
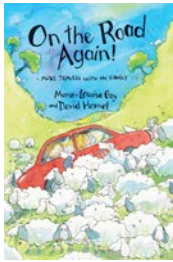
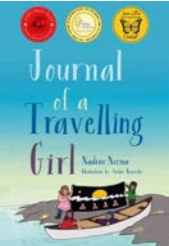



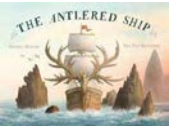



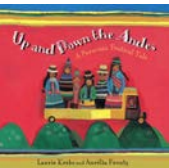
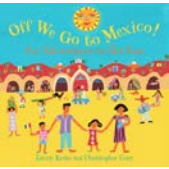


Book Quest 2023: Summer Reading Recommendations

Cover	Book	Author	Age***	Call #	Summary
Week 1: Traveling					
	Going on a Plane	Anne Civardi	3-7	JP CIV 2005	This series introduces young children, in an amusing and friendly way, to situations they might find themselves in for the first time.
	On the Road Again!	Marie-Louise Gay	7-8	JF GAY 2008	In the sequel to <i>Travels With My Family</i> , the family is on the road again -- this time to spend a year in a tiny village in southern France. They experiences the spring migration of sheep up to the mountain pastures, the annual running of the bulls (in which Charlie's father is trapped in a phone booth by a raging bull), and other adventures large and small.

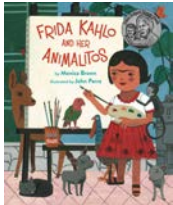
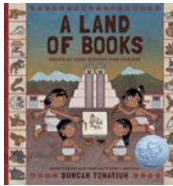
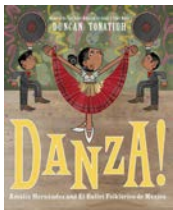
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	Journal of a Travelling Girl	Nadine Neema	9-12	JF NEE 2020	Eleven-year-old Julia has lived in the tiny northern community of Wekweèti since she was little. Although the community has always welcomed her, Julia still feels disconnected from the traditions and ancestral roots of the local culture. When she is invited on a canoe trip, Julia has no idea that the journey will change her life. Along the way she faces her fears, learns to survive in the wilderness and realizes the wisdom of traditional stories.
	Bluenose Adventure	Jacqueline Halsey	3-7	JF HAL 2013	Here's a true-to-life adventure story. Arty is a 10-year-old boy who gets the chance of a lifetime -- he's hired to go on the maiden voyage of the famous schooner <i>Bluenose</i> in 1921.
	Ocean Meets Sky	Terry Fan & Eric Fan	4-8	JP FAN 2018	Finn lives by the sea and the sea lives by him. Every time he looks out his window it's a constant reminder of the stories his grandfather told him about the place where the ocean meets the sky. Where whales and jellyfish soar and birds and castles float.
	The Pilot and the Little Prince	Peter Sis	6-8	JB SAI 2014	Antoine de Saint-Exupéry was born in France in 1900, when airplanes were just being invented. Antoine dreamed of flying and grew up to be a pilot—and that was when his adventures began. He found a job delivering mail by plane, which had never been done before. He and his fellow pilots traveled to faraway places and discovered new ways of getting from one place to the next.
	The Antlered Ship	Dashka Slater & the Fan Brothers	4-8	JP SLA 2017	Marco the fox has a lot of questions, like: <i>how deep does the sun go when it sinks into the sea? And why do birds have such lizards feet?</i> When a magnificent ship arrives at the dock looking for a crew, Marco volunteers, hoping to find others who are as inquisitive as he is that can answer his questions. The crew finds adventure and intrigue on their

