



# Teaching Tone

**Tone refers to the feeling or atmosphere the author sets in the story.  
Examples of tone: cautious, humorous, violent, pleading.**

## Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
<b>EASY</b>		
PreK-3	Bateman, Teresa. <i>Keeper of Soles</i> . New York: Holiday House, 2006.  Using some quick thinking and a little sweet-talking, Colin the humble shoemaker repeatedly outwits the black-robed figure who knocks on the shoemaker's door and demands his soul.	E B317K
PreK-3	Black, Michael Ian. <i>A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2010.  Explains precisely why, although it may sound like a good idea, gathering hundreds of pigs to march in a parade through one's hometown is inadvisable.	E B56017P
PreK-3	Breen, Steve. <i>Woodpecker Wants a Waffle</i> . New York: Harper, 2016.  Benny the woodpecker makes a brilliant plan to eat a tasty plate of waffles.	E B7457W
PreK-3	Davies, Nicola. <i>The Promise</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014.  On a mean street in a mean, broken city, a young girl tries to snatch an old	E D2883P

woman's bag. But the frail old woman, holding on with the strength of heroes, says the thief can't have it without giving something in return: the promise. It is the beginning of a journey that will change the thieving girl's life--and a chance to change the world, for good.

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| PreK-3 | Danticat, Edwidge. <i>Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015.   | E<br>D236M    |
|        | When Saya's mother is sent to jail as an illegal immigrant, she sends her daughter a cassette tape with a song and a bedtime story, which inspires Saya to write a story of her own--one that just might bring her mother home. |               |
| PreK-3 | Daywalt, Drew. <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 2013.  | E<br>D337DAQ  |
|        | When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.   |               |
| PreK-3 | Harrington, Janice N. <i>The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County</i> . New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007.   | E<br>H238C    |
|        | A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.   |               |
| PreK-3 | Henkes, Kevin. <i>Birds</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 2009.  | E<br>H3893BIR |
|        | Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.                                 |               |
| PreK-3 | Henkes, Kevin. <i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 1996.   | E<br>H3893LP  |
|        | Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.   |               |
| PreK-3 | Kobald, Irena. <i>My Two Blankets</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.  | E<br>K791M    |
|        | A homesick little girl who has recently moved to an unfamiliar country comforts herself by clinging to an old blanket, but when she meets a new friend, the relationship helps her take her first steps into a new culture.     |               |
| PreK-3 | Novak, B.J. <i>The Book With No Pictures</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014.  | E<br>N8567B   |
|        | In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.  |               |

PreK-3	Polacco, Patricia. <i>The Junkyard Wonders</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 2010.	E P7569JUN
	Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be "Junkyard Wonders."	
PreK-3	Rosen, Michael. <i>Michael Rosen's Sad Book</i> . Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2005.	E R7227M
	A man tells about all the emotions that accompany his sadness over the death of his son, and how he tries to cope.	
PreK-3	Rylant, Cynthia, et al. <i>When I Was Young In the Mountains</i> . New York: E.P. Dutton, 1982.	E R983WH
	Reminiscences of the pleasures of life in the mountains as a child.	
PreK-3	Snickett, Lemony. <i>The Dark</i> . New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2013.	E SN31D
	Laszlo is afraid of the dark which lives in the same big, creaky house as him, until one night the dark pays him a visit.	
PreK-3	Spinelli, Eileen. <i>Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch</i> . New York: Bradbury Press, 1991.	E SP46SM
	An anonymous valentine changes the life of the unsociable Mr. Hatch, turning him into a laughing friend who helps and appreciates all his neighbors.	
PreK-3	Spinelli, Eileen. <i>Sophie's Masterpiece: A Spider's Tale</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1998.	E SP46SP
	Sophie the spider makes wondrous webs, but the residents of Beekman's Boarding House do not appreciate her until at last, old and tired, she weaves her final masterpiece.	
PreK-3	Stone, Jon, and Michael Smollin. <i>The Monster At the End of This Book: Featuring Grover, a Jim Henson Muppet, As Performed On Sesame Street by Frank Oz</i> . [Racine, Wis.]: Western Pub. Co., 1977.	E ST717M
	Grover worries page by page about meeting the monster at the end of this book.	
PreK-3	Teague, Mark. <i>Pigsty</i> . New York: Scholastic, 1994.	E T221P
	Wendell's mother thinks her son's room is "turning into a pigsty". Wendell doesn't think it's so bad--even though he finds a real pig sitting on his bed one day.	

PreK-3 Underwood, Deborah. *The Quiet Books*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010. E  
UN25Q

From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day.

PreK-3 Willems, Mo. *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2009. E  
W667NA

Wilbur, a naked mole rat who likes to wear clothes, is forced to go before the wise community elder, who surprises the other naked mole rats with his pronouncement.

### FICTION

PreK-3 Levine, Ellen. *Henry's Freedom Box*. New York: Scholastic, 2007. F  
L57863H

A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

### NONFICTION

2-3 *The Blind Men and the Elephant and Other Silly Stories*. New York, NY: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016. 398.2  
B6191

"The Blind Men and the Elephant" is more than just an amusing tale. It offers readers a final, meaningful thought neither someone who is blind nor someone who can see well can truly judge the whole when only knowing part of it. "The Simpleton," "The Foolish Weaver," and "The Field of Boliauns" engage readers imaginations further, providing amusement as well as showcasing storytelling conventions, such as tone and creative word choice, that are part of the Common Core language arts curriculum. Illustrations complement each tale with colorful interpretations of characters and events.

6-12 *Blushing: Expressions of Love In Poems & Letters*. New York: Orchard Books, 2004. 821.008  
B6291

Critically acclaimed poet and anthologist Paul Janeczko has turned his attention to a new compilation of love poems for teens. This book collects the most poignant and moving musings about love from a diverse group of classic poets and writers like Shakespeare, Dickinson, Whitman, Millay, Angelou, and many more.

### BIOGRAPHY

4-7 Derby, Sally, and Sean Qualls. *Jump Back, Paul: The Life and Poems of* B

**Paul Laurence Dunbar.** First edition. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2015. D911D

More than two dozen of Dunbar's poems are woven throughout this volume, illuminating the phases of his life and serving as examples of dialect, imagery, and tone.

K-3 Kalman, Maira. ***Looking at Lincoln.*** New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. B  
L6381KA  
A brief look at the life of United States president Abraham Lincoln.

3-6 Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. ***Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall.*** Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2009. B  
R25944N

This biography profiles the life of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States Marshal in the area that was to become Oklahoma.

PreK-3 Robertson, Robbie. ***Hiawatha and the Peacemaker.*** New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015. B  
H52R

Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is plotting revenge for the murder of his wife and daughters by the evil Onondaga Chief, Tadodaho, when he meets the Great Peacemaker, who enlists his help in bringing the nations together to share his vision of a new way of life marked by peace, love, and unity rather than war, hate, and fear.

## RONNIE BARNES AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCES CENTER

PreK-3 Turner, Ann Warren, and Ronald Himler. ***Nettie's Trip South.*** New York: Scholastic, 1989. E  
T851N

A ten-year-old northern girl encounters the ugly realities of slavery when she visits Richmond, Virginia, and sees a slave auction.

## PROFESSIONAL

K-12 Allen, Richard. ***Green Light Classrooms: Teaching Techniques That Accelerate Learning.*** Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press, 2008. 371.102  
AL543G

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