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PICTURE BOOKS

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- Ada, Alma Flor** **The Malachite Palace**
A tiny yellow bird teaches a young princess about songs and freedom.
- Alexander, Lloyd** **The Fortune-tellers**
A carpenter goes to a fortune-teller and finds the predictions about his future coming true in an unusual way.
- Allen, Debbie** **Dancing in the Wings**
Sassy tries out for a summer dance festival despite the other girls' taunts that she is much too tall.
- Armstrong, Jennifer** **Magnus at the Fire**
Just because the Broadway Fire House acquired a motorized fire engine does not mean that Magnus the fire horse is ready to retire.
- Arnold, Tedd** **Catalina Magdalena Hoopensteiner Wallendiner Hogan Logan Bogan Was Her Name**
A delightfully silly picture book version of the classic 1940s camp song.
- Agee, Jon** **Terrific**
Eugene can't imagine that being on a cruise will be all that terrific, especially after the cruise ship sinks.
- Baker, Jeannie** **Home**
A stunning wordless picture book that shows the transformation of a neighborhood over a little girl's lifetime.
- Baker, Roberta** **Lizard Walinsky**
Lizard, a girl who likes dinosaurs, and Spider, a boy who loves dinosaurs and creepy bugs, have a lot of fun together until first grade begins.
- Bedard, Michael** **The Divide**
Unhappy when her family first moves out to the plains of Nebraska, a young Willa Cather learns to love her new home. **Emily**, by the same author, is about a child's visit with Emily Dickinson.
- Bildner, Phil** **Twenty-One Elephants**
P.T. Barnum and his circus elephants help a young girl to convince her father that the newly built Brooklyn Bridge is safe to cross.
- Bloom, Suzanne** **A Splendid Friend, Indeed**
A polar bear learns to be friends with a goose.

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- Bottner, Barbar** **Wallace's Lists**
Devoted to making lists about everything in his life, Wallace the mouse discovers the joys of spontaneity when he becomes friends with his neighbor, Albert.
- Bridges, Shirin Yim** **Ruby's Wish**
In China, at a time when few girls are taught to read or write, Ruby dreams of going to the university with her brothers and male cousins.
- Cherry, Lynne** **The Great Kapok Tree**
Many different animals that live in a Great Kapok tree in the Brazilian rain forest try to convince a man with an ax not to cut down their home. Another wonderful book by this same author is **The Sea, the Storm, and the Mangrove Tangle**.
- Cooney, Barbara** **Miss Rumphius**
A world traveler comes home to beautify an island.
- Cronin, Doreen** **Diary of a Worm**
A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some good and some not so good things about being a worm.
- De Rico, UI** **The Rainbow Goblins**
Seven fierce goblins seek to drain the colors of the rainbow.
- Faulkner, Matt** **The Pirate Meets the Queen**
The pirate queen, Granny O'Malley, meets with Queen Elizabeth I in an attempt to convince her to release Granny's imprisoned son.
- Fleischman, Paul** **Weslandia**
A boy dares to be different and suddenly finds friends.
- Funke, Cornelia** **The Princess Knight**
Princess Violetta proves herself to be the best knight of all and makes sure that she is able to marry the man of her own dreams. Another wonderful book by this author is **Pirate Girl**.
- Geslin, Campbell** **Elena's Serenade**
In Mexico, a little girl disguised as a boy is determined to master the art of glassblowing, and in the process, encounters magic and enchantment.
- Hatkoff, Isabella** **Owen & Mzee**
The true story of an orphaned hippo that bonds with a 130-year-old tortoise.
- Himmelman, John** **Pipaluk and the Whales**
Only Pipa can figure out a way to lead a group of stranded whales back to sea.
- Hoffman, Mary** **Amazing Grace**
When a classmate tells a young African-American girl that she can't play Peter Pan, Grace proves them wrong.
- Howe, James** **Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores**
A girl and two boys always play together until the boys leave for an all-boys clubhouse.

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- Johnson, D. B.** **Henry Hikes to Fitchburg**
Henry Thoreau and his friend have two entirely different experiences while traveling to Fitchburg.
- Juster, Norton** ***The Hello, Goodbye Window**
A little girl describes the magic kitchen window in her grandparents' home.
- Kellogg, Steven** **The Island of the Skog**
Mice sail away to find a new home and discover a mysterious creature.
- McCully, Emily** *** Mirette on the High Wire**
Set in Paris, a girl persuades a tightrope walker to teach her his skills.
- Nelson, Vaunda M.** **Almost to Freedom**
The story of a young girl's dramatic escape from slavery via the Underground Railroad, told from the point of view of her beloved rag doll.
- Melmed, Laura** **The Rainbabies**
A magical story about an old couple entrusted with the care of 12 rainbabies.
- Munsch, Robert** **Stephanie's Ponytail**
Everyone keeps copying Stephanie's hairdos. What will they do when she threatens to shave it all off?
- Muth, Jon J** **Zen Shorts**
A panda bear teaches three children to look at the world differently.
- Nolan, Jerdine** **Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm**
A young girl learns the mysterious way to grow balloons. Also by the same author are **Plantzilla** and **Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life**.
- Ogburn, Jacqueline** **The Bake Shop Ghost**
A ghost haunts her old bake shop until the new owner makes a deal with her.
- Polacco, Patricia** **Mrs. Mack**
The author remembers the summer when she became best friends with the perfect horse. Another wonderful book by this author is **Emma & Kate**.
- Priceman, Marjorie** **Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Ttory of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride**
The story of the first hot-air balloon flight in 1783, as told by the duck, sheep, and rooster who were the first passengers.
- Recorvits, Helen** **My Name is Yoon**
Yoon comes up with an inventive way to help feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.
- Reid, Barbara** **The Subway Mouse**
Nib, a subway mouse, sets out on an adventure to find the mythical land called Tunnel's End.
- Richardson, Justin** **And Tango Makes Three**
Two male penguins at the Central Park Zoo fall in love and start a family when they adopt an abandoned egg.

