

Muncha Muncha Muncha

From award-winning Richard Byrne, author and illustrator of *This Book Just Ate My Dog*, (shortlisted for the Children's Book Award) comes another brilliantly inventive book starring Ben and Bella. When Ben is tempting his cat across the page with a fluffy mouse, his cat . . . disappears! Then his best friend Bella disappears, too. Sniffer dogs and rescue teams can't help . . . When Ben also vanishes, there's only one person left to help. You, the reader! Can you release Ben, Bella, and the cat from the mischievous book? It's a ticklish problem. Original, simple, and witty, this high-concept picture book plays with the physical attributes of a book to create a real page-turner.

After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.

Shows how important learning is in a country where only a few children are able to go to school.

Chronicles the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, from her birth to wealthy parents, to her marriage to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to her role as a wife, mother, first lady, and diplomat.

Robert F. Sibert Medal Winner Take to the sky with Apis, one honeybee, as she embarks on her journey through life! An Orbis Pictus Honor Book Selected for the Texas Bluebonnet Master List Finalist for the AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books A tiny honeybee emerges through the wax cap of her cell. Driven to protect and take care of her hive, she cleans the nursery and feeds the larvae and the queen. But is she strong enough to fly? Not yet! Apis builds wax comb to store honey, and transfers pollen from other bees into the storage. She defends the hive from invaders. And finally, she begins her new life as an adventurer. The confining walls of the hive fall away as Apis takes to the air, finally free, in a brilliant double-gatefold illustration where the clear blue sky is full of promise-- and the wings of dozens of honeybees, heading out in search of nectar to bring back to the hive. Eric Rohmann's exquisitely detailed illustrations bring the great outdoors into your hands in this poetically written tribute to the hardworking honeybee. Award-winning author Candace Fleming describes the life cycle of the honeybee in accessible, beautiful language. Similar in form and concept to the Sibert and Orbis Pictus award book *Giant Squid*, *Honeybee* also features a stunning gatefold and an essay on the plight of honeybees. Cook Prize Honor Book A Kids' Book Choice Award Finalist An American Library Association Notable Children's Book A New York Public Library Best Book of the Year Named a Best Book of the Year by Kirkus Reviews, NPR, Shelf Awareness, School Library Journal, Publishers Weekly and more! A Horn Book Fanfare Best Book of the Year A Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year! A Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Blue Ribbon Book A Booklist Editor's Choice A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

Though Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln's backgrounds differed considerably, both were intellectuals who shared interests in literature and politics, as well as a great love for each other.

Celebrate the four seasons of the year and all of the fun that comes with them with this lyrical, rhyming picture book from the author of *I Heart You*. Sometimes it rains, sometimes it snows, sometimes the sun shines, and sometimes the trees change color. But no matter what the seasons bring, there is lots of fun to be had! This lyrical exploration of the four seasons and all of the wonder that they bring is illustrated with vibrant watercolors.

When she first meets Ms. Roy, Penny isn't sure that she likes her teacher's weird and quirky style, such as her strange earrings and unusual decorating style, but soon Penny begins to appreciate Ms. Roy's unique ways and realizes that being true to one's self is actually the best way to be. Reprint.

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Candace Fleming and illustrator Boris Kulikov pair up to tell a fun story about a real submarine inventor in *Papa's Mechanical Fish Clink! Clankety-bang! Thump-whirr!* That's the sound of Papa at work. Although he is an inventor, he has never made anything that works perfectly, and that's because he hasn't yet found a truly fantastic idea. But when he takes his family fishing on Lake Michigan, his daughter Virena asks, "Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a fish?"—and Papa is off to his workshop. With a lot of persistence and a little bit of help, Papa—who is based on the real-life inventor Lodner Phillips—creates a submarine that can take his family for a trip to the bottom of Lake Michigan.

