



Cumulative Picture Books

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
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BIG BOOKS

1	Fox, Mem, and Patricia Mullins. <i>Hattie and the Fox</i> . Orlando: Harcourt Brace, 1998.	BB F8328H
	Hattie, a big black hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other barnyard animals. Big book for use with grade 1, level 3, text of Signatures reading series.	
PreK-3	Numeroff, Laura Joffe, and Felicia Bond. <i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> . 1st HarperCollins big book ed. New York, NY: HarperCollinsPublishers, 1996.	BB N9179I
	Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.	

EASY

K-3	Aardema, Verna, and Beatriz Vidal. <i>Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale</i> . New York: Dial Press, 1981.	E AA72B
	A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain. Verna Aardema has brought the original story closer to the English nursery rhyme by putting in a	

cumulative refrain and giving the tale the rhythm of "The House That Jack Built."

- PreK-K Archer, Micha. *Daniel's Good Day*. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2019. E
AR242
D02
- The people in Daniel's neighborhood always say, "Have a good day!" But what exactly is a good day? Daniel is determined to find out, and as he strolls through his neighborhood, he finds a wonderful world full of answers as varied as his neighbors.
- PreK-5 Arnold, Tedd. *No More Water In the Tub!*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1995. E
AR657N
- After filling the bathtub too full one night, William goes sailing through his apartment building floor by floor in his tub, collecting neighbors in his wake.
- PreK-3 Baker, Jeannie. *Window*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1991. E
B174WI
- Chronicles the events and changes in a young boy's life and in his environment, from babyhood to grownup, through wordless scenes observed from the window of his room.
- K-4 Brown, Monica, David Diaz, and Adriana Domínguez. *Maya's Blanket*. First edition. New York: Children's Book Press, an imprint of Lee & Low Books Inc., 2015. E
B8143
MAY
- When a little girl's cherished baby blanket becomes old and worn, it is made into a dress, and over the years it is made into even smaller and smaller items, eventually ending up as a bookmark and inspiring the creation of a book. Includes an author's note and a glossary.
- PreK-3 Burningham, John. *Mr. Gumpy's Outing*. 1st Owllet ed. New York: Henry Holt, 1990. E
B935M.A
- Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.
- PreK-3 Burton, Virginia Lee. *Katy and the Big Snow*. Reinforced ed., 2003 ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co./Weekly Reader Corp., 2003. E
B957K.A
- Katy, a red crawler tractor, belonged to the Highway Department of the City of Geopolis. She was not used in winter, however, until a huge snow storm snowed in the whole city. Then Katy plowed out everyone.
- PreK-3 Cole, Brock. *The Money We'll Save*. New York: Farrar Straus E

	Giroux, 2011.	C6743M
	In nineteenth-century New York City, when Pa brings home a young turkey in hopes of saving money on their Christmas dinner, his family faces all sorts of trouble--and expense--in their tiny apartment.	
PreK-3	Cole, Henry. <i>Jack's Garden</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 1995.	E C6747J
	Cumulative text and illustrations depict what happens in Jack's garden after he plants his seeds.	
K-3	Dragonwagon, Crescent, and Isadore Seltzer. <i>This Is the Bread I Baked for Ned</i> . 1st American ed. New York: Macmillan, 1989.	E D787T
	In this story told in cumulative verse, Glenda prepares a delicious meal for Ned which is quickly devoured by several hungry guests.	
PreK-2	Fleming, Candace, and Eric Rohmann. <i>Oh, No!</i> . New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012.	E F62921O
	A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer.	
PreK-3	Fleming, Denise. <i>This Is the Nest That Robin Built: With a Little Help From Her Friends</i> . First edition. New York, New York: Beach Lane Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division, 2018.	E F62927 TH
	A cumulative rhyme about the animals who help Robin build her nest.	
PreK-1	Fox, Mem, and Patricia Mullins. <i>Hattie and the Fox</i> . 1st Aladdin Books ed. New York: Aladdin Books, 1992.	E F8328H
	Hattie, a big black hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other barnyard animals.	
PreK-3	Gág, Wanda. <i>Millions of Cats</i> . New York: Puffin Books, 2006.	E G1211M
	How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions?	
PreK-3	Galdone, Paul. <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> . New York: Houghton, Mifflin/Clarion Books, 1973.	E G1316T
	Three clever billy goats outwit a big ugly troll that lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain. Retells the	

traditional tale about three billy goats who trick a troll that lives under the bridge.

