Beginning Readers

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<td>Tales from R2-D2’s life plus facts about other robots in the Star Wars films.</td>
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<td>The ponies are planning a very special surprise for a very special friend. Join them as they make their secret scrapbook, but do not tell Daisy Jo!</td>
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<td>One day while Brother Bear is hunting bullfrogs, he finds a tiny, muddy kitten instead, and when he takes it home and introduces it to Mama, Papa, Sister, and the family dog, they all decide to keep it.</td>
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A simple tale, using a limited vocabulary for young readers, of how little bear travels to town in a cardboard box on a truck. By the time he has returned, the reader will be exposed to the concepts of "inside, outside, upside down."

Biscuit the dog meets hens, pigs, geese, and goats while visiting a farm.

I Am Kind follows a little girl who sees kindness all around her. Her mother is kind when she volunteers in the community, and her neighbor is kind when he gives her strawberries from his garden. Even her nature troop is kind when they take care of the earth! The little girl realizes that she, too, has the power to be kind, and that even small actions can have a big impact.

Minnie and Moo want to give special presents to the Farmer for his birthday, but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater.

Little Bill and his teammates are excited to begin baseball practice, but they cannot agree on the team name.

When Pete the cat meets a super cool caterpillar, he thinks he has found a new best friend. But when one day his caterpillar goes missing, Pete has to find out what happened to his new friend. Pete is in for one wild surprise at the end!

Gilbert the opossum imagines himself as Surfer Dude on a fun-filled day at the beach.

Two friends set off for a picnic together, but by the time they are ready to eat, they have lost one another.


Lucy befriends Mr. Tumnus in the magic land of Narnia.


Bill is very proud of his new baggy pants with the many pockets but when he goes to buy potatoes for his mother, strange things begin to happen.


A young boy becomes the "mother" to a goose, who becomes "mother" to a duck, as they learn about the rhythms of nature together.


In this rhyming story, an African American girl hides when it's time to comb and braid her hair. A young African American girl dreads Monday, when her hair is braided, in this easy-to-read book.


Why don't dinosaurs go to school? In Danny and the Dinosaur: School Days, the dinosaur gets curious and follows his friend Danny to school! But Danny's buddy is too big to ride the school bus, and school lunch isn't quite right for a dinosaur ... So, he decides to do school his own way -- dino style -- and it turns out to be the best class ever!


When Batman sees the Bat-Signal up in the sky, it means that danger is near! He'll need his Batsuit and Bat-Pod to help keep Gotham City safe from its newest enemy—the Joker!
Blu, a rare blue Spix's Macaw, travels to Rio de Janeiro to save his species, where he meets Jewel, the only other bird of his kind, but they are soon kidnapped by rare animal smugglers and must escape.

Shrek and Donkey find Fiona's cousin Artie to bring him back to Far Far Away to be king, but Artie doesn't think he can be king--and neither does Prince Charming, who wants the job for himself.

Susan Murphy used to think she was plain and ordinary. But that was before she turned into a giant, battled an alien invader, and saved planet Earth!

Take a trip to the sandy planet of Tatooine and meet the people and strange creatures who live there!

Thelma always seems to get Frances into trouble. When she tricks Frances into buying her tea set, it's the last straw. Can Frances show her that it's better to lose a bargain than lose a friend?

Busy Bear wants to play all winter long with his animal friends, but when he becomes overly tired he begins to realize why bears need to hibernate.

Sam's favorite thing about second grade is the class pet, a hamster named George Washington, so when the class goes on a field trip to a science museum, Sam cannot resist bringing George along.

Join heroic Han Solo as he makes great friends--and some powerful enemies!


Rogue must decide whether to join the X-men permanently or try to make her own way.


A young boy tours a theater, including backstage, before watching a play. Information boxes provide details about the roles of the director, stage manager, and lighting and sound technicians, and the making of props.


Two chickens, Dinah and Rufus, find that running a diner is harder than they expected when every customer wants something that is not on the menu, until finally someone comes in for whom the Custard Surprise is just right.


Marley's family takes extra care in getting their blue-ribbon pumpkin to the fair, but with a dog like Marley around, being careful isn't always enough.


A mother reassures her son when he imagines increasingly silly things that might go wrong on his first day of kindergarten.


Aunt Sue takes her niece on a ride of adventure that brings them to some unusual places.


June and her friends Joe and Mike create a funny song.

