# PREDICTABLE BOOKS

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<td>&quot;Terrific,&quot; says Eugene when he wins an all-expenses-paid cruise to Bermuda. &quot;I'll probably get a really nasty sunburn.&quot; But Eugene's luck is much worse than that. His ship sinks, and he ends up stranded on a tiny island.</td>
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a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant, and a handsome knight.


A series of increasingly far-fetched events might occur if someone were to give a cupcake to a cat. If you give a cat a cupcake, he'll ask for some sprinkles to go with it. When you give him the sprinkles, he might spill some on the floor. Cleaning up will make him hot, so you'll give him a bathing suit... and that's just the beginning!


One child. One swing. An obliging dad. The inevitable plea to go "Higher! Higher!" Add Leslie Patricelli's wildly expressive illustrations, and an everyday pastime reaches new heights of humor and whimsy. How high can it go? Higher than a giraffe? Taller than a mountain? Is Earth the final frontier?


Three goats escape from their pen and visit a fair, but they run back home after they seem to encounter an ogre.


A boy and his father lift one another's spirits by going sledding on a winter's night.


A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.


Every Friday a father and his child share a special ritual.
NONFICTION


Reveals the meaning of the mosquito's buzz.

CUMMULATIVE STORY

Each time a new event occurs, all previous events are repeated.

EASY


When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself but finds that various other animals, including a skunk, come to join him. It's raining cats and dogs! Good thing Rover is snuggled safe and dry inside his doghouse--until, one by one, a soggy menagerie of creatures shows up looking for a cozy place to sit out the storm. But who's the very unwelcome surprise visitor? Skunk, of course. Suddenly that doghouse isn't quite so crowded after all!


A cumulative tale in which Papa Luis's family and friends make preparations for his birthday fiesta, complete with piñata, cake, and a clown.


In this cumulative rhyme based on "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a teacher receives an array of animals from her adoring students.


Benny sets off in the morning with five shiny new pennies to spend and eventually buys something for his mother, brother, sister, dog, and cat.

Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.


A cumulative tale in which the turnip planted by an old man grows so enormous that everyone must help to pull it up.


Cumulative rhythmic story of a hungry owl watching for his dinner.


In the style of a classic cumulative rhyme, the children undo all of Dad's hard work cleaning the family car.


A cumulative folk song in which the solution proves worse than the predicament when an old lady swallows a fly.


In this most famous of cumulative tales, the list of places to enjoy green eggs and ham, and friends to enjoy them with, gets longer and longer. Follow Sam-I-am as he insists that this unusual treat is indeed a delectable snack to be savored everywhere and in every way.


In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.
NONFICTION

A freshly bake gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of pursuers until he meets a clever fox.

A cumulative rhyme summarizes the life's work of renowned Mexican potter, Juan Quezada.

FAMILIAR SEQUENCE STORY

This book is organized around a recognizable theme or concept, such as days of the week, numbers, the alphabet, seasons, opposites, etc.

EASY

This hide-and-seek book is full of things to look at and talk about as you journey through the changing year. In every scene, there are different items to find. Learn all about the seasons as well as calendars through the ages in the fun and informative notes at the end of the story.

In search of the perfect place to lay her egg, Tillie the chicken leaves the barnyard and explores the farmhouse.

A rhyming countdown of the days of the week as a father and child find ways to spend time together while waiting for the weekend.

Invites the reader to count the inhabitants of a garden, from one to ten, such as
four bunnies and nine inchworms.


Through a series of ingenious die-cut pages, the reader discovers things that are the opposite of what they seem: A black bat transformed into a white ghost, a sunny day that becomes a starry night. Posed as a series of 18 questions and answers.


One frog, two owls, three geese are joined by increasingly larger numbers of different animals that keep ten campers from falling asleep in their tent.


Cookie the cat gets into a different kind of mischief every day of the week.


In Taro Miura's deceptively simple book children will discover more than sixty different tools, both familiar and new. Even the youngest readers will find the striking images engaging, and older children will be fascinated by the chance to guess which profession uses each set of tools before they turn the page.


Each day of the week brings a new food, until on Sunday all the world's children can come and eat it up.
A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.

Hattie, a big black hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other barnyard animals.

Children will know and love the familiar characters—three pig brothers and one huffing-puffing wolf—and they will giggle over the funny, new dialogue and cartoon-like illustrations, which put a fresh, modern twist on the classic tale.

Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.

A young dinosaur takes on many challenges and wins every time. Then Dinosaur faces his toughest challenge of all: bedtime.

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

Cow, Pig, Duck, and Mouse are afraid to retrieve their ball when it goes into the dog's house, but when they do go in they are pleasantly surprised.

**NONFICTION**

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A picture book about transformations.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER**

The same or similar questions are repeated throughout the story.

**EASY**


While enjoying a morning together, a little boy asks his grandfather a series of questions about how things got to be the way they are, such as tall trees, deep holes, and big dinosaurs in the museum they visit, but Grandpa's answer is always the same.


A young boy's questions lead to more and more questions, but there do not seem to be any answers.


Persistent young Edward has many questions for his sleepy mother, many of which are answered, "Because it's night time."


A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.


A lonely little mouse has to be resourceful in order to bring his family back together.


Detailed collage illustrations accompanied by simple text present expanding views of familiar objects in nature, such as a bug and a flower.

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.


To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.

**NONFICTION**


Describes the life of a meerkat in the African desert.

**REPETITION OF PHRASE**

The word order in a phrase or sentence is repeated.

**EASY**


Baby Owl gets very upset when all the other animals think he is cute, but wise Mama knows just what to say.


One by one, three brave little bears have second thoughts about exploring the interior of a spooky old tree.


An old lady swallowed a bell, bows, gifts, sack, sleigh and reindeer.

Describes how various earthmoving trucks clean up a dump and make a playground, discussing what such machines as diggers, mixers, bulldozers, and cranes can do.


A father and his four children—a toddler, a preschool boy and two older girls—go on the traditional bear hunt based on the old camp chant: "We're going to catch a big one. / What a beautiful day! / We're not scared. / Oh-oh! Grass! / Long, wavy grass. / We can't go over it. / We can't go under it. / Oh, no! / We've got to go through it!"


A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.


A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean—almost.


When Mr. Horse gives a ride to his friends, Cat, Dog, Pig, and Duck, they urge him to go faster and faster.

**RHYME**

The book has rhyming words, refrains, or patterns that are repeated.

**EASY**


Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.


At bedtime, a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.


A host of animals portrays all kinds of non-traditional families.


When a dump truck "haulin' a great big load" gets stuck in the mud, progressively larger vehicles try to pull it out.


Pairs of rhyming words are introduced and used in simple sentences, such as "Day. Play. We play all day. Night. Fight. We fight all night."


Illustrations and rhyming text present all kinds of dinosaurs, including ones that are sweet, grumpy, spiky, or lumpy.


Three reluctant robots fight off sleep while their young caretaker does his best to get them to calm down.


As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.
Fish come in all sorts of interesting shapes, sizes, and colors—and many of them can do amazing things as well. This book introduces young readers to both exotic and familiar fishes in simple, rhyming text.