

Strictly No Elephants

What happens when eight enormous elephants come to visit? They slip and skate all over the floors and dance on the table and slide down the stairs. Until

Three hungry crocodiles are on a mission—to eat all of the guests at Zebra's birthday party! Emerging readers will love this carefully leveled story, complete with full-color illustrations and a reading comprehension quiz.

Willow is shy. VERY shy. Her home is in an abandoned mailbox, and she'd rather stay put. Outside kids scream and soccer balls collide, trees look like monsters, and rain is noisy in a scary kind of way. It's much nicer to stay inside, drawing. But then a young boy drops a letter in Willow's mailbox: it's a note to the moon asking for a special favor. Willow knows that if she doesn't brave the world outside, the letter will never be delivered, and the boy will be heartbroken. Should she try? Can she? Cat Min delivers a breathtakingly illustrated story about shyness, the power of empathy, and what it means to make a friend.

As a worldwide, extreme freeze continues, Louisa's family, neighbors, friendships, and schoolwork are all affected, leading her to build a house of ice in the yard to escape.

From the bestselling creators of Giraffes Can't Dance comes a delightful story about an elephant looking for a place where he belongs. It's time for the Elephant Games! Every young elephant parades their talent in front of the king to earn their special elephant name. But Num-Num doesn't have a special skill to display. With a little help from some familiar friends, will this little elephant learn that being yourself is the most important talent of them all? Readers will love seeing some of their favorite characters from Giraffes Can't Dance return. Free to Be Elephant Me is perfect for family sharing and for teaching young readers about the importance of being yourself.

Presents the story of the unusual friendship between Tarra, a retired circus elephant, and Bella, a stray dog, who are both cared for at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Birt and Etho are best friends, they play on Sudden Hill, making marvellous contraptions out of cardboard boxes. But then a new boy, Shu, wants to join in too. Birt isn't sure that he wants Shu to join them. Eaten up with jealousy, he goes home and refuses to come out to play. Until Etho and Shu come to his house with the most marvellous cardboard contraption so far... A compelling, poignant story about accepting someone new, with text by Linda Sarah and illustrations by Benji Davies, creator of The Storm Whale. Also by Linda Sarah: The Secret Sky Garden, illustrated by Fiona Lumbers Tom's Magnificent Machines, illustrated by Ben Mantle Also by Benji Davies: The Storm Whale Grandad's Island The Storm Whale in Winter Grandma Bird

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“An exuberant picture book...Fabulously fun artwork...Fighting crime definitely takes imagination.” —The Wall Street Journal “This tale offers the refreshing twist of sibling friendship that parents will applaud. Jinx and the Doom will captivate readers with their irresistible fun.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) Jinx and her little brother, the Doom, are pretty typical kids—except when they turn into superheroes and fight crime—in this relatable celebration of siblings and imagination by the author of Strictly No Elephants. A typical day for Jinx and the Doom looks like this: wake up, eat

breakfast, brush teeth—then FIGHT CRIME! These rambunctious kids used to fight each other, until one day they realized that they could use their powers for good instead of evil. So now they protect the planet! Defend the innocent! And then stop to have lunch. Bright cut-paper, comic book–style illustrations highlight the power of imagination and the joy of having a sibling to play with.

"Between laughs, readers will be prompted to think — about what constitutes truth, how the media massages it, and the importance of ethics, fairness, and getting the facts right." — Publishers Weekly (starred review) Adam Canfield has to be the most overprogrammed middle-school student in America. So when super-organized Jennifer coaxes him to be coeditor of their school newspaper, THE SLASH, he wonders if he's made a big mistake. But when a third-grader's article leads to a big scoop, Adam and his fellow junior journalists rise to the challenge of receiving their principal's wrath to uncover some scandalous secrets. From a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and New York Times columnist comes a funny, inspiring debut that sneaks in some lessons on personal integrity — and captures the rush that's connected to the breaking of a really great story.

