## Recommended Reads Summer Book Quest 2024

Cover	Title	Author	Age	Call #	Summary				
Week 1: The Rainbow									
I Caught a Rainbow	I Caught a Rainbow	Danielle Chaperon	4-8	JP CHA 2023	One morning, a young girl catches a beautiful rainbow and places it in a glass jar. An instant bond is formed and the two become inseparable. But for the rainbow, homesickness eventually sets in—and no matter what the girl does to cheer it up, it can't escape feeling unwell.				
THE DAY the CRAYONS QUIT	The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywalt	4-8	JP DAY 2013	Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Blue crayon needs a break from coloring all those bodies of water. Black crayon wants to be used for more than just outlining. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true color of the sun. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?				

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER  WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER  ***  ***  ***  ***  ***  ***  ***	We are Better Together	Bill McKibben	4-8	JP MCK 2022	When we work together, we humans can do incredible things. We share the responsibility to address climate change and our changing planet. It is critical that we act collectively to protect our beautiful, fragile world. Renowned environmentalist Bill McKibben and the incredibly talented artist Stevie Lewis team up to bring this gorgeous picture book to life. Celebrating the amazing things people can do, it's an inspiring message of hope.
Patrick McDonnell	Art	Patrick McDonnell	2-8	JP MCD 2006	Art by Patrick McDonnell is a book with mostly pictures about a boy in a blue hat drawing and painting all different kinds of art with lines, dots, and squiggles.
My Friend Earth	My Friend Earth	Patricia MacLachlan	3-5	JP MAC 2020	This beautifully illustrated picture book follows 'Earth' after she wakes up from her winter nap. The story takes you along with Earth as she follows the cawing crows, tunneling moles, and hibernating bears through the four seasons until it is time for her winter nap again.

Than South	More than Words	Roz Maclean	4-8	JP MAC 2023	This tender, stunningly illustrated picture book explores and celebrates the many forms of expression—signing, speaking, singing, smiling, among others—and culminates in a poignant story about connection and understanding.
Racing Worm Short-Rithy Macaday Art = Rithy Macaday	The Racing Worm Brothers	Gary Barwin	5-7	JP BAR 1998	One day, Aaron and Ryan decide to adopt a pair of worms. They have a wonderful afternoon playing with their worms—named Pinky and Worm, by the way—but soon realize that what these little guys really want to do is race. The boys do everything they can to help: encouraging them, nurturing them, and making maps and sleep-stations to plant en route. Somehow things don't seem to move along terribly fast, and the boys actually lose track of their small squirmy buddies!
IF you WERE OCITY	If You Were a City	Kyo Maclear	3-5	JP MAC 2022	Just like people, there are so many ways a city can be. And this lively picture book explores all of them. From quiet and dreamy to bright and buzzing, the magnificent diversity of our world is celebrated by connecting the uniqueness of its places with the people who live in them. Wild, gritty, bookish, or sheltering—if you were a city, how would YOU be?

THEY SAY BLUE  CALSFESTY MONOR WINNER  JILLIAN TAMAKI	They Say Blue	Jillian Tamaki	5-6	JP TAM 2018	They Say Blue follows a young girl as she contemplates colours in the known and the unknown, in the immediate world and the world beyond what she can see. The sea looks blue, yet water cupped in her hands is as clear as glass. Is a blue whale blue? She doesn't know—she hasn't seen one.
HEAVE TILLE	Mix It Up!	Hervé Tullet	3-5	BABY TUL 2014	Follow the artist's simple instructions, and suddenly colors appear, mix, splatter, and vanish in a world powered only by the reader's imagination. Tullet sets readers on an extraordinary interactive journey all within the printed page.
A color of his own Leo Lionni	A Color of His Own	Leo Lionni	2-5	JP LIO 2003	A Color of His Own tells the story of a lonely chameleon who doesn't like to change colors all the time to blend in with his surroundings. He looks for a way to have his own color that doesn't change but then finds an even better solution.

