



Guided Readers

Each set contains six student books and lesson cards for planning/guiding instruction.

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Grade Level	TITLE INFORMATION	Call Number
	LEVEL A – TEXT TYPES	
K-1	<u>Gibbs, Jephson. <i>Butterfly</i>. New York: Scholastic, 2010.</u> What does Butterfly like?	GR A-01
K-1	<u>Gibbs, Jephson. <i>Fruit Salad</i>. New York: Scholastic, 2010.</u> Perfect first reading practice which teaches healthy eating. Shows children how to make their own fruit salad.	GR A-02
K-1	<u>York, Vanessa. <i>Let's Go</i>. New York: Scholastic, 2010.</u> A family of raccoons tries out different forms of transportation.	GR A-03
K-1	<u>Greer, Andy. <i>My Mom</i>. New York: Scholastic, 2010.</u> A child talks about things they do with their mom.	GR A-04
PreK-1	<u>McBeath, Bridie. <i>The Rabbit House</i>. New York: Scholastic, 2010.</u>	GR A-05

A girl helps her dad build a rabbit house.

K-1 [Thomas, Annie. *Sea Animals*. New York: Scholastic, 2010.](#) GR A-06

What lives in the sea?

K-1 [McBeath, Bridie. *The Store*. New York: Scholastic, 2010.](#) GR A-07

What can you see at the store?

K-1 [Rothman, Cynthia. *The Three Frogs*. New York: Scholastic, 2010.](#) GR A-08

Engaging, silly pictures support simple text in this book for beginning readers.

K-1 [Master, Christina. *Time for Bed*. New York: Scholastic, 2010.](#) GR A-09

What do you need to prepare to go to bed?

K-1 [Craft, Jane. *Up*. New York: Scholastic, 2010.](#) GR A-10

A variety of animals climb up a ladder to a treehouse.

LEVEL A – NONFICTION FOCUS

PreK-1 [Ives, Alex. *The Beach*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-12

Look at the beach. What do you see?

PreK-1 [Tree, Rebecca. *Count on Fish*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-13

An introduction to numbers and counting.

PreK-1 [Wilton, Briar. *Hair*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-14

No description available.

PreK-1 [Hearn, Carol. *In the Pond*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-15

No description available.

PreK-1 [Charles, Stella. *In the Woods*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-16

No description available.

PreK-1 [Theo, Diane. *Let's Go!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-17

Are you ready yet? Simple routines, such as getting dressed to go out,

help little ones learn what it means to be ready.

PreK-K [Gibbs, Jephson. *Let's Make Soup*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-18

How do you make soup?

PreK-1 [Noonan, Joe. *The Little Panda*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-19

No description available.

PreK-1 [Carroll, Bailey. *Skippy Likes the Seasons*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-20

No description available.

PreK-1 [Craft, Jane. *Trucks*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR A-21

Trucks of all shapes and sizes are shown.

LEVEL B – TEXT TYPES

K-1 [Ives, Alex. *Building Blocks*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-01

What can you build with blocks?

K-1 [Clark, Emily. *Buster and Ziggy*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-02

Do Buster and Ziggy like the same things?

K-1 [Reed, Janet. *Color It Blue*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-03

Many different things are blue. Find out about them.

K-1 [Thomas, Annie. *My Cat*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-04

Find out what my cat likes to do.

K-1 [Craft, Jane. *Party Time*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-05

It is time for the party!

K-1 [Shapiro, Sara. *Hats*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-06

Which hats do you like?

K-1 [Carroll, Bailey. *Polar Bears*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-07

What are the polar bears doing?

K-1 [Rothman, Cynthia. *Puppy Paints*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-08
What does puppy paint?

K-1 [Baker, Stella. *School Fun*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-09
Find out how much fun school can be!

K-1 [Winter, Lindsay. *Where is Bob?*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR B-10
Can you help find Bob?

LEVEL B – NONFICTION FOCUS

PreK-1 [Carroll, Bailey. *Can it Float?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-12
No description available.

PreK-1 [Daniels, Felix. *Count the Wheels*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-13
An introduction to numbers and counting.

PreK-1 [Frazier, Whit. *Houses*. New York: Scholastic, 2014.](#) GR B-14
Shows a selection of houses in various colors.

PreK-1 [Ryder, Charles. *So Many Hats!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-15
No description available.

PreK-1 [Ives, Alex. *Sounds on the Farm*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-16
No description available.

K-1 [Wolfe, Jessica. *Sports*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-17
Color photographs support simple repetitive text in this book for early readers.

PreK-1 [Mitchell, Sara. *Trees*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-18
Photographs and simple text explore the diversity of trees, including their environment, shapes, and sizes.

K-1 [Flaherty, Heather. *What Do You See?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-19
Do you see a little animal? What is it?

PreK-1 [Smith, Janie. *What's the Weather, Meg?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-20

Regarding the weather, what does Meg need to wear?

PreK-1 [Rothman, Cynthia. *Where Are Jack and Jill?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR B-21

Jack and Jill are shopping. Will they see each other?

LEVEL C – TEXT TYPES

K-1 [Price, Michael. *All Kinds of Pets*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-01

There are all kinds of pets at the pet shop. Which pet would you like?

K-1 [Taylor, Bridget. *Is It a Baby Animal?*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-02

Find out about baby animals.

K-1 [Bellings, Margaret. *Let's Eat*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-03

Sam and Jen help their mother set the table for dinner.

K-1 [York, Vanessa. *Mrs. Cat Goes Shopping*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-04

Mrs. Cat goes shopping. What does she buy?

K-1 [Wilton, Briar. *My Costume*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-05

Do you like my costume?

K-1 [Rothman, Cynthia. *Pig Played*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-06

Pig played in the mud. How will Pig get clean?

K-1 [Rothman, Cynthia. *Ready Freddy*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-07

What does Freddy need to play in the snow?

K-1 [Prince, Penelope. *The Sky*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-08

What can you see in the sky?

K-1 [Mitchell, Sara. *Sleepy Bear*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-09

Little Bear does not want to wake up!

K-1 [Craft, Jane. *Under the Umbrella*. New York: Scholastic, 2011.](#) GR C-10
Who is under the umbrella?

LEVEL C – NONFICTION FOCUS

K-1 [Noonan, Joe. *All Kinds of Boats*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-12
No description available.

K-1 [Parker, Richard. *Animal Tracks*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-13
No description available.

K-1 [Dale, Cooper. *Be Happy*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-14
No description available.

K-1 [Lee, Julia. *The Big Dinosaur Day!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-15
No description available.

K-1 [Wolfe, Jessica. *Birds and Beaks*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-16
No description available.

K-1 [Ives, Alex. *I Love Snow!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-17
No description available.

K-1 [Ryder, Charles. *Night*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-18
Leaping and gliding through the night sky, four furry squirrels feed and play until daybreak approaches.

PreK-1 [Taylor, Bob. *Push! Pull! Move it!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-19
How do you make things go?

PreK-1 [Adley, Laurence. *Spots or Stripes?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-20
No description available.

PreK-1 [Roman, Rebecca. *A World of Flags!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR C-21
No description available.

LEVEL D – TEXT TYPES

K-1	<u>Brereton, Libby. <i>At the Toy Shop</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-01
	What happens at the toy shop at night?	
K-1	<u>Ives, Alex. <i>The Band</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-02
	Who is in the band?	
K-1	<u>Sinclair, Kate. <i>A Day at the Beach</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-03
	The penguins are going to the beach. What will they take?	
K-1	<u>West, Matt. <i>Farm Helpers</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-04
	What can Meg, Jack, and Tom do to help on the farm?	
K-1	<u>Wilton, Briar. <i>Ice Cream</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-05
	The animals love ice cream. How much will they eat?	
K-1	<u>Ives, Alex. <i>In the Desert</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-06
	What is it like in the desert?	
K-1	<u>Rothman, Cynthia. <i>Little Piglets</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-07
	Mother Pig can't find her little piglets. Where are they?	
K-1	<u>Stuart, Michael. <i>Meet the Big Cats</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-08
	Take a walk in the wild. Which big cats will you meet?	
K-1	<u>Harris, Robert. <i>Sand Animals</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-09
	Children make a variety of animals out of sand on the beach.	
K-1	<u>McBeath, Bridie. <i>Who is Getting Married?</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR D-10
	The animals could hear wedding bells. Who is getting married?	
LEVEL D – NONFICTION FOCUS		
K-1	<u>Jordan, Charlotte. <i>At Home in a Shell</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-12
	Which animals are at home in a shell?	

K-1	<u>Taylor, Bob. <i>Get Up and Go!</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-13
	No description available.	
K-1	<u>Rothman, Cynthia. <i>Good for Us!</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-14
	What foods are good for us? Greg and Rex know.	
PreK-1	<u>Dana, Lucy. <i>In the Cold, Cold Sea</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-15
	No description available.	
PreK-K	<u>Ives, Alex. <i>Insect Countdown</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-16
	How many insects can you see?	
K-1	<u>Quick, Joanna. <i>Just Write!</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-17
	No description available.	
K-1	<u>Stuart, Cynthia. <i>Meet the Bears</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-18
	No description available.	
PreK-1	<u>Worley, Amelia. <i>Penguins</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-19
	This book shares interesting facts about the history, habits, and hatching of penguins.	
K-1	<u>Smith, Janie. <i>Snack Time</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-20
	Max is hungry. Who will give him a snack?	
PreK-1	<u>Parker, Emily. <i>What Kittens Need</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.</u>	GR D-21
	How do you care for a kitten?	

LEVEL E – TEXT TYPES

1-2	<u>Brereton, Libby. <i>Bell</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-01
	Bell likes to live outside. Will she find a new home?	
1	<u>Ballinger, Margaret and Gosset, Rachel. <i>Collections</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-02
	Children show off their collections of rocks, feathers, and other things, and tell where they keep them.	

PreK-2	<u>Snow, Pegeen. <i>Eat Your Peas, Louise!</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-03
	Louise is given all sorts of reasons for eating her peas, but still she refuses. Louise will not eat her peas, even though it is late at night and she has been told she can watch TV or climb a tree. What will convince Louise to eat her peas?	
1-2	<u>Daniels, B. Lee. <i>Fish</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-04
	Fish come in all shapes, sizes, and colors.	
1-2	<u>Daniels, B. Lee. <i>Fruit Trees</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-05
	A variety of fruit-bearing trees are mentioned, along with the yummy fruits they produce.	
1-2	<u>Wilhelm, Hans. <i>I Love Rainy Days!</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-06
	It's raining outside, so Noodles is stuck indoors all day! But he won't let that get him down. Noodles knows there are lots of fun games to play even on a rainy day.	
1	<u>Rueda, Claudia. <i>Let's Play in the Forest While the Wolf is Not Around!</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-07
	As Duck, Bunny, Moose, Beaver, and others play between the trees, Wolf continues getting dressed: undershirt, pants, T-shirt, socks, and shoes. By the time he has combed his hair and put on his backpack, Wolf is VERY hungry, and the animals are suddenly VERY afraid.	
1	<u>Hall, Kirsten. <i>My New School</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-08
	These captivating beginning readers picture familiar objects and use repetition to support youngsters in reading successfully. Young readers will be able to easily recognize the words and understand their meaning. A simple vocabulary list opens each book.	
1-2	<u>Cherrington, Janelle. <i>Ring Ring</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-09
	The phone is ringing and the race is on. Who will get to the phone first?	
1-2	<u>Baker, Amy. <i>Sammy the Turtle</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR E-10
	Sammy the Turtle needs to get to the sea. Who will help her?	

LEVEL F – TEXT TYPES

K-2	<u>Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. <i>Biscuit</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR F-01
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Biscuit is a little yellow puppy. And like most puppies, he would rather play than go to bed. Will Biscuit ever go to sleep? It's Biscuit's bedtime, but this lively little puppy doesn't want to go to sleep!