If you look closely, you will find that the world is bursting, swelling, budding, and ripening with round things awaiting discovery—like eggs about to hatch, sunflowers stretching toward the sun, or planets slowly spinning together for billions of years. Whimsical and imaginative, this poetic ode to all that is round and full of wonder by the Newbery Honor–winning author and poet Joyce Sidman, with illustrations by the two-time New York Best Illustrated Book award recipient Tae-eun Yoo, inspires curiosity and wonder for this (round) little earth we call home.

Would an elephant learn the ABCs if she went to school? No way! She would learn to use her trunk as a nose, a straw, a hand, and a hose! Through a series of questions and answers, readers learn about animals and their unique behaviors. And in the end, you might find yourself asking just what would you learn.

Frankie the Elephant and her friends star in the first-ever Baby Genius ballet recital. Each page includes charming illustrations featuring one little, two little, three little...up to ten little dancing elephants. Readers are invited to count the elephants on each page and to point out interesting details in the illustrations.

A thoughtful picture book illustrating the power of small acts of kindness, from the award-winning author of Sophie's Squash.

A heartwarming story with a message as big as an elephant, this is a fanciful tale of friendship between an eccentric lady and her beloved pet elephant. When Mrs Bibi is told her pet elephant has to go, she reluctantly packs her bags and heads off somewhere where they can live together in happiness. But what they both leave behind is far bigger than the other people in the town could have ever imagined.

Niko loves to draw his world: the ring-a-ling of the ice cream truck, the warmth of sun on his face. But no one appreciates his art. Until one day, Niko meets Iris . . . This imaginative and tender story explores the creative process, abstract art, friendship, and the universal desire to feel understood.

You are beautiful from the top of your head to the tip of your toes--but beauty is far more than something you can have. It's also something you have to find. In other people. In nature. In acts of kindness. In math, and art, and music, and sports. In this beautiful inspirational book for girls, author-illustrator Talitha Shipman turns the concept of beauty inside out, transforming girls into beauty-seeking adventurers charging out into the world with confidence and ambition to find beauty and make beauty wherever they go. "Kids will love this tiny little protagonist who dares to dream big." —Booklist "The little narwhal from Strictly No Elephants gets her own story...Equally good as a stand-alone or for fans of the first book." —School Library Journal In this charming companion to the award-winning picture book *Strictly No Elephants*, a tiny narwhal discovers that sometimes the difference between staying home and a big adventure is a group of loving friends. Red front door. Potted plant. Umbrella stand. Piano. Red front door. Potted plant. Umbrella stand. Piano. That's what the world looks like from inside Tiny Narwhal's fishbowl. It's not very exciting. She dreams of the world beyond: endless blue sky, tall buildings, a bridge. But Tiny Narwhal hasn't any feet and doesn't know the street names. And what if it's cold outside? What this little narwhal does have, though, are good friends. With the help of her boy and his friends, plus a penguin, bat, and giraffe, Tiny Narwhal finally feels brave enough to go on an adventure. Someday, Narwhal features the same adorable cast of pets and sweet, lyrical language as Lisa Mantchev's beloved *Strictly No Elephants*.

Grandma Tildy finally agrees to take an unwanted elephant into her home, but soon regrets her decision.

"Elephant wants to play hide and seek. You can play too, but you'll have to try your best, he's very good!"--Back cover.

A sweet and heart-tugging story about bullying, friendship, and fitting in, perfect for readers of *Stand Tall*, Molly Lou Melon Paula and Maggie have been friends forever. Paula thinks Maggie is the best—until mean girl Veronica says otherwise. Suddenly, Paula starts to notice that Maggie is big and clumsy, and her clothes are sort of snuggish. Rather than sticking up for Maggie, Paula ignores her old friend and plays with Veronica instead. Luckily, when Veronica turns on Paula, Maggie's true colors shine through. This moving friendship story has all the heart and emotion of *The Giving Tree* and Kevin Henkes's *Chrysanthemum*. The gorgeous artwork and important message make this a book to treasure. It's truly a classic in the making.