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- Rodman, Mary Ann** **My Best Friend**
Lily is so preoccupied trying to get Tamika to like her that she does not notice Keesha.
- Say, Allen** **Kamishibai Man**
After many years of retirement in Japan, a Kamishibai man - someone who tells stories and sells candies - decides to make his rounds once more.
- Shannon, David** **A Bad Case of Stripes**
A young girl comes down with a very rare disease of stripes and polka dots.
- Spirin, Gennady** **Martha**
The author shares this beautifully illustrated story about how he and his family rescue a crow with a broken wing.
- Steig, William** *** Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**
In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.
- Wales, Dirk** **A Lucky Dog**
A true story about a stray dog that travels the world.
- Willems, Mo** ***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus**
A pestering pigeon doesn't like "no" for an answer. Be sure to also read **Knuffle Bunny** and **Your Pal Mo Willems Presents Leonardo the Terrible Monster**.
- Williams, Karen Lynn** **Circles of Hope**
In the mountains of Haiti, a young boy wants to plant a tree for his baby sister.
- Woodson, Jacqueline** ***Show Way**
The tradition of making a "Show Way" quilt is passed down from one generation to another, in this powerful story that begins during the time of slavery.

EASY-TO-READ BOOKS

^ Indicates a title in a series. If you have already read this one, try another.

- Arnold, Tedd** **Hi! Fly Guy**
A funny story about a fly who is trained as a pet.
- Averill, Esther** **The Fire Cat**
A story in three parts about a cat who becomes a firehouse mascot.
- Brenner, Barbara** **Wagon Wheels**
Shortly after the Civil War, a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

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- Buck, Nola** **Sid and Sam**
Sid sings a long song that drives Sam crazy. Also try **Oh, Cats** by this author.
- Byars, Betsy** **^ Hooray for the Golly Sisters**
Two sisters travel west in their covered wagon, giving shows along the way.
- Capucilli, Alyssa** **^ Biscuit**
A little yellow dog wants one more thing before he'll go to sleep.
- Cole, Joanna** **Bony-Legs**
A little girl manages to outwit a horrible witch who wants to eat her for supper.
- Hautzig, Deborah** **Little Witch's Big Night**
Little witch has to stay home Halloween night, but manages to have a good time anyway.
- Little, Jean** **Emma's Magic Winter**
With the help of her new friend who has magic boots just like her own, Emma overcomes her shyness and no longer hates reading out loud in school.
- Meister, Cari** **^Tiny's Bath**
Tiny is a very big dog whose owner has trouble finding a place to bathe him.
- Nodset, Joan L.** **Go Away, Dog**
Even though a little boy dislikes him, a dog persists in showing his affection.
- Lobel, Arnold** **Mouse Soup**
A mouse convinces a weasel he needs the ingredients from several stories to make a tasty mouse soup.
- Mills, Claudia** **Gus and Grandpa**
Gus and his Grandpa have a lot in common.
- Novak, Matt** **Little Wolf Big Wolf**
Although they are very different, two wolves discover that they can still be friends.
- Parish, Peggy** **Scruffy**
On a trip to the animal shelter to choose his birthday present, Todd realizes that choosing just one kitten isn't easy.
- Roop, Peter** **Keep the Lights Burning Abbie**
In the winter of 1856, Abbie must keep the lights burning in the lighthouse by herself during a storm.
- Rylant, Cynthia** **^ Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas**
Henry and his dog Mudge visit Great Grandpa Bill and have a wonderful adventure. Other books by this author are the **Mr. Putter and Tabby** books and **The High Rise Private Eyes Series**.

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- Schwartz, Alvin** **Busy Buzzing Bumblebees**
A collection of 46 delightful tongue twisters. This author has also written **Ghosts** and **In a Dark, Dark Room** for those who are not fainthearted.
- Silverman, Erica** **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa**
Cowgirl Kate spends time with her cowhorse Cocoa.
- Thomas, Shelley M.** **^ Good Night, Good Knight**
A good knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean** **Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day**
Amanda Pig and her family try to survive the hottest day of the summer.
- Yee, Wong Herbert** **Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole**
The story of two neighbors who, despite many mistakes, manage to stay friends.

BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

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- Abbott, Tony** **^ The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet**
The first book in the **Secrets of Droon series**. Eric, Julie, and Neal stumble upon magic, mystery, and danger in the storage space under the stairs.
- Ada, Alma Flor** **My Name is Maria Isabel**
A Puerto Rican girl tries hard to fit in at her new school in American.
- Adler, David** **^ Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds**
A popular series with Cam Jansen as the lead detective who takes pictures in her head.
- Avi** **The End of the Beginning**
Avon the snail, and Edward, an ant, set off together in search of adventure.
- Blume, Judy** **Freckle Juice**
The One in the Middle Is a Green Kangaroo
The Pain and the Great One
Three amusing stories for younger readers from the well-known author.
- Brown, Jeff** **^ Flat Stanley**
A boy wakes up to find himself entirely flat.
- Bulla, Clyde** **Shoeshine Girl**
A girl learns about the business world when she begins shining shoes.