- K-1 [Lionni, Leo. *A Color of His Own*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-02
- Elephants are gray. Pigs are pink. Tigers have black and orange stripes. It seems that every animal has its own distinctive color, except the chameleon. And that makes the little chameleon hero of this picture book very sad. Every time he moves, he changes color! So, wanting nothing more than a color to call his own, he decides to stay in one place forever, on the greenest leaf he can find.
- PreK-1 [Kottke, Jan. *A Day with Paramedics*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-03
- Using simple text and photographs, this book explains some of the work done by paramedics.
- PreK-1 [Carle, Eric. *Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-04
- Beautiful illustrations show that animal babies, like human children, have mothers who love them!
- 1-2 [Brereton, Libby. *Don't Be Late!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-05
- Mom, Dan, Ben, and Mike have to leave at eight. Will they be ready in time?
- 1-2 [Brereton, Libby. *Little Bird*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-06
- Little Bird learns to fly, but then she gets lost!
- K-1 [Halpern, Shari. *My River*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-07
- Learn from creatures like turtles, eels, dragonflies, ducks, and many others who live in and by a river, about why rivers are important and why we must care for them.
- 1-2 [Alexander, Karen. *Popcorn*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-08
- This early reader goes from the sight of corn plants to the sounds, smells, and tastes of popcorn.
- PreK-1 [Gibson, Akimi. *Small Treasures*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-09
- A girl finds a special box that contains many objects used for imaginary play. She calls the objects her small treasures.

K-1 [Franco, Betsy. *Tina's Taxi*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR F-10

In this book, readers ride through the week with Tina and her taxi and learn what she does each day.

LEVEL G – TEXT TYPES

1-2 [Taylor, Bridget. *Are We There Yet?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-01

Max and his family go for a walk. It turns out to be a very long walk.

1-2 [Barrow, Jamie. *A City Park*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-02

Full color photographs support clear simple text in this exploration of New York City.

K-1 [Bridwell, Norman. *Clifford Makes the Team*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-03

Clifford wants to play baseball with the kids, so he tries to find a bat his size: a tree, a utility pole, a pipe...nothing works. In the end, the kids find a way to include Clifford in their fun.

PreK-1 [Chessen, Betsy. *Crafts*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-04

Simple text and photographs explore how artists around the world make their crafts, including weaving, calligraphy, and papier mache.

1-2 [York, Vanessa. *Lost and Found*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-05

Ann and Jill find a lost dog. How can they help the dog get home?

K [Snowball, Diane. *Mousetrap*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-06

A boy hears a mouse in the house and cheers when the clever mouse snatches the cheese without getting caught in the trap.

1-2 [Lee, Robert. *The New Car*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-07

There are a lot of choices to make with deciding on a new car. Thought bubbles and illustrations support the text.

1-2 [Brereton, Libby. *Our Tree House*. New York: Scholastic, Inc. 2011.](#) GR G-08

Is the best tree house in town big enough to share?

K-1 [Morris, Ann. *Vegetable Soup*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-09

The pictures in this rhyming poem show how vegetables are added one

by one and simmered on the stove to make a delicious vegetable soup.

- 1-2 [Thomas, Annie. *Wake Up, Little Mouse*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR G-10

For this mouse family, living in a cafe means starting the day with breakfast, if Little Mouse can get past the cooks and the cat!

LEVEL H – TEXT TYPES

- K-1 [Canizares, Susan. *Canada*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-01

Simple text and photographs present views of the landscape, people, and activities of Canada.

- 1-2 [Hoff, Syd. *Captain Cat*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-02

Captain Cat has joined the army. He has whiskers and paws, and more stripes than the soldiers have ever seen. But most important, he has a best friend who can make an army barracks feel like home.

- 1 [Cains, Jeannette. *I Need a Lunch Box*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-03

Doris got a new lunch box when she started school. Her younger brother wants one too, but he may have to wait until he's old enough for school. Yet he dreams of all the things he could do if only he had a lunch box.

- PreK-1 [George, Lindsay Barrett. *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-04

In a charming book filled with beautifully detailed illustrations, an inside mouse and an outside mouse each go on a trip. They travel up, down, across, around, through, between, behind, over, and under, until they finally meet in the middle. What might happen next?

- PreK-2 [Mayer, Mercer. *Little Critter: Just Me and My Dad*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-05

Find out how much trouble Little Critter and his father have pitching the tent, fishing, and cooking dinner when they go on a camping trip.

- 1-2 [Cherrington, Janelle. *Larry and Loki*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-06

Dan's cats, Larry and Loki, make a big mess. What will Dan say?

- K-2 [Costain, Meredith. *Mom's Secret*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-07

Mom has a secret, what could it be? By asking questions a young girl learns that she will be a big sister!

K-1 [Berger, Melvin and Gilda. *Now I Know: What's Under the Ocean?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-08

An introduction to the habitats and behavior of animals living in the sea with "Did You Know" fact boxes and "Zoom" close ups.

1-2 [Carson, Richard. *The Story of Henny Penny*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-09

In a cumulative tale, Henny Penny and her friends are on the way to tell the king that the sky is falling when they are met by a clever fox.

1-2 [Shapiro, Sara. *Too Late Harry!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR H-10

Harry learns he can be helpful just the way he is.

LEVEL I – TEXT TYPES

1-2 [Ives, Alex. *The Birthday Party*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR I-01

No description available.

1-3 [Pilkey, Dav. *Dragon Gets By*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR I-02

Dragon is very responsible, but sometimes he makes mistakes. When he's tired, he accidentally reads an egg and fries his morning newspaper! When he sweeps his dirt floor, he can't seem to sweep away all of the dirt and ends up sweeping a hole into the center of his living room! And when Dragon goes grocery shopping, he buys more food than he can fit into his car! Using his trademark humor and heart, Dav Pilkey illustrates the fun side of chores and responsibility.

1-2 [Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Funny Lunch*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR I-03

This year Henry and Mudge are out to make the best Mother's Day lunch ever. It has to be juicy, crunchy, and perfect for family sharing. When they select a gorgeous golden pineapple, the menu is shaping up to be anything but dull. Dad is helping them carve something almost too pretty to eat. So how will Henry ever stop Mudge from devouring the surprise before Mom sees it?

PreK-3 [Arnold, Tedd. *Hi! Fly Guy*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR I-04

Some kids have dogs and some kids have cats, but Buzz has a pet fly! In this first book of the hilarious series, Buzz enters his winged buddy in the Amazing Pet Competition. The judges scoff until they see all the extraordinary tricks the little fly can do.

K-1	<u>Berger, Melvin and Gilda. <i>Now I Know: Bears</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR I-05
	With colorful photographs, this book from the "Now I Know" series shares interesting facts about many kinds of bears.	
K-1	<u>Berger, Melvin. <i>Now I Know: Butterflies</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR I-06
	Brief text and pictures introduce butterflies and their habits.	
1	<u>Lobel, Arnold. <i>Small Pig</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR I-07
	Small Pig likes to eat, sleep, and run. But most of all he likes nice, soft mud. Everything is fine on the farm until the farmer's wife cleans up everything - even Small Pig's mud puddle. Then he runs away to the city - sure that since the city is so dirty, he will find a puddle there. But, once there, the puddle he thought was mud is not mud at all! And now this small pig has one BIG problem.	
K-2	<u>Carle, Eric. <i>The Very Busy Spider</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR I-08
	Early one morning, a little spider begins to spin her web on a fence post. One by one, the animals of the nearby farm try to divert her, each with its own sound and species-specific enticement. Continuing patiently with her work, the industrious spider doesn't answer. She has a busy day ahead of her, but at the end she will be able to show the animals that her web is both beautiful and very useful.	
K-2	<u>Bernard, Robin. <i>Who Wants a Ride?</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR I-09
	This book shows how different mother animals, from anteaters to sloths, carry their babies.	
PreK-1	<u>Cebulash, Mel. <i>Willie's Wonderful Pet</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR I-10
	It's pet day at school, but Al's dog won't bark, Rita's bird won't sing, and Henry's bunny won't hop. Finally, Willie's worm crawls, which really gets things started!	

LEVEL J – TEXT TYPES

PreK-2	<u>Mayo, Margaret. <i>Dig Dig Digging</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-01
	Trucks and tractors, fire engines and helicopters - they all like to work hard. But after a long, happy day of beep-beeping and vroom-vrooming, even the busiest engines need to rest. This bright, bouncy, noise-filled book brings together all the vehicles that children adore.	

PreK-2	<u>Holmes, Janet A. <i>Have You Seen Duck?</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-02
	A young boy and his soft plush duck are inseparable. But when Duck goes missing, the boy is inconsolable and goes in search of his friend. A beautiful tale of coping, searching, and finding.	
1-2	<u>Rylant, Cynthia. <i>Henry and Mudge and the Best Day of All</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-03
	For Henry and his big dog, Mudge, the first day of May means bright balloons, potato sack races, cake, and even a pinata. It's Henry's birthday, and for these two best friends, it's the best day of all.	
1-2	<u>Mack, Jeff. <i>Hippo and Rabbit in Three Short Tales</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-04
	A trio of tales featuring two friends: Rabbit and Hippo are as different as night and day, but together they have fun all day and night! With Rabbit's help, Hippo's breakfast turns into a break feast. Then at the park, both are able to give the other the swing ride of their life. And finally, at bedtime both find that thunder and lightning aren't so frightening when you're with a friend.	
PreK-2	<u>Mayer, Mercer. <i>Little Critter: I Was So Mad</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-05
	What's Little Critter to do when he can't get his way? He could pack up his toys and cookies and leave home for good. But will he? Or is a yes waiting for him just outside the door? Find out in this delightfully grumpy read.	
1-2	<u>Schreiber, Anne. <i>Log Hotel</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-06
	This nonfiction book presents the sequence of events that occurs when an oak tree falls and becomes a log. Animals and plants move in until the log decays and a new tree starts to grow.	
K-2	<u>Shannon, David. <i>The Rain Came Down</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-07
	In pictures full of wit and good-natured humor, Caldecott Honor artist David Shannon captures the chaos that follows an unexpected downpour. Rain or shine, here is an engaging story that will brighten the day of all readers.	
K-2	<u>Anderson, Derek. <i>Story County: Here We Come!</i>. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.</u>	GR J-08
	Welcome to Story County! More than anything, Farmer wants a farm.	

His friends Dog, Pig, Chicken, and Miss Cow are eager to help. Together they build the barn, spread the fields, plant the crops, and more until voilà! — the farm is complete. Or is it?

K-2 [Slater, Teddy. *The Wrong-Way Rabbit*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR J-09

Tibbar, the backward bunny, does everything the opposite from what's expected, walking backwards and going up the down stairs.

1-2 [Adler, David A. *Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR J-10

Cam Jansen and her friend Eric want to play baseball in the park with some other kids. But they need to find their lost ball first. Everyone gets together to search, and Cam says "Click!" to start up her photographic memory. What was going on when the ball disappeared? Who has it? Where can it be now? Cam is ready to find out.

LEVEL J – NONFICTION FOCUS

2-3 [Cowley, Joy. *Go Ky a Flite*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-12

Marcos and his friends want to fly their new kite at the park. They will need the help of the park robot -- Mister Block. But Mister Block's words and the kite get a little tangled!

K-2 [Himmelman, John. *A Monarch Butterfly's Life*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-13

The amazing life cycle of the monarch butterfly is revealed through simple, clear text and drawings, from egg to caterpillar to full grown butterfly who lays eggs of her own after flying from to Mexico and back. Important words are written in italics with a glossary in the back. A good blend of science and story.

K-2 [Harshman, Marc. *Only One*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-14

In this unique counting book, centered around a county fair, Harshman shows how single things together make something totally different, and with Garrison's artwork, something totally wonderful as well. Every whole is made up of parts, as is cleverly explained in this book that looks at everything from the jewels in a necklace to the stars in the sky. A delightful fantasy of number relationships for young children. Collagraphs.