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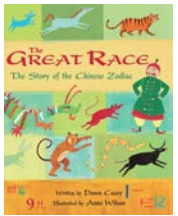
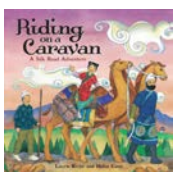
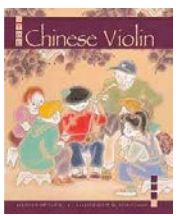
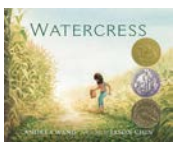
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	Akilak's Adventure	Deborah Kigiugalik Webster Charlene Chua	6-8	JP WEB 2016	When Akilak must travel a great distance to another camp to gather food, she thinks she will never be able to make it. With a little help from her grandmother's spirit, and her own imagination to keep her entertained, Akilak manages to turn a long journey into an adventure.
Week 2: South America					
	Up and Down the Andes	Laurie Krebs, Aurélia Fronty	4-10	JP KRE 2008	This rhyming text takes readers from Lake Titicaca all the way to the city of Cusco for the highly popular Inti Raymi festival, celebrated in June each year.
	Off We go to Mexico	Laurie Krebs and Christopher Corr	4-10	JP KRE 20006	Travel to Mexico and discover its many wonders, from the amazing monarch butterflies in the Highlands to a mariachi show in the village square. The rhyme and lyricism of the text is complemented by educational endnotes about the history of the country, national fiestas, and a glossary of simple Spanish vocabulary.
	Travels in Cuba	Marie-Louise Gay	7-10	JF GAY 2021	Charlie has never visited a country as strange and puzzling as Cuba - a country where he often feels like a time traveler. Where Havana's grand Hotel Nacional sits next to buildings that seem to be crumbling before his very eyes. Where there are many different kinds of walls - from Havana's famous sea wall to the invisible ones that seem aimed at keeping tourists and locals apart.
	Migrant	Maxine Trottier	4-7	JP TRO 2011	Each spring Anna leaves her home in Mexico and travels north with her family where they will work on farms. Sometimes she feels like a jack rabbit living in an abandoned burrow, as her family moves into an empty

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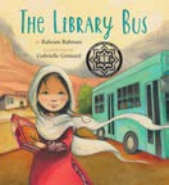


					house near the fields. But most of all she wonders what it would be like to stay in one place.
	Frida Kahlo and her Animalitos	Monica Brown and John Parra	4-8	JB KAH 2017	Monica Brown's story recounts pivotal moments in Frida's life and the beloved pets who comforted her along the way—two monkeys, a parrot, three dogs, two turkeys, an eagle, a black cat, and a fawn—and playfully considers how Frida embodied many wonderful characteristics of each animal.
	A Land of Books:	Duncan Tonatiuh	4-8	J 090 TON	A young Aztec girl tells her little brother how their parents create beautiful painted manuscripts, or codices. She explains to him how paper is made from local plants and how the long paper is folded into a book. Her parents and others paint the codices to tell the story of their people's way of life, documenting their history, science, tributes, and sacred rituals.
	Danza! Amalia Hernandez and El Ballet Folklórico de México	Duncan Tonatiuh	6-10	JB HER 2017	<p>As a child, Amalia saw a pair of dancers in the town square. The way they stomped and swayed to the rhythm of the beat inspired her. She knew one day she would become a dancer. Amalia studied ballet and modern dance under the direction of skilled teachers who had performed in world-renowned dance companies. But she never forgot the folk dance she had seen years earlier.</p> <p>She began traveling through the Mexican countryside, witnessing the dances of many regions, and she used her knowledge of ballet and modern dance to adapt the traditional dances to the stage. She founded her own dance company, a group that became known as El Ballet Folklórico de México.</p>

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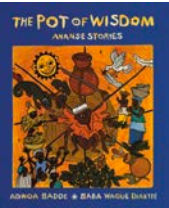
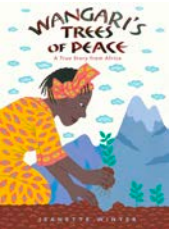
Week 3: Asia

