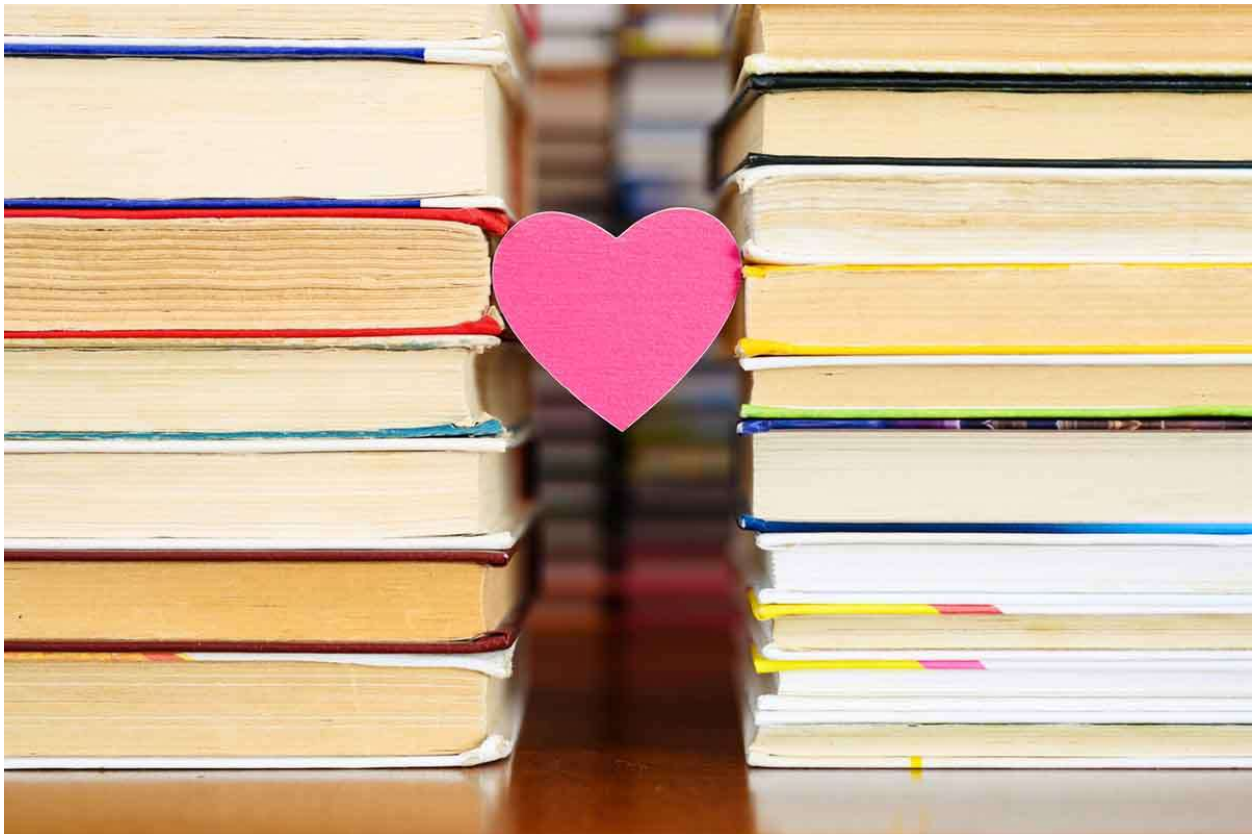


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### **Picture Book**

Anderson, Shannon. **Y is for yet : a growth mindset alphabet.** "Y Is for Yet uses the ABCs as an accessible framework to introduce growth mindset and all its possibilities. From A to Z, or Ability to Zany, kids learn new vocabulary that expands their view of themselves as learners"-- Provided by publisher. Minneapolis, MN : Free Spirit Publishing Inc., [2020] **P AND**

Aranda, Ana. **Our Day of the Dead celebration.** "A family honors their living and dead relatives as they celebrate the Day of the Dead with shared food and stories"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Nancy Paulsen Books, 2022. **P ARA**

Aronson, Katelyn. **Poo-dunit? : a Forest Floor Mystery.** "Sniff, sniff! went Mouse. Whiff, whiff! went Mouse. "Who left this poo outside my house? I must undo this mystery. Poo-dunit?" Includes tips on how to recognize the droppings of common woodland animals as well as information on the role droppings play in the ecosystem. Somerville, MA : Candlewick Press, 2022. **P ARO**

