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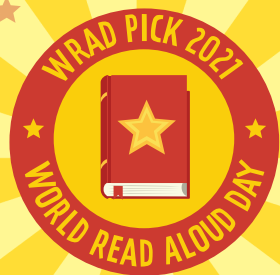
TITLE	BOOK DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR	AGES	ISBN
Will Ladybug Hug?	Meet Ladybug. Ladybug loves to hug! Now Ladybug is getting ready to go on a trip and wants to say good-bye to her friends, but will her friends want to receive a hug? Find out in this surprising and memorable storybook all about friendship, high-fives, consent, and of course, hugs.	Hilary Leung	0–3	9781338215601
You're Okay	Interactive lift-the-flaps will engage readers in this sweet and encouraging book about managing everyday kid struggles! Follow a little hedgehog and her friends as they get boo-boos, spill things, or just feel shy. Vibrant, detailed art draws the reader in, and gentle, rhyming text reassures us that no matter what, we are okay!	Joy Cho, illus. by Angie Stalker	0–3	9781338356366
Red Shoes	Malika loves her new red shoes and wears them everywhere! When she eventually she outgrows them, her grandmother takes them to a second-hand shop. Soon, they become a special present for Amina, in Ghana, for completing her first Ramadan fast. This beautiful picture book celebrates a connection across continents, two girls, and one unforgettable pair of shoes.	Karen English, illus. by Ebony Glenn	3–5	9781338114607
The Grinny Granny Donkey	This follow-up to the laugh-out-loud viral sensation, <i>The Wonky Donkey</i> , features a grinny granky plunky-plinky swanky clinky-clanky zonky dunky-drinky clunky donkey! This fun picture book is brought to life by Craig Smith's signature playful verses and Katz Cowley's charming illustrations.	Craig Smith, illus by Katz Cowley	3–5	9781338692273
Rap A Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles - Think of That!	With bold paintings and a simple, rhyming text, Caldecott Medalists Leo and Diane Dillon bring young readers a rap a tap tap celebration of dance and the life of ground-breaking African-American tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson that will have readers clapping and tapping along.	Diane Dillon & Leo Dillon	3–5	9780590478830
Go Dance!	Spencer and his family are members of the Northern Cheyenne tribe. Spencer is excited to dance at the Chief's powwow, but then he has second thoughts. Will he find the courage to go dance?	Cinnamon Spear, illus. by Natasha Donovan	3–5	9781338625349
What If You Could Sniff Like a Shark?: Explore the Super- powers of Ocean Animals	What if you could shapeshift like a giant octopus and squeeze through tiny gaps, or snap your claws like a coconut crab and slice through sheets of metal? With zany illustrations and amazing true facts, <i>What If You Could Sniff Like a Shark?</i> will enthrall young non-fiction fans.	Sandra Markle & Howard McWilliam	4–8	9781338356076
Chicken Little: The Real and Totally True Tale	A classic favorite becomes a clever cautionary tale in this funny, fresh, and timely picture book debut by cartoonist Sam Wedelich. Chicken Little is NOT afraid of anything, but accidentally sent the barnyard into a tailspin. Can she calm her feathered friends with facts and reason?	Sam Wedelich	4–8	9781338359015
Saffron Ice Cream	When Rashin goes to the beach in her new home, she remembers what beach trips were like before moving. However, there are wonderful things in this new place as well—a subway train, exciting music, and maybe even a new friend!	Rashin Kheiriyeh	4–8	9781338150520



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Come On, Rain!	Through exquisite language and acute observation, author Karen Hesse sets the scene as Tess pleads to the sky in midst of the endless heat. As the rain clouds roll in, Tess, her friends, and their mothers join in together in a rain dance to celebrate the shower that renews both body and spirit.	Karen Hesse, illus. by Jon J Muth	4–8	9780590331258
No Fuzzball!	Fuzzball the cat is Queen of the house. Her subjects just LOVE how she scales the tallest shelves and drags their belongings across the floor. Hear how they shout her name everywhere she goes . . . "NO FUZZBALL!" Fans of funny, lovable characters will adore this furry, feline despot.	Isabella Kung	4–8	9781338565423
The Little Red Fort  Available in Spanish	Ruby's mind is always full of ideas, so when she finds some old boards, she decides to build something. Her brothers just laugh and tell her she doesn't know how. "Then I'll learn," she says. With sprightly text and winsome pictures, this book celebrates the pluck and ingenuity of young creators everywhere!	Brenda Maier, illus. by Sonia Sánchez	4–8	9780545859196
Rita & Ralph's Rotten Day  Available in Spanish	Every day, Rita and Ralph meet to play beneath the apple tree. It's always fun and games, but one day, a new game means someone ends up crying. Who knew it could be so hard to say "I'm sorry"? Carmen Agra Deedy's brilliant storytelling combined with Pete Oswald's spirited illustrations make for a comforting tale of healing and true friendship.	Carmen Agra Deedy, illus. by Pete Oswald	4–8	9781338216387
The Very Impatient Caterpillar  Available in Spanish	When a group of caterpillars scamper up a tree to metamorphize, one of them is still learning about this whole transformation thing. Fellow caterpillars all tell him to be patient, but the waiting is just so hard. Can he do it? With warmth, wit, and a flair for hilarious cartooning, Ross Burach turns a relatable feeling into an endearing picture book.	Ross Burach	4–8	9781338289411
All Because You Matter	This powerful, emotionally stirring picture book reassures readers that they always matter—through the joy of their first steps, the hardship of adolescent struggles, and the pain of current events. With poetic, lyrical text and stunning illustrations, <i>All Because You Matter</i> empowers readers with pride, joy, and comfort, and is a deep affirmation of worth for diverse young readers who need it most.	Tami Charles, illus. by Bryan Collier	4–8	9781338574852
My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World	When Henley is supposed to be reading, he'd rather do anything else. But one day, he gets the scariest homework assignment in the world: find your favorite book and share it with the class. Henley is at a loss, but defeat quickly turns to triumph with one exciting discovery: there is a book for everyone, even if you have to write it yourself.	Malcolm Mitchell, illus. by Michael Robertson	4–8	9781338225327
The Word Collector  Available in Spanish	Jerome discovers the magic of the words all around him — short and sweet words, two-syllable treats, and multisyllable words that sound like little songs. Words that connect, transform, and empower. Inspiring and joyful, <i>The Word Collector</i> celebrates the impact you can have when you share your words with the world.	Peter H. Reynolds	4–8	9780545865029
Wings	Are you brave enough to be your true self? Ikarus Jackson is, but it isn't always easy. The people in his neighborhood point at his wings. The kids at school laugh. When his classmates' taunts send Ikarus drifting into the sky, one girl sets out in search of him, and so begins her own journey of self-discovery, leaving both of them transformed.	Christopher Myers	4–8	9780590033770



