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Stories Without Words

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| Lexile Score | Title Information | Call Number |
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| EASY | | |
| | Baker, Jeannie. <i>Mirror</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013. In Sydney, Australia, and in Morocco, two boys and their families have a day of shopping. | E B1742M |
| | Becker, Aaron. <i>Journey</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013. Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor. | E B38838J |
| | Boyd, Lizi. <i>Flashlight</i> . San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2014. In this story without words, a boy explores the woods after dark with a flashlight. | E B692F |
| | Cole, Henry, and Marijka Kostiw. <i>Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2012. In this wordless picture book, a young Southern farm girl discovers a runaway slave hiding behind the corn crib in the barn and decides to help him. | E C6749U |

- Colón, Raúl. *Draw!* New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014. E
C7183D
- In this wordless picture book, a boy who is confined to his room fills his sketch pad with lions and elephants, then imagines himself on a safari
- Frazeo, Marla. *The Farmer and the Clown*. New York: Beach Lane Books, 2014. E
F8692F
- A nearly wordless picture book in which a farmer rescues a baby clown who has bounced off the circus train, and takes very good care of him until he can reunite the tot with his clown family.
- Geisert, Arthur. *Ice*. Brooklyn, NY: Enchanted Lion Books, 2011. E
G277I
- This wordless tale depicts a community of pigs that suffer from the heat and go in search of ice despite the odds against them.
- Guojing. *The Only Child*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2015. E
G9592O
- In this wordless graphic novel, a young girl traveling from her city apartment to her grandmother's country home becomes lost and enters a fantastical world in the clouds.
- Idle, Molly. *Flora and the Flamingo*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2013. E
ID4F
- In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.
- Idle, Molly. *Flora and the Peacocks*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2016. E
ID4FLP
- In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a little girl named Flora forms a friendship with two peacocks as the three learn to dance together.
- Kuhlmann, Torben. *Moletown*. New York: NorthSouth, 2015. E
K9553M
- Torben Kuhlmann's stunningly illustrated, nearly wordless tale offers a fascinating window into an imaginary yet hauntingly familiar world under our feet, where the moles suddenly recognize the precarious balance between progress and preservation. But is it too late?

- Lawson, JonArno. *Sidewalk Flowers*. Toronto; Berkeley: Groundwood Books: House of Anansi Press, 2015. E
L445S
- A little girl collects wildflowers while on a walk with her distracted father. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter.
- Lehman, Barbara. *Trainstop*. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin, 2008. E
L5281TR
- In this wordless picture book, a young girl takes a train and makes a stop at a most unusual place where she has an important task to perform.
- McPhail, David. *No!* New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2009. E
M241NO
- In this almost wordless picture book, a small boy sets out to deliver a letter and witnesses acts of war on his way.
- Miyares, Daniel. *Float*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2015. E
M6994F
- Wordless picture book about a boy who loses his paper boat in the rain
- Newgarden, Mark. *Bow-Wow's Nightmare Neighbors*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014. E
N45BZS
- Bow-Wow, an expressive dog, tangles with some unruly neighbors in this wordless, spooky Halloween picture book.
- Nolan, Dennis. *Hunters of the Great Forest*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014. E
N711H
- A band of tiny hunters goes off on a mysterious but worthwhile expedition, evading predatory birds and animals along the way, in this wordless picture book.
- Pinkney, Jerry. *The Lion and the Mouse*. New York: Little, Brown and Co. Books for Young Readers, 2009. E
P6561LIO
- In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable set in the African Serengeti, an adventuresome mouse proves that even a small creature is capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle.