K-2 [Lobel, Arnold. *Owl at Home*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-15

Welcome to Owl's cozy home. Owl lives by himself in a warm little house. One evening he invites Winter to sit by the fire. Another time he finds strange bumps in his bedroom. And when Owl goes for a walk one

night, he makes a friend that follows him all the way home. He also concocts tear-water tea and tries to be in two places at once.

- 2-3 [York, Vanessa. *Play Ball!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-16
- Readers will learn the basics of baseball, including how the game is played and scored.
- PreK-2 [Dillon, Leo and Diane. *Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles – Think of That!*. Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-17
- This simple book for young children has the added bonus of describing the life of a ground-breaking African American tap dancer. Bill "Bojangles" Robinson was one of the most popular entertainers of the 1920s-30s. People said he "talked with his feet," and in the Dillons' graceful paintings of old New York, he dances from page to page to the tune of a toe-tapping rhyme. Rap a tap tap--think of that!
- 1-3 [Falk, Laine. *What's in Washington D.C.?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-18
- History, democracy and citizenship are represented in American symbols explored in these colorful, small volumes in which young readers see pride, freedom and themselves.
- 1-2 [Evans, Lynette. *Wild Dogs*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-19
- Imagine being chased by a pack of hungry hunters! Wild dogs are some of the smartest predators around. Find out how they hunt. What do wild dogs and pet dogs have in common? Which wild dogs hunt in packs? Howl, growl, yelp! How do dogs "talk" to each other?
- PreK-1 [Glaser, Linda. *Wonderful Worms*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-20
- Simple informational text and full-color illustrations encourage an appreciation for the small creatures of the Earth by explaining the vital role that earthworms play in the planet's ecosystem. Includes cross-section illustrations of the worm's underground environment and informative charts.
- 1-2 [Adler, David A. *Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR J-21
- Annie has lost her tooth during art class, and she cannot find it anywhere. Cam Jansen says she has a memory like a camera. Will Cam have the picture she needs to find the missing tooth? Now even beginning readers can join in the fun of cracking cases with Cam Jansen, the red-headed detective with the photographic memory.

LEVEL K – TEXT TYPES

- K-2 [Johnston, Tony. *10 Fat Turkeys*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-01
- Girls and boys will gobble up this hilarious counting story about ten goofy turkeys roller-skating on a fence, doing a noodle dance, and more! Give thanks!
- 1-2 [Jacobson, Jennifer Richard. *Andy Shane and the Queen of Egypt*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-02
- The school Culture Fair is coming up, and Andy Shane has to pick an African country to learn about. Deciding isn't easy for Andy, so he's glad when Granny Webb gives him a scarab beetle, which he knows is a symbol of Egypt. But when Andy tries to tell Ms. Janice, Dolores Starbuckle springs up with her gold jewelry and glitter sandals and claims that she is the queen of Egypt. Dolores always gets her way, but this time Andy doesn't feel like caving in. What will it take for him to share his project with the bossy queen?
- 1-3 [Rathmann, Peggy. *Ruby the Copycat*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-03
- It's the first day of school, and Ruby is new. When her classmate Angela wears a red bow in her hair, Ruby comes back from lunch wearing a red bow, too. When Angela wears a flowered dress, suddenly Ruby's wearing one, too. Fortunately, Ruby's teacher knows a better way to help Ruby fit in, by showing how much fun it is to be herself.
- K-3 [Reynolds, Aaron. *Chicks and Salsa*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-04
- What happens at Nuthatcher Farm when the chickens get tired of the same old chicken feed? The rooster hatches a plan: With a pinch of genius, a dash of resourcefulness, and a little pilfering from the farmer's garden, the chickens whip up a scrumptious snack of chips and salsa. When the rest of the barnyard gets a whiff of the spicy smells and want to join in, it can mean only one thing: fiesta! But when the big day arrives, all their spicy southwestern supplies are gone. Could Mr. and Mrs. Nuthatcher have caught on to the flavor craze?
- PreK-2 [Posada, Mia. *Dandelions: Stars in the Grass*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-05
- This book invites readers to discover and watch the life cycles of dandelions with lush and softly colored illustrations and with a clear and simple text. The book ends with a brief description of the origin of the dandelion and a section that will get readers excited about studying and discovering interesting facts about the plant on their own. Make and eat your own dandelion salad with the easy-to-follow recipe that's included!
- K-3 [Freeman, Don. *Earl the Squirrel*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-06
- It's time for Earl the Squirrel to learn how to gather nuts. Earl doesn't

know where to begin, but he is determined to make his mother proud. An all-night search leads Earl to a cranky owl and a raging bull, but will he ever find an acorn?

1-3 [McNulty, Faith. *Endangered Animals*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-07

This book explains how the increase in human population has put animal habitats and the creatures that live in them at risk and argues that measures should be taken to protect animals and the places they live.

K-2 [Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad All Year*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-08

Five enchanting tales about the friendship of Frog and Toad depict the lovable creatures engaging in varied activities throughout the seasons of the year.

1-3 [Wallace, Carol. *One Nosy Pup*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-09

Something is up! Poky the beagle can smell it. Someone took food from his bowl. Who could be the thief? Read about Poky's big surprise in this funny easy reader for pet lovers, as he meets Charlie the hamster.

1-3 [Thaler, Mike. *The Principal from the Black Lagoon*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR K-10

The only thing scarier than having to go the principal's office is finding out that the principal is the former "Teacher from the Black Lagoon."

LEVEL K – NONFICTION FOCUS

PreK-1 [Walsh, Melanie. *10 Things I Can Do to Help My World*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-12

Even young children are eager to help the environment - and here is a bright, inviting novelty book that offers simple ways to make a difference. Bold, child-friendly illustrations and die-cut pages will draw even the youngest listeners to this gentle reminder of the easy, everyday ways we can be kinder to the earth.

1-2 [Esiason, Boomer. *A Boy Named Boomer*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-13

NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason writes about his childhood memories of family holidays, fishing with his father, building a fort with friends, and letting frogs loose at school.

K-1 [Figueroa, Acton. *Clifford for President*. New York: Scholastic Inc.,](#) GR K-14

[2014.](#)

Clifford is running for President...of the Birdwell Island dog park!
Emily Elizabeth needs to put up a candidate for a class project, so of
course she nominates the Big Red Dog who's always a big winner!

- K-2 [Himmelman, John. *A Dandelion's Life*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-15
- Text and illustrations follow the life cycle of a dandelion, describing its germination, the growth of its flower head, visits by various insects, and the withering of its stem in winter.
- K-1 [Oppenheim, Joanne F. *Have You Seen Birds?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-16
- A simple description of different types of birds — how they sound and what they do.
- 1-2 [Alexander, Karen. *Monarch Butterflies*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-17
- Learn about monarch butterflies.
- K-2 [Bridges, Ruby. *Ruby Bridges Goes to School*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-18
- This is the true story of an extraordinary little girl who helped shape our country when she became the first African American to attend an all-white school in New Orleans. With simple text and historical photographs, this easy reader explores an amazing moment in history and the courage of a young girl who stayed strong in the face of racism.
- PreK-3 [Reynolds, Peter H. *Sky Color*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-19
- When Marisol sets out to create a sky for the class mural, she discovers the blue missing from her paints. This story celebrates the creative process and what it means to be an artist. Includes an interview with author, Peter Reynolds.
- 1-2 [York, Vanessa. *Skyscrapers*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-20
- What goes up until it seems to reach the sky? A skyscraper does!
- PreK-2 [Bulla, Clyde Robert. *A Tree is a Plant*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR K-21
- The life cycle and growth of an apple tree are explained in this easy-to-read text. Colorful illustrations help the reader to see each step in the growth of a tree.

LEVEL L – TEXT TYPES

- 1-3 [Parish, Herman. *Amelia Bedelia, Rocket Scientist?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-01
- When Amelia washes Mr. Rogers' glasses in the dishwasher, he calls her a "rocket scientist." So proud of the compliment, Amelia agrees to be a judge at the school science fair.
- 2-4 [Adler, David A. *Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-02
- Selling candy door-to-door turns into an exciting adventure for Cam and Eric. Cam doesn't know who's hiding out in a deserted-looking house, but she's sure he's up to no good. Can Cam's amazing photographic memory help her solve the mystery?
- K-2 [Weinberger, Kimberly. *Let's Read About George Washington*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-03
- This colorfully illustrated book tells the story of the life of George Washington, the Father of the United States.
- K-2 [Rockwell, Anne. *Our Earth*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-04
- From frozen polar ice caps to steamy tropical rain forests, the earth is home to all kinds of plants and animals. Earth has steep mountains, green valleys, rushing rivers, and deep canyons. It has dark caves, sandy deserts, and brilliant coral reefs. Gentle, rhythmic text introduces earth science concepts, while bright illustrations transport readers to exotic natural habitats.
- 2 [Pilkey, Dav. *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Uranium Unicorns from Uranus*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-05
- Ricky Ricotta loves his Mighty Robot, but sometimes it's hard for a little mouse to have a best friend who's so big. One night, Ricky makes a wish: If only his Mighty Robot had another friend who was his own size so he wouldn't have to hang out with Ricky all the time. Little does Ricky know, his wish is about to come true. Evil Uncle Unicorn has traveled all the way from Uranus with a mean and nasty plan. He's built a giant Ladybot to trick the Mighty Robot so he can take over planet Earth. Once again, it's up to Ricky and his pals to save the day.
- K-2 [Lovell, Patty. *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-06
- Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy and has buckteeth and a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. But armed with the encouraging words of her grandmother, Molly Lou confidently

confronts the class bully at her new school. A not-to-be missed story for the less-than-perfect part of everyone!

1-2 [Reid, Barbara. *The Subway Mouse*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-07

Nib is a subway mouse. As a young mouse, he loved to hear the stories about Tunnel's End: a beautiful yet dangerous, roofless world. One day, Nib decides to set off, away from his dirty, crowded home, to find his dream. Along the way he meets a girl mouse named Lola, who joins him. Together, they navigate the long and dangerous tunnel, until, one night, when they have almost given up hope, they hear a small chirping sound. . . it is Tunnel's End, more beautiful than Nib ever dreamed.

1-2 [Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *Tony Baloney*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-08

Tony Baloney is a macaroni penguin. He loves fish tacos, Little Green Walrus Guys, his stuffed animal, Dandelion, and anything with wheels. He does not love trouble...but trouble loves him. Whether you are a mischievous middle, a bossy biggest, or a bothersome baby, you are sure to root for Tony Baloney and find yourself, or someone you love, in the Baloney family.

1 [Bunting, Eve. *Whales Passing*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-09

A young boy stands on the beach with his father. As they watch the surf, a pod of Orca whales swim by. After wondering aloud whether the whales can talk like he does, the boy then imagines the whales' conversations, and whether they are talking about him under the bubbling waves, just as he talks about them on the land.

PreK-2 [Gore, Leonid. *Worms for Lunch?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR L-10

In this funny, lighthearted romp that celebrates individual taste, young readers will relish guessing what each different animal calls lunch. And they'll be hungry to read this one again and again.

LEVEL L – NONFICTION FOCUS

K-2 [Winter, Jeannette. *Biblioburro*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-12

Luis loves to read, but soon his house in Colombia is so full of books there's barely room for the family. What to do? Then he comes up with the perfect solution: a traveling library! He buys two donkeys, Alfa and Beto, and travels with them throughout the land, bringing books and reading to the children in faraway villages. Beautiful! Complete with an author's note about the real man on whom this story is based.

2-3 [Smith, Geoff. *City Tales*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-13

No description available.