Barnett, Mac. **How does Santa go down the chimney?.** "When Santa arrives at a child's house on Christmas Eve, does he go down the chimney feetfirst or headfirst? What if he gets stuck? What if there's no chimney? Maybe he slides under the door, as thin as a piece of paper? Or is it possible he pours himself through the faucet? What happens once he's inside? Whether it's shape-shifting or impromptu laundry use, Mac Barnett's iconic talent for earnest deadpan humor and Jon Klassen's irresistibly funny art honor the timeless question with answers both ridiculous and plausible, mounting in hilarity as the night continues"-- Provided by publisher. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2023. **P BAR**

Berne, Jennifer. **Manfish : the story of Jacques Cousteau.** Before Jacques Cousteau became an internationally known oceanographer and champion of the seas, he was a curious little boy. San Francisco : Chronicle Books, [2008] **P BER**

Boynton, Sandra. **Woo hoo! You're doing great!.** An extremely exuberant chicken has an important message to share in this entertaining rhyming book that reminds readers that trying your best is reason enough to celebrate. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2023. **P BOY**

Chapman, Sital Gorasia. **Build a friendship.** Beep the robot would love nothing more than to have her own pet, like her friends do. One morning she gets a surprise delivery--a parcel containing circles, squares, triangles, and pentagons for her to make her own robot cat! Join Beep as she tries different ways of putting shapes together to build her robot cat and make a best friend forever. New York, NY : DK, 2023. **P CHA**

Chapman, Sital Gorasia. **A day at the zoo.** Beep and Boots are looking forward to a day out at the zoo, especially getting to see their favourite animal--the giraffe. But they have to keep an eye on the time or else they'll miss feeding time! It's all too easy to get distracted by lions, tigers, and tasty snacks--15 minutes here, half an hour there! Pretty soon, Beep and Boots realize they might be late. Will they make it to the giraffe enclosure in time? New York, NY : DK, 2023. **P CHA**

Chichester Clark, Emma. **Love is my favorite thing.** Plum the dog loves everything, and his enthusiasm knows no bounds--sometimes getting him in trouble. New York, NY : Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), [2015] **P CHI**

Chlebowski, Rachel. **A friend like Pikachu!** Meet Ash and his Pokémon friend Pikachu. New York : A Golden Book, [2019] **P CHL**

Clauss, Lauren. **Tim Burton's the Nightmare Before Christmas.** When Jack Skellington becomes tired of Halloween and stumbles upon a secret door that leads to Christmas Town, he becomes excited with the new holiday and decides to take it over. New York, NY : A Golden Book, 2021. **P CLA**

Cordell, Matthew. **Evergreen.** To deliver her mother's delicious soup to her sick Granny Oak, Evergreen the squirrel must face her fears and make the journey, during which she meets other forest dwellers, including some who want to get their hands on her soup! New York, : Feiwel and Friends, 2023. **P COR**

Crimi, Carolyn. **How to haunt a house.** Young ghosts Groana, Moana, and Shrieky must haunt three houses to pass their Halloween test, but residents of the third house do not scare easily. Chicago, Illinois : Albert Whitman & Company, 2021. **P CRI**

Donaldson, Julia. **The baddies.** A troll, a witch, and a ghost compete to see who can scare the little girl who is new to the their neighbourhood, but her courage and kindness defeats them all. New York : Scholastic Press, 2023. **P DON**

Eggers, Dave. **Moving the Millers' Minnie Moore Mine Mansion : a true story.** In this wacky true tale of American ingenuity, Annie Miller took to raising pigs in the yard after losing all but her mansion, but when the town wanted the pigs out, she removed the whole mansion instead--rolling it away slowly on logs. Somerville, MA : Candlewick Press, 2023. **P EGG**

Faris, Paula. **Who do you want to be when you grow up?** With Career Day looming at school, Lina cannot decide what she wants to do when she grows up, but after discovering she has many talents, she realizes it is more important for her to know who she wants to be. New York, NY : WorthyKids, [2023] **P FAR**

Fenske, Jonathan. **Barnacle is bored.** Barnacle is bored by the monotony of the tides, and envies the fish who swim freely--until an eel comes along. New York : Scholastic Press, 2016. **P FEN**

Fliess, Sue. **How to spook a ghost.** Halloween is about getting together with friends and family, dressing in costumes, and trick-or-treating! Sometimes spooky, always delicious! New York, NY : Sky Pony Press, 2023. **P FLI**