	<p>The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac</p>	<p>Dawn Casey, Anne Wilson</p>	<p>4-10</p>	<p>JP CAS 2006</p>	<p>Race with the animals of the Zodiac as they compete to have the years of the Chinese calendar named after them. The excitement-filled story is followed by notes on the Chinese calendar, important Chinese holidays, and a chart outlining the animal signs based on birth years.</p>
	<p>We're Riding on a Caravan: An Adventure on the Silk Road</p>	<p>Laurie Krebs, Helen Cann</p>	<p>4-10</p>	<p>JP KRE 2007</p>	<p>Travel along the Silk Road with a multi-generational family from Xi'an, China, to where China and India meet. Along the way, you'll explore China's varied geography and discover how the Silk Road fostered cultural diversity a century ago.</p>
	<p>The Chinese Violin</p>	<p>Madeleine Thien</p>	<p>5-7</p>	<p>JP THI 2001</p>	<p>When Lin Lin and her father immigrate to Canada from China, they bring with them one of their most treasured possessions - a traditional Chinese violin. From the beauty of their new country to the uneasiness of not fitting in, this violin sees them through all their experiences, good and bad. One day, however, a terrible misfortune occurs when the Chinese violin is broken.</p>
	<p>Watercress</p>	<p>Andrea Wang Jason Chin</p>	<p>4-8</p>	<p>JP WAN 2021</p>	<p>While driving through Ohio in an old Pontiac, a young girl's Chinese immigrant parents spot watercress growing wild in a ditch by the side of the road. They stop the car, grabbing rusty scissors and an old paper bag, and the whole family wades into the mud to gather as much as they can.</p>


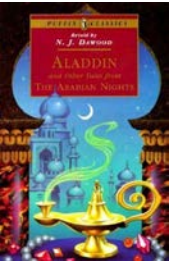
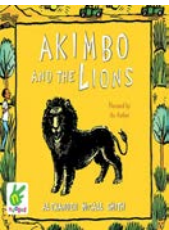
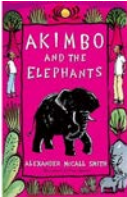
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	The Library Bus	Bahram Rahman, Gabrielle Grimard	5-8	JP RAH 2020	<p>It is still dark in Kabul, Afghanistan when the library bus rumbles out of the city. There are no bus seats—instead there are chairs and tables and shelves of books. And there are no passengers—instead there is Pari, who is nervously starting her first day as Mama’s library helper. Pari stands tall to hand out notebooks and pencils at the villages and the refugee camp, but she feels intimidated. The girls they visit are learning to write English from Mama. Pari can’t even read or write in Farsi yet. But next year she will go to school and learn all there is to know. And she is so lucky. Not long ago, Mama tells her, girls were not allowed to read at all.</p>
	Golden Threads	Suzanne Del Rizzo and Miki Sato	4-8	JP DEL 2020	<p>When a storm sweeps Emi’s beloved stuffed fox away from their mountain home, he ends up tattered and alone on a distant shore. A kind old man finds the fox and gives it to his granddaughter, Kiko. As she recovers from an injury of her own, Kiko mends the fox lovingly with golden thread.</p> <p>As the seasons pass, Kiko cares for the fox as her own. But after discovering his origins, she sets out, with her grandfather’s help, to bring the fox back to its original home. Once together, Emi and Kiko piece together the fox’s journey and find delight in their newly forged connections.</p>
	Eyes That Kiss in the Corners	Joanna Ho, Dung Ho	4-8	JP HO 2021.	<p>A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers’. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother’s, her grandmother’s, and her little sister’s. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future.</p> <p>Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in</p>

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					her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment. This powerful, poetic picture book will resonate with readers of all ages.
Week 4 & 5: Africa					
	Giraffe and Bird Together Again	Rebecca Bender	4-7	JP BEN 2018	Bird lives for adventure. He wants to swoop, soar, and explore. Giraffe is perfectly happy right where he is, thank you very much. He never worries when Bird flits off for a while. But one afternoon his friend fails to return. Giraffe has a bad feeling that something has happened to Bird. Giraffe dreads the wide world full of tangly forests, craggy mountains, and mysterious plains. But he doesn't hesitate. If Bird is in trouble, then Giraffe will find and rescue him.
	The Pot of Wisdom: Ananse Stories	Adwoa Badoe	4-7	JP BAD 2001	Drawing on the rich vein of the African Ananse tradition, this is a marvelously lively, witty and entertaining collection of ten tales about this spider trickster. These Ananse tales deal with the important issues that face us all—justice, money, food, marriage, vanity and self-respect. Sometimes Ananse succeeds and things go his way; other times he makes a fool of himself and is ashamed -- but never for a long time.
	Wangari's Trees of Peace : A True Story From Africa	Jeanette Winter	4-7	JB MAA 2008	As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down. Wangari decides to do something—and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman's passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.