- 1-2 [Riggs, Kate. *Elephants*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-14
- This book provides a basic exploration of the appearance, behavior, and habitat of elephants, Earth's biggest land animals. Also included is a story from folklore explaining why elephants' trunks are so long.
- 2-3 [Carney, Elizabeth. *Frogs!*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-15
- Alive with froggy facts, this book has the coolest photos to bring kids deep into the swampy world of our amphibian "amigos."
- 1 [Carle, Eric. *A House for Hermit Crab*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-16
- Hermit Crab has outgrown his first shell, and, as hermit crabs do, he must look for a new house. Nervous and a little frightened, the crab plucks up his courage and finds a shell that's big enough for him. The only problem is that it's very bare. That's where his fellow undersea creatures come in: a sea anemone offers to decorate the outside, a starfish the inside; an industrious sea snail, a fortress-protecting sea urchin, and an illuminating lantern fish move in as well.
- 2-3 [Ryder, Joanne. *Panda Kindergarten*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-17
- Follow a day in the life of the cubs with Joanne Ryder's spare and simple text and full-color photographs by Dr. Katherine Feng, Wolong's leading photographer. These special cubs have captured the attention of people around the globe. Thanks to dedicated staff and unique resources at Wolong, this threatened species now has a second chance. Here is the true story of their incredible journey toward hope and survival.
- 1-2 [Behrens, Janice. *We Are Alike, We Are Different*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-18
- Working, helping, sharing, and contributing is how kids see themselves in these pages and in their busy days. Vibrant images mirror the lively activities of kids being great kids.
- K-2 [Kudlinski, Kathleen V. *What Do Roots Do?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-19
- This factual, rhyming picture book digs into the wonders of roots and the amazing things they do for trees, flowers, and all kinds of plants. The lilting text and richly-detailed illustrations are sure to appeal to kids and teachers alike!
- PreK-3 [Page, Robin. *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*. Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-20
- A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths,

noses, feet, and tails in this interactive guessing book, beautifully illustrated in cut-paper collage, which was awarded a Caldecott Honor.

K-2 [Esbaum, Jill. *Winter Wonderland*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR L-21

Each year, as days grow shorter and trees become bare, the world outside seems to slow and darken. But for children, this time of year is magical. The frosty air crackles with play and laughter. There is a sense of excitement as snow and cold weather make for outdoor adventures that are not possible any other time of year.

LEVEL M – TEXT TYPES

2-4 [Berger, Melvin and Gilda. *Baby Animals*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR M-01

A baby elephant sucks on its trunk like a human baby sucks its thumb. True or False? True! A baby elephant uses its trunk for sucking - as well as for smelling, drinking, and feeding itself. A baby elephant is called a calf. The mother - and other females in the herd - take very good care of the calves. They protect the calves from tigers-their worst enemy. The calves play with other young elephants and seem to enjoy splashing water and rolling in dirt or mud. A calf usually stays with its mother for at least three years. Elephants care for their babies longer than any other animal - except humans.

1-4 [Brown, Jeff. *Flat Stanley*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR M-04

A flat boy can do almost anything! Stanley Lambchop is an ordinary boy. At least he was, until the night his bulletin board fell off the wall and flattened him. All of a sudden, Stanley can slide under doors, mail himself across the country in an envelope, and fly like a kite! But flatness has its serious side, too. Sneak thieves have been stealing paintings from the Famous Museum of Art, and Stanley knows he's the only one who can stop them. Will the robbers discover Stanley's plan before he foils theirs?

K-2 [Marshall, James. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR M-05

Three bears come home from a bicycling trip through the woods to find a little girl "all nice and cozy and fast asleep" in Baby Bear's bed.

1-3 [Garland, Michael. *Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR M-07

Zack is sure 2nd grade will be boring, but that's before he meets his intriguing new teacher, Miss Smith, who has a knack for telling tales. When she reads to the class from her incredible book, the stories literally spring to life... and after each tale ends, the fantastic characters

slip back into Miss Smith's mysterious book, leaving Zack and his classmates wide-eyed with wonder.

- 2-3 [Krulik, Nancy. *Katie Kazoo Switcheroo: No Messin' With My Lesson*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR M-08

Katie's teacher Mrs. Derkman is a finalist in the Teacher of the Year contest, and a contest official is coming to observe her teach class 3A. But when Katie suddenly turns into Mrs. Derkman, the teacher's chances don't look so good. How can Katie control a class full of out-of-control third graders when she's just a third grader herself?

- 2-4 [Seuling, Barbara. *Oh No, it's Robert*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR M-09

Robert wants to win the gold treasure chest his teacher will be awarding to one of the students in his class; but since he has never won anything before, Robert doesn't think his chances are all that great.

- 1-3 [Lauber, Patricia. *Who Eats What? Food Chains and Food Webs*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR M-10

What do you and a tuna have in common? You and the tuna are both parts of a food chain. This food chain begins with green plants and ends with you at the top. Every link in a food chain is important, because each living thing depends on others for survival.

LEVEL M – NONFICTION FOCUS

- K-2 [Davies, Nicola. *Bat Loves the Night*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-12

Night has fallen, and Bat awakens to find her evening meal. Follow her as she swoops into the shadows, shouting and flying, the echoes of her voice creating a sound picture of the world around her. When morning light creeps into the sky, Bat returns to the roost to feed her baby...and to rest until nighttime comes again. Bat loves the night!

- 2-3 [Jenkins, Martin. *Chameleons are Cool*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-13

There is so much to know about chameleons, and much of it is right here in this enthusiastic and informative book. Many of the 120 different kinds of this lizard are pictured, as well as facts about and habits of the cool chameleon.

- 1-2 [Berger, Melvin. *Dive! A Book of Deep-Sea Creatures*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-14

How giant is the giant squid? How do fish see in the darkness of the ocean floor? These questions and more are answered in this non-fiction book filled with spectacular color photographs.

- 4-6 [Wing, Natasha. *An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-15
- As a child, Josef Albers loved to watch his handyman father paint houses. When Josef grew up and became an artist, he reduced each image to its simplest shapes, breaking it down into blocks of color. He made an incredible discovery: He could alter the entire mood of a painting just by changing the way he combined the colors! Josef spent his entire life studying color, and what he found revolutionized the way people look at art.
- 3-5 [Winter, Jonah. *Frida*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-16
- When Frida Kahlo's mother was worn out from caring for her five sisters, her father gave Frida lessons in brushwork and color. When polio kept her bedridden for nine months, drawing saved her from boredom. When a bus accident left her in agony, her paintings expressed her pain and depression - and her joys and loves.
- 1-3 [Gibbons, Gail. *From Seed to Plant*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-17
- In this well-structured presentation, Gibbons explores the complex relationship between seeds and plants in a simple, concise format. This book gives young readers an interesting look into the basics of plant reproduction, pollen transference, seed dispersal and germination. A great first look at botanical science, with Gibbons' characteristically vivid illustrations. Plant this one in your science collection.
- 2-3 [Ruffin, Frances. *Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-18
- On August 28, 1963, more than 250,000 people came to the nation's capital. They came by plane, by bus, by car, and even on roller-skates to speak out against segregation and to demand equal rights for everyone. They also came to hear the words of a very special leader, Martin Luther King, Jr. Told with a wonderful immediacy, this book captures the spirit of this landmark day in American history and brings Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech to vivid life for young children.
- 1-3 [Beeler, Selby B. *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-19
- What do you do when you lose a tooth? Do you put it under your pillow and wait for the tooth fairy? Not if you live in Botswana! In Botswana, children throw their teeth onto the roof. In Afghanistan they drop their teeth down mouse holes, and in Egypt they fling their teeth at the sun!
- 2-4 [Larson, Kirby. *Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-20

Bobbi and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, they lost everything, as did so many others. Only by staying together could Bobbi and Bob Cat survive. This is the true story of their remarkable friendship.

1-3 [Holub, Joan. *Why Do Dogs Bark?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR M-21

There are many different kinds of dogs and so much to find out about them. Why do dogs bark, howl, and bury bones? Why do they like to lick and sniff people? Children can find the answers to these questions and many more in this fun-to-read, informative book illustrated with big, colorful canine photographs and humorous drawings.

LEVEL N – TEXT TYPES

2-3 [Osborne, Mary Pope. *The Magic Treehouse: Blizzard of the Blue Moon*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-01

In this exciting new Merlin Mission, Jack and Annie go back in time to New York City, during one of the darkest periods in the city's history - the Great Depression. Even worse, the city is in the grip of a terrible snowstorm. To stop the blizzard, Jack and Annie must save the unicorn made famous in the Cloisters' medieval tapestries.

2-4 [Barnes, Derrick. *Ruby and the Brooker Boys: Brand New School, Brave New Ruby*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-02

Smart and sassy, eight-year-old Ruby is tired of living in the shadows of her three older brothers. When she has a chance to break out, things don't go according to plan. But with nerve and verve, Ruby will make sure everyone knows her name.

1-3 [Teague, Mark. *Dear Mrs. LaRue: Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigator*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-03

Ike LaRue, the devilish dog hero of Mark Teague's runaway hit, *Dear Mrs. LaRue*, goes from obedience school dropout to shrewd sleuth in this exceedingly funny sequel. Ike is now in prison! The Hibbins' cats are missing, and Ike is being blamed. With Mrs. LaRue vacationing in France, he must take matters into his own paws and mount an investigation to prove his innocence.

1-3 [Diakite, Penda. *I Lost My Tooth in Africa*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-04

More than anything, Amina wants to lose her loose tooth while visiting her family in Mali, West Africa. Only then can she put it under a gourd for the African tooth fairy, who will exchange it for two chickens! Happily, this happens, and even better, the chickens lay eggs. But will the eggs hatch before it's time to return home to America?

- 3-4 [Benton, Jim. *Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist: Lunch Walks Among Us.* New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-05

Franny K. Stein is not your average girl. She prefers poison ivy to daisies and piranha to goldfish, and when Franny jumps rope, she uses her pet snake. This makes it almost impossible for Franny to make friends. But Franny's a scientist. And inspired by her favorite teacher, she undertakes one of the most difficult and dangerous experiments ever conceived. It's called "trying to fit in." Franny's experiment seems to be a tremendous success, and she's enjoying newfound popularity, when a freak garbage-pail incident creates a monster that only a mad scientist can defeat.

- 3 [Odgers, Darrel. *Jack Russell: Dog Detective: The Phantom Mudder.* New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-06

Doggeroo has been running its famous Annual Dog Show for 150 years, and this year Jack's landlord, Sarge, is one of the stewards. Someone is nobbling the entrants, muddying their coats just before their classes. Could it be the dogs themselves, striking a blow for the right to roll? Jack thinks not... and is proven right when Lord Red is one of the victims. Jack uses his super-sniffer and dogged intelligence to bring the Phantom Mudder to justice. In the end, with the help of his K9 friends, Jack discovers it is the dog show judge's wife who is muddying the dogs because she prefers cats.

- 2-3 [Aardema, Verna. *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears.* New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-08

In this West African folk tale, retold by Verna Aardema, a mosquito brags to an iguana that he spied a farmer digging yams as big as mosquitoes. The iguana scoffs at such a notion and refuses to listen to any more nonsense. Grumbling, he puts sticks in his ears and scuttles off through the reeds and sets off a chain reaction among myriad animals inhabiting the same landscape.

- 4 [Danziger, Paula. *Amber Brown Books: You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox, Amber Brown.* New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-09

It's the end of third grade and finally summer. Amber Brown is going to London to visit her aunt Pam and then to Paris to visit with her father. She is one excited kid before she goes. And one itchy kid when she arrives. Mosquito bites, she thinks. Chicken pox, she finds out. Is her vacation completely ruined? And now that she can't go to Paris, how will she be able to convince her dad to move back home?

- 2-3 [Woods, Andrew. *Young Frederick Douglass: Freedom Fighter.* New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR N-10

This biography follows the childhood years of Frederick Douglass, a

slave determined to lead his people to freedom.