- Princesse Camcam. *Fox's Garden*. Brooklyn, NY: Enchanted Lion Books, 2014. E
P9356F
- One snowy night, a fox loses its way, entering a village. Chased away by the villagers, Fox takes shelter in a greenhouse. A child sees this from his window. Without hesitating, he brings a basket of food to the fox. His gift and kindness are noticed, and the night becomes a garden, full of hope and surprise.
- Raschka, Chris. *A Ball for Daisy*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2011. E
R1833B
- A wordless picture book showing the fun a dog has with her ball, and what happens when it is lost.
- Rodriguez, Béatrice. *The Chicken Thief*. New York: Enchanted Lion Books, 2010. E
R6184C
- A fox steals a chicken. Why would the fox do this and not eat the bird?
- Runton, Andy. *Owl & Wormy, Friends All Aflutter!* New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011. E
R875O
- Good friends Owly and Wormy are disappointed when their new plant attracts fat, green, bug-like things, instead of butterflies, until a metamorphosis occurs.
- Savage, Stephen. *Where is Walrus?* New York: Scholastic Press, 2011. E
SA932W
- In this wordless picture book, follow Walrus on a happy-go-lucky spree through the big city, as he tries on different hats to disguise himself from the chasing zookeeper.
- Savage, Stephen. *Where is Walrus? And Penguin?* New York: Scholastic Press, 2015. E
SA932WH
- Walrus and Penguin have escaped from the zoo! Will the zookeeper find them? Or will these clever runaways stay one step ahead disguised as subway riders, baseball players, and even grand opera performers?
- Tan, Shaun. *Rules of Summer*. New York Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2014. E
T1535R
- Two boys explain the occasionally mysterious "rules" they learned over the summer, like never eat the last olive at a party, never ruin a perfect plan, and never give your keys to a stranger.

Thomson, Bill. *Chalk*. New York: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2010. E
T3824C

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.

Yi, Chi-hyŏn. *Pool*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2015. E
Y501P

Two shy children meet at a noisy pool and dive beneath the crowd into a magical undersea land, where they explore a fantastical landscape and meet various creatures.

Zagarenski, Pamela. *The Whisper*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. E
Z132W

Her magical book of stories is wordless until a whisper in the wind tells a little girl to imagine a story for each page.

NONFICTION

Ramstein, Anne-Margot. *Before After*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014. 116
R1498B

Everyone knows that a tiny acorn grows into a mighty oak and a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. But in this clever, visually enchanting volume, it's also true that a cow can result in both a bottle of milk and a painting of a cow, and an ape in a jungle may become an urban King Kong. Just as day turns into night and back again, a many-tiered cake is both created and eaten down to a single piece. With simple, graphic illustrations sure to appeal to even the youngest of children, this beautiful rumination on the passage of time will please the most discerning adult readers, too.

Grohoske Evans, Marilyn. *Spits & Sticks: A Chimney Full of Swifts*. 598.762
Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2015. G894S

This book follows chimney swifts as they arrive on a Texas farm, build their nest, lay eggs, ready for fledglings to take flight, and eventually prepare to migrate back to South America. In a parallel, wordless story, a mom, dad, and young girl on the farm watch the chimney swifts throughout the summer and fall, even as they build a new crib and ready for the new baby they're expecting. As they enjoy their baby's first months, they also celebrate the fledglings' first flight and bid the birds good-bye until next year.

Dematons, Charlotte. *Holland*. New York: Lemniscaat LLC, 2013.

949.2
D392H

This pictorial introduction to Holland--a land of surprises, strange traditions, free-spirited people, and a rich history--is full of fascinating details that make the Netherlands so Dutch.

PROFESSIONAL

Tuten-Puckett, Katharyn E. *Using Wordless Picture Books: Authors and Activities*. Englewood, CO: Teacher Ideas Press, 1993.

372.64
T88U

This companion guide to Wordless/Almost Wordless Picture Books offers hundreds of ideas for using wordless picture books in the classroom or library.

TRC REFERENCE

Bailey, Alan R. *Building a Core Print Collection for Preschoolers*. Chicago, IL: ALA Editions, 2014.

027.62
B1511B

The titles selected and annotated in this book are examples of the most essential books for children from birth to age five. It represents a broad span of interests, backgrounds, abilities, and cultural experiences, enhancing literary skills, establishing and improving reading skills. Because reading aloud clearly affects kindergarten readiness and lifelong literacy, it is one of the most important things that educators, parents, and child-care professionals can do for a child.

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