"Directly personal and visually dramatic."—Booklist "Carries a deeper and more important message about considering others' circumstances in light of one's own privileges that many kids may benefit from hearing." —BCCB "A satisfying storytime read-aloud about the gift of giving and sharing." —School Library Journal From the author of *Strictly No Elephants* comes a sweet picture book that explores themes of selflessness and empathy when a girl has the chance to make just one wish. In the grass, a girl finds an extraordinary thing that gives her...just...one...wish. She asks her those around her what they would wish for in her shoes, but nothing seems quite right. What will her perfect wish be? In this pitch-perfect picture book, Lisa Mantchev takes the concept of a magic wish and uses it to explore real world empathy, kindness, and good will.

From the author of *Strictly No Elephants* comes an adorable picture book that tells the timeless tale of a little girl who's on a mission to convince her big sister to play with her! For Lizzie, the perfect afternoon is one spent playing with her big sister, Jane. But it's tough being the little sister. Jane is always busy with activities and play dates. And so she hatches the perfect plan to show Jane just how much she loves her. Each day of the week Lizzie works hard sketching and planning, waiting until Saturday when she can reveal her grand surprise to Jane: it's Sister Day, a celebration of imagination and sisterhood. This sweet and whimsical story perfectly captures the special bond between sisters.

Hands touch, hold, and hug. Hands feed, give, and share. Hands create, mend, and heal. Hands say love! Every day, our hands show the most important people in our lives how we care about them, from parents helping children learn to walk to families playing and working together to friends waving hello and good-bye. This perfect read-aloud for toddlers celebrates the many hands-on moments we share and reminds us that even the simplest gesture can be a profound expression of love.

Beloved author Anne Rockwell celebrates nature and the outdoors with a gorgeous new picture book about a child's first mountain hike! A young girl and her family go hiking up a nearby mountain for the very first time. As they climb up and up the path, they see everything from a friendly toad to a prickly porcupine, tall leafy trees to tiny red berries. Anne Rockwell and her daughter, artist Lizzy Rockwell, celebrate a day the little girl will never forget, especially when she reaches the mountain's summit. With simple, lyrical text and bright illustrations that jump off the page, *Hiking Day* brings the joys of spending an afternoon outdoors to life.

Wow, look at the size of those elephants! They sure are big but they are very gentle. This book will include facts and pictures of the world's gentlest giants. Get your child into the habit of reading even at a very young age. Get him/her comfortable around books too. Today is the day to start reading. Use this book today!

Lance Cottonwood is the best and brightest of the leaves, but even the top students on the tree have worries. Can Lance conquer his fear of falling and just let go when the time comes for his final exam, or will he let his worries take over? In this funny and encouraging picture book, best-selling author Stef Wade (*A Place for Pluto*) tells an engaging story and deftly addresses social and emotional struggles many kids encounter each day...feeling anxious, wanting to be perfect, facing fears, etc. These themes combined with illustrator Jennifer Davison's delightful characters and rich autumnal colors make *The Very Last Leaf* a perfect book for the start of a new school year, the arrival of autumn, or any period of transition in life.

"Maybe I can help!" exclaimed Arthur. At least he hopes he can. But how? What does this forgetful elephant need? Arthur doesn't know, but he's determined to find out as he and the elephant share a playful and colorful day. *Arthur and the Forgetful Elephant* explores memory loss from the perspective of both those who forget and those around them. With spare writing and poignant art, this story reminds us that compassion and togetherness can make even elephant-sized problems seem a little smaller.

A boy is excluded from joining his friends' pet club because of his unusual pet.

"A sunny, smart, tongue-in-cheek tale." —The New York Times Book Review "Sweet and affirming." —Kirkus Reviews "With a gentle message of inclusion and helping others, this title reaches beyond a mere friendship story."—School Library Journal "Heartening."—Booklist In this bestselling and internationally beloved picture book, the local Pet Club won't admit a boy's tiny pet elephant, so he finds a solution—one that involves all kinds of unusual animals. Today is Pet Club day. There will be cats and dogs and fish, but strictly no elephants are allowed.