Week 2: Red									
Big Bear little chair	Big Bear Little Chair	Lizi Boyd	2-4	JP BOY 2015	Big Bear Little Chair is a collection of opposites, of big things compared with little things. There's a thin thread of a story with recurring bear characters Big Bear and little bear. Big Bear is first paired with a little chair (he doesn't fit!), and little bear tries to climb onto Big Chair (too high!).				
Sall Sailing Flore	Little Red Riding Hood	Josephine Evetts-Secker	4-8	JP EVE 2004	Deception, redemption, and a blue wolf in disguise Kids will delight in the dramatic perspectives and vibrant colours in this retelling of a classic fairy tale. Many children are familiar with the story and will feel confident in their literacy skills as they read along.				
Book Schiaparelli Eks Schiaparelli Kan S	Bloom	Kyo Maclear	4-8	JB SCH 2018	Bloom: A Story of Fashion Designer Elsa Schiaparelli is the enchanting story for young readers of how a young girl used her imagination and emerged from plain to extraordinary.				

THE REANDARD HORACE PIPPIN  WITHOUT THE FOLIANT THE PIPPIN  WITHOUT THE FOLIANT THE PIPPIN  WITHOUT THE FOLIANT THE PIPPIN  WHITE SAFET  CHARLES SAFET  CHARLES SAFET  CHARLES SAFET	A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin	Jennifer Bryant	5-8	JB PIP 2013	A Splash of Red traces Horace Pippin's life from his early years as an imaginative child with a passion for art to his surprising entrance into the American art world in the 1940s.
Chester  by Malaris Watt  Chester	Chester	Mélanie Watt	4-8	JP WATT 2007	Chester is more than a picture book. It is a story told, and retold, by dueling author-illustrators. Melanie Watt starts out with the story of a mouse in a house. Then Melanie's cat, Chester, sends the mouse packing and proceeds to cover the pages with rewrites from his red marker, and the gloves are off.
EVEN ROBOTS AREN'T PERFECT!  900 can say THAT again  3AN THOMAS	Even Robots Aren't Perfect!	Jan Thomas	4-8	JP THO 2022	Meet two robots who are best friends and learn through their mistakes and make-ups that even robots aren't perfect in this silly and sweet three-part picture book. Red Robot and Blue Robot are very good friends. But sometimes friends say the wrong thing. And sometimes friends don't understand.

Week 3: Orange					
WANT TO THE BOOK	I Don't Want to Read This Book	Max Greenfield	4-8	JP GRE 2021	A hilarious picture book for every child who thinks they don't like to read books (and all the kids—and grownups—who do). Words, sentences, and even worse, paragraphs fill up books. Ugh!
ORN MOE LOWISE ON	Fern and Horn	Marie-Louise Gay	4-8	JP GAY 2019	Fern and Horn are twins who look like two peas in a pod or two stars in the sky. But Fern and Horn have different ways of seeing the world. They try to outdo each other with imagination and improvisation, using crayons and pencils, ripped-up paper, and cardboard boxes.
Diana Dances	Diana Dances	Luciano Lozano	3-6	JP LOZ 2019	Diana is a dancer! Diana is struggling in school and no one knows why. One day she can't help but dance to music she hears, and the truth becomes clear—there's nothing wrong with Diana. She just learns through movement.

HAPPY LION ROARS  Louise Fatio  Louise Fatio	The Happy Lion Roars	Louise Fatio	3-7	JP FAT 1957	When a beautiful lioness comes to town with a visiting circus, the Happy Lion pays her a visit and it is love at first sight! The Happy Lion finds a way to release her and hide her in his enclosure.
LLAMA DESTROYS WORLD  JONATHAN STUTZMAN WINDSHIP HEATHER FOX  ***  ***  ***  ***  ***  ***  ***	Llamas Destroys the World	Jonathan Stutzman	4-8	JP STU 2019	On Monday, Llama discovers a pile of cake, which he promptly eats. On Tuesday, Llama squeezes into his dancing pants, which he promptly rips. The force of the rip creates a black hole (naturally). By Friday, Llama will (indirectly) destroy the world.
He World  That the World  That	Woven of the World	Katey Howes and Dinara Mirtalipova	5-8	JP HOW 2022	Told from the perspective of a young girl learning to weave, <i>Woven of the World</i> is a lyrical meditation on the ancient art of weaving and what this beautiful craft can teach us. At once a celebration of a time-honoured art and a meditation on the ways we are interconnected, this artfully woven narrative gathers the threads of weaving as a technical skill, a cultural tradition, and as a metaphor for how our lives are knit together, into a radiantly intertwined whole.