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- Byars, Betsy** **Beans on the Roof**
As each of the five members of the Bean family tries to write a “roof” poem, they come to realize just how nice it is to be a Bean.
- Cameron, Ann** **^ The Stories Julian Tells**
Six happy family stories featuring seven-year-old Julian.
- Conford, Ellen** **^ Jenny Archer, Author**
A good mark on an essay makes Jenny dream of being an author. Also by this same author is the **Annabel the Actress series**.
- Dadey, Debbie** **^Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots**
No one ever dared make the third grade teacher Mrs. Jeepers mad, because whenever they did, the strangest things would happen. **Bailey School Kids**
- Dahl, Roald** **The Magic Finger**
Esio Trot
Fantastic Mr. Fox
The Twits
Just a few titles from this witty and clever author.
- Danziger, Paula** **^ Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon**
Amber is in third grade and sad because her best friend is moving.
- DiCamillo, Kate** **Mercy Watson to the Rescue**
Mercy the pig saves the day by accident.
- Edwards, Julie** **^ Little Bo: The Story of Bonnie Boadicea**
A very small cat named Bo has adventures at sea when he becomes a ship's cat.
- Evans, Douglas** **The Elevator Family**
The Wilson family spends their holiday in the perfect hotel room - the elevator.
- Fenner, Carol** **Snowed in with Grandmother Silk**
Ruddy was sure that he did not have much in common with his grandma, but when a snowstorm leaves them stranded, Ruddy finds out that he was wrong.
- Fleischman, Sid** **The Ghost on Saturday Night**
Opie has no idea that the man he is helping is a bank robber.
- Gannett, Ruth** **^ My Father's Dragon**
A boy voyages to Wild Island to free a captive baby dragon.
- Greene, Stephanie** **Moose's Big Idea**
When Moose loses his pair of prize antlers, he puts his energy into drawing and donut making and ends up having a rather unusual encounter with a hunter.
- Haas, Jessie** **Runaway Radish**
Radish is a feisty pony and the best teacher Judy and Nina have ever had, but when the girls grow up, who will Radish teach? Also try **Birthday Pony** and **Jigsaw Pony** by this same author.

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- Haddix, Margaret P.** **Say What?**
When their parents begin saying the wrong thing every time six-year-old Sukie and her brothers misbehave, the children respond with their own wrong phrases.
- Hurwitz, Johanna** **^ New Neighbors for Nora**
Six stories about an irrepressible seven-year-old.
- Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie** **The Canada Geese Quilt**
With so many worrying changes happening on her family farm, ten year old Ariel finds comfort in making a special quilt with her grandmother .
- King-Smith, Dick** **Lady Lollipop**
A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.
- Kline, Suzy** **^ Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion**
Harry is back in Room 2B and up to his usual mischief!
- Levine, Gail Carson** **Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg**
Prilla' s true talent is revealed when Never Land is in danger.
- LeGuin, Ursula** **^ Catwings**
A short story about cats born with wings.
- Look, Lenore** **Ruby Lu, Brave and True**
Seven year old Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, learns to drive, and has adventures with friends.
- Lowry, Lois** **^Gooney Bird Green**
A most unusual new student who loves to entertain her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself.
- MacLachlan, Patricia** *** Sarah, Plain and Tall**
Caleb and Anna hope that their father's mail order bride will decide to stay.
- McKissack, Patricia** **Tippy Lemmey**
Tippy Lemmey, the neighbor's dog, is feared by the local children, but when Tippy gets in trouble, only Leanne, Paul, and Jeannie can help him.
- Moss, Marissa** **^ Amelia's Notebook**
A nine-year-old girl's notebook, in which she records her thoughts about moving, starting school, her older sister, and friendship.
- Napoli, Donna Jo** **Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mystery**
Sly the sleuth solves pet mysteries for her neighbors.
- Osborne, Mary Pope** **^ Mummies in the Morning**
Children go back in time when they enter the magic tree house.

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- Pennypacker, Penny** **^Stuart's Cape**
Bored in his new house and worried about starting third grade in a new school, Stuart makes a magical cape and has a series of adventures.
- Preller, James** **^The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster**
Jigsaw Jones, along with the help of his top secret detective journal and his ace partner, Mila, are hot on the trail of Hermie the missing hamster..
- Rylant, Cynthia** **Thimbleberry Stories**
Nigel Chipmunk shares a pleasant life with his friends and neighbors who live along Thimbleberry Lane.
- Sachar, Louis** **^Marvin Redpost: Is He a Girl?**
Marvin's lively imagination brings him many adventures.
- Spires, Elizabeth** **The Mouse of Amherst**
A mouse in Emily Dickinson's house loves poetry.
- Vande Velde, Vivian** **Witch's Wishes**
A witch makes Sara's magic wand real on Halloween night and, unfortunately, Sara's wishes come true.

LONGER CHAPTER BOOKS

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- Aiken, Joan** **A Necklace of Raindrops: And Other Stories**
These eight fantasy stories include one in which a lady bakes a bit of sky in a pie.
- Banks, Lynne Reid** **^ Indian in the Cupboard**
A magic cupboard brings a toy alive.
- Birdsall, Jeanne** **The Penderwicks: A Summer of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy**
While staying with their widowed father in a summer cottage, the four Penderwick sisters and their dog cannot seem to stay out of trouble.
- Birney, Betty G.** **The World According to Humphrey**
Humphrey, the class pet hamster, helps his classmates and teacher.
- Blume, Judy** **^ Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**
A series about a boy's relationship with his younger brother.