LEVEL N – NONFICTION FOCUS

- 1-3 [Kroll, Virginia L. *Butterfly Boy*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-12
- Emilio and his grandfather, Abuelo, love to watch red admiral butterflies. Emilio discovers that the butterflies like white surfaces, so he is upset when his father paints the garage blue. Will he find a way to make the butterflies stay?
- PreK-2 [Serafini, Frank. *Looking Closely in the Rain Forest*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-13
- Readers will learn about a variety of animals and plants in this interactive book that encourages imagination and instills a respect for nature. Readers are prompted to carefully consider each of the colorful, close-up photographs of the spectacular rainforest, in order to answer questions and state their observations.
- 1-3 [Earhart, Kristin. *The Magic School Bus Fixes a Bone*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-14
- Ms. Frizzle's classroom skeleton has broken his arm. The class was preparing for their Halloween party, but now they must take off on a spine-tingling adventure to see how a bone heals!
- 1-2 [Bang, Molly. *My Light*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-15
- Often taken for granted, the sun gives us more than its light. Here, acclaimed author and illustrator Molly Bang presents a celebration of the wonder and power of the sun and its radiance.
- 2-3 [Reyes, Gabriella. *Odd Animal Helpers*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-16
- See how the most unlikely animals work together! Everyday, countless animals and plants work together in unique ways. Although some of these symbiotic relationships are unexpected, like a large rhinoceros needing the help of a small bird, all of them are essential for the animal's survival. This reader will provide a basic introduction to a variety of symbiotic relationships, including those in which only one side benefits.
- 2-3 [Gibbons, Gail. *Owls*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-17
- From the smallest, the elf owl, to the largest, the great gray owl, here is information about the 21 types that are believed to be living in North America. From egg to owlet to fierce bird of prey, here is an insightful look at these impressive creatures of the night.

1-2 [Pilkey, Dav. *The Paperboy*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-18

In the still before dawn, while the rest of the world is sleeping, a boy and his dog leave the comfort of their warm bed to deliver newspapers. As the boy pedals his bike along a route he knows by heart, his dog runs by his side, both enjoying a world that, before sunrise, belongs only to them.

1-3 [Corse, Nicole. *Pet Heroes*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-19

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, especially when they are animals! This paperback reader features 14 stories of amazing pet heroes that helped or rescued their owners or other animals. From service dogs to pot-bellied pigs, kids are going to love reading about these extraordinary pets!

4-5 [Adler, David A. *A Picture Book of Jesse Owens*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-20

Part of a critically acclaimed series, this book chronicles the life of American sports hero Jesse Owens, a noted figure in the fight for human equality.

1-3 [Ryan, Emma. *Surprising Swimmers*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR N-21

From the well-known doggy-paddle to the lesser-known piggy-paddle, kids will get a kick out of this reader filled with some of their favorite animals taking a dip! Fun facts about how they swim, why they swim, and why you usually don't see them swimming will be included, along with hilarious and rarely seen photos throughout.

LEVEL O – TEXT TYPES

2-4 [Sabin, Francene. *Amelia Earhart: Adventure in the Sky*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-01

Amelia Earhart, known as the world's greatest female flier, lived a life full of adventure. At a time when girls weren't allowed to do what boys did, Amelia's parents encouraged Amelia to be physical and take risks.

1-3 [Aardema, Verna. *Anansi Does the Impossible! An Ashanti Tale*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-02

How can Anansi find the hard-to-come-by items he needs to buy the Sky God's folktales? Being a clever spider, Anansi does the smart thing: he goes straight to his wife. Together, Anansi and Aso use their noodles to collect the needed items in this humorous retelling of an Ashanti tale. Full-color illustrations.

- 2-3 [Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-03
- In this first book of the series, Clementine tries to help out her friend Margaret, but ends up in a lot of trouble for it. Things get worse each day of the week, until finally she's worried that Margaret is right: Clementine's parents might consider her "the hard one" in the family. They're up to something mysterious; are they thinking they'd be better off if they only had her little vegetable-named brother, Radish, "the easy one?"
- 2-3 [Abbott, Tony. *Journey to the Volcano Palace*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-05
- Eric, Julie, and Neal have a problem. The nasty Lord Sparr has stolen a magic jewel from their friend Princess Keeah. The princess really needs their help. The good news is the jewel is in Lord Sparr's secret palace. The bad news is the secret palace is in a volcano!
- 4 [King-Smith, Dick. *A Mouse Called Wolf*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-06
- The family mouse hole is just behind the leg of a grand piano played twice a day by an elderly woman. While his siblings like to race each other across the black and white piano keys, he would rather listen to Mrs. Honeybee, the lady of the house, play music on them. Wolf loves the music and, to the delight of Mrs. Honeybee and the bemusement of his mother, he becomes the first singing mouse. His special talent even enables him to summon help when Mrs. Honeybee falls and can't get up.
- 3-4 [Clements, Andrew. *Jake Drake: Teacher's Pet*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-08
- Mrs. Snavin looked right past all those waving hands. She looked right at me and she smiled and said, "I think I'll have Jake take it." Then Mrs. Snavin said, "but be sure to hurry right back, Jake, because we're going to work on our number-line project, and you have to be my "special" computer helper, okay?" And I could feel every kid in the class looking at me. They weren't saying anything. They weren't even whispering. But right then, I heard what they were thinking anyway. They were thinking, "teacher's pet." Learn how his plan to change his teachers' impression of him almost went too far.
- 2-6 [Fritz, Jean. *What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-09
- No matter how busy he was, Ben Franklin always found time to try out new ideas and he was also a man of many talents. He was also an ambassador to England, a printer, an almanac maker, a politician, and even a vegetarian (for a time).

1-3 [Ziefert, Harriet. *You Can't Taste a Pickle with Your Ear*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR O-10

Written in playful verse, yet scientifically accurate, young readers will come away from this book with many of their questions about the five senses answered.

LEVEL O – NONFICTION FOCUS

1-2 [Hopkinson, Deborah. *Apples to Oregon*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-12

When Papa decides to pull up roots and move from Iowa to Oregon, he can't bear to leave his precious apple trees behind. Or his peaches, plums, grapes, cherries, and pears. Oh, and he takes his family along too. But the trail is cruel; first there's a river to cross that's wider than Texas...and then there are hailstones as big as plums...and there's even a drought, sure to crisp the cherries. Those poor pippins!

1-3 [Arnosky, Jim. *Beachcombing*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-13

With friendly notes and detailed illustrations of everything from ghost crabs to shark teeth, this award-winning author and wildlife expert outfits kids with the knowledge they need to become avid beachcombers.

1 [Rockwell, Lizzy. *The Busy Body Book*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-14

Kids walk and skate and tumble through these pages with such exuberance that even sprouting couch potatoes will want to get up and bounce around, and that's the ultimate goal. Through education, information, and encouragement, this book aims to inspire a new generation of busy bodies.

3 [Maestro, Betsy. *Coming to America: The Story of Immigration*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-15

This bright picture book tells of the migration of diverse immigrant and ethnic groups to North America, dating back to the travels of native peoples across the Bering Strait, and including the Atlantic slave trade and the journey of immigrants from Europe and Asia.

2-4 [Grigsby, Susan. *In the Garden with Dr. Carver*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-16

This fictionalized account of plant scientist George Washington Carver shares the story of how he taught children to grow plants and reap the rewards of nature's bounty. The text includes factual notes about Dr. Carver.

1-3 [Berne, Jennifer. *Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-17

This illustrated biography of Jacques Cousteau discusses how his youthful fascination with filming and underwater exploration translated into his life's work and tells of his later devotion to saving the ocean environment.

1-3 [Carney, Elizabeth. *Planets*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-18

This Level 2 reader taps into children's natural curiosity about the vast world of space. Featuring brilliant illustrations and written in simple language that is easy for young readers to understand, it provides a wonderful introduction to our solar system, including all of the planets and dwarf planets, and lots of fascinating, fun facts. This reader helps cultivate the explorers of tomorrow!

1-3 [Weidner Zoehfeld, Kathleen. *Rocks and Minerals*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-19

From dazzling gemstones to sparkling crystals to molten lava, this brilliantly illustrated book introduces children to the exciting world of rocks and minerals, including both the building blocks and the bling.

3-5 [Winter, Jonah. *Sonia Sotomayor*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-20

Before Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor took her seat in our nation's highest court, she was just a little girl in the South Bronx. Justice Sotomayor didn't have a lot growing up, but she had what she needed: her mother's love, a will to learn, and her own determination. With bravery she became the person she wanted to be. With hard work she succeeded. With little sunlight and only a modest plot from which to grow, Justice Sotomayor bloomed for the whole world to see.

1-3 [Gibbons, Gail. *Tell Me, Tree: All About Trees for Kids*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR O-21

Everything there is to know about trees — from acorn to seedling, from root to fruit, from Pin Oak to Cottonwood, the tree enthusiast will find it all in this well-illustrated and fact-filled book.

LEVEL P – TEXT TYPES

3-5 [McMullan, Kate. *Dragon Slayers: 97 Ways to Train a Dragon*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 01

Wiglaf's supposed to be a dragon slayer, but he's more like a dragon babysitter when he finds a baby dragon and decides to keep it! Back in his first new adventure in four years, Wiglaf is as funny and appealing as ever.

- 3-4 [Kibuishi, Kazu. *Copper*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 02
- Copper is curious, Fred is fearful. And together boy and dog are off on a series of adventures through marvelous worlds, powered by Copper's limitless enthusiasm and imagination. Each Copper and Fred story in this graphic novel collection is a complete vignette, filled with richly detailed settings and told with a wry sense of humor. These two enormously likable characters build ships and planes to travel to surprising destinations and have a knack for getting into all sorts of odd situations.
- 6-7 [Ranberg, Chuck. *Happy Burger*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 04
- In this special Read 180 edition in play-form, a teenage boy takes a job at a fast food restaurant to earn money for the homecoming dance. The story teaches Scott about lessons in life, as well as in love. But, will Scott's hard work pay off?
- 2-3 [Diakite, Baba Wague. *The Hunterman and the Crocodile*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 05
- Tired after an overland journey to Mecca, Bamba the crocodile and his family need the help of a human to reach their river home. Donso the hunterman agrees to help, but only after Bamba promises not to bite him. When the hungry crocodile goes back on his word, Donso begs other creatures for help, only to find that they are unwilling - cow, horse, chicken, and mango tree alike feel too much resentment at the way they have been treated by humans in the past. Finally, trickster Rabbit comes to the rescue, and Donso heads home with a stack of crocodiles on his head, trussed and ready for a feast. But there is yet another surprise in store for the hunterman. When Donso gets home, he finds that his wife is gravely ill. The only thing that can save her? Crocodile tears!
- 3-5 [Scieszka, Jon. *The Time Warp Trio: Knights of the Kitchen Table*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 06
- Joe's been caught up in a book before, but this is ridiculous! Joe's Book, a gift from his magician uncle, doesn't just tell stories, it zaps Joe and his friends Sam and Fred right into the middle of them. And when these thoroughly modern kids meet King Arthur and become Knights of the Round Table, the result can only be thoroughly amusing mayhem.
- 4 [Roland, Timothy. *Comic Guy: Kooks in the Cafeteria*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 07
- After falling asleep in math class, Guy is sentenced to one week of Kitchen Patrol. He quickly discovers there is something rotten in the school cafeteria, and it is not the food.

3-5 [Cole, Joanna. *The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 08

On a most sense-sational trip that takes them through an eye, an ear, a tongue, and even a dog's nose, Ms. Frizzle's class learns about the senses. Using their trademark sense of humor, Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen provide facts about the senses in both the human and animal worlds.

3-5 [Marzollo, Jean. *My First Book of Biographies: Great Men and Women Every Child Should Know*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P- 09

This unique collection of short biographies introduces young readers to 45 great men and women of varied interests and ethnic backgrounds who have made a mark on society. With easy-to-read text and bold, colorful illustrations, this fascinating book brings to life major contemporary, historical, and cultural figures.

2-3 [Ringgold, Faith. *Tar Beach*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR P-10

Cassie Louise Lightfoot has a dream: to be free to go wherever she wants for the rest of her life. One night, up on "Tar Beach" - the rooftop of her family's Harlem apartment building - her dream comes true. The stars lift her up, and Cassie Louise Lightfoot is flying over the city, claiming everything she sees as her own.

LEVEL P – NONFICTION FOCUS

2-4 [Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-12

Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt were birds of a feather. Not only were they two of the most admired and respected women of all time, they were also good friends. Illuminated here for the first time in picture book form is the true story of a thrilling night when they made history together.