Gross, Kelsey Ebben,. **Winter : a solstice story.** Owl and his friends gather up gifts of hope from the woodlands to help shine the light on the longest night of the year. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2023] **P GRO**

Harris, Chris. **If you laugh, I'm starting this book over.** "Readers are challenged not to laugh in a series of increasingly hilarious prompts and jokes that lead to a serious message about the

pleasures of laughter"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2022. **P HAR**

Higgins, Ryan T. **Bruce and the legend of Soggy Hollow.** Bruce doesn't like holidays, especially Halloween. His family of mice and geese decides to tell a scary story to get him in the spooky spirit, but when a ghostly visitor appears, they wonder if it's too much Halloween spirit. Los Angeles : Disney-Hyperion, 2023. **P HIG**

Lagonegro, Melissa. **Beauty and the Beast.** Through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast. New York : Golden Books, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, [2017] **P LAG**

London, Jonathan. **The secret valentine.** A Valentine's Day surprise awaits Duck, Hippo, and their friends at the park. New York : Two Lions, [2018] **P LON**

Ludwig, Trudy. **The invisible boy.** Brian has always felt invisible at school, but when a new student, Justin, arrives, everything changes. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. **P LUD**

Lyall, Casey. **A spoonful of frogs.** Young readers will have a hopping good time in this hilarious story about a witch who is having a hard time wrangling a bunch of frogs into her frog soup until she comes up with a surprising solution. New York, NY : Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2022] **P LYA**

Meissner, Susan. **Pumpkin day at the zoo.** When families donate their used pumpkins and jack-o'-lanterns to the zoo, the animals chomp, chew, play, and give hearty hoorays for their favourite squishy squash. Nashville, Tennessee : Thomas Nelson, [2023] **P MEI**

Meltzer, Brad. **I am Wonder Woman.** This picture book is the perfect way to introduce young readers to Princess Diana of Themyscira, from her beginning on the island nation of Themyscira to her becoming Wonder Woman on Earth, armed with her Lasso of Truth and indestructible bracelets. New York : Rocky Pond Books, 2023. **P MEL**

Mentzel, Cara. **Proud mouse.** After a day spent fielding questions about her talented older sister, "Cara Lee discovers what makes her special and finds room to shine in her own way"-- Provided by publisher. Los Angeles : Disney-Hyperion, 2023. **P MEN**

Messner, Kate. **The scariest kitten in the world.** "This laugh-out-loud picture book takes readers to a just-PURR-fect haunted house where they'll meet a not-so-scary kitten and a collection of the cutest little critters anyone has ever seen"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2023. **P MES**

Muldrow, Diane. **Meowl-o-ween.** It's Meowl-o-ween, and the cats are out! In the glow of a harvest moon they gather--whiskers twitching, tails a-switching. Led by a scruffy black cat, they slink, pounce, and scare on the spookiest night of the year. But not all the cats are enjoying Halloween... a lost kitten is frightened by the crowds, until Mama finds her and they watch the cats' parade together. New York, NY : Astra Young Readers, an imprint of Astra Books for Young Readers, [2023] **P MUL**

Owen, Polly. **Darwin's super-pooping worm spectacular.** Presents a nonfiction picture book that chronicles biologist Charles Darwin's discovery of the importance of earthworms in nature, and highlights how worm poop enriches the soil humans need to produce food. Beverly, MA : Wide Eyed Editions, 2023. **P OWE**

Pilkey, Dav. **'Twas the night before Thanksgiving.** School children on a field trip to Mack Nugget's farm save the lives of eight turkeys in this poem based on "The Night Before Christmas". New York : Scholastic Inc., [2020] **P PIL**

Reynolds, Peter H. **All we need is love and a really soft pillow!** Poppy believes that all they need in life is love, but the Little One keeps coming up with other things that will make their life comfortable--until it is all swept away in a storm. New York, NY : Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc., 2023. **P REY**

Reynolds, Peter H. **Love you by heart.** Peter H. Reynolds celebrates unconditional love in this delightful and poetic tribute to the rare and beautiful love that binds two hearts. New York : Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc., 2021. **P REY**

Rubin, Adam. **Gladys the magic chicken.** In Ancient Times, Gladys the dancing chicken goes on an epic adventure when she is mistaken for a magical chicken who grants wishes to those she encounters. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, [2021] **P RUB**