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- Brock, Betty** **No Flying in the House**
A tiny talking dog mysteriously arrives at the home of the rich Mrs. Vancourt and requests shelter for herself and her companion, a little girl.
- Byng, Georgia** **^Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism**
Unlucky and unloved, and living in a dreary orphanage, Molly Moon discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.
- Catling, Patrick** **The Chocolate Touch**
This boy's Midas-like touch turns everything to chocolate.
- Cheney, Cora** **The Doll of Lilac Valley**
A young girl, spending her first summer away from home, loses her favorite doll but finds another with surprising results.
- Cleary, Beverly** **^ Ramona the Pest**
Lively Ramona is only one of this author's many wonderful characters.
- Clements, Andrew** **Frindle**
A boy invents a new word and turns his class upside down.
- Creech, Sharon** **Ruby Holler**
The twins Dallas and Florida have lived their whole lives in an orphanage, but when a wonderfully eccentric older couple invites them each on a adventure, their lives change forever.
- Dahl, Roald** **Matilda**
Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey.
- DiCamillo, Kate** *** The Tale of Despereaux**
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents. Another wonderful book by this author is **Because of Winn Dixie**.
- DiTerlizzi, Tony** **^The Field Guide**
The first book in the Spiderwick chronicles series about the Grace children who discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures.
- Dyer, Heather** **The Fish in Room 11**
Toby was left as a baby in a seaside hotel and has lived there ever since. But life at the hotel has become increasingly difficult since the arrival of his new friends.
- Eager, Edward** **^ Half-Magic**
This beloved story tells of magic that only works half the time.
- Edwards, Julie A.** **The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles**
Three children and a professor succeed in locating the last of the great Whangdoodles.
- Elliott, David** **The Transmogrification of Roscoe Wizzle**
A very funny story about a boy who finds himself turning into a bug after eating a lot of food from neighborhood fast food restaurant.

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- Enright, Elizabeth** **Gone-Away Lake**
Portia and her cousin Julian discover summer adventure in a hidden colony of forgotten summer houses on the shores of a swampy lake.
- Estes, Eleanor** *** Ginger Pye**
The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat brings excitement into the lives of the Pye children. Eleanor Estes also wrote **The Moffats**.
- Feiffer, Jules** **A Room with a Zoo**
Nine-year-old Julie really just wanted a dog. So how is it that she ended up with a cat, a hamster, a fish, a turtle, a kitten, and a cranky hermit crab?
- Fitzhugh, Louise** **Harriet the Spy**
Set on East End Avenue, a girl spies on her neighbors.
- Fleischman, Sid** **Mr. Mysterious and Company**
The adventures of a family of magicians traveling west in the 1880s.
- Funke, Cornelia** **Dragon Rider**
After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, a silver dragon is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find a legendary valley.
- Haywood, Carolyn** **^ B is for Betsy**
Betsy experiences an interesting first year in school and looks forward to summer vacation at her grandfather's farm.
- Henry, Marguerite** **^ Misty of Chincoteague**
A pony is saved from the annual roundup of horses on an island.
- Holm, Jennifer L.** *** Our Only May Amelia**
As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia resents being expected to act like a lady in Washington state in 1899.
- Howe, James** **^ Bunnicula**
A family adopts a vampire rabbit.
- Ibbotson, Eva** **The Secret of Platform 13**
When the beastly Mrs. Trottle kidnaps the prince from a magical island, it's up to a strange band of rescuers to save him. Eva Ibbotson has also written **Which Witch, Dial a Ghost, Island of the Aunts, and Journey to the River Sea.**
- Jacobson, Jennifer R.** **Truly Winnie**
At summer camp, Winnie has a great time, but finds life becoming increasingly complicated as one not-so-true story turns into another. Jennifer Jacobson has also written **Winnie Dancing on Her Own.**
- Jocelyn, Marthe** **The Invisible Day**
Ten-year-old Billie finds a bag of makeup in Central Park whose contents render her invisible.

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- Keene, Carolyn** **^ Nancy Drew**
This mystery series is still popular with younger readers.
- Klise, Kate** **Regarding the Fountain**
When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, chaos results.
- Konigsburg, E. L.** **From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**
A girl and her brother run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- Levine, Gail Carson** **The Princess Test**
In this humorous retelling of "The Princess and the Pea," Lorelei must pass many difficult tests in order to prove that she is a true princess.
- L' Engle, Madeleine** **^ A Wrinkle in Time**
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers when searching for Meg's missing father.
- Lindgren, Astrid** **^ Pippi Longstocking**
Pippi is the little Swedish girl who lives all by herself with a pet monkey and a big horse and does exactly as she pleases .
- Lisle, Janet Taylor** *** Afternoon of the Elves**
Two girls discover an elfin village. See also **The Lost Flower Children**.
- Marsden, Carolyn** **Moon Runner**
When Mina discovers that she can run faster than her athletic friend Ruth, she feels she must choose between running and friendship
- Martin, Ann M.** **The Doll People**
Life changes dramatically for a family of porcelain dolls when a new family of plastic dolls arrives. Also read the sequel, **The Meanest Doll in the World**. Another wonderful book by this author is **A Dog's Life**.
- Mason, Simon** **^The Quigleys**
The adventures and misadventures of the four members of the Quigley family.
- Mazer, Anne** **^Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining**
Abby Hayes is about to start the fifth grade and is determined to break out of her shell. The first book in **The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes series**.
- McDonald, Megan** **^ Judy Moody**
Third grader Judy Moody is in a bad mood on the first day of school until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself.
- Murphy, Jill** **^ Worst Witch**
Mildred is the worst student at Miss Cackle's Academy of Witches.
- Namioka, Lensey** **Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear**
Yingtao's position as the youngest in a Chinese-American family of four children creates problems for him.