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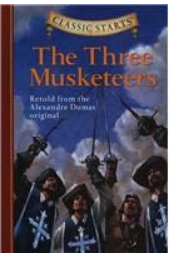


	We're Sailing Down the Nile	Laurie Krebs, Anne Wilson	4-10	JP KRE 2007	Set sail along the mighty Nile River to experience the wonders of Egypt. The lilting, rhyming story text is followed by eleven pages full of educational information about ancient Egypt, gods and goddesses, a helpful map, and much more.
	Aladdin and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights	N J Dawood, William Harvey	10+	JF DAW 1978	Some of the best-loved stories in the world, originating in Persia, India and Arabia, retold especially for children.
	Akimbo and the Lions	McCall Smith, Alexander	7-9	JF MCC 1993	Ten-year-old Akimbo lives on a game preserve in Africa. His father is the head ranger, and Akimbo is eager to help him whenever he can—even if it means getting into some pretty dangerous situations. In <i>Akimbo and the Lions</i> , Akimbo helps his father set a trap for a lioness that has been attacking cattle on nearby farms. But when the lion they catch turns out to be a cub, Akimbo must find a way to care for the young lion until it's old enough to be released in the wild.
	Akimbo and the Elephants	McCall Smith, Alexander	7-9	JF MCC 1993	In a central African animal sanctuary, young Akimbo sees the carcass of a mother elephant rotting in the sun. Hearing that his ranger father rarely catches these killers, Akimbo hatches a secret plan to apprehend these villains himself. But are the dangers too daunting for this aspiring hero?

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Week 6: Europe

	<p>Star: The Bird Who Inspired Mozart</p>	<p>Mireille Messier, Matte Stephens</p>	<p>4-8</p>	<p>JP MES 2022</p>	<p>Star: The Bird Who Inspired Mozart is based on the true story of how Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, one of the world's most remarkable musicians, was inspired by one of the world's most unremarkable birds: a starling.</p>
	<p>Mirror Mirror A Book of Reverso Poems</p>	<p>Marilyn Singer, Josée Masse</p>	<p>6-9</p>	<p>JP SIN 2010</p>	<p>What's brewing when two favorites—poetry and fairy tales—are turned (literally) on their heads? It's a revolutionary recipe: an infectious new genre of poetry and a lovably modern take on classic stories.</p> <p>First, read the poems forward (how old-fashioned!), then reverse the lines and read again to give familiar tales, from Sleeping Beauty to that Charming Prince, a delicious new spin. Witty, irreverent, and warm, this gorgeously illustrated and utterly unique offering holds a mirror up to language and fairy tales, and renews the fun and magic of both.</p>
	<p>Mary Poppins</p>	<p>P L Travers, Genevieve Godbout</p>	<p>4-7</p>	<p>JP TRA 2018</p>	<p>This picture book adaptation of the original novel is full of Mary's unique brand of whimsical adventure: There's a tea party on the ceiling, a visit to the night zoo, and a trip to a mysterious shop that sells stars. Told in a lyrical text with fresh yet timeless art by Genevieve Godbout, this version of Mary Poppins is perfect for reading aloud.</p>



