“A Children’s Book Collection: To reach the children I will teach”

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Bibliography List

PICTURE BOOKS


One of my favorite books as a child about a boy and his father who are shunned from a village. When a giant named Abiyoyo comes to town, the boy and his father play music to make him dance, and then use magic to make him go away. It includes African American characters. This is a hard cover copy, a little worn around the edges from repeated readings.


This is a fun alphabet book, It is a hard cover pop up book with all different kinds and colors of insects to teach the alphabet.


A beautifully illustrated and intricate alphabet book. It includes difficult vocabulary that makes it an alphabet book for a more advanced reader.


Another favorite of mine, this hard cover book is by the very talented writer and illustrator Jan Brett. It includes her signature detailed borders that give hints to the next pages. It is about a young girl who feeds corn muffins to wild animals, and makes lots of animal friends.


This book introduces children to art by asking them to look at techniques and then do something with it.

This is a book about art that asks a reader to look closely at paintings to determine which are real and which are fake.


An interesting look at Japanese Internment during the Second World War. The young boys played baseball for fun during their times in the camp. Deals with difficult issues in an accessible way for young children. The author is an insider, his parents were placed in an internment camp, and the illustrator is also Asian, from South Korea.


This is a signed copy, made out to my mom's class (she was a kindergarten teacher). The author and illustrator was a friend of my mom's growing up. Not only is it signed, but she drew a picture in it as well. A lovely story about a girl and her grandmother.


This is the story song book of the well-loved song Raffi, Baby Beluga. The illustrations are fitting, and the music is included. This is a hard cover copy.


A sweet story about the life and art of Henri Matisse. It is very important to me to teach about art and artists, and Matisse is my favorite, The wonderful color illustrations of this hard cover book create just the atmosphere Matisse would hope for in a book starring him. I picked up this hard cover book from the National Gallery in New York.


My grandmother and grandfather gave me this book in 1992. They wrote an inscription inside the front cover. We laughed dozens of times over the silly riddles and illustrations. One of my favorites "I M C-N U!" "N-D U R. U R P-K-N." (I am seeing you. Indeed you are. You are peaking.) This copy is a soft cover, incredible worn and faded.

The sequel to CDC, more fun illustrations and riddles. This is a recent printing and is a hard cover copy.


A fractured fairy tale version of Cinderella, which takes place in Martinique. It is a lovely story with authentic French Creole language infused throughout. The illustrations are magical, and created by the well-known illustrator, Brian Pinkney (member of the children’s literature Pinkey family).


A childhood favorite for many, it came out too late for me, but was one of my younger sisters favorite books. This is a hard cover copy and includes bright inviting illustrations.


A Maurice Sendak classic with poetry/songs about the month and enjoying Chicken Soup with Rice all year long. It is a small soft cover copy.


Written and illustrated by the well-known Brett, this is a companion book to Trouble With Trolls, and includes her typical bordered illustrations.


A biography of Cleopatra with illustrations that reflect the time period of her life, including mosaic tile-like illustrations. This is a soft cover copy.

As an art lover, and future teacher I admire Peter H. Reynolds’ books because they inspire creativity. This one is about the beauty in just a simple dot, and is a hard cover copy.


This is a 2007 edition of the Pinkney collaboration biography of Duke Ellington. Brian’s signature scratchboard illustrations set the mood for this wonderful book. It received a Caldecott honor and a Coretta Scott King honor.


Another Pinkney collaboration, this biography of Ella Fitzgerald is told from the story of a jazzy little cat. It is fun and informative, and as always the illustrations steal the show.

Elecciones que Brillan, Written by Silvia Camossa illustrated by Camila Mesquita. Brazil: Camara, 2005.

This book is written in Portuguese, and the pictures are so beautiful I had to have it. It shows works by famous artists, changed.


This example Chinese folklore is written by the well known Demi, who often covers Asian cultures and figures. The detailed and childlike illustrations enhance this story about a young boy who tells the truth.


A story of Columbus’ arrival at San Salvador from the perspective of a young Taino boy. It is important for children to get another view of the story of Columbus coming to the new world. This emphasizes how he changed the lives of those who were already here.

This is a must have in any children’s book collection. This tattered hard cover copy was read dozens of times by many members of my family.