3-5 [Kamkwamba, William. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-13

When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library...and figured out how to bring electricity to his village. Persevering against the odds, William built a functioning windmill out of junkyard scraps, and thus became the local hero who harnessed the wind.

2-4 [Hopkinson, Deborah. *Girl Wonder*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-14

When Alta Weiss throws a corncob at a tomcat chasing her favorite hen,

folks know one thing for sure: She may be a girl, but she's got some arm. This is the exciting story of the pioneering female baseball player - a true American original.

2-5 [Velasquez, Eric. *Grandma's Gift*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-15

Eric describes Christmas at his grandmother's apartment in Spanish Harlem the year she introduced him to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There he saw Diego Velazquez's portrait of Juan de Pareja, which has had a profound and lasting effect on him, as he realizes for the first time that he could be an artist when he grows up. Grandma witnesses his fascination and presents Eric with the perfect Christmas gift — a set of paints to use in his first steps toward becoming an artist.

1-3 [Stier, Catherine. *If I Ran for President*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-16

A multicultural cast of children imagines what it would be like to run for president. The entertaining yet informative text is a good conversation starter for discussions on the election process.

3-5 [Nivola, Claire A. *Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-17

When Sylvia Earle was a little girl, she spent hours exploring all types of nature. She grew up to make a career out of swimming and diving among the creatures in her beloved ocean habitat.

3-5 [Simon, Seymour. *The Moon*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-18

From Apollo 11's first landing to the mystery of moonquakes and the genesis of craters, this stunning introduction to our nearest neighbor in space describes the moon and its all-important relationship to Earth. Mesmerizing full-color photography and an informative text perfect this exciting and educational journey in space.

3-5 [St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be an Inventor?*. Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-19

Features some of the world's best-known inventors — Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin, Eli Whitney — as well as lesser-known geniuses like Georges de Mestral (inventor of Velcro), Wilhelm Roentgen (inventor of X rays), and Hedy Lamarr (inventor of a system that became the basis for satellite communication; who knew?). Whether you're a dreamer or a loner, a copycat or a daredevil, this book might just inspire readers to invent something that could change the world!

3-4 [Roop, Peter. *Take a Giant Leap, Neil Armstrong!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-20

Neil Armstrong was an amazing boy even before he grew up to make

history walking on the moon. This book tells some of the events in Neil's early life that fed his love of flying.

- 3-4 [Pallotta, Jerry. *Who Would Win? Wolverine vs. Tasmanian Devil*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR P-21

Readers will learn all about Tasmanian devils and wolverines, including how they hunt.

LEVEL Q – TEXT TYPES

- 3 [Arnosky, Jim. *All About Manatees*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-01

Budding young naturalists will meet the manatee, a peaceful sea mammal that is distantly related to the elephant! Manatees are over ten feet long, and sometimes weigh between 1,000 and 8,000 pounds. What child won't love to discover what manatees eat, how they communicate with each other, and how this endangered species survives in its watery world?

- 4-6 [Kibuishi, Kazu. *Amulet: The Stonekeeper's Curse*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-02

Emily and her brother Navin head for Kanalis, a beautiful and mysterious city of waterfalls, where they hope to find the antidote for the poison that felled their mother. That cure lies in the eggs of a giant serpent atop Demon's Head Mountain, but the kids' archenemy, Trellis, is headed for the peak, too. A battle that will engulf all of Kanalis is looming. It's up to Em to triumph over evil while controlling the amulet's power...without losing herself!

- 3-4 [Gregory, Kristiana. *Cabin Creek Mysteries: The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-03

Jeff and David's dad told them they weren't allowed to explore Lost Island until Jeff's twelfth birthday, and that they should never go alone. As soon as they set foot on the marshy ground, they suspect something is not right. What secrets are hidden by the lingering mist and overgrown pines? The brothers had never believed the Legend of Robber's Cave, but now they have to wonder. And when their nine-year old cousin, Claire, convinces their parents that she should be part of the island outings, things get more complicated.

- 2-4 [Ballard, Robert D. *Finding the Titanic*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-04

Even the youngest readers are fascinated by the Titanic, and Robert Ballard, the scientist who searched for, and finally found, the lost ship under the sea, has written this account just for them. Using simple language, photos, and drawings, he creates a vivid picture of both his quest and the sinking of the ship, telling that story through the eyes of a

twelve-year-old girl who sailed on the Titanic and survived.

- 1-3 [Teague, Mark. *Dear Mrs. LaRue: LaRue Across America: Postcards from the Vacation*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-05

LaRue goes on vacation with Mrs. Hibbins's cats! Ike's plans for a peaceful cruise with Mrs. LaRue are thwarted when their neighbor, Mrs. Hibbins, falls suddenly ill from heat stroke. Mrs. LaRue suggests that she and Ike care for her cats while Mrs. Hibbins is in the hospital, inviting them along on the cruise. But cats aren't allowed, and Mrs. LaRue decides to take them all on a week's vacation of road-tripping.

- 3-5 [Schotter, Roni. *Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-07

Eva, a would-be writer, sits on her New York City stoop with her notebook, waiting for something to happen. She has been given a homework assignment to record goings-on in her Manhattan neighborhood. Each neighbor who passes offers her useless writing tips, but it isn't until Eva takes matters into her own hands that exciting things begin to happen in her neighborhood - enough to make a great story!

- 3-5 [Steig, William. *Shrek!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-08

Shrek, a horrid ogre, goes out into the world to find adventure and along the way encounters a witch, a knight in armor, a dragon, and, finally, a hideous princess, who's even uglier than he is!

- 3 [Baglio, Ben M. *Stallion in Spooky Hollow*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-09

On Halloween, Mandy and her parents are taking care of a friend's veterinary clinic. She is eager to explore the countryside, said to be haunted by a ghostly horse and rider, but she discovers the pair is much more earthly and trying to scare people.

- 3-5 [Hart, Caryn. *The Tale of Anton Brown and Grace Hopper*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Q-10

A retelling of "The Ant and the Grasshopper," a famous fable written by Aesop.

LEVEL Q – NONFICTION FOCUS

- 2-4 [Carmi, Rebecca. *Amazing Magnetism*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-12

Hi! I'm Carlos, one of the kids in Ms. Frizzle's class. I know Ms. Frizzle thinks of some weird ways to teach about science, but challenging Mr. O'Neatly's class to a science contest was her craziest idea to date. Mr. O'Neatly's class always wins everything! The contest topic was

magnetism, and we hadn't even started our unit yet. The Friz said she thought we'd have a natural attraction to the topic, but nothing could have prepared us for what happened next. Wait til' you hear about this!

3-5 [McKissack, Patricia. *Away West*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-13

Unlike his older brothers, thirteen-year-old Everett was "born in freedom," never knowing life as a slave. His most prized possession is the medal his father earned in the Civil War. Now, more than 125 years later, that treasure is kept in the Websters' attic with other "scraps of time," ready to be discovered by another generation eager to know its family history.

PreK-2 [Fern, Tracey. *Barnum's Bones*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-14

Colorful illustrations tell the story of Barnum Brown, named after the circus icon P.T. Barnum, the paleontologist who discovered the first documented skeleton of the Tyrannosaurus rex as well as most of the other dinosaurs on display today.

3-5 [Arlon, Penelope. *Bugs*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-15

Look closer at the world at your feet and you will find there is more to bugs than meets the eye. *Bugs* features stunning close-up images combined with weird and wonderful bug facts.

2-5 [Rosenstock, Barb. *The Camping Trip That Changed America*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-16

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt joined naturalist John Muir on a trip to Yosemite. Camping by themselves in the uncharted woods, the two men observed natural wonders and had conversations that would ultimately lead to the establishment of the National Parks system.

3-5 [Arlon, Penelope. *Dinosaurs*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-17

Within the last five years, more has been discovered about dinosaurs than ever before. By commissioning brand new digital images and talking to "in the field" paleontologists, *Dinosaurs* is not only up-to-date, but stunning to look at.

2-4 [Aliki. *A Medieval Feast*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-18

The King is coming to visit! The lord and lady of Camdenton Manor must work quickly to prepare for his arrival. It will take weeks to ready rooms, set up tents, and prepare the feast itself. Everyone is busy hunting and hawking, brewing and churning. This will be a feast to remember! Describes the preparation and celebration of a medieval feast held at an English manor house entertaining royal guests.

- 3-5 [Deans, Karen. *Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-19

As a child in Harlem in the 1930s, Althea Gibson discovered she was a natural at tennis. But it was a sport played mostly by wealthy white people in country clubs that excluded blacks. Althea was not deterred and set about becoming a barrier-breaking, world-famous athlete.

- 2-4 [Robinson, Sharon. *Testing the Ice: A True Story of Jackie Robinson*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-20

In a stunning metaphor for Jackie Robinson's legendary breaking of the color barrier in Major League Baseball, Sharon Robinson honors her extraordinary father's memory with her warm graceful storytelling. Two-time Caldecott Honor Book artist Kadir Nelson has created richly rendered paintings that radiate with the beauty and spirit of one of America's finest heroes.

- 3-4 [Ferraiolo, Jack D. *WordGirl: Tobey or Consequences*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2014.](#) GR Q-21

While Tobey has a babysitter, WG and Tobey get into a battle of words on a real-live match of the game show Crash or Pie.

LEVEL R – TEXT TYPES

- 4 [Child, Lauren. *Clarice Bean Spells Trouble*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-01

The quirky Clarice Bean is in for a spell of trouble, and shares a lesson about kindness.

- 4-6 [Rupp, Rebecca. *The Dragon of Lonely Island*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-02

In a novel as mysterious and spellbinding as the dragon's stories, Rebecca Rupp explore what three children from the present learn from the past and from an unlikely, but wise and generous friend.

- 3-6 [Stadler, Alexander. *Invasion of the Relatives*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-03

First Officer Julian Rodriguez has seen his share of injustice during his time on Earth, and now he's facing his greatest challenge yet: the invasion of his home base by a group of genetically linked mini-brains known as "the relatives." He's been moved from his personal sleep chamber (bedroom) to a subterranean containment facility (the basement). Then he is forced to participate in a show of ceremonial athleticism (football) and must consume a variety of mystery foods (Thanksgiving dinner). But the ultimate disgrace comes when he is

threatened with contamination by mini-brain DNA!

- 5-6 [Clark, Margaret Goff. *Freedom Crossing*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-04
- Tension and intrigue illuminate the dim passages and secret hiding places throughout Margaret Goff Clark's page-turner. Themes of home, family, and friendship are woven with a story of courage and suspicion.
- 4-5 [Morse, Scott. *Magic Pickle*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-05
- Magic Pickle is freed from his decades-old cryogenic snooze to fight the Brotherhood.
- 3-4 [Hatkoff, Craig. *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-07
- The inspiring true story of two great friends, a baby hippo named Owen and a 130-yr-old giant tortoise named Mzee.
- 5-6 [Ryder, Charles. *Sitting Down for Dr. King*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-08
- Based on the actual event, this seven-page, twenty-minute classroom play script is suitable for reader's theater or stage performance and can be adapted to include music from the Civil Rights Movement. From seven to fourteen parts; use it with students in grades 4 through 8 to improve fluency, engage learners, and meet the CCSs.
- 4-7 [Kerley, Barbara. *What to Do About Alice?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-09
- Theodore Roosevelt had a small problem...his daughter Alice! Alice Lee Roosevelt was hungry to go places, meet people, do things. Father called it running riot. Alice called it eating up the world. Brimming with affection and wit, this spirited biography gives readers a peek into family life inside the White House.
- 2-3 [Roop, Peter. *Who Cracked the Liberty Bell?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR R-10
- This book explores the history behind the famous Liberty Bell and other facts about the American Revolution.