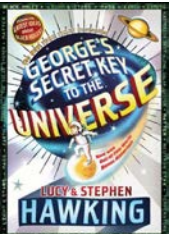
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	<p>The Three Musketeers: Retold from the Alexandre Dumas original</p>	<p>Dumas, Alexandre</p>	<p>5-11</p>	<p>JF HO 2007</p>	<p>All for one and one for all! That's the rallying cry of the Musketeers—guards of the French King—and the call to adventure for young readers enjoying their first taste of Dumas' classic swashbuckler. Aramis, Athos, Porthos, and the not-quite-yet Musketeer D'Artagnan use their wits and their swords to battle an evil Cardinal, the traitorous Milady, and other enemies of the French court.</p>
	<p>Aggie Morton Mystery Queen: The Body Under the Piano</p>	<p>Marthe Jocelyn</p>	<p>10+</p>	<p>JF JOC 2021</p>	<p>A smart and charming middle-grade mystery series starring young detective Aggie Morton and her friend Hector, inspired by the imagined life of Agatha Christie as a child and her most popular creation, Hercule Poirot.</p> <p>Aggie Morton lives in a small town on the coast of England in 1902. Adventurous and imaginative but deeply shy, Aggie hasn't got much to do since the death of her beloved father . . . until the fateful day when she crosses paths with twelve-year-old Belgian immigrant Hector Perot and discovers a dead body on the floor of the Mermaid Dance Room! As the number of suspects grows and the murder threatens to tear the town apart, Aggie and her new friend will need every tool at their disposal -- including their insatiable curiosity, deductive skills and not a little help from their friends -- to solve the case before Aggie's beloved dance instructor is charged with a crime Aggie is sure she didn't commit.</p>
	<p>Little People, Big Dreams: Emmeline Pankhurst</p>	<p>Lisbeth Kaiser</p>	<p>3 and under</p>	<p>JB PAN 2017</p>	<p>Little People, BIG DREAMS is a best-selling series of books and educational games that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream</p>




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	<p>The Mitten</p>	<p>Tresselt, Alvin / Yaroslava</p>	<p>4-8</p>	<p>JP TRE 1964</p>	<p>Deep in the woods on the coldest day of winter a little boy drops his mitten. And that lost mitten stretches and stretches—and stretches—to provide shelter for many woodland creatures.</p> <p>Originally published in 1964 and adapted from E. Rachev's version of the Ukrainian folktale, Yaroslava's distinctly charming illustrations and Alvin Tresselt's detailed text are as timeless and universal as the story itself.</p>
	<p>Bloom: A Story of Fashion Designer Elsa Schiaparelli</p>	<p>Kyo Maclear, Julie Morstad</p>	<p>5-9</p>	<p>JB SCH 2018</p>	<p>Here is the life of iconic fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli, who as a little girl in Rome, was told by her own mamma that she was brutta. Ugly. So she decided to seek out beauty around her, and found it everywhere. What is beauty? Elsa wondered. She looked everywhere for beauty until something inside of Elsa blossomed, and she became an artist with an incredible imagination. Defining beauty on her own creative terms, Schiaparelli worked hard to develop her designs, and eventually bloomed into an extraordinary talent who dreamed up the most wonderful dresses, hats, shoes and jewelry. Why not a shoe for a hat? Why not a dress with drawers? And she invented a color: shocking pink! Her adventurous mind was the key to her happiness and success--and is still seen today in her legacy of wild imagination. Daring and different, Elsa Schiaparelli used art to make fashion, and it was quite marvelous.</p>

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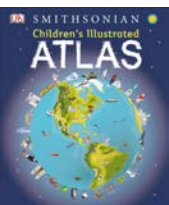


	Henri's Scissors	Jeanette Winter	5-8	JB MAT 2013	<p>In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and amazingly, it was from there that he created among his most beloved works—enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.</p>
Week 7: The Universe					
	Life on Mars	Jon Agee	4-8	JP AGE 2017	<p>In this sneaky, silly picture book for fans of Oliver Jeffers and Jon Klassen, an intrepid—but not so clever—space explorer is certain he's found the only living thing on Mars</p> <p>A young astronaut is absolutely sure there is life to be found on Mars. He sets off on a solitary mission, determined to prove the naysayers wrong. But when he arrives, equipped with a package of cupcakes as a gift, he sees nothing but a nearly barren planet. Finally, he spies a single flower and packs it away to take back to Earth as proof that there is indeed life on Mars. But as he settles in for the journey home, he cracks open his cupcakes—only to discover that someone has eaten them all!</p>
	George's Secret Key to the Universe	Lucy and Stephen Hawking	8-12	JF HAW 2008	<p>In their bestselling book for young readers, noted physicist Stephen Hawking and his daughter, Lucy, provide a grand and funny adventure that explains fascinating information about our universe, including Dr. Hawking's latest ideas about black holes. It's the story of George, who's taken through the vastness of space by a scientist, his daughter, and their super-computer named</p>

