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Before World War II began, Jessie Drumm and her friends at Alveara boarding school in Belfast liked their German teacher, Miss Muller. But after Jessie sees the teacher climbing to the roof at night, she and the others wonder if Miss Muller is a secret agent, signaling the enemy. Hoping to prove her favorite teacher's innocence, Jessie agrees to help spy on her. The escalating war, Jessie's family problems, a first romance, and the revelation of Miss Muller's real purpose intertwine in this suspenseful, sensitively written novel. Eve Bunting combines her own youthful experiences with a keen sense of the intense, sometimes painful process of growing up during wartime.

When Terry wakes up in the middle of the night to horrible screeching, he thinks the Banshee has come to pay his family a visit.

A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict.

A homeless family's luck changes after they help an old woman who has even less than they do at Christmas.

One by one, Miss Brindle Cow encounters a group of animals who are late for a wedding and agrees to carry them there.

When a violent ocean storm causes a crate holding assorted plastic tub toys -- including one resilient little duck -- to wash overboard, the course of Ducky's life alters drastically. This engaging story based on a real event includes an author's note.

In the late 1880s, a Cheyenne boy named Young Bull is taken from his parents and sent to a boarding school to learn the white man's ways. "Young Bull's struggle to hold on to his heritage will touch children's sense of justice and lead to

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some interesting discussions and perhaps further research."
—School Library Journal

Amy Alden finds an abandoned nest of goose eggs and brings them home. The baby geese think that she is their mother and follow her wherever she goes. Amy and her dad know that the geese must fly south for the winter, but first they will have to teach them to fly away home.

For one energetic three-year-old, there are countless reasons to love his new big boy bed. There's room now for Teddy to sleep with him, and his painted clay lizard, and Hippo. He can go under the bed and pretend to be a dog and scare his cat, Whiskers. Best of all, he can get out of his bed any time he wants—as long as his parents don't hear him! Written with warmth and humor, this story captures the feelings surrounding a rite of passage that every child experiences. Eve Bunting's simple, reassuring text and Maggie Smith's bright, lively illustrations are just right for beginning readers and listeners.

A conscientious mouse tries to locate the owner of a single unclaimed shoe.

The Bicycle Man fixes up old bicycles and offers both his friendship and the use of the bikes to the neighborhood kids. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Callie and her family are moving from their house to an apartment, so they're having a yard sale. It can be hard to let things go, but in the end, it's who you have - not what you have - that counts.

Haunted by the suicide of a gifted young black writer who was his best friend, Jed pursues the reason for it.

A small boy, not allowed to have a dog because times

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are tight, finds a starving kitten in a trash can on the same day his father loses his job.

Despite the ridicule of the other animals, Swan persists in his adoration for a swan-shaped boat named Dora.

Pastel drawings.

Trust is a difficult thing. There are few people that can truly be trusted, even less for Maria Siaye. Maria only has her parents to trust. They are really the only people she has to trust. But the things Maria's parents haven't told Maria about her family could break her trust in her parents forever. They might even break Maria.

Francisco, a young Mexican-American boy, helps his grandfather find work as a gardener, even though the old man cannot speak English and knows nothing about gardening.

This spooky story captures the eerie feeling of Halloween with a surprise ending. Full-color illustrations. A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal trying not to be noticed, is given hope when a trapped bird finally finds its freedom. "A first-rate picture book that deserves a place in all collections. Sure to spark discussion." -- School Library Journal, starred review

After the police come, a family is forced to flee their Caribbean island and set sail for America in a small fishing boat.

Each button on Laura's memory string represents a piece of her family history. The buttons Laura cherishes the most belonged to her mother—a button from her prom dress, a white one off her wedding dress, and a single small button from the nightgown she was wearing on the

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day she died. When the string breaks, Laura's new stepmother, Jane, is there to comfort Laura and search for a missing button, just as Laura's mother would have done. But it's not the same—Jane isn't Mom. In Eve Bunting's moving story, beautifully illustrated by Ted Rand, Laura discovers that a memory string is not just for remembering the past: it's also for recording new memories.

With the help of her grandfather, a little girl makes a house for a larva and watches it develop before setting it free, and every summer after that butterflies come to visit her. By the author of *Smoky Night*.

A young boy learns to deal with a difficult family situation when his Gram breaks her hip and must be put in a nursing home for full-time care and his parents act as if nothing is wrong.

Susie takes her Dad to a restaurant and then they enjoy a series of special activities for Father's Day before returning home to a surprise that Mom has prepared.