LEVEL S – TEXT TYPES

- 5-7 [Taylor, Sarah Stewart. *Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean*. New York:](#) GR S-01

[Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#)

Told in graphic novel format, Grace, an aspiring young journalist, is there when Amelia Earhart becomes the first female passenger to cross the Atlantic Ocean by air, from Trepassey, Newfoundland, to Ireland on June 4, 1928.

- 6 [Ranberg, Chuck. *Confessions of a Gym-Class Dropout*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-02

Travis Underwood is tired of his gym teacher calling him a wimp and sick of being teased by bodybuilder Rocco. Will a summer membership to the YMCA help him get in shape?

- 4-6 [Kerley, Barbara. *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-03

This extraordinary true story introduces readers to the unforgettable Waterhouse Hawkins: Victorian artist and visionary who built the world's first life-size models of dinosaurs!

- 4-5 [Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-04

Author Konigsburg's tale of a young girl's escape into a search for identity - her own and Angel's.

- 4-5 [Selznick, Brian. *The Houdini Box*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-06

Ten-year-old Victor has always idolized the famous magician Harry Houdini. After Houdini's death, Victor inherits a secret box from Houdini's widow with the initials E.W. engraved on it. Years later Victor discovers the true power of the box.

- 3-5 [Freedman, Russell. *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-07

At the age of three, Louis Braille was blinded in an accident. At the age of 10, he was sent to study at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth in Paris. Learning was a painstaking process, with lessons in "embossing" - tracing the outlines of raised impressions with a finger - proving frustrating. Braille was determined to find a better way, and from the age of 12, he worked tirelessly to develop a simple, finger-felt code for the alphabet. Despite technical and bureaucratic setbacks, he eventually succeeded in proving his system to his school and, eventually, to the world.

- 8 [Soto, Gary. *Taking Sides*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-08

Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must

come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.

- 5-7 [Hart, Caryn. *When Women Played Baseball*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-09

Based on the play by Lauren Tarshis.

- 5-8 [Philbrick, Rodman. *The Young Man and the Sea*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR S-10

This starkly dramatic yet poignant novel takes readers on an exciting journey with 12-year-old Skiff Beaman, a determined boy from a small Maine town. Skiff's mom died recently, and his fisherman dad won't get off the TV couch to do anything but get another beer, so these days Skiff has to take care of everything himself. When their boat sinks, Skiff discovers it will cost thousands to buy her a new engine. Skiff's lobster traps won't earn him enough, but there are bigger fish in the sea — bluefin tuna. If he can catch one, he just might save the boat — and get his family back on its feet again.

LEVEL T – TEXT TYPES

- 4-6 [Masoff, Joy. *Colonial Times, 1600-1700*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-01

Re-creates early American settlements by describing in words and pictures various aspects of the colonists' lives including work, food, clothing, shelter, religion, and relationships with Native Americans.

- 6 [Cammuso, Frank. *Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-02

Artie King just wants to ease into life at Camelot Middle School. He's got new lunch buddies, Percy and Wayne, and his science teacher, Mr. Merlyn, is pretty cool. But then there's scary Principal Dager and big bad Joe and The Horde, a bunch of brawny bullies who rule the school. The real trouble starts when Artie opens a funky old locker that no one, not even Joe, has ever been able to open - and finds it full of mysterious, but useful stuff. Percy and Wayne are high-fiving, Joe is fuming, and the next think you know a challenge is laid down: a do-or-die dodgeball game - The Horde Vs. The Knights of the Lunch Table. Losers get creamed!

- 5-8 [Swallow, Pamela Curtis. *It Only Looks Easy*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-03

Before the first day of seventh grade is over, Kat Randall's year is nearly ruined. When her beloved dog, Cheddar, is run over by a woman with Alzheimer's disease, Kat reacts impulsively, leaving school on a

"borrowed" bike to get to the vet. Then the bike gets stolen. Kat often does the wrong thing for the right reason, but now she has gone from being a person you can count on to someone you probably shouldn't. Suddenly she is looked at differently by everyone at school — even the police are keeping an eye on her. If "one of the best years" of her life starts out like this, what's next?

3-5 [Barker, Lucy. *Life in the Oceans*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-04

Beautiful color photographs and illustrations offer an exciting introduction to all forms of ocean life.

5-6 [Paulsen, Gary. *Mudshark*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-05

Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty washroom crisis, a psychic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when 65 erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver, twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, aka Mudshark.

5-7 [Hart, Caryn. *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Red-Headed League*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-06

This classic whodunnit has been adapted from the book into a theatrical script perfect for reading aloud.

5-7 [Telgemeier, Raina. *Smile*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-07

This coming-of-age true story is sure to resonate with anyone who has ever been in middle school, and especially those who have ever had a bit of their own dental drama.

7-9 [Paulsen, Gary. *Tracker*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-08

As John Borne closes in on the doe he's been tracking for two days, he comes to believe she has the mysterious power to cheat death and save the life of his beloved grandfather, who is dying of cancer.

5-7 [Amato, Mary. *The Word Eater*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-09

Life is miserable for sixth grader Lerner Chause at her new school, Cleveland Park Middle School, where the MPOOE (Most Powerful Ones On Earth) Club ruthlessly rules over the SLUGs (Sorry Losers Under Ground). It looks as if Lerner is destined to be a SLUG, until she finds a magical worm that eats printed words instead of dirt. If Fip eats a word, that item simply disappears from the world - forever.

6-8 [Balliett, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer: The Wright 3*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR T-10

Spring semester at the Lab School in Hyde Park finds Petra and Calder

drawn into another mystery when unexplainable accidents and ghostly happenings throw a spotlight on Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, and it's up to the two junior sleuths to piece together the clues.

LEVEL U – TEXT TYPES

- 5-6 [Dahl, Roald. *The BFG*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-01
- Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan with him to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.
- 6-8 [Balliett, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer: The Calder Game*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-02
- When Calder Pillay travels with his father to a remote village in England, he finds a mix of mazes and mystery... including an unexpected Alexander Calder sculpture in the town square. Calder is strangely drawn to the sculpture, while other people have less-than-friendly feelings towards it. Both the boy and the sculpture seem to be out of place... and then, on the same night, they disappear. Calder's friends Petra and Tommy must fly out to help his father find him.
- 4-7 [Kerley, Barbara. *The Extraordinary Mark Twain \(According to Susy\)*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-03
- Susy Clemens thought the world was wrong about her papa. They saw Mark Twain as "a humorist joking at everything." But he was so much more, and Susy was determined to set the record straight. In a journal she kept under her pillow, Susy documented her world-famous father - from his habits (good and bad!), to his writing routine, to their family's colorful home life. Her frank, funny, tender biography (which came to be one of Twain's most prized possessions) gives rare insight and an unforgettable perspective on an American icon. Inserts with excerpts from Susy's actual journal give added appeal.
- 5-6 [Buckley, Michael. *The Sister's Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-04
- When orphaned sisters Sabrina and Daphne are sent to live with their mysterious grandmother, Relda Grimm, who lives in a strange town in New York state, known for its extraordinary number of unexplained and unusual crimes, they begin to unravel a mystery that leads to their ancestors' magical beginnings.
- 5-7 [George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-05
- This Newberry Honor Book combines recipes, drawings, diary entries

and narration to create an enthralling portrait of a boy's self-sufficiency. Outdoor lovers will find lots of information about survival skills, and all readers will identify with Sam's ups and downs as he lives out every child's secret dream.

4-6 [Mack, Stan. *Road to Revolution!*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-06

Action packed, laced with humor, and visually dynamic for today's readers, *Road to Revolution!* cleverly intertwines fact and fiction for an unprecedented view of American history.

6-7 [Flanagan, John. *The Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-07

On Choosing Day Will's heart was set on Battleschool, but he is small for his 15 years. Brave and skilled at moving and climbing silent as a shadow, his unwanted apprenticeship tests his talent and spirit in the battle against the Kingdom's ancient foes.

5-7 [Ryder, Charles. *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and the Blue Carbuncle*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-08

Sherlock Holmes and Watson are asked to investigate the discovery of a Blue Carbuncle found in the throat of a Christmas goose. However, when they arrive to investigate the mysterious gem, it is missing. Where has it gone and what was it doing in the throat of the goose in the first place?

5-6 [Parker, Jake. *Missile Mouse: The Star Crusher*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-09

Missile Mouse battles giant space slugs, corrupt agents, killer bugs, and a pair of shark-headed thugs to save the day (and the scientist!). And when he's sucked into the exploding Star Crusher, he becomes pure energy . . . energy that will consume him unless Missile Mouse can release it and destroy RIP's spaceship fleet in time. KABOOM!

5-6 [Spinelli, Jerry. *Wringer*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR U-10

For as long as Palmer LaRue can remember, he has dreaded the day he will turn ten and must take his place beside the other ten-year-old boys in town and become a wringer, a tradition passed down from father to son.

LEVEL V – TEXT TYPES

6-7 [Lasky, Kathryn. *Guardians of Ga'hoole: #1 The Capture*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR V-03

After Soren, a young owl, is pushed from his family's nest by his older

brother, he's plucked from the forest floor by agents from a mysterious school, the St. Aegolius Academy for Orphaned Owls. When Soren arrives at St. Aggie's, he suspects there is more to the school than meets the eye. He and his new friend, the clever and scrappy Gylfie, find out that St. Aggie's is actually a training camp where the school's leader can groom young owls to help achieve her goal: to rule the entire owl kingdom.

- 3-5 [Hesse, Karen. *The Cats in Krasinski Square*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR V-04

A young Jewish girl and her sister face the challenges of growing up in Poland during World War II. Having escaped the ghetto, they devise a plan to smuggle food to those still there with the help of the abandoned cats of Krasinski Square. Determined to help the handful of Jewish Resistance fighters feed others still inside the Ghetto, she comes up with a plan to distract the Gestapo and their dogs. Will their plan work, or will they be caught in the act?

- 6-7 [San Souci, Robert D. *Double-Dare to Be Scared*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR V-05

From a madman in the woods to a vengeful grandmother, thrill-seekers will not be disappointed in these 13 fright-filled stories!

- 6-7 [Lupica, Mike. *Heat*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR V-07

Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year-old brother Carlos. If Social Services hears of their situation, they will be separated in the foster-care system or worse, sent back to Cuba.

- 6-8 [McKissack, Patricia C. *Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR V-09

In 1797, a slave named Isabella was born in New York. After being freed in 1827, she chose the name by which she has been remembered long after her death - Sojourner Truth. Here is a stirring biography of this heroic African American preacher, abolitionist, and activist for the rights of both blacks and women. Although she couldn't read, Sojourner Truth could quote the Bible word for word, and was a powerful speaker. An imposing six feet tall, with a profound faith in God's love and a deep rich voice, she stirred audiences around the country until her death in 1883.

- 5-6 [Kent, Deborah. *Cornerstones of Freedom: The Titanic*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR V-10

This fascinating book reveals the secrets of the Titanic's fated maiden voyage by detailing the chain of events that led to one of the most famous disasters in history. This engaging story is accompanied by a variety of historical and modern photographs and diagrams.

LEVEL W – TEXT TYPES

- 6-9 [Smith, Jeff. *Bone #2: The Great Cow Race*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-01

Fone Bone and his cousins plan to return home after visiting the village of Barrelhaven with Thorn and Gran'ma Ben. But Phoney risks everything on one last get-rich-quick scheme for the town's annual Great Cow Race. As usual, Phoney's plans go disastrously awry, and Boneville seems further away than ever. Meanwhile, ominous signs indicate that a war is brewing, and Fone finds himself helping his friends defend their valley from a formidable enemy.

- 6-9 [Lutes, Jason. *Houdini: The Handcuff King*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-02

Harry Houdini mesmerized a generation of Americans when he was alive and continues to do so eighty years after his death. This is a "snapshot" of Houdini's life, centering on one of his most famous jumps.

- 8 [Auerbacher, Inge. *I am a Star: Child of the Holocaust*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-03

A Holocaust survivor tells of being sent to a concentration camp when she was seven-one of 100 children out of 15,000 to survive.