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- Naylor,
Phyllis Reynolds** **^Shiloh**
Eleven-year-old Marty Preston finds a stray dog that seems to be abused and is determined to keep it at all costs.
- Orr, Wendy** **Nim's Island**
Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way.
- Pearce, Philippa** **The Little Gentleman**
When Bet is mysteriously asked to go out into the meadow and read aloud, she soon discovers that her audience is a 300 year old mole.
- Porter, Pamela** **Sky**
After a flood washes away their home on the Reservation, it is the discovery of a young foal that helps Georgia's family put their lives back together again.
- Pullman, Philip** **The Firework-Maker's Daughter**
In a country far to the east, Lila sets out on the adventure of a lifetime in order to become a master maker of fireworks like her father.
- Quindlen, Anna** **Happily Ever After**
A very independent girl is transported back to the Middle Ages.
- Robinson, Barbara** **The Best School Year Ever**
The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz** **Riding Freedom**
A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who, in order to work with horses, ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, and moved to California..
- Sachar, Louis** **^Wayside School is Falling Down**
Wayside School is thirty stories high, with zany Miss Jewels' class on the top floor.
- Sepulveda, Luis** **The Story of a Seagull and the Cat Who Taught Her to Fly**
Zorba, an honorable cat, keeps three extraordinary promises made to a dying seagull regarding her last egg.
- Smith,
Robert Kimmel** **Chocolate Fever**
A boy breaks out in chocolate spots.
- Snickett, Lemony** **^ The Bad Beginning**
This first title in **A Series of Unfortunate Events** introduces us to the three orphaned children who must make their way in a strange, dark, and unkind world.
- Sobol, Donald** **^ Encyclopedia Brown**
EncyclopediaBrown is good at solving mysteries because of all the facts he knows and his methodical way of observing and thinking.

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- Streatfield, Noel** **Ballet Shoes**
Three adopted sisters living in London train for the ballet and, in the process, discover that each has a special talent.
- Taylor, Sidney** **All of a Kind Family**
The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century.
- Velde, Vivian Vande** **Witch's Wishes**
On Halloween, six-year-old Sarah encounters a witch who repays her kindness by making her magic wand real for the night, only to regret having done so.
- Voight, Cynthia** **Angus and Sadie**
The story of two adopted sheep dog siblings who discover just how different they are from one another.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls** **^ Little House in the Big Woods**
The first in the famous pioneer stories based on the author's childhood.
- Wise, William** **Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler**
After being sold to an unscrupulous pet store owner, a young mouse lives with several owners and has many adventures.
- Woods, Brenda** *** The Red Rose Box**
In 1953, Leah Hopper dreams of leaving the poverty and segregation of her home in Louisiana, and when Aunt Olivia sends train tickets to Los Angeles as part of her tenth birthday present, Leah gets her first taste of freedom.

CLASSICS AND READ-ALoud BOOKS

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- Aiken, Joan** **The Wolves of Willoughby Chase**
A suspenseful story about two young girls who are left in the care of a sinister governess.
- Alcott, Louisa May** **Little Women**
Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.
- Atwater, Richard** **Mr. Popper's Penguins**
The classic story of a house painter with a house full of penguins.
- Bagnold, Enid** **National Velvet**
Velvet Brown is determined to ride her untamed horse in the Grand National.

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- Barrie, James M.** **Peter Pan**
The adventures of the three Darling children in Never-Never-Land with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up.
- Bond, Michael** **^ A Bear Called Paddington**
A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington Station becomes one of the family.
- Boston, L. M.** **The Children of Green Knowe**
When visiting his great-grandmother in the ancient house of Green Knowe, a boy becomes friends with three children who lived there in the seventeenth century.
- Burnett,
Frances Hodgson** **Sara Crewe**
When she is orphaned, Sara Crew becomes a penniless, friendless ward of the cruel Miss Minchin. The original, shorter version of **The Little Princess**.
- Carroll, Lewis** **Through the Looking-Glass**
This sequel to Alice in Wonderland is a great read-aloud.
- Defoe, Daniel** **Robinson Crusoe**
During a voyage in the 1600s, an Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives on a deserted island for nearly thirty years.
- Fisher,
Dorothy Canfield** **Misunderstood Betsy**
Timid and small for her age, nine-year-old Elizabeth Ann discovers much about herself and the world after she goes to live with relatives on a farm in Vermont.
- Golds, Cassandra** **Clair-de-Lune**
A poignant and haunting story about a young ballerina who cannot speak.
- Jarrell, Randall** **The Animal Family**
A lonely hunter living in the wilderness gains a family made up of a mermaid, a bear, a lynx, and a boy. Another book by this author is **The Bat Poet**.
- Lewis, C.S.** **^ The Chronicles of Narnia**
Children venture into a magic kingdom.
- Nesbit, Edith** **^ Five Children and It**
While digging in a gravel pit, some children find a sand-fairy, a wonderful creature capable of granting wishes.
- Norton, Mary** **^ The Borrowers**
Miniature people, who live in an old country house and borrow things from the humans, are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.
- Porter, Eleanor H.** **Pollyanna**
Unwanted and unloved, Pollyanna comes to her aunt's house without a warm welcome, but she soon brings happiness to her new home.