Week 4: Yellow								
MAD HAIR DAY	My Mad Hair Day	Nathalie Dion	3-6	JP DIO 2021	Thanks to her wild head of hair, Malie gets all tangled up with an unexpected cast of characters in this funny, stylish twist of a tall tale. Malie is a little girl with huge, uncontrollable hair. And this morning, it seems wilder than ever.			
Camille Camille Cand the SUNFLOWERS  And the SUNFLOWERS  LAURENCE ANHOLY	Camille and the Sunflowers	Laurence Anholt	5-9	JP ANH 1994	A lovely book about artist Vincent van Gogh from the series, Anholt's Artists Books for Children. Where Camille lived, the sunflowers grew so high they looked like real suns. One day a man arrived in Camille's town. Camille meets the man, and they become friends. This man is the painter named Vincent van Gogh. Author and illustrator Laurence Anholt recalls memorable and sometimes amusing moments when the lives of the artists were touched by children.			
ONLY WAY TO THE BREAD TO THE BR	The Only Way to Make Bread	Cristina Quintero	3-7	JP QUI 2023	A delicious exploration of all kinds of breads, from sourdough to bannock to bao, that will tickle your taste buds and warm your heart.			

Detective Mole PANTONATO	Detective Mole	Camilla Pintonato	4-8	JP PIN 2021	Oscar is a whiz in the kitchen, but he's always dreamed of being a detective. When a squirrel is reported missing, Oscar hopes this will be his big break. Since he's read so many mysteries and has a nose for details, he knows exactly how to lead an investigation. But the clues pile up and he's nowhere closer to solving the case. Will he be able to track down the missing squirrel?
Golden Threads WEITHER MY SUZANNE OIL RUZZO RUGITAATE W MINI SATO	Golden Threads	Suzanne Del Rizzo and Miki Sato	4-8	JP DEL 2020	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. <i>Golden Threads</i> is inspired by the Japanese art form of kintsugi, or golden joinery, where broken pottery is repaired with resin painted gold. Kintsugi values repairing, rather than replacing, believing that the cracks give the broken item its story. This book is also a warm celebration of wabi-sabi, the Japanese idea that there is beauty in things that may be incomplete or imperfect.
Mommy's Khima,	Mommy's Khimar	Jamilah Thompkins- Bigelow	4-8	JP THO 2018	A young girl plays dress-up with her mother's headscarves, feeling her mother's love with every one she tries on. Charming and vibrant illustrations showcase the beauty of the diverse and welcoming community in this portrait of a young Muslim American girl's life.

My Heart Fills With Happiness Monique Gray Smith Characters by Julie Hett	My Heart Fills With Happiness	Monique Gray Smith	Baby- 5	BABY GRA 2016	The sun on your face. The smell of warm bannock baking in the oven. Holding the hand of someone you love. What fills your heart with happiness? This beautiful board book, with illustrations from celebrated artist Julie Flett, serves as a reminder for little ones and adults alike to reflect on and cherish the moments in life that bring us joy.
Week 5: Green					
IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A DINOSAUR Linda Bailey & Colin Jack	If you Happen to Have a Dinosaur	Linda Bailey	3-7	JP BAI 2014	There are oodles of uses for a dinosaur— from a fine umbrella to an excellent kite and a dandy pillow, not to mention a reliable burglar alarm and the perfect excuse to forget your homework. This delightfully absurd exploration of the domestic uses of dinosaurs—and the things dinos just aren't good for at all—is guaranteed to tickle funny bones and spark imaginations. If you read carefully, you'll learn how to make your dinosaur last a very long time.
andrew tarsen Udagana tugo	Jungle Cat	Andrew Larsen	3-5	JP LAR 2023	Bob is an orange tabby cat with big dreams. He lives in a safe and friendly apartment building with his human, Pippa, but Bob knows he is more than an indoor cat—he's a Jungle Cat! When he sneaks outside to chase after his dream, Bob's adventure suddenly gets too wild. It's a good thing jungle cats know when to ask for help!