Rusch, Elizabet. **Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom.** The true story of how Mexican-American scientist Mario Molina helped solve the ozone crisis of the 1980s and went on to become a Nobel laureate and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His inspiring story gives hope in the fight against global warming. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2019] **P RUS**

Sánchez Vegara, Ma Isabel. **Steve Irwin.** Chronicles the life of naturalist Steve Irwin, and details his conservation efforts to protect crocodiles and other wild animals. Includes black-and-white photographs, back matter, a timeline, and additional resources. Beverly, MA : Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2023. **P SAN**

Sullivan, Kyle. **Hazel and the spooky season.** There is nothing Hazel loves more than autumn, the spookiest season. The only problem is, nobody else in her town seems to care. Everything changes when Hazel receives a visit from Ronnie Pumpkinseed, a supernatural pumpkin-headed ambassador for all things spooky. [Place of publication not identified] : Hazy Dell Press, 2023. **P SUL**

Verde, Susan. **Who I am : words I tell myself.** Encourage kids to practice self-love every day with Who I Am, an uplifting picture book collection of positive affirmations and companion to Susan Verde and Peter H. Reynoldss New York Times bestselling I Am series. New York : Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2023. **P VER**

Von Feder, Rose. **Halloween haunt & find.** Follow a sweet little ghost as he visits a murky swamp, creepy cavern, and haunted house to collect his ghoulish friends. Little ones will love counting and spotting all the hidden spooky friends along the way in this rhyming search-and-find Spooktacular Halloween adventure filled with mummies, ghosts, goblins, zombies, witches, monsters, and more. Rolling Meadows : Cottage Door Press, [2021] **P VON**

Walstead, Alice. **How to catch a witch.** Four friends--each named after a flower--navigate the ups and downs of fifth grade. This is told through text messages, blog posts, screenplay, and straight narrative. Naperville, Illinois : Sourcebooks Wonderland, an imprint of Sourcebooks Kids, 2022. **P WAL**

Willems, Mo. **Don't let the pigeon drive the sleigh!** The pigeon really, really wants to drive the sleigh. New York : Union Square Kids, 2023. **P WIL**

Wilson, Karma. **Bear says thanks.** Bear has come up with the perfect way to say thanks--a nice big dinner! When Bear decides to throw a feast, his friends show up one by one with different platters of delicious food to share. There's just one problem: Bear's cupboards are bare! What is he to do? New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2023. **P WIL**

## **Junior**

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. **Frankie Sparks and the big sled challenge.** Frankie Sparks is excited about her town's team sled design contest but while she knows a lot about building a sled, she has much to learn about building a team. Includes information on the design process and a challenge. New York : Aladdin, 2019. **J BLA**

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. **Frankie Sparks and the class pet.** Frankie Sparks, an aspiring brown-skinned inventor in third grade, is excited that her class is getting a pet, but the teacher Ms. Cupid says it has to be one that can be left alone over the weekend. Frankie thinks a rat, like the ones in her aunt Gina's lab, would be great but it has to be fed and her best friend Maya isn't thrilled. Frankie decides to invent something that will convince her teacher and her friend to get a rat for a class pet. New York : Aladdin, 2019. **J BLA**

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. **Frankie Sparks and the lucky charm.** Frankie Sparks is excited to use her inventing skills to try and trap a leprechaun, but then has doubts when it feels like every trap she builds fails. Includes information on the design process and a challenge. New York : Aladdin, 2020. **J BLA**

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. **Frankie Sparks and the talent show trick.** Frankie Sparks, the self-proclaimed "best inventor in the third grade," uses her skills to help her friend Maya overcome stage fright for the annual school talent show. New York : Aladdin, 2019. **J BLA**

Coelho, Joseph. **Zombierella.** A yellow moon hangs in a satin sky the night Cinderella, barefoot and in hand-me-downs, slips at the top of the stairs... and dies. But not for long. The Shadow of Death arrives to breathe life back into her bones and, for three nights only, Cinderella goes forth as ZOMBIERELLA. London : Walker Books Ltd, 2020. **J COE**

Elliott, Rebecca. **Bo and the dragon-pup.** Rainbow Tinseltail (called Bo) has never actually seen a dragon, but when things start going missing from Sparklegrove School for Unicorns all clues seem to point to a dragon pup called Scorch--but when Scorch does not return to the dragon caves, Bo and her friends become worried that he has gotten lost in the forest and they set out to find their new friend. New York : Branches/Scholastic Inc., 2020. **J ELL**