The young narrator's best friend, Rudi, is very sick, and it's hard for her to understand. When Rudi dies, the narrator and the other children in school help to build a pond by the big knobby oak to remember him by. A hummingbird feeder that Rudi made hangs by the pond, and one day a special hummingbird comes to visit. . . .

Based on a true story, *Rudi's Pond* is an insightful book that will help young readers to deal with loss. Once again author Eve Bunting and illustrator Ronald Himler have combined their talents to create a memorable picture book.

A young girl hopes to find her mother as she rides an

Orphan Train to find a new life out west in “this finely crafted, heart-wrenching story” (Publishers Weekly, starred review). Marianne, heading west with fourteen other children on an Orphan Train, is sure her mother will show up at one of the stations along the way. When her mother left Marianne at the orphanage, hadn't she promised she'd come for her after making a new life in the West? Stop after stop goes by, and there's no sign of her mother in the crowds that come to look over the children. No one shows any interest in adopting shy, plain Marianne, either. But that's all right: She has to be free for her mother to claim her. Then the train pulls into its final stop, a town called Somewhere . . . An American Library Association, Notable Children's Book ALA Booklist Editor's Choice Jefferson Cup Award Honor Book

From the author of *In Her Shoes* and the forthcoming *Who Do You Love* comes a story of a mother and two daughters rebuilding their lives ... Sylvie Woodruff has spent the last 30 or so years being the ideal politician's wife and raising two daughters. When her world crashes down around her after a painful, public betrayal, she retreats to her grandmother's rambling seaside home to wait for the scandal to blow over. Sylvie's eldest daughter, Diana, married out of friendship and respect, not love... then years later, finds herself falling for a most unsuitable man. When the affair ends badly, she sets off in search of a new beginning. Lizzie, Diana's younger sister, who caused her parents such heartache as a teenager, is finally getting her life together. When a summer fling leaves her pregnant, and her charming

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boyfriend turns violent, she too heads out of town. Inspired by real events, master storyteller Eve Bunting recounts the harrowing yet hopeful story of a family, a war--and a dazzling discovery.

Mrs. Bear plans a surprise Valentine's Day celebration for Mr. Bear despite their usual hibernating habits at that time of year.

As summer ends and they get ready to go back to school, two young girls try to deal with the news that the grandparents they love are getting a divorce. 10,000 first printing.

A six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One) see each other as troublemakers and the best-loved in the family.

A young boy creates a summer playhouse by planting sunflowers and saves the seeds to make another house the next year.

Farah feels alone, even when surrounded by her classmates. She listens and nods but doesn't speak. It's hard being the new kid in school, especially when you're from another country and don't know the language. Then, on a field trip to an apple orchard, Farah discovers there are lots of things that sound the same as they did at home, from dogs crunching their food to the ripple of friendly laughter. As she helps the class make apple cider, Farah connects with the other students and begins to feel that she belongs. Ted Lewin's gorgeous sun-drenched paintings and Eve Bunting's sensitive text immediately put the reader into another

child's shoes in this timely story of a young Muslim immigrant.

Big Bear outgrew his little boat, so he is building himself a big boat and can't wait till he's rowing, fishing, and relaxing in it. When his friends start suggesting improvements, Big Bear obligingly follows their advice. To his dismay, his big boat is turning out all wrong. It's because he hasn't followed his own dream, and he knows exactly how to fix it. With all the simplicity, warmth, and wisdom of Little Bear's Little Boat, this book honors an important step in growing up.

Duck's birthday gifts from his animal friends are wonderful but cannot be used away from the water, a problem eventually solved by the arrival of his last gift.

Laura Iwasaki and her family are paying what may be their last visit to Laura's grandfather's grave. The grave is at Manzanar, where thousands of Americans of Japanese heritage were interned during World War II. Among those rounded up and taken to the internment camp were Laura's father, then a small boy, and his parents. Now Laura says goodbye to Grandfather in her own special way, with a gesture that crosses generational lines and bears witness to the patriotism that survived a shameful episode in America's history. Eve Bunting's poignant text and Chris K. Soentpiet's detailed, evocative paintings make the story of this family's visit to

Manzanar, and of the memories stirred by the experience, one that will linger in readers' minds and hearts. Afterword.

When ten-year-old James' gang initiation endangers his six-year-old brother Isaac, they find the courage to say, "Thanks, but no thanks."

A family makes its annual pilgrimage to decorate an evergreen tree with food for the forest animals at Christmastime.

When the Los Angeles riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the values of getting along with others no matter what their background or nationality.

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