Picture Tree	Picture a Tree	Barbara Reid	3-8	JP REI 2011	Picture a tree—what do you see? From bare branches tracing the sky to an explosion of colour, a place for adventure or a friend to shelter us from the sun—a tree can be so many things.
The Giving Tree	The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	4-8	JP SIL 1964	Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunkand the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave.
BE A TREE!	Be A Tree	Maria Gianferrari	4-8	JP GIA 2021	We are all like trees: our spines, trunks; our skin, bark; our hearts giving us strength and support, like heartwood. We are fueled by air and sun.  And, like humans, trees are social. They "talk" to spread information; they share food and resources. They shelter and take care of one another. They are stronger together.

little blue and little yellow	Little Blue and Little Yellow	Leo Lionni	3-7	JP LIO 1959	Little blue and little yellow share wonderful adventures. One day, they can't find one another. When they finally meet, they are overjoyed. They hug until they become green. But where did little blue and little yellow go? Are they lost?
Mouse's first day of SCHOOL SCHOOL REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF	Mouse's First Day of School	Lauren Thompson	4-8	JP THO 2003	One bright morning, Mouse discovers a whole new world. There are colors to paint and letters to spell. Best of all, new friends to play with! Wherever could they be?

Week 6: Blue	Five Minutes	Liz Garton Scanlon	3-7	JP SCA 2019	Five minutes is a lot of timeor is it? Well, it depends on what you're doing, of course! Follow one little boy and his family on a very busy day, as he discovers that sometimes five minutes feels like forever—like when you're finishing up at the dentist's office or waiting in line for the bathroom or in the backseat on a long car ride—and sometimes five minutes feels like no time at all—like when you're playing your favorite game or at the tippy top of a roller coaster or snuggling up with a book before bedtime.
ALBERT'S QUIET QUEST	Albert's Quiet Quest	Isabelle Arsenault	4-8	JP ARS 2019	Albert just wants to read his book in peace why won't his friends give him some quiet? A delightful picture book about finding alone time from an internationally acclaimed illustrator.
HELO IGHTHOUSE Sophie Blackall	Hello Lighthouse	Sophie Blackall	4-8	JP BLA 2018	Hello Lighthouse follows the story of a lighthouse keeper who lives on a secluded island. We watch as he leaves for his first trip out to relieve the previous keeper and as he adjusts to his new life. He keeps busy with daily chores like trimming the wick and refilling the oil for the lighthouse beacon.

You See Bluebird	If you See a Bluebird	Rahram Rahman	5-8	JP RAH 2023	For young Ali, a former refugee from Afghanistan, "home" is where his family is together. Although his family is safe in their new country, Ali finds himself wishing he could go back to Afghanistan. A day spent picking blackberries with Nana reminds him of their old house with the mulberry tree he loved, and the day the soldiers came.
Little Pea	Little Pea	David Cali	3-7	JP CAL 2023	His clothes were hand sewn by his mother and his shoes were hand-me-down doll shoes. As he grew older, Little Pea enjoyed climbing tomato plants, driving around in his wind-up car and riding on the backs of grasshoppers. But then Little Pea started school. And he suddenly realized just how small he was. Too small for his chair. Too small to play the flute. Too small for gym class. What would become of wee Little Pea?
The Great Blue. Grump.	Great Blue Grump	Jill Creighton	3-7	JP CRE 1997	What exactly is the mysterious Great Blue Grump? Well, we know he's not a three-toed sloth, or a frilled lizard. And he eats normal stuff, like chocolate and bean sprouts. He's hairy and grumpy and blue all over—and just happens to have an awful lot in common withDad! A small girl and her friend creep through the house, with each step further embellishing the description and habitat of the Great Blue Grump who is asleep upstairs.

THE BOY AND THE Blue Moon SARA O'LEARY - Alassasi's ASHLEY CROWLEY	The Boy and the Blue Moon	Sara O'Leary	4-8	JP OLE 2018	On the night of a blue moon, a boy and his cat set out for a walk and find themselves on a magical adventure. Together they travel through fields of flowers, forests of towering trees, and lakes of deep dark blue. Flying through starry blue skies, they reach the blue moon. But the blue planet, Earth, calls the explorers home. Safely back in bed, the boy wonders—was it only a dream?
THE NEW YOR TIMES BESTSELLER  OCCUPANT MERCAN  Ibithal Muhammad  S. S. K. M.  Hetern Aly  PROUDEST  BLUE  A Stery of Pagins and Family	The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family	Ibtihaj Muhammad	4-8	JP MUH 2019	With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab—a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.
BLUE KANGAROO?	Where Are You, Blue Kangaroo?	Emma Chichester Clark	2-5	JP CLA 2016	Blue Kangaroo belongs to Lily, and she takes him with her wherever she goes. Sometimes Blue Kangaroo gets lost, but he always waits for Lily to find him. Lately, though, Lily has been losing her friend too often—leaving him behind at the park and on the bus. Blue Kangaroo is afraid Lily will leave him behind for good. Is Lily forgetting about her best friend?