Each page includes a wonderful, soft, illustration of a hand (different skin tones are shown) giving the American Sign Language sign for a letter and an associated picture (A holds asparagus). This is a hard cover copy.


An award winning and chilling book that traces the stories of children involved in Hitler’s youth organization as well as those fighting against it. It is a hard cover copy filled with illustrations that could make today’s youth feel what it must have been like for these children.

*Ish.* Written and Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2004

Another Peter H. Reynolds picture book, which encourages creativity, and tells a young artist its okay if their works of art look “ish” (vase-ish, tree-ish). This is a hard cover copy.


A collection of related poems about Jazz mixed with the expressive illustrations of Christopher Myers, this father son team has created an important book dedicated to the children of New Orleans. This is a hard cover copy.


This is a book of letters to and from Fairy Tale characters at Christmas time. It includes actually letters that a reader pulls of envelopes to get more information about the story. This is a hard cover copy.

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This book won a Caldecott medal. It includes colorful die cuts illustrations that include depictions of Jewish tradition and culture. It is by the author of the award winning I Know An Old Lady who swallowed a Fly and is a hardcover copy.


The fascinating story of how the writers of Curious George escaped Nazi Germany. It gives an easy to understand timeline of events and includes wonderful illustrations including those by H.A. Rey. It is a hard cover copy.


A nice story of a family on the Underground Railroad.


This is a tale from Iraq, a place left out in most of our Children’s literature, but interesting and relevant to today’s children. It has nice illustrations and an exciting story, and is a hard cover copy.


A beautifully illustrated story about a child’s experience on a farm at night. It is a hard cover copy.

One of the first books I was excited to share with my family after I learned to read. It is a wonderful story about making the world a more beautiful place and one that I cherish. It is a hard cover copy.


Initially this seems just a story about bugs, but it is actually about acceptance. The illustrations are charming and colorful, and it is a hard cover copy.


A whole bunch of animals fit into a mitten left in the snow. This is one of my favorites and is a folktale retold and illustrated by Jan Brett. It is a hard cover copy.


Like Alphabugs, this is a pop up book but focuses on numbers. It is a fun and attention grabbing hard cover book.


This book is a cumulative rhyme about a family falling asleep and then waking up again. It is a great book for children to learn to read on because of the patterns. The illustrations are lively and give clues to what will happen next.

*Oh, the Places You’ll Go.* Written and Illustrated by Dr. Seuss. New York: Random House, 1990.

An inspirational book about all the world’s possibilities, realistic or not. A hard cover copy of this necessary and wonderful book.


This book first published in 1998 is by the author of the widely read, *On the Day You Were Born.* It is a very special book, with beautiful images, about all of these things,
great and small, that come from the ocean. A mother teachers her daughter about their beauty.


Another book by my mom’s childhood friend. This one is signed to me and hand illustrated with a bear and personal note. This is a story of a bear and a special Christmas gift. It is a hard cover copy.


This is a story song about all of the animals living in the meadow, mother and baby animals. It is a classic and I loved to sign it with my mom as a little girl.


After the tsunami stuck South East Asia, the massive affects were known around the world. This is the story of a baby hippo that was split form his mother during the tsunami and was saved and placed in a zoo where he befriended a tortoise, it is a story of true and unexpected friendship, and the co-author is a young girl. This is a hard cover copy.


This is a signed copy of this Caldecott medal-winning book. It is the story of a child who goes owling with her father, and the illustrations make this experience seem magical. This is a hard cover copy.


A story that traces the phases of the moon with Carle's signature illustrations. The pages fold out to make the pictures larger. It is a sweet story about a father and daughter and is a hard cover copy.

This is a wonderful book about Jackie Robinson, written by his sister. It is a hard cover copy, and includes pictures and stories that cast Robinson as a normal family man as well as a baseball player and a civil rights figure. It gives a great history of race relations in America.


A story about Ukrainian Easter eggs and an old woman who paints them. Palaccos illustrations are beautiful.


A series of illustrated recipes based on foods in Roald Dahl’s books.


This book received a Newberry honor and is the story of a carved bird and its journey on the seas.


This is the story of a boy’s journey to find “Art” in the MOMA in New York. It gives a great introduction to art and helps children think about what art is. It is a hard cover copy.


This Caldecott Medal winning book is a story that takes place in the context of the LA Riots. It is about making friends despite differences and the collage illustrations are wonderful.