- 7-12 [Philbrick, Rodman. *Freak the Mighty: Max the Mighty*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-04

The powerful sequel to the award-winning *Freak the Mighty*. fourteen-year-old Max is back and he finds himself defending a solitary girl nicknamed "Worm" against a cruel man known as the Undertaker. Against all odds, the teens embark on a perilous journey in search of Worm's father and must face something more frightening than death itself.

- 7-12 [Tilden, Thomasine E. Lewis. *24/7: Science Behind the Scenes: Mystery Files: Mind Readers: Science Examines ESP*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-05

Most of us get information about the world through our five main senses. Find out about ESP, the "sixth sense," and the researchers who study it.

7-9 [Rinaldi, Ann. *Numbering All the Bones*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-06

The Civil War is at an end, but for thirteen-year-old Eulinda, it is no time to rejoice. Her younger brother Zeke was sold away, her older brother Neddy joined the Northern war effort, and her master will not acknowledge that Eulinda is his daughter. Her mettle is additionally tested when she realizes her brother Neddy might be buried in the now-closed Andersonville Prison where soldiers were kept in torturous conditions. With the help of Clara Barton, the eventual founder of the Red Cross, Eulinda must find a way to let go of the skeletons from her past.

5-8 [Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-07

Milo's exciting adventure in lands of edible words and mysterious creatures-Dictionopolis, the Mountains of Ignorance, the Kingdom of Wisdom, and more!

6-9 [Hesse, Karen. *Stowaway*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-08

Eleven-year-old Nicholas Young is about to embark on the journey of his life. In August 1768, he sneaks on board the H.M.S. Endeavour, piloted by famous explorer Captain James Cook, only to find that the ship is destined for an exciting adventure around the world. Discovered by the crew, Nick proves himself to be an able seaman and wins the admiration of the men on board, including the esteemed Captain Cook. His travels take him from London to such exotic locales as South America, New Zealand, and Africa, where he witnesses amazing discoveries and faces serious challenges.

6-9 [Riordan, Rick. *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Titan's Curse*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR W-09

When Percy Jackson receives an urgent distress call from his friend Grover, he immediately prepares for battle. He knows he'll need his powerful demigod allies, Annabeth and Thalia, at his side; his trusty bronze sword, Riptide; and ... a ride from his mom. The demigods race to the rescue, to find that Grover has made an important discovery: two new powerful half-bloods whose parentage is unknown. But that's not all that awaits them. The Titan lord, Kronos, has set up his most devious trap yet, and the young heroes have just fallen prey.

LEVEL X – TEXT TYPES

2-5 [Johnston, Tony. *Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-01

Los Angeles is a place of movie stars and fast cars and people who are

too rich and people who are too poor. An area of freeway chases and drive-bys and death. But there's another L.A., one where warmth and humor and humanity pervade.

- 7 [Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Elijah of Buxton*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-02

The first child born into freedom in Buxton, Canada, a settlement of runaway slaves just over the border from Detroit, Elijah is best known in his hometown as the boy who threw up on Frederick Douglass. (Not on purpose, of course - he was just a baby then!) But things change when a former slave calling himself the Right Reverend Zephariah W. Connerly the Third steals money from Elijah's friend Mr. Leroy, who has been saving to buy his family out of captivity in the south. Elijah joins Mr. Leroy on a dangerous journey to America in pursuit of the disreputable preacher, and he discovers firsthand the unimaginable horrors of the life his parents fled - a life from which he'll always be free, if he can find the courage to go back home.

- 7-10 [Myers, Walter Dean. *Harlem Summer*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-03

Mark Purvis works downtown at The Crisis publishing office, but all he really wants is a chance to wail on his saxophone and impress Fats Waller, Harlem's own piano-playing musical giant. Fats offers Mark another opportunity first: a simple little delivery job for some fast cash. Too bad the delivery goes awry. Too bad the cold-blooded gangster Dutch Schultz was in on the deal and wants his money from Mark...or else!

- 6-12 [Brooks, Philip. *A Wicked History: King George III: America's Enemy*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-04

Biography of King George III.

- 5-6 [O'Brien, Anne Sibley. *The Legend of Hong Kil Dong*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-05

This graphic novel captures the drama and pageantry of sixteenth-century Korea during the Chosun dynasty and pays tribute to the adventure story that became the first novel written in the Korean language.

- 5-8 [Saint-Exupéry, Antoine. *The Little Prince*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-06

This enduring classic tells the story of a nameless little prince from the asteroid known as B-612 who is encountered by an airplane pilot in the Desert of Sahara. The stranded pilot has crashed thousands of miles from human habitation. He must repair his plane before his small supply of water runs out. Amazingly, it is here in the middle of nowhere that

the pilot is met by this little boy, dressed in high boots and a long, regal cape and claiming to be a little prince from another world.

- 4-6 [Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-07

Through a series of fascinating events, Homer's older brother has been illegally sold to the Union army. It is up to Homer to find him and save him. Along the way, he encounters many strange but real people of that era who will engage and educate young readers about our nation's past in one of the most decisive moments of American history.

- 4-7 [Sturm, James. *Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-09

Baseball Hall of Famer Leroy "Satchel" Paige (1906-1982) changed the face of the game in a career that spanned five decades. Much has been written about this larger-than-life pitcher, but when it comes to Paige, fact does not easily separate from fiction. He made a point of writing his own history, and then rewriting it. A tall, lanky fireballer, he was arguably the Negro League's hardest thrower, most entertaining storyteller and greatest gate attraction.

- 6-8 [Yee, Lisa. *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR X-10

Stanford Wong is having a bad summer. If he flunks his summer-school English class, he won't pass sixth grade. If that happens, he won't start on the basketball A-team. If that happens, his friends will abandon him, and Emily Ebers won't like him anymore. And if that happens, his life will be over. Then his parents are fighting, his grandmother Yin-Yin hates her new nursing home, he's being "tutored" by the world's biggest nerdball Millicent Min, and he's not sure his ballpoint "Emily" tattoo is ever going to wash off.

LEVEL Y – TEXT TYPES

- 6-7 [Burg, Ann E. *All the Broken Pieces*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-01

Two years after being airlifted out of war-torn Vietnam, Matt Pin is haunted - by bombs that fell like dead crows, by smoke and death, by the brother (and the terrible secret) he left behind. Now in a loving adoptive home in the United States, over the course of a baseball season, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past, and slowly, sometimes painfully, heal.

- 5-8 [Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-02

This graphic novel adaptation of the hugely popular series introduces the

diabolical 12-year-old and his ingeniously evil plans.

- 9-12 [Myers, Walter Dean. *Bad Boy: A Memoir*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-03

Into a memoir that is gripping, funny, heartbreaking, and unforgettable, Walter Dean Myers richly weaves the details of his Harlem childhood in the 1940's and 1950's, a loving home life with his adopted parents, Bible school, street games, and the vitality of his neighborhood. Although Walter spent much of his time either getting into trouble or on the basketball court, secretly he was a voracious reader and an aspiring writer. But as his prospects for a successful future diminished, the values he had been taught at home, in school, and in his community seemed worthless, and he turned to the streets and his books for comfort.

- 5-7 [Stanley, Jerry. *Children of the Dust Bowl*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-04

This book describes the plight of the migrant workers who traveled from the Dust Bowl to California during the Depression and were forced to live in a federal labor camp. Ostracized as "dumb Okies," the children of Dust Bowl migrant laborers went without school, until Superintendent Leo Hart and 50 Okie kids built their own school in a nearby field.

- 6-8 [Yolen, Jane. *The Devil's Arithmetic*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-05

Hannah is tired of hearing about the Nazis during the Holocaust, but when she opens the door for Elijah at the Passover Seder, she is transported in time to 1940s Poland, where she is captured and put in a death camp. A girl named Rivka befriends her, teaching her how to fight the dehumanization of the camp and hold onto her identity.

- 7-9 [Voigt, Cynthia. *Jackaroo: A Novel in the Kingdom*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-06

Legends of Jackaroo, the masked outlaw hero who rides at night aiding the helpless, make the rounds. But Gwyn, the innkeeper's daughter, does not believe such tales - until she makes a discovery.

- 9-12 [Spinelli, Jerry. *Milkweed*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-07

He's a boy called Jew. Gypsy. Stopthief. Runt. Happy. Fast. Filthy son of Abraham. He's a boy who lives in the streets of Warsaw. He's a boy who steals food for himself and the other orphans. He's a boy who believes in bread, and mothers, and angels. He's a boy who wants to be a Nazi someday, with tall shiny jackboots and a gleaming Eagle hat of his own. Until the day that suddenly makes him change his mind. And when the trains come to empty the Jews from the ghetto of the damned, he's a boy who realizes it's safest of all to be nobody.

8-12 [Myers, Walter Dean. *Riot*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-08

Fifteen-year-old Claire, the beloved daughter of a black father and Irish mother, finds herself torn between the two warring sides. Faced with the breakdown of the city - the home - she has loved, Claire must discover the strength and resilience to address the new world in which she finds herself, and to begin the hard journey of remaking herself and her identity.

6-12 [Murphy, Jim. *Truce*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-09

On July 29, 1914, the world's peace was shattered as the artillery of the Austro-Hungarian empire began shelling the troops of the country to its south. What followed was like a row of falling dominoes as one European country after another rushed to war. Soon most of Europe was fighting in this calamitous war that could have been avoided. This was, of course, World War I. But who could have guessed that on December 25 the troops would openly defy their commanding officers by stopping the fighting and having a spontaneous celebration of Christmas with their "enemies?"

5-7 [Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Y-10

Story of the rewards and challenges of a friendship across the racial divide, as well as the based-on-real-life story of how the meeting of Japanese Americans and Native Americans changed the future of both.

LEVEL Z – TEXT TYPES

9-12 [Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Chains*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-01

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.

8-12 [Swanson, James L. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-02

A fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.

- 6-10 [Wiles, Deborah. *Countdown*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-03
- It's 1962, and it seems everyone is living in fear. Eleven-year-old Franny Chapman lives with her family in Washington, D.C., and can feel the fear of the nation in the days surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis. Amid the pervading threat of nuclear war, Franny must face the tension between herself and her younger brother, figure out where she fits in with her family, and look beyond outward appearances. For Franny, as for all Americans, it's going to be a life-changing week.
- 6-8 [Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-04
- Calpurnia Virginia Tate is eleven years old in 1899 when she wonders why the yellow grasshoppers in her Texas backyard are so much bigger than the green ones. With a little help from her notoriously cantankerous grandfather, an avid naturalist, she figures out that the green grasshoppers are easier to see against the yellow grass, so they are eaten before they can get any larger. As Callie explores the natural world around her, she develops a close relationship with her grandfather, navigates the dangers of living with six brothers, and comes up against just what it means to be a girl at the turn of the twentieth century.
- 9-12 [Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-06
- In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV.
- 4-6 [Giblin, James Cross. *The Many Rides of Paul Revere*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-07
- Paul Revere is commonly remembered in the Longfellow legend of his Midnight Ride before the 1775 Battles of Lexington and Concord. In this bright, informative biography, Giblin follows Revere's life from his humble beginnings as a French immigrant's son to his work as a silversmith and a horse messenger amid the mounting pressures of revolution.
- 6-9 [Damerum, Kanaku. *Alex Rider Graphic: Stormbreaker: The Graphic Novel*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-08
- After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

7-12 [Tan, Shaun. *Tales from Outer Suburbia*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-09

An exchange student who's really an alien, a secret room that becomes the perfect place for a quick escape, a typical tale of grandfatherly exaggeration that is actually even more bizarre than he says.

10-12 [Westerfield, Scott. *Uglies*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2011.](#) GR Z-10

Tally Youngblood is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. Not for her driver's license; rather, for turning pretty. In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. In just a few weeks Tally will be there. Anticipating this happy transformation, Tally meets Shay, another female ugly, who shares her enjoyment of hoverboarding and risky pranks. But Shay also disdains the false values and programmed conformity of the society. She'd rather risk life on the outside and urges Tally to defect with her.

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