Why Is Blue Dog Blue?	Why Is Blue Dog Blue: A Tale of Colors	George Rodrigue	7-12	JP ROD 2001	Paintings of Blue Dog in many different colours, including salmon, cherry, and moss green, explain why Blue Dog had to be blue.
BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL ROBERT MCCLOSKEY	Blueberries for Sal	Robert McCloskey	3-7	JP MCC 1976	Sal and her mother are picking blueberries to can for the winter. But when Sal wanders to the other side of Blueberry Hill, she discovers a mama bear preparing for her own long winter. Meanwhile Sal's mother is being followed by a small bear with a big appetite for berries! Will each mother go home with the right little one?
Bluest of Blues	The Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photographs	Fiona Robinson	6-9	JB ATK 2018	After losing her mother very early in life, Anna Atkins (1799–1871) was raised by her loving father. He gave her a scientific education, which was highly unusual for women and girls in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.  Fascinated with the plant life around her, Anna became a botanist. She recorded all her findings in detailed illustrations and engravings, until the invention of cyanotype photography in 1842. Anna used this new technology in order to catalog plant specimens—a true marriage of science and art. In 1843, Anna published the book <i>Photographs of British Algae: Cyanotype Impressions</i> with handwritten text and cyanotype photographs. It is considered the first book of photographs ever published.

Week 7: Purple	Week 7: Purple							
Chris Kennett  One of the control of	My Mom	Chris Kenneth	4-8	JP KEN 2023	Through rhyming text and vibrant, engaging art, explore the many things that moms can be and why we love them so.			
The leacher from the Black Lagoon  by Mike Thaler · pictures by Jared Lee	The Principal from the Black Lagoon	Mike Thaler	4-8	JP THA 1993	Hubie has been sent to the principal's office, and he's scared! Does Mrs. Green really feed kids to the alligator she keeps in her office? Does she really keep kids locked in cages under her desk? Will Hubie be able to hear kids screaming for help from down the hall?  Anticipation turns a trip to the principal's office into a playfully frightening adventure!			
HAROLD and the PURPLE CRAYON  by Crockett Johnson	Harold and the Purple Crayon	Crockett Johnson	4-8	JP JOH 1955	Harold and his incredible, astounding, magical purple crayon can go anywhere and do anything!			

Sheree Fitch Illustrations by Sydney Smith	Mabel Murple	Sheree Fitch	4-8	JP FIT 2010	What if there was a purple planet with purple people on it? Sheree Fitch answers this question with a zany tongue-twister of a poem featuring Mabel Murple, a daredevil who rides a purple motorbike through purple puddles, skis on purple snow, and on her pancakes pours maple syrup.
Princess Funella  AND UP LE Peanut  MARCARET ATWOOD  MARYANN KOVALSKI	Princess Prunella and the Purple Peanut	Margaret Atwood	4-8	JP ATW 1995	The Wise Woman casts a spell on the self-absorbed princess, causing a hideous purple peanut to sprout on the end of her perfect nose. There is only one way to break the spell. Prunella must perform three good deeds. But what's a princess to do when she doesn't even know what a good deed is?
GRANDMA'S GONE TO LIVE IN THE STARS	Grandma's Gone to Live in the Stars	Max Haynes	3-7	JP HAY 2000	In the moments after grandmother has passed away, her spirit is at peace as she says goodbye to her sleeping family and her home.

Covinne's Milnight Dragon	Winnie's Midnight Dragon	Valerie Thomas	4-8	JP THO 2006	Winnie the Witch is sound asleep, when Wilbur hears something downstairs. It's a baby dragon with smoke coming out of its nose. Puff!  How will Winnie stop her house from burning down and find the baby dragon's mother? With a little magic, of course!
Week 8: Rainbow					
FROM THE CREATOR OF THE MULTI-COVID BESTELLERS PRESS HERE AND MIX IT UP!  LET'S  PLAY!  HEN'E TURE	Let's Play	Hervé Tullet	2-4	JP TUL 2023	It's only a yellow dotbut what a dot it is! Readers won't be able to resist this jaunty, adventurous dot, nor its invitation to play along. Thus begins a spectacular ride of color, motion, shape, and imagination, filled with the artistry and delight that we know and love.
GEORSIA'S TERRIFIC COLORIFIC EXPERIMENT  TOE FERSICO	Georgia's Terrific, Colorific Experience	Zoe Persico	4-8	JP PER 2019	Georgia is a creative girl from a family of artists who wants to be a scientist. She decides she has to create her own unique experiment to truly be a great scientist (the way her family are all great artists). She rebukes her family's advice, thinking science and art have to be mutually exclusive, but after many failed attempts at recreating experiments, she comes to realize that science can be a work of art.