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- Selden, George** **^ Cricket in Times Square**
Chester, a musical cricket, is befriended by new companions in New York.
- Sewell, Anna** **Black Beauty**
A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experience with both good and bad masters.
- Sidney, Margaret** **Five Little Peppers and How They Grew**
The adventures and misadventures of the five children of the Pepper family.
- Spyri, Johanna** **Heidi**
A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains.
- Steig, William** **Dominic**
Dominic the dog finds exciting adventure and great danger fighting the Doomsday Gang after he decides to see the world.
- Stevenson,
Robert Louis** **Treasure Island**
The classic story of pirates searching for a buried treasure.
- Travers, P.L.** **^ Mary Poppins**
An English nanny blows in on the East Wind with her parrot-headed umbrella and magic carpetbag and introduces her charges to some delightful times.
- Wersba, Barbara** **Walter: The Story of a Rat**
An unlikely friendship develops between Walter, a rat that can read, and Amanda Pomeroy, an elderly writer of children's books
- White, E.B.** **The Trumpet of The Swan**
Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter swan, finds himself far from his wilderness home when he learns to play a stolen trumpet.

MYTHS, FOLK TALES, AND FAIRY TALES

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- Alvarez, Julia** **The Secret Footprints**
A story based on Dominican folklore about the ciguapas, a tribe of beautiful underwater people.
- Artell, Mike** **Petite Rouge: a Cajun Red Riding Hood**
A young duck and a cat outwit the Big Bad Gator.
- Bodkin, Odds** **The Crane Wife**
A retelling of the traditional Japanese tale about a poor sail maker who gains a beautiful, but mysterious, wife who weaves magical sails.

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- Brett, Jan** **The Mitten, A Ukrainian Folk Tale**
A mitten becomes a refuge for many animals of different sizes.
- Bruchac, Joseph** **The First Strawberries**
A quarrel between the first man and the first woman is reconciled when the Sun causes strawberries to grow out of the Earth.
- Bryan, Ashley** **Beautiful Blackbird**
The colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his blackening brew.
- Clayton,
Sally Pomme** **Tales Told in Tents**
A collection of tales from Central Asia about magic carpets, mountain spirits, maidens, and tricksters.
- Climo, Shirley** **A Korean Cinderella**
This version tells the story of Pear Blossom, her jealous stepmother Moon, and stepsister Peony.
- Cohn, Amy** **From Sea to Shining Sea: A Treasury of American Folklore and Folk Songs**
A collection of tales and songs about America.
- D'Aulaire,
Ingrid and Edgar** **Book of Greek Myths**
For many years, this has been the favorite version for younger readers.
- Demi** **One Grain of Rice**
A mathematical folk tale from India.
- Durrell, Anne** **Diane Goode's Book of American Folk Tales & Songs**
A collection of American folklore and songs from African-American, Native American, and Puerto Rican sources.
- Ganeri, Anita** **Out of the Ark: Stories from the World's Great Religions**
These stories from around the world are arranged by themes, such as flood stories and creation stories.
- Geras, Adele** **My Grandmother's Stories**
A wonderful collection of Jewish folk tales.
- Goble, Paul** **Buffalo Woman**
A young brave marries a beautiful girl who is really a buffalo.
- Gonzalez, Lucja** **Señor Cat's Romance and Other Stories**
A collection of stories from Latin America.
- Hamilton, Virginia** **The People Could Fly**
A picture book version of the tale about slaves brought to America who fly away to freedom.

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- Hong, Lily Toy** **Two of Everything: A Chinese Folk Tale**
When the Haktaks find a magic pot, they are delighted until Mrs. Haktak falls in.
- Johnson- Davies, Denys** **Goha the Wise Fool**
A wonderful collection of stories about Goha, the wise fool, from the Middle East.
- Kimmel, Eric A.** **Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock**
Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer teaches him a lesson.
- Kipling, Rudyard** **The Just-So Stories**
Kipling's stories examine great mysteries in the animal world, from how the elephant got its trunk to how the camel got its hump.
- Lattimore, Deborah** **Arabian Nights: Three Tales**
"Aladdin," "The Queen of Serpents," and "The Lost City of Ubar".
- Lester, Julius** **John Henry**
The story of the African-American hero who races against a steam drill cutting through a mountain.
- Lunge-Larsen, Lise** **The Hidden Folk**
Stories of fairies, dwarves, selkies, and other secret beings
- Mora, Pat** **Dona Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart**
A giant lady who sets off to protect her neighbors from a scary creature only to find something very unexpected.
- Mosel, Arlene** **Funny Little Woman**
A Japanese woman chasing a dumpling becomes the prisoner of the wicked Oni.
- Muth, Jon J.** **Stone Soup**
Three monks cleverly manage to make soup from stones in this old tale set in China.
- McKissack, Patricia** **Precious and the Boo Hag**
A young girl faces up to the frightening Boo Hag that her brother warned her not to let into the house.
- Nolen, Jerdine** **Thunder Rose**
A tall tale about Thunder Rose, a girl who was unusual from the day she was born.
- Philip, Neil** **Odin's Family: Myths of the Vikings**
A simple retelling of Norse myths.
- Ransome, Arthur** **The Fool of the World and the Sailing Ship**
An old Russian tale about a fool outwitting a king to win the princess.

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- Ryan, Pam Munoz** **Nacho and Lolita**
A folktale from Mexico about the love between a rare, beautiful bird and a swallow.
- San Souci, R.** **The Talking Eggs**
A Southern fairy tale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches.
- Shannon, George** **Stories to Solve**
More Stories to Solve
Still More Stories to Solve
Riddle stories from around the world.
- Shephard, Aaron** **The Princess Mouse: a Tale of Finland**
The tale of a young man who plans to marry his mouse sweetheart.
- Step toe, John** *** Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale Retold**
Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king who is choosing a wife.
- Zemach, Margot** *** It Could Always Be Worse**
Unable to stand his overcrowded and noisy home any longer, a poor man follows the Rabbi's surprising advice.