- PreK-3 Hutchins, Pat. *Titch*. New York: Macmillan, 1971. E
H9708TIT
Nothing Titch owned amounted to much except the smallest thing of all--a seed.
- PreK-3 Kalan, Robert, and Byron Barton. *Jump, Frog, Jump!*. Board book ed. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2003. E
K1242J
A rollicking cumulative tale of a frog who tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself.
- PreK-2 Klostermann, Penny Parker, and Ben Mantle. *There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight*. First edition. New York: Random House, 2015. E
K697T
In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a greedy, hungry dragon eventually learns moderation.
- PreK-3 McGovern, Ann, and Simms Taback. *Too Much Noise*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1967. E
M177T
Peter complains his house is too noisy so the wise man advises him to obtain some rather unusual house guests.
- PreK-K Murray, Alison. *The House That Zack Built*. First U.S. edition. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2016. E
M961H
Follows Zack and his dog Rufus as they share a day on the farm, building a house out of blocks, before a wandering fly attracts the attention of a determined feline, inadvertently wreaking havoc.
- PreK-3 Neitzel, Shirley, and Nancy Winslow Parker. *The Bag I'm Taking to Grandma's*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1995. E
N319B
In cumulative verses and rebuses a young boy and his mother have different views on how to pack a bag for a trip to Grandma's.
- PreK-3 Neitzel, Shirley, and Nancy Winslow Parker. *The Dress I'll Wear to the Party*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1992. E
N319D
In cumulative verses and rebuses a girl describes how she is dressing up in her mother's party things.
- PreK-2 Neitzel, Shirley, and Nancy Winslow Parker. *The Jacket I Wear In the Snow*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1989. E
N319J

	A young girl names all the clothes that she must wear to play in the snow.	
PreK-3	Numeroff, Laura Joffe, and Felicia Bond. <i>If You Give a Dog a Donut</i> . New York: Balzer + Bray, 2011.	E N917 IGD
	Chaos might ensue if you were to give a dog a donut.	
PreK-3	Numeroff, Laura Joffe, and Felicia Bond. <i>If You Give a Moose a Muffin</i> . [New York]: HarperCollins, 1991.	E N917 IGMO
	Chaos can ensue if you give a moose a muffin and start him on a cycle of urgent requests.	
PreK-3	Numeroff, Laura Joffe, and Felicia Bond. <i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> . 25th anniversary edition. New York: Laura Geringer Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2010.	E N917 IGMU.A
	Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.	
PreK-3	Numeroff, Laura Joffe, Felicia Bond, and Teresa Mlawer. <i>Si Le Das Un Panqueque a Una Cerdita</i> . [New York]: Harper Arco Iris, 1999.	E N917S
	One thing leads to another when you give a pig a pancake. Spanish edition.	
PreK-3	Seuss, Dr. <i>Green Eggs and Ham</i> . New York: Beginner Books, 1988.	E SE811GE
	With unmistakable characters and signature rhymes, Dr. Seuss's beloved favorite has cemented its place as a children's classic. Kids will love the terrific tongue-twisters as the list of places to enjoy green eggs and ham gets longer and longer...and they might even learn a thing or two about trying new things!	
PreK-3	Shannon, David. <i>Duck On a Bike</i> . New York: Blue Sky Press, 2002.	E SH191DU
	A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.	
PreK-2	Taback, Simms. <i>Joseph Had a Little Overcoat</i> . New York: Viking, 1999.	E T111J
	A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.	
K-3	Thompson, Lauren, and Jonathan Bean. <i>The Apple Pie That Papa</i>	E