MARVELOUS COAT	The Magical, Mystical, Marvelous Coat	Catherine Ann Cullen	4-8	JP CUL 2001	The unusual buttons from a young girl's favorite coat provide magical assistance to a giant, a swan, some sailors, a wizard, some rabbits, and an elf.
nine color deer  Kallın Duan	Nine Color Deer	Kailin Duan	4-8	JP DUA 2022	The story begins deep in the Kunlun Hills with a legendary deer whose fur has nine colors. One day she hears a cry for help and rescues a drowning man. When the man asks how he could ever repay this kindness, the Nine Color Deer simply requests that the man never reveal her whereabouts.  But will this promise survive a bounty offered by a King and Queen who seek the magic of the deer for their kingdom?
DADAJI'S Paintbrush  RAHMI SIBDESHMANDE - ROCHI MILASANE	Dadaji's Paintbrush	Rashmi Sirdehpande and Ruchi Mhasane	4-8	JP SIR 2022	Once, in a tiny village in India, there was a young boy who loved to paint. He lived with his grandfather, who taught him to paint with his fingers, to make paints from marigolds and brushes made from jasmine flowers.  They didn't have much, but they had each other. After his grandfather dies, the boy notices a little box wrapped in string with a note that read: "From Dadaji, with love," with his grandfather's best paintbrush tucked away inside. But he feels he will never want to paint again. Will the boy overcome his grief and find joy in painting and his dadaji's memory again?

TOKY COLOR OF TO	Tokyo Digs a Garden	Jon-Erik Lappano	3-7	JP LAP 2016	Tokyo lives in a small house between giant buildings with his family and his cat, Kevin. For years, highways and skyscrapers have been built up around the family's house where once there were hills and trees. Will they ever experience the natural world again?
you matter  christian robinson	You Matter	Christian Robinson	4-8	JP ROB 2020	In this full, bright, and beautiful picture book, many different perspectives around the world are deftly and empathetically explored—from a pair of bird-watchers to the pigeons they're feeding. Young readers will be drawn into the luminous illustrations inviting them to engage with the world in a new way and see how everyone is connected, and that everyone matters.
Sky Color PETER H REYNOLDS	Sky Color	Peter H. Reynolds	5-9	JP REY 2012	Marisol loves to paint. So when her teacher asks her to help make a mural for the school library, she can't wait to begin! But how can Marisol make a sky without blue paint? After gazing out the bus window and watching from her porch as day turns into night, she closes her eyes and starts to dream From the award-winning Peter H. Reynolds comes a gentle, playful reminder that if we keep our hearts open and look beyond the expected, creative inspiration will come.

Where Are You, Agnes?	Where Are You, Agnes?	Tessa McWatt and Zuzanna Celej	4-8	JB MAR 2020	This stunning picture book imagining of artist Agnes Martin's childhood gives readers a glimpse into the life and work of one of the most esteemed abstract painters of the twentieth century.
Mire Verdann Geleki Verdegeb  Bear Is Never Alone	Bear is Never Alone	Marc Veerkamo and Jeska Verstegan	4-8	JP VEE 2023	A stirring, thoughtful story about the pressure to perform and the support of a true friend. This moving story is the perfect companion for social-emotional lessons about choosing solitude, respecting boundaries, and building interpersonal awareness. Illustrated in striking shades of black, white, and red, <i>Bear Is Never Alone</i> encourages young readers to notice others' needs and care for them with kindness.
MAYA'S BIG SCENE	Maya's Big Scene	Isabelle Arsenault	4-8	JP ARS 2021	Maya is a bossy, burgeoning playwright and loves to have the kids in her Mile End neighborhood bring her scenes to life. Her latest work, about a feminist revolution, is almost ready for public performance. But as her actors begin to express their costume preferences, Maya quickly learns that their visions may not match hers and as both Director and Queen, Maya demands obedience and loyalty in her queendom of equality! But she soon realizes—with the help of her friends and subjects—that absolute bossiness corrupts absolutely!