Tired of opera houses, world-famous singer Calotta Carusa travels to the American West, where her magnificent voice tames even the most hardened bad guys. The irresistible sounds in this lively story are a big part of the fun of this slapstick comedy. After many years of wishing for a garden, Mr. McGreely finally plants one and eagerly awaits his fresh vegetables. A group of naughty bunnies discovers them first, however, and the hilarity is in the many obstacles that the farmer puts up-- and the rabbits find ways around! Children will gleefully join in the repetitive chorus of phrases and delight in the chase, all the way up to the surprise ending that will leave everyone feeling fine.

"Positively tailor-made for reading—or reading aloud—by flashlight," declares Kirkus Reviews in a starred review. The phenomenally versatile, award-winning author Candace Fleming gives teen and older tween readers ten ghost stories sure to send chills up their spines. Set in White Cemetery, an actual graveyard outside Chicago, each story takes place during a different time period from the 1860s to the present, and ends with the narrator's death. Some teens die heroically, others ironically, but all due to supernatural causes. Readers will meet walking corpses and witness demonic possession, all against the backdrop of Chicago's rich history—the Great Depression, the World's Fair, Al Capone and his fellow gangsters.

Young children will delight in repeating the refrain "Oh, no!" as one animal after another falls into a deep, deep hole in this lively read-aloud storybook.

Here's a chapter book of contemporary fables about a rambunctious group of fourth graders and their amazing teacher—the globe-trotting, Mayan-ceremonial-robe-wearing Mr. Jupiter—that is sure to delight students and teachers alike. There's Calvin Tallywong, who wants to go back to kindergarten. But when he actually gets the chance, he's forced to do the squirrel dance and wear a school bus name tag. The moral of his story? Be careful what you wish for. Then there's Amisha Spelwadi, who can spell wildebeest, no problem. When Mr. Jupiter asks the class to spell cat, all Amisha can come up with is kat. The moral: Don't count your chickens before they hatch. Kids will laugh out loud as they learn tried-and-true lessons in this funny, fast-paced book. And don't miss the class's continued adventures in *The Fabled Fifth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* by Candace Fleming.

Boxes for Katje (HC)

Spring is in the air! Bear, Bird, and Mouse are all excited that winter snows are melting away, but their friend Rabbit is not. There are too many things about winter that Rabbit adores, and spring just seems to spell trouble. His friends offer an abundance of reasons to love spring and the changing seasons, but will Rabbit listen? Daniel Kirk has written a lively and humorous tale with the gentle message that change can be fun.

Surf's up for a bunch of mischievous bunnies and one frazzled farmer in this beach-time read-

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aloud adventure. Mr. McGreely had bunny problems. He had bunnies in his garden. Bunnies in his shed. Bunnies in his cupboard. Bunnies in his...BED! Mr. McGreely has had it with irksome rabbits, so he dons his swimsuit and a pair of goggles and gets ready for some time away at the beach. Little does he know, the bunnies have stowed away in his backseat! He also hadn't known that the rascally rabbits have mad surfing and kite flying skills. His annoyance is at sunstroke level...until he sees a sign for a sandcastle-making contest, and realizes that teaming up with the pesky pufftails might just have some benefits. From the creators of *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* and *Tippy-Tippy-Tippy, Hide!*, this read-aloud adventure comes complete with hilarious illustrations, bouncy language, and, of course, the cutest bunnies around. Across the barnyard, Pip the chick spots a new friend to play with - Pup! But Pup isn't sure he likes how Pip plays - too rough. These two friends will weather the storm though. A bright, fun celebration of friendship!

Take a bite out of this deliciously funny original fairy tale, which received four starred reviews and was named a Best Book of the Year by Booklist, School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, and the Bank Street College of Education. What would you do if you were invited to the princess's tenth birthday party but didn't have money for a gift? Well, clever Jack decides to bake the princess a cake. Now he just has to get it to the castle in one piece. What could possibly go wrong? Candace Fleming and G. Brian Karas, creators of the bestselling picture book *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*, have teamed up again to bring us a modern fairy tale starring a determined boy and a story-loving princess with a good sense of humor. While girls will fall for a story featuring a princess's birthday party, Jack's adventures with trolls, bears, and gypsies make this the perfect read for young boys as well—and ideal for storytime. Born deep in the ocean, Kelp is not like the other narwhals and one day, when he spies a creature on land that looks like him, he learns why.