	<i>Baked</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007.	T3751A
	When a doting father decides to make an apple pie for his beloved daughter, an enjoyable day is had by all, including the hungry farm animals who hover nearby in the hopes of getting a slice of the pie.	
K-3	Vamos, Samantha R, and Rafael López. <i>The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2011.	E V256C
	A cumulative tale of a farm maiden who, aided by a group of animals, prepares "Arroz con Leche," or rice pudding. Includes recipe and glossary of the Spanish words that are woven throughout the text.	
PreK-2	Williams, Linda, and Megan Lloyd. <i>The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 1986.	E W6739L
	A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods trying to scare her.	
PreK	Wood, Audrey, and Bruce Robert Wood. <i>The Deep Blue Sea: A Book of Colors</i> . New York: Blue Sky Press, 2005.	E W85017D
	Introduces various colors by presenting a colorful scene on a rock in the deep blue sea.	
PreK-3	Wood, Audrey, and Don Wood. <i>The Full Moon At the Napping House</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.	E W85017F
	In this cumulative tale, a chirping cricket calms a worried mouse, a prowling cat, and other restless creatures, helping them to finally fall asleep.	
PreK-3	Wood, Audrey, and Don Wood. <i>King Bidgood's In the Bathtub</i> . 1st Harcourt book-and-musical-CD ed. Orlando, Fla.: Harcourt, 2005.	E W85017K
	Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his kingdom.	
PreK	Wood, Audrey, and Don Wood. <i>The Napping House</i> . San Diego: Harcourt, 1996.	E W85017 N.A
	In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.	

FICTION

- PreK-3 Silverstein, Shel. *A Giraffe and a Half*. 50th anniversary [edition]. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 2014. F
SI398
GR.A
- Rhymed text tells a hypothetical story about a Giraffe, and the many things that could happen to this giraffe ... IF. The poems starts with "If you had a giraffe ..." and continues by building along these lines with all sorts of different "ifs" and their conclusions.

NONFICTION

- 1-6 Andrews-Goebel, Nancy, and David Diaz. *The Pot That Juan Built*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2002. 738
AN266P
- A cumulative rhyme summarizes the life's work of renowned Mexican potter, Juan Quezada. Additional information describes the process he uses to create his pots after the style of the Casas Grandes people.
- PreK-K González, Lucía M, and Lulu Delacre. *The Bossy Gallito = El Gallo De Bodas; A Traditional Cuban Folktale*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1994. 398.2
G589B
- In this cumulative Cuban folktale, a bossy rooster dirties his beak when he eats a kernel of corn and must find a way to clean it before his parrot uncle's wedding. Includes a glossary of Spanish words and information about the different birds in the story.
- 1-6 Roth, Susan L, and Cindy Trumbore. *The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2011. 577.69
R7427M
- A cumulative verse, alternating with additional narrative, describes the ecological and social transformation resulting from the work of Dr. Gordon Sato, a Japanese American cell biologist who made saltwater and desert land productive through the planting of mangrove trees in the tiny African country of Eritrea. Includes afterword, photographs, glossary, and author's sources.
- K-3 Stewart, Melissa, Allen M Young, and Nicole Wong. *No Monkeys, No Chocolate*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2013. 633.7
ST497N
- When you think of chocolate, you might think of a candy bar, a birthday cake, or a glass of chocolate milk. But where does chocolate come from? This book tells about the cocoa bean, which grows in the tropical rain forests and how the animals and other living things play an important part, even the monkeys.

- PreK-2 Taback, Simms. *This Is the House That Jack Built*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2002. 398.8 T111T
- Jack builds a house like no other and fills it with cheeses from all nations, which of course attracts the rat that stirs up the cat. Taback takes the usual cast of characters in this classic cumulative rhyme and presents each in a funny new light that will keep readers laughing. His addition at the end neatly fits an appropriate character into Jack's story and makes his telling even more unique.
- PreK-K Winter, Jeanette. *The House That Jack Built*. New York: Puffin Books, 2003. 398.8 W7344H
- Simple rebus illustrations are used to present the familiar cumulative nursery rhyme about the antics that go on in the house built by an unsuspecting Jack.
- PreK-3 Wolf, Gita, Sunita, and Suseela Varadarajan. *Gobble You Up!*. [Chennai, India]: Tara Books, 2013. 398.2 W8314G
- An adaptation of an oral Rajasthani trickster tale set to cumulative rhyme. Meet the most wily jackal in the forest: too lazy to hunt for food, he starts by tricking his friend the crane, and then proceeds to gobble up every animal he comes across. Illustrated in the Mandna traditional finger painting style, this is the first time that this art form has been used to tell a children's story.

MIXED MEDIA

- PreK-3 Robertson, Robbie, and David Shannon. *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015. B H52R
- Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is plotting revenge for the murder of his wife and daughters by the evil Onondaga Chief, Tadodaho, when he meets the Great Peacemaker, who enlists his help in bringing the nations together to share his vision of a new way of life marked by peace, love, and unity rather than war, hate, and fear. Includes historical notes.

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