POETRY

- Bing, Christopher** **The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere**
A wonderfully illustrated version of the poem by Longfellow.
- Dakos, Kali** **If You are Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand**
These poems capture life in elementary school.
- de Regniers,
Beatrice Schenk** **Sing a Song of Popcorn**
A wonderful collection of poems, both old and new.
- Feelings, Tom** **Soul Looks Back in Wonder**
A collection of poems by thirteen African American poets.
- Florian, Douglas** **Beast Feast: Poems**
Insectopedia: Poems and Paintings
Bow Wow Meow Meow
Brief, clever, and humorous poems about animals and insects.
- George,
Kristine O'Connell** **Little Dog and Duncan**
Duncan, a very large dog, has a sleep over with little dog. Also read **Toasting Marshmallows** by the same author.

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- Glaser, Isabel Joshlyn** **Dreams of Glory: Poems Starring Girls**
The thirty poems in this collection reflect the hopes, fears, and aspirations of modern girls.
- Janeczko, Paul** **A Poke in the I**
A collection of concrete poetry with equally entertaining art.
- Koontz, Dean** **The Paper Doorway**
This lighthearted poetry collection is filled with wordplay, humor, spookiness, and nonsense.
- Levy, Constance** **Splash**
More than thirty poems celebrate water.
- Mak, Kam** **My Chinatown: One Year in Poems**
A boy adjusts to life away from his home in Hong Kong, in the Chinatown of his new American city.
- Moss, Jeffrey** **The Butterfly Jar**
Eighty-nine poems full of honest feelings and wild imagination.
- Perdomo, Willie** **Visiting Langston**
A poem to celebrate the African American poet, Langston Hughes.
- Philip, Neil** **The New Oxford Book of Children's Verse**
Over 300 well-loved poems from more than 200 poets.
- Poetry Speaks to Children**
An absolutely wonderful collection of poems that includes a CD with poems read by the poets.
- Prelutsky, Jack** **Scranimals**
Poems about birds, beasts, vegetables, and flowers scrambled together.
- Rochelle, Linda** **Words with Wings: A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art**
Messages and lessons to treasure emerge in a collection of masterful works with fine art illustrations.
- Sidman, Joyce** **Song of the Boatman & Other Pond Poems**
A collection of poems, as well as factual information about the animals, insects and plants that live in ponds.
- Silverstein, Shel** **Falling Up**
This is a collection of some 150 humorous poems by the author of **Where the Sidewalk Ends** and **A Light in the Attic**.
- Singer, Marilyn** **Footprints on the Roof: Poems About the Earth**
Beautiful poems that speak lovingly of earth and nature.
- Stevenson, James** **Sweet Corn**
Stevenson celebrates everyday objects and events.

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Veccione, Patricia **Whisper and Shout: Poems to Memorize**
There is a poem for everyone in this wonderful collection of poems.

BIOGRAPHY

*** Marks a Newbery, Caldecott or Coretta Scott King Award winner or honor book.**

Adler, David **A Picture Book of Anne Frank**
A Picture Book of Florence Nightingale
A beginning reader biography series.

Brighton, Catherine **The Fossil Girl**
The story of an English girl's discovery, in 1811, of an ichthyosaurus skeleton.

Brown, Anthony **The Shape Game**
A wonderfully illustrated account of one day in the life of the author that led to his becoming an artist and illustrator.

Brown, Don **Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure**
Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa
Picture book biographies of world-class adventurers.

Chin-Lee, Cynthia **Amelia to Zora**
The biographies of twenty-six women who changed the world.

Coles, Robert **The Story of Ruby Bridges**
A biography in picture book format of the six-year-old African-American girl who integrated her public school.

Cooney, Barbara **Eleanor**
A lovely picture book about Eleanor Roosevelt's childhood.

Denenberg, Dennis **50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet**
This is a book full of great stories, great deeds, great men and women who set examples worth striving for.

De Paola, Tomie **26 Fairmount Avenue**
Author/illustrator Tomie dePaola gives readers a glorious glimpse into his life. Also read **On My Way** ,and **Here We All Are**.

Ehrlich, Amy **Rachel: The Story of Rachel Carson**
A beautiful picture book biography about the famous environmentalist.

Fritz, Jean **What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?**
A good look at American history for younger readers.

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- Gerstein, Mordicai** ***The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**
This is a lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tighrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.
- Giovanni, Nikki** **Rosa**
A stunning picture book biography about the life of Rosa Parks.
- Grimes, Nikki** *** Talkin' About Bessie**
A biography of the woman who became the first licensed African-American pilot.
- Kerley, Barbara** *** The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins**
The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life-sized models of dinosaurs.
- Krull, Kathleen** **Wilma Unlimited**
A picture book biography of the famous athlete, Wilma Rudolph. Other inspiring and highly recommended biographies by this same author are **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez**, **Leonardo da Vinci**, **The Lives of the Musicians** and **The Lives of the Athletes**.
- Macy, Sue** **Bull's-Eye: A Photobiography of Annie Oakley**
An in-depth look at the life of the legendary sharpshooter.
- Patrick, Jean L. S.** **The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth**
A retelling of the day seventeen-year-old Jackie Mitchell struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.
- Rappaport, Doreen** *** Martin's Big Words: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.**
Collage art captures the life of the Civil Rights leader.
- Rumford, James** **Sequoyah**
The Cherokee man who created a written language for his people.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz** **When Marian Sang**
An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, the first African-American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.
- Sabin, Francine** **Amelia Earhart: Adventure in the Sky**
A biography of an aviation pioneer, emphasizing her childhood.
- San Souci, Robert D.** **Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend**
A fifteen-year-old Iowa teenager helps to avert a train disaster in 1881.
- Tallchief, Maria** **Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina**
Ballerina Maria Tallchief describes her childhood on an Osage reservation and the development of her love of dance.
- White, Linda Arms** **I Could Do That: Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote**
How one determined woman made it possible for women to vote and was the first woman to hold public office in the United States.