Elliott, Rebecca. **Bo and the merbaby.** When Bo and the rest of his unicorn friends find a merbaby who can't swim, they set out to help her. They embark on an adventure to find a legendary demigod called The Golden Fish. New York : Branches/Scholastic Inc., 2021. **J ELL**

Elliott, Rebecca. **Bo the brave.** A unicorn named Bo and his friends go camping to earn patches for their unicorn blankets. When the group hears noises outside their tent, they investigate even though they are scared and learn lessons about bravery and owning up to their mistakes New York : Branches/Scholastic Inc., 2020. **J ELL**

Elliott, Rebecca. **Bo's magical new friend.** Rainbow "Bo" Tinseltail and the other students at Sparklegrove School for Unicorns are excited when a new unicorn, Sunny Huckleberry, arrives at school. But Sunny does not know what his special magical power is, and he feels unhappy. Bo, whose power is granting wishes, is eager to help him even though he doesn't seem to want Bo's help. New York : Branches/Scholastic Inc., 2020. **J ELL**

Elliott, Rebecca. **The goblin princess.** Greta the goblin princess is bored, so Bo grants Greta's wish to be queen for a day so that she can have magical powers. But then Greta starts causing trouble all over Sparklegrove Forest. Bo and the other unicorns will have to use their imaginations to fix the princess's mess. New York : Branches/Scholastic Inc., 2020. **J ELL**

Gibbs, Stuart. **The Labyrinth of Doom.** Tim and his friends must face The Labyrinth of Doom on their latest quest. New York, NY : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2022] **J GIB**

Gibbs, Stuart. **Once upon a Tim.** With no knightly experience but plenty of pluck and an impressive vocabulary, a twelve-year-old peasant, hoping to improve his station in life, volunteers to help a cowardly prince and his not very powerful wizard rescue a princess from an evil, foul-smelling monster. New York, NY : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2022] **J GIB**

Gibbs, Stuart. **The quest of danger.** Tim and his friends flee the hazardous Sea of Terror and head toward the city of Atlantis in pursuit of King Neptuna's stolen trident. New York, NY : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2023] **J GIB**

Gibbs, Stuart. **The Sea of Terror.** Tim and his friends travel by land and sea, collecting treasure and defeating monsters as they go. New York, NY : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2023] **J GIB**

Green, Poppy. **The emerald berries.** Eight-year-old Sophie learns about some special emerald berries that will make the perfect colour for a painting she wants to do, so she asks her friend Hattie to go with her to Weedsnag Way, a part of the forest that is far from home and very frightening. New York : Little Simon, 2015. **J GRE**

Green, Poppy. **Forget-Me-Not Lake.** Sophie Mouse wants to prove how wonderful mice are for a school project she is doing with her brother, Winston, but starts to have doubts when, even with Hattie and Owen's help, she is unable to learn to swim. New York : Little Simon, 2015. **J GRE**

Green, Poppy. **Looking for Winston.** When Sophie's brother wants to help her build a fort in the woods, she tells him he is too little. Then Sophie and her friends realize they could use his help after all. New York : Little Simon, 2015. **J GRE**

Green, Poppy. **A new friend.** Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student--a snake--and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard snakes are awful. New York : Little Simon, 2015. **J GRE**

Homzie, Hillary. **Ellie May on April Fools' Day.** Ellie May really wants to be funnier than the class clown on April Fools' Day, however her enthusiasm turns the day into a bit of a disaster--but maybe remembering the best kind of humor and her own strengths can turn things around. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2018] **J HOM**

Inglis, Karen. **The secret lake.** "Stella and Tom's quest to solve the riddle of their neighbour's disappearing dog over the summer holidays soon leads to a boat buried under a grassy mound - and a tunnel that takes them to a secret lake. Who is the boy rowing towards them who looks so terrified? And whose are those children's voices carried on the wind from beyond the woods? London : Well Said Press, 2011. **J ING**

Kessler, Liz. **The tail of Emily Windsnap.** After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world. North Mankato, Minnesota : Candlewick Press, 2023. **J KES**

## **Non-fiction**

Swinburne, Stephen R. **Giraffe math.** "Told through the voice of Twiga the giraffe, this picture book shares knowledge about giraffes through math, using measurements, graphs, fractions, time, elemental geometry, and percentages."-- Provided by publisher. New York : Christy Ottaviano Books; Little, Brown and Company, [2023] **513.2 S**