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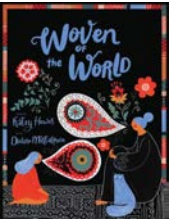
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	Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers of Space	Dominic Walliman Ben Newman	7-10	OS J 520 WAL	Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers of Space will tell you everything that there could be to know about our star, our planet, our solar system, our galaxy, our universe, and many more new insights into the ever-developing science of space and the outer reaches of the universe!
	The Darkest Dark	Chris Hadfield	4-8	JP HAD 2016	Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield, <i>The Darkest Dark</i> will encourage readers to dream the impossible. Chris loves rockets and planets and pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem—at night, Chris doesn't feel so brave. He's afraid of the dark. But when he watches the groundbreaking moon landing on TV, he realizes that space is the darkest dark there is--and the dark is beautiful and exciting, especially when you have big dreams to keep you company.
	Mae Among the Stars	Roda Ahmed	4-8	JB JEM 2018	Mae wanted to be an astronaut. She dreamed of dancing in space. She imagined herself surrounded by billions of stars, floating, gliding, and discovering. Her parents encouraged her, saying, "If you believe it, and work hard for it, anything is possible." This encouragement, along with Mae's own curiosity, intelligence, and determination, paved the way for her to become the first African American woman to travel in space.

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Week 8: Other Parts of the World (North America, Oceania, Antarctica, etc)

	Islandborn	Junot Diaz	3-7	JP DIA 2018	<p>When Lola's teacher asks the students to draw a picture of where their families immigrated from, all the kids are excited. Except Lola. She can't remember The Island—she left when she was just a baby. But with the help of her family and friends, and their memories—joyous, fantastical, heartbreaking, and frightening—Lola's imagination takes her on an extraordinary journey back to The Island.</p>
	Children's Illustrated Atlas	DK, Smithsonian	8-12	J 912 BRO	<p>Continents and countries are brought to life through stunning photography and eye-catching illustrations. Uncover incredible geographical features, wildlife, culture, history, and landmarks in unprecedented detail.</p> <p>This incredible and inspiring visual atlas takes you on a fact-filled, continent-by-continent tour of the world.</p>
	This is How We Do It	Matt Lamothe	5-8	J 305.23 LAM	<p>From Italy, Japan, Iran, and India to Peru, Uganda, and Russia, author Matt Lamonthe transports readers across the globe and back with this luminous and thoughtful picture book.</p>
	Frankie's Favorite Food	Kelsey Garrity-Riley	3-7	JP GAR 2019	<p>A scrumptiously adorable story about a boy, a school play and his love for food. Featuring foods from all over the world, this debut picture book will make you hungry for more!</p> <p>Frankie has a problem: he has <i>too many</i> favorite foods. He can't bring himself to choose just one to be for the school play, so on the day of the performance, he's still without a costume. His teacher comes up with a</p>