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NONFICTION BOOKS

* Marks a Newbery, Caldecott or Coretta Scott King Award winner or honor book.

^ Indicates title in a series. If you have already read this one, try another

- Ancona, George** **The Piñata Maker**
A craftsman, from Southern Mexico, makes a piñata for the village fiesta.
- Arnosky, Jim** **Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Birds**
This artist/naturalist uses soft sketches to illustrate his many books about nature.
- Beeler, Selby B.** **Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World**
Travel around the world and discover the surprising things children do when they lose a tooth.
- Boehm, David A.** **Guinness Book of World Records**
An invaluable rainy day resource.
- Bonner, Hannah** **When Bugs Were Big, Plants Were Strange, and Tetrapods Stalked the Earth**
Tour the Earth three hundred and twenty million years ago.
- Christelow, Eileen** **What Do Authors Do?**
What Illustrators Do?
These books take a humorous and instructive look at how authors and illustrators develop their ideas into books.
- Cobb, Vicki** **I Face the Wind**
A wonderful introduction to the characteristics and actions of the wind through simple hands-on activities. Also by this author is **I See Myself**, and **I Fall Down**.
- Cole, Joanna** **^ The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth**
A great introduction to science through a class trip with the teacher Ms. Frizzle.
- Emberley, Ed** **^ Ed Emberley's Picture Pie 2**
The author suggests how to cut a basic circle into arcs and curves and use the pieces to draw birds, animals, fish, and other objects and designs.
- Geras, Adele** **The Random House Book of Opera Stories.**
These operas are retold for younger children.
- Jenkins, Steve** **Actual Size**
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
Biggest, Strongest, Fastest
Amazing facts and illustrations about members of the animal kingdom.
- Jones, Charlotte Foltz** **Mistakes that Worked**
This illustrated text presents the stories behind forty things that were invented or named by accident, including aspirin, X-rays, frisbees, silly putty, and velcro.

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- Katz, Alan** **Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs**
Humorous lyrics sung to the tunes of well-known songs.
- Kilby, Janice Eaton** **The Book of Wizard Craft**
A wizard's book of crafts, recipes, tales and legends of wizards of the past.
- Lankford, Mary D.** **Hopscotch Around the World**
This book presents 19 variations of hopscotch played in 16 countries around the world.
- McNulty, Faith** **If You Decide to Go to the Moon**
A beautifully illustrated and informative book about what it would be like to travel to the moon.
- St. George, Judith** *** So You Want to Be President?**
This is a mischievous picture book highlighting the historical triumphs and troubles of our first 41 presidents.
- Scieszka, Jon** **The Math Curse**
A student struggles to overcome her anxiety about learning math.
- Thinnish, Catherine** **Girls Think of Everything**
Tells the story of how women, throughout the ages, have responded to situations confronting them in daily life.
- Vas, Diane Simon** **Passport on a Plate: Around-the-World Cookbook for Children**
This book describes the culinary styles from around the world.

MAGAZINES FOR CHILDREN

- American Girl 1-800-234-1278 or www.americangirl.com
Children like the breezy layout of this magazine and the paper doll cutouts of animals and people.
- Cobblestone 1-800-821-0115 or www.cobblestonepub.com
This is a magazine about American history for children. The same company publishes Faces, which covers specific countries, and Calliope, which explores world history.
- Cricket 1-800-827-0227 or www.cricketmag.com
Cricket and Ladybug, its younger version, have stories and poems by well-known writers and often sponsor writing contests.
- Dragonfly 1-800-722-NSTA or www.muohio.edu/dragonfly/
This science magazine, published by the National Science Teachers Association, covers topics of interest to children.
- Highlights for Children 1-888-876-3809 or www.highlights.com/

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This magazine has been around for more than 50 years and children love the many picture puzzles scattered among the articles and stories.

National Geographic
World

1-800-647-5463 or www.nationalgeographic.com/kids

This magazine has articles on science, archaeology, and topics of general interest to children.

New Moon

1-800-381-4743 or www.newmooncatalog.com

This magazine, published specifically for girls, has many interactive activities for readers, such as writing book reviews and commenting on current events.

Ranger Rick

1-800-611-1599 or www.nwf.org

This excellent magazine is published for young readers by the National Wildlife Federation.

SOURCES FOR BOOK RECORDINGS

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Recorded Books, Inc.
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Prince Frederick, MD 20678
1-800-638-1304
www.recordedbooks.com

The production quality of recordings from this company is outstanding. Their catalog includes 80 pages of children's and young adult titles, plus another 20 pages of classics for family listening. This company ships the cassettes quickly in a postpaid box for return.

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Listening Library
One Park Avenue
Old Greenwich, CT 06870
1-800-243-4504
www.listeninglib.com

This company has specialized in children's books on audio tape since 1956. The Listening Library's online catalog can be searched by title author and reader.