This is a story about time zones and people all around the world.


A farce of many of our favorite fairy tales, with funny illustrations. This is a hard cover copy.


A story of one stand out Penguin who acts different from all the others, but is loved for his differences.


This is a story song about Bears meeting in the woods. There is a 45 Record in back with the song sung by Bing Crosby, and it is a hard cover copy.


A traditional story of Thanksgiving that won a Caldecott honor. It is an interesting book to contrast with more modern depictions of the Thanksgiving story or the book Encounter about Columbus. The stereotypical and unfair depictions of Native American can be discussed.


This is a hardcover book where each of the 50 states and Washington DC are drawn as of circus train cars. It is all done with symbols and so much can be learned.


In the front of this book is “Happy 8th Birthday Ali. From, Jimmy.” Jimmy was one of my best friends growing up and he knew I loved Jan Brett. This is a story about some trouble making trolls.

This classic story was originally written in 1944. This is a hard cover copy.


This is a story about a cricket who cannot chirp until he finds a friend. The book actually makes a chirping noise as you turn the last page.


The illustrations are Van Gogh’s paintings and the words are taken from letters he wrote. This is a great introduction to this brilliant artist. I actually got this book at the MOMA in New York.


This is a poetic picture book about visiting Langston’s house and museum and about the poet himself. It won a Coretta Scott King award for the illustrations by Bryan Collier.


A story from 4 perspectives about a day in the park that teaches us to be careful about the judgments we make. The illustrations are wonderfully detailed, the kind of book where you notice something new each time you pick it up.


This is a repeating story about a family going on a bear hunt. The pattern makes it a well-loved children’s book.

This is a story adapted from story by Sholom Aleichem about a Rosh Hashanah tradition.


This is a Caldecott medal-winning book, about a boy names Max and his imagination. It is a crucial story to any children’s book collection, written by the highly acclaimed Sendak.


This was the first book I ever learned how to read (I actually memorized it), is about a mouse who is missing his family and goes out to find them. The monochromatic illustrations set the stage for this heartwarming story.


Another Jan Brett book this one is takes place at Christmastime as the reindeer get ready.


This is such a beautiful book. It is the story of a family and what happens when a Panda tells them stories with Buddhist roots. The illustrations are fabulous, and it was a Caldecott honor book for 2005. The messages are important, the story is insightful, and overall it is a wonderful experience.

**NOVELS**


This is a Newberry honor book about children who live on Alcatraz; the main characters sister is autistic.


My all time favorite book. I cannot begin to explain the intricacies of this story based on a young prince and his quest.

Naomi learns about her heritage and finds herself against the odds in this novel by the author of *Esperanza Rising*.


A story about a friendly giant and the girl who befriends him. This book is so funny.


A story about drugs and making it in a difficult neighborhood.


An autobiography about Roald Dahl’s childhood.


A novel set in an almost fantasy world where sexual orientation is not a problem but differences are celebrated, and gay teens deal with typical high school drama and loves.


A Coretta Scott King and Newberry Medal winner about a young African American boy.


A historical fiction story about a girl in Afghanistan.


A classic about a boy who wins a trip to a magical chocolate factory.


A heartwarming story from an award-winning author about family and loss.

An intriguing story about children who solve a mystery in the world of art.


A story about a Jewish girl who wants to be catholic but then is forced to look back at her roots.


A young girl learns about her Cuban heritage when her grandmother wants to throw her a quinceñera.


A story written from the perspective of a child with a form of autism. It was written with an adult audience in mind but many young adults enjoy the book.


Another wonderful story by this imaginative author, about a boy and his father.


First published 1948 this is a Newberry honor book about a young girl that takes place in China.


An award winning holocaust story.


A story about a backwards tortoise.

A story about a wealthy young girl in Mexico who must immigrate to the United States and work on a farm in California.


Another imaginative story by Roald Dahl.


A companion book to her famous *The Giver*, this similar book has an artistically inclined female main character that must overcome the constraints of her community.


A wonderful book by Roald Dahl.


An imaginative book about unlikely friends.


This Newberry medal winning book is about a young boy who grapples with the problems of his society and must risk everything to make things right.


An autobiography about the author’s life as a fighter pilot.


A story of a Palestinian-American girl and her time in Israel.