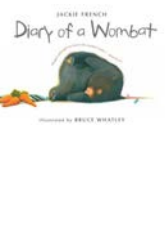

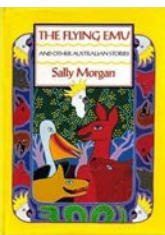

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					delicious idea: what if Frankie becomes the Costume Manager? That way, he can parlay his love of all things culinary into the whole production. From adding some last-minute garnishes to helping the rice and beans into their costumes, Frankie shines backstage until he has a brilliant idea and decides to make his debut on the menu as something that combines his love for all his favorite foods . . .
	It's the B'y	Lauren Soloy	3-8	JP SOL 2022	“It's the B'y” is a decades-old folk song that originated in Newfoundland but has been sung and danced to the world over. In this gorgeous picture book, Maritime artist and children’s writer Lauren Soloy honors the song and its birthplace with rich, captivating illustrations of bobbing boats, leaping humpback whales, violin-playing fish, dancing people, starry skies, and stormy seas.
	Woven of the World	Katey Howes, Dinara Mirtalipova	5-8	JP HOW 2022	As rhythmic as the swish of a loom, and as vibrant as a skein of brightly dyed wool, this lyrical picture book shares the history and practice of weaving through the centuries and around the world, as imagined by a young weaver learning her craft. The vignettes in this book give just a few glimpses into the world's countless weaving traditions. From the nomadic Fulani of West Africa to the Coastal Salish of North America, and from Uzbekistan to Peru to Egypt, this lush picture book celebrates eight moments in weaving history around the world.

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	<p>Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?</p>	<p>Jr, Bill Martin, Eric Carle, Bill Martin</p>	<p>2-5</p>	<p>BABY MAR 1991</p>	<p>What will you hear when you read this book to a preschool child?</p> <p>Lots of noise!</p> <p>Children will chant the rhythmic words. They'll make the sounds the animals make. And they'll pretend to be the zoo animals featured in the book-- look at the last page!</p>
	<p>Suffragette The Battle for Equality</p>	<p>David Roberts</p>	<p>7-10</p>	<p>OS J 324.623 ROB</p>	<p><i>Suffragette: The Battle for Equality</i> follows the trajectory of the movement in the U.K. and visits some key figures and moments in the United States as it presents the stories of Millicent Garrett Fawcett, Emmeline Pankhurst, Ida B. Wells, Susan B. Anthony, and many more heroic women and men — making it a perfect gift for young readers of today. Dr. Crystal Feimster of Yale's Department of African American Studies contributes a foreword that speaks to the relationship and differences between the British and American suffrage efforts.</p>
	<p>What's Up, Maloo?</p>	<p>Geneviève Godbout</p>	<p>3-7</p>	<p>JP GOD 2020</p>	<p>Maloo the kangaroo has lost his hop. Can his friends help him find it again? This sweet picture book explores the idea of sadness and the importance of friendship through ups and downs.</p> <p>No other kangaroo can hop like Maloo! But one day Maloo's friends find him stepping instead of hopping. What's wrong, Maloo? His pals look for ways to help Maloo regain the spring in his step. With patience, support and a little "hop" from his friends, Maloo gets his bounce back.</p>

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	Diary of a Wombat	Jackie French, Bruce Whately	4-7	JP FRE 2020	Wombats are cuddly-looking, slow-moving Australian animals. Their favorite activities are eating, sleeping, and digging holes. Here, in the words of one unusually articulate wombat, is the tongue-in-cheek account of a busy week; eating, sleeping, digging holes . . . and training its new neighbors, a family of humans, to produce treats on demand
	On A Beam Of Life: Story of Albert Einstein	Jennifer Berne, Vladimir Radunsky	8-11	JB EIN 2017	Travel along with Einstein on a journey full of curiosity, laughter, and scientific discovery. Parents and children alike will appreciate this moving story of the powerful difference imagination can make in any life.
	The Flying Emu	Sally Morgan	6-10	JF MOR 1992	When the boastful and brilliantly-colored emu offends one too many of the other animals, they decide to take action! The result? A bird that's no longer colorful – but is still just as vain. The emu is just one of a host of characters in this collection of funny, clever Australian folk tales that explain the creation of the world and what happened afterward.
	A Long Way Home	Jean Little, Gabrielle Grimard	4-8	JP LIT 2022	<p><i>Jane and Maya are very different. Maya is a quiet girl and a refugee, new to this country, while chatty and outgoing Jane has lived in the same place her whole life. The girls become instant friends. When they learn about endangered species in school, they decide to do their own small part to help by supporting migrating monarch butterflies.</i></p> <p><i>Together they plant a milkweed garden to feed and shelter the tiny creatures, then watch in amazement as a monarch hatches and grows before leaving on the long journey to Mexico. After all the butterflies have departed, Maya shares her own migration story — her family's long journey to</i></p>

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					<i>Canada. Maya wishes the monarchs safety in their new home too.</i>
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