Seven bitty baby birds are hungry, hungry, hungry—and they're letting Mama know. "Feed us! Feed us!" the little ones chant, and Mama calms them as only a mother can—before she frantically flies away to gather more delectable worms. Readers can count with Mama Bird as she zooms back and forth across the pages, going from seven hungry babies to none...until one by one the babies wake up again...hungry!

George loves to go to the science museum. So, when he finds out that the museum is planning a "Green Day" dedicated to recycling and planting trees, and George is curious and wants to help out! But little monkeys eager to help can sometimes become little monkeys getting into trouble. When George begins to find and recycle things around town that aren't quite ready for the recycle bin, he gets into a jam. Thankfully, George isn't the only one who wants to help—the whole community can't wait to lend a hand—and help George and the museum plant some trees! Did you know...? The new Rey Center at the Margret & H.A. Rey Center in Waterville, New Hampshire will a model for energy conservation, using solar panels and wind generators for its electricity. It will reuse and slow-release stormwater, and treat its "gray water" (from sinks/showers) in a constructed wetland.

A boy's small paper boat—and his large imagination—fill the pages of this wordless picture book, a modern-day classic from the creator of *Pardon Me!* that includes endpaper instructions for building a boat of your own. A little boy takes a boat made of newspaper out for a rainy-day adventure. The boy and his boat dance in the downpour and play in the puddles, but when the boy sends his boat floating down a gutter stream, it quickly gets away from him. So of course the little boy goes on the hunt for his beloved boat—and when the rain lets up, he finds himself on a new adventure altogether. This seemingly simply story from Daniel Miyares is enriched with incredible depth and texture that transcend words.

From multiple award-winning author Candace Fleming and Caldecott Medalist Matthew Cordell comes the true story of a woman who always got what she wanted: Isabella Stewart Gardner. For years, the indomitable Isabella Stewart Gardner searched the world for magnificent artwork

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and filled her home with a truly unique collection, with the aim of turning it into a museum, which she established in 1903. Isabella always did things her own way. One day she'd wear baseball gear to the symphony, the next, she'd be seen strolling down the street with zoo lions. It was no surprise that she was very particular about how she arranged her exhibits. They were not organized historically, stylistically, or by artist. Instead, they were arranged based on the connections Isabella felt toward the art, a connection she hoped to encourage in her visitors. For years, her museum delighted generations of Bostonians and visitors with the collections arranged exactly as she wanted. But in 1990, a spectacular burglary occurred when two thieves disguised as police officers stole thirteen paintings, valued at \$500 million, including a Rembrandt and a Vermeer. They have yet to be recovered, though a \$10 million reward is still being offered for their safe return. Author Candace Fleming perfectly captures Isabella's inimitable personality and drive, accompanied by exuberant illustrations by Matthew Cordell. A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

Dreaming of a day when there will be a real playground in her own neighborhood, a little girl is ecstatic when she learns that a local playground has been planned, in a story inspired by the construction of the first playground built by the KaBOOM! national nonprofit.

JENNIFER KNEW, AS well as you That everything has its place, But she just didn't care a whit, a bit, So her room was a real disgrace! Jennifer's mother has refused to touch Jennifer's messy room until after Christmas Day. Free to let her room go, Jennifer turns a blind eye to the fustiness, the dustiness, and the spider's webby empire up in the corner! Finally, one day, she can stand her own mess no longer, and gets to work— on the big tidy-up!

Enamored of history, young Imogene Tripp tries to save her town's historical society from being demolished in order to build a shoelace factory.