One of the first young adult novels with GLBT themes. Although problematic, it is historically significant.


Harry must keep the sorcerer’s stone out of Voldemort's hands.

*Harry Potter (2) and the Chamber of Secrets.* By J.K. Rowling. New York: Scholastic, 1999.

Harry must keep Voldemort from gaining strength.


Harry meets his godfather as a criminal is on the loose.


Harry must compete to win a contest and save his life.


A group of Harry’s allies join to fight Voldemort and his cohorts.


Harry must try to thwart Voldemort and his associate is revealed.


Story about a Native American teen who fights to change an offensive team mascot.

A boy is sent as punishment to dig holes, and a mystery unfolds.


This is a Newberry medal-winning novel.


A boy must cross the ocean in a boat with a tiger.


Originally written in 1943, this is a children’s classic.


A finger that grants wishes is the subject of this Roald Dahl novel.


A wonderful story about a boy who writes comic books.


A magical little girl who uses her anger and magic to help others.


A graphic novel about the author’s father’s experience in the Holocaust.


An award-winning book about a young boy’s trouble with the criminal justice system, and prejudices that exist related to it.

A basketball story by this acclaimed author.


This won a Newberry honor in 1959. It is about a boy who must live on his own in the mountains with the help of a hawk.


This is a Newberry medal winning holocaust story.


Another wonderful novel by this award-winning author.


A story about Asian American teens and their silkworm experiment.


Poems by Roald Dahl based on familiar tales.


A Newberry medal-winning book about slavery.


A Newberry medal-winning book about a little mouse with a big heart.

This novel is based on the *Wind and the Willows*.


Another story about basketball by this sports themed author,


A story about an utterly disgusting couple.


A Newberry honored holocaust story.


A funny story about a dyslexic vicar.


An award-winning novel about a group of students who find friendship and acceptance.


A moving story about loss, love, and family that won a Newberry medal.


A family from Flint moves to Alabama and must deal with the racism of the south.


This mystery story about how people are related and how a wealthy man distributes his estate won a Newberry medal in 1978.

A classic story about a boy and his dogs.

*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town.* By Kimberly Willis Holt. New York: Yearling, 1999.

A National book award winner about a young boy who faces his problems.


A boy must deal with a witch convention in this hilarious novel.


A series of stories by Roald Dahl.


A companion book to *Chasing Vermeer*, this art mystery is set around Frank Lloyd Right.


An award winning heart-warming story by this acclaimed author.

**POETRY**


A collection of fun rhymes sung by children in America.


My grandparents gave me this book for Easter in 92. It is a collection of silly poems by a range of poets.

These poems are paired by the editors to spark discussion about the themes of the poems and how different people look at them.


Poems by this well-known and funny poet.


A beautifully illustrated collection of this amazing African American poet.


A collection of poems, with great illustrations, by many well-loved children’s poets.


Poems by this well known children’s poet.


A collection of favorite mother goose rhymes,


A great collection of all kinds of poems for children.

Poems from poets all over the world.

COLLECTIONS


Volume 1: Fairy Tales and Fables
Includes The Three Little Pigs, Three Bears, Hansel and Grethle, Red Riding Hood, and Aesop’s fables. Separated by country of origin

Volume 2: Stories of Magic and Wonder
The Magic Fishbone, Charles Dickens, Aladdin, Hans Christian Anderson stories

Volume 3: Myths and Legends
Greece and Rome like the Argonauts by Charles Kingsley, Norse Myths, Jataka Tales of India, Stories of the American Indian, Old Legends such as William Tell

Volume 4: Hero Tales
The Adventures of Odysseus, Beowulf, King Arthur, and Robin Hood

Volume 5: Stories that Never Grow Old
Alice’s adventures in Wonderland, Gulliver’s Voyage to Lilliput, Don Quixote, Rip Van Winkle, A Christmas Carol.

Volume 6: Stories About Boys and Girls
Tom Sawyer Whitewashes the Fence by Mark Twain

Volume 7: The Animal Book

Volume 8: Stories from History
Daniel Boone’s Rifle by Stewart White, and The Devil and Daniel Webster by Steven Vincent Benee.

Volume 9: Sport and Adventure

Volume 10: Poetry, Reading Guide, and Indexes
Tons of poems by poets from Shakespeare to Dickinson, and nursery rhymes