This book for very beginning readers features a young boy and his father having a wonderful time making a map as they explore their neighborhood. As they explore, the boy learns where he lives in relation to various places and landmarks in the town. Through this charming story, you readers will learn a little about maps, including how to make and use their own maps!


Little Critter introduces his town, showing the reader everything from the post office to the movie theater.


A young girl who uses fancy words and considers herself practically a poison ivy expert learns a valuable (and itchy) lesson about the plant after picking a bouquet of wildflowers.


When Snail realizes that his friends are going to bed, he begins a very long, very slow slide to wish them all good night.


Let the games begin! Pluto and Butch have entered a competition to see who will be ‘top dog.’ In the end, they learn it’s not about winning or losing, but how you play the game.

N/A St.-Aubin, Bruno. *Daddy’s an Alien*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2005. (Read-it! Readers, Green Level)

After a child's father returns from an airplane trip looking different and acting strangely, his family begins to suspect that he may be an alien.


Optimus Prime and the Autobots learn the evil Decepticons are behind a series of seemingly natural disasters.
Amanda is very excited about starting first grade, and although everything is not exactly as she expected, she soon begins learning to read and finding her way.

Pip Squeak the mouse works hard to clean the house for his friend Max's visit, but then he has to clean up after Max too.

**NONFICTION**

A young boy accidentally lets his dog loose from the yard, in a book that helps young readers learn to express and articulate sadness.

A gentle Triceratops forgets to stay with the herd and has to use his sharp horns to fight a Tyrannosaurus.

A very simple introduction to the world of plants.
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<td>Lock, David</td>
<td><em>Animals at Home</em></td>
<td>London; New York: DK, 2007. (DK</td>
<td>591.56</td>
<td>L789A</td>
<td>800L</td>
<td>Text and photographs describe how a variety of animals construct their homes.</td>
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<td>Guiberson, Brenda Z.</td>
<td><em>Ocean Life</em></td>
<td>New York: Scholastic, 2011. (Scholastic Reader, Level 1)</td>
<td>591.77</td>
<td>G9409O</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Learn all about ocean life in this book full of facts and photographs.</td>
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<td>Murphy, Patricia J.</td>
<td><em>Bugs and Us</em></td>
<td>New York: DK, 2012. (DK Readers 1)</td>
<td>595.7</td>
<td>M956B</td>
<td>270L</td>
<td>Helps your child to discover all about the lives of creepy crawlies—what they eat, where they live, and how they help humans.</td>
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<td>Marzollo, Jean</td>
<td><em>I'm a Caterpillar</em></td>
<td>New York: Scholastic, 2008. (Beginning Reader, Level 1)</td>
<td>595.78</td>
<td>M3699I</td>
<td>490L</td>
<td>Provides a simple explanation of what happens as a caterpillar changes into a butterfly—from the caterpillar's point of view.</td>
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<td>Wallace, Karen</td>
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<td>Simple text and photographs describe the stages by which a butterfly develops from an egg.</td>
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<td>Winchester, Elizabeth</td>
<td><em>Bees!</em></td>
<td>New York: HarperCollins, 2005. (Time for Kids, Level 1)</td>
<td>595.799</td>
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<td>Get the inside scoop on the world's most fascinating creatures! Meet a beekeeper. Peek inside a beehive. Find out how some bees make honey. Learn more than thirty fun facts about these busy insects.</td>
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From the icy north to the hot rain forests, bears settle in their dens. These powerful mammals may be big, but they are not slow. Bears are strong climbers, runners, and swimmers. And bears like to eat! Some lick honey with long tongues. Others use sharp claws and teeth to fish in rivers.

A simple explanation of how the human body works, discussing the five senses, muscles, bones, digestion, the heart, and the brain.

Blast off into a galaxy full of fun with this fact-tastic history of fun stuff!

Milk the cows, feed the sheep, build a pen, and more--it's morning on the farm!

Extreme Reader investigates unusual animals that are kept as pets around the world.

Follow violinist Jane Lee through the day as she prepares for a concert.

Padmé Amidala, Queen of Naboo, explains her life and explains what happens when her planet is invaded by enemy soldiers.

At his first soccer practice, Erik learns how to stretch, the rules of the game, and kicking techniques before playing a practice game.


Examines two young girls as they learn the beam, bars and vault.

**BIOGRAPHIES**


A biography of WWE wrestler John Cena. He has also been in movies and recorded a rap song.


Profiles the life and career of professional wrestler Hornswoggle.


A brief biography of the WWE professional wrestler known as CM Punk.


Describes events in the wrestling career of a professional wrestler known as Rey Mysterio.

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