A very little bulldozer learns that taking care of kittens is a very big job in this darling follow-up to Bulldozer's Big Day from award-winning author Candace Fleming and Caldecott Medalist Eric Rohmann. The construction site bustled. Cement Truck was stirring...stirring...stirring. Digger Truck was scooping...scooping...scooping. Crane Truck was lifting...lifting...lifting. And Bulldozer was—watching...watching...watching. Little Bulldozer wants to help, but all the bigger trucks say he is too small. So when Crane Truck says he can clear a bit of debris out of the way, Little Bulldozer is eager for the job. He can do it, yes he can. What he doesn't expect is to find a family of newborn kittens living in the pile of debris! Can he take care of babies? Now that's a tough job. A job that happens to be just the right size for Little Bulldozer.

With her sure, loving, gardener's touch, Mrs. Spitzer nurtures the students in her classroom each year.

Carve out family time with this Halloween read that features the beloved Mr. Tiffin and his students and makes for a fun way to reinforce counting skills at home! This book makes a wonderful read-aloud companion to any math or science curriculum, and it's a fun way to reinforce topics like skip counting and estimation in a fun pumpkin-themed classroom experiment! "How many seeds are in a pumpkin?" Mr. Tiffin asks his class as they gather around the big, medium, and small pumpkins on his desk. Robert, the biggest kid, guesses that the largest one has a million seeds; Elinor, sounding like she knows what she's talking about, guesses the medium one has 500 seeds; and Anna, who likes even numbers better than odd ones, guesses that the little one has 22. Charlie, the smallest boy in the class, doesn't have a guess. Counting pumpkin seeds is messy business, but once the slimy job is done, to everyone's surprise, the smallest pumpkin has the most seeds! As Charlie happily exclaims, "Small things have a lot going on inside of them." And don't miss the newest addition to the Mr. Tiffin series, *The Dinosaur Expert!*

When eight-year-old Agnes Peregrine, an accomplished bird caller, travels with her parents to the Himalayas in search of the elusive pink-headed duck, she encounters Colonel Edwin Pittsnap, a dangerous foe. Jr Lib Guild. Reprint.

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Push the buttons, lift the flaps, and learn new words! Board book has 5 sound buttons using sound effects or spoken word. Flaps on each content spread, 3 AG-13 button cell batteries are included

Written by the acclaimed author of *The Phantom Tollbooth*, this Amazon Best Picture Book of the Year is a simply told story about a boy who moves to a new neighborhood and finds a unique way to make friends. With whimsical illustrations by award-winning illustrator G. Brian Karas, here is a read-aloud that's great for storytime, and is sure to be a hit among fans of Juster, Karas, and anyone who is "the new kid on the block." "[T]his ingenious foray into breaking into a new neighborhood makes for an amusing and appealing story." —School Library Journal

Come along for the ride in this rollicking read-aloud that's also a counting book filled with fun! Who invited Possum, Skunk, Frog, Muskrat, Heron, Coon, and -- uh oh! -- Gator along on a nice little girl's boat trip down the bayou? NO ONE, that's who!

It's springtime and Mr McGreely can't wait to fill his tummy with the yummy, crispy, fresh veggies from his garden. But when the sun goes down and the moon comes up, three hungry bunnies appear - tippy, tippy, tippy! Pat! Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! Dash! Dash! - Nibbled leaves and empty stalks! Needless to say Mr McGreely is very angry and sets about building fences, walls and trenches to keep those persistent bunnies out of his garden.

Knocka-knocka-knocka! That's the sound of three little bunnies on Mr. McGreely's doorstep, begging to come inside for the winter. But while Mr. McGreely shared his carrots with the bunnies last summer, he has no intention of sharing his house! So... Hammer Bam! Smack Slam! That's the sound of Mr. McGreely boarding up his windows to keep the bunnies out in the cold where they belong! The trouble is, no matter what Mr. McGreely does, the pesky puffedails have a way of sneaking inside -- and taking his things to make a warm, cozy nest for themselves. Will Mr. McGreely ever get the best of these infuriating flopears? The three wily bunnies from Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! return in a sequel that's even funnier than their first adventure.

The country bunny attains the exalted position of Easter Bunny in spite of her responsibilities as the mother of twenty-one children.

When Oliver's tennis ball rolls across his lawn into the yard of the girl next door, he realizes that his stuffed animals might not be companionship enough.

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