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The Bad Guys The Bad Guys #1  Available in Spanish	Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys . . . and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf has a daring plan for the Bad Guys' first good mission, and is about to change that...he hopes!	Aaron Blabey	6–10	9780545912402
Mac B, Kid Spy #1: Mac B. Undercover	Experience what it's really like to be a kid spy in this totally smart and side-splittingly funny new series about Mac's own experience as kid spy for the Queen of England. Mac travels around the globe in search of the stolen Crown Jewels. With full color illustrations and fascinating historical facts masterfully sprinkled throughout, this fast paced chapter book offers adventure, intrigue, and absurdity.	Mac Barnett, illus. by Mike Lowery	6–10	9781338143591
Cat Kid Comic Club	Attention Dog Man fans! Join Li'l Petey, Flippy, and Molly in this pioneering new graphic novel series from Dav Pilkey that celebrates creativity and storytelling in a variety of formats, including nature photography, clay sculpture, collage, haiku, and more!	Dav Pilkey	6–10	9781338712766
Bunbun & Bonbon #1: Fancy Friends	Bunbun is a lonely bunny until she meets the most unlikely friend of all, a talking piece of candy name Bonbon. Together Bunbun and Bonbon learn how to be fancy, eat donuts for lunch, and more. Part of Scholastic's graphic novels for younger readers, these books are perfect for beginning and newly independent readers, with approachable page counts, easy-to-follow paneling, and engaging stories with unforgettable characters.	Jess Keating	6–10	9781338646825
Front Desk	It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Every day she manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel, and tends to its guests, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms. But Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the guests, and go for her dreams?	Kelly Yang	9–12	9781338157826
King and the Dragonflies	In this story about loss, grief, and finding the courage to discover one's identity, twelve-year-old Kingston James embarks on an adventure with his best friend, as they build their own private paradise down by the bayou and learn that there is no right way to be yourself.	Kacen Callender	9–12	9781338129335
The Baby-Sitters Club #1: Kristy's Great Idea	Kristy Thomas has the great idea to form a baby-sitters club with her friends, but she has no idea how much the club will change everything. Crank calls, uncontrollable toddlers, wild pets, untruthful clients...Kristy and her co-founders are sure they can handle anything. But only if they stick together!	Ann M. Martin	9–12	9781338642209
Kiranmala & the Kingdom Beyond: The Serpent's Secret	On the morning of her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala is just a regular sixth grader living in Parsippany, New Jersey . . . until her parents mysteriously vanish and a drooling rakkhosh demon slams through her kitchen, determined to eat her alive. Turns out there might be some truth to her parents' fantastical stories-like how Kiranmala is a real Indian princess and how she comes from a secret place not of this world.	Sayantani DasGupta	9–12	9781338185713
Lety Out Loud  Available in Spanish	Lety Muñoz sometimes has trouble speaking her mind. Her first language is Spanish and she likes to take her time putting her words together. Lety loves volunteering at the Furry Friends Animal Shelter because the dogs and cats there don't care if she can't find the right word, but when she has to work alongside a classmate, she realizes she needs to find her voice or risk getting kicked out of the program.	Angela Cervantes	9–12	9781338159349



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Shuri: A Black Panther Novel #1	Shuri is a skilled martial artist, a genius, and a master of science and technology. But, she's also a teenager. And a princess. This original, middle grade series follows Shuri as she sets out on a quest to save her homeland of Wakanda and its mysterious Heart-Shaped Herb, the source of the Black Panther's power.	Nic Stone	9–12	9781338585476
Ghost Squad	Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on in this thrilling action packed adventure.	Claribel A. Ortega	9–12	9781338280128
Slacker	Cameron Boxer is very happy to spend his life avoiding homework, and hanging out with his friends, until he gets so caught up gaming in his basement that he almost lets his house burn down around him. Oops. As the result of some serious damage control, the guy who never cared about anything is now at the center of everything, and it's going to take all his slacker skills to win this round.	Gordon Korman	9–12	9780545823166