The Pet Club doesn't understand that pets come in all shapes and sizes, just like friends. Now it is time for a boy and his tiny pet elephant to show them what it means to be a true friend. *Strictly No Elephants* has been sold around the world and is heralded as a pitch-perfect book about inclusion. Imaginative and lyrical, this sweet story captures the magic of friendship and the joy of having a pet.

A child reminds everyone to embrace their own special something in this joyful expression of self-love. When a drawing of a little girl comes to life, she boldly declares that she doesn't want to be erased, or put into a picture that doesn't feel like her true self. Instead, she decides to speak up in a powerful way. And she has some words of advice: embrace what you have, love yourself, and "rock what ya got." In this affirmation of self-identity and girl power, a child's memorable mantra offers a timeless lesson, reminding readers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities that it's okay to be yourself. Bold illustrations from Kerascoët (*Malala's Magic Pencil*) bring the engaging story to life.

Introducing three- to seven-year-olds to the "ABCs" of a compassionate lifestyle, *V Is for Vegan* is a must-have for vegan and vegetarian parents, teachers, and activists! Acclaimed author and artist Ruby Roth brings her characteristic insight and good humor to a controversial and challenging subject, presenting the basics of animal rights and the vegan diet in an easy-to-understand, teachable format. Through memorable rhymes and charming illustrations, Roth introduces readers to the major vegan food groups (grains, beans, seeds, nuts, vegetables, and fruits) as well as broader concepts such as animal protection and the environment. Sure to bring about laughter and learning, *V Is for Vegan* will boost the confidence of vegan kids about to enter school and help adults explain their ethical worldview in a way that young children will understand. From the Hardcover edition.

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New York Times–bestselling and Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes follows five joyful elephants as they march from dawn to dusk. Where are they going? Read and find out! This engaging picture book is just right for the youngest reader and is a perfect choice for story time and bedtime sharing. Up and down, over and under, through and around . . . five big and brightly colored elephants are on a mission in this picture book for young children by Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes.

Where are they going? What will they do when they get there? It's a surprise! With a text shimmering with repetition and rhythm, bright pastel illustrations, large and readable type, and an adorable parade of elephants, Kevin Henkes introduces basic concepts such as numbers, shapes, adjectives, adverbs, and daytime and nighttime. *A Parade of Elephants* is an ALA Notable Book and an excellent choice for story time as well as bedtime sharing.

"Breathtaking." —School Library Connection "Enchanting art." —Publishers Weekly Journey meets Pearl in this transcendent picture book about a mermaid finding her forever home, created by the author of *Strictly No Elephants*, Lisa Mantchev, and *The Bear and the Piano* author-illustrator David Litchfield. When a boy is out swimming and looking for fish, he meets a mermaid instead. She is all alone. He welcomes her to his home and his circus family. Though she misses the ocean, she feels she has found a new family and home. With lyrical text and luminous artwork, *Remarkables*

is a story of friendship and finding home. What a remarkable place the world is.

All the animals are in a panic. The elephant's sneeze would blow the monkeys out of the trees, the feathers off the birds, the stripes off the zebra. Even the fish and the fly, the crocodile and the kangaroo, know what a catastrophe that sneeze would be. "Please don't sneeze!" they beg. . . . The classic story of an enormous sneeze in the morning, told in sprightly nonsense verse, has been newly illustrated in full color to delight a new generation of fans.

"A subtle, deceptively simple book about inclusion, hospitality, and welcoming the 'other.'" —Kirkus Reviews "A boundlessly inclusive spirit...This open-ended picture book creates a natural springboard for discussion." —Booklist "This sweet extended metaphor uses an umbrella to demonstrate how kindness and inclusion work...A lovely addition to any library collection, for classroom use or for sharing at home." —School Library Journal In the tradition of Alison McGhee's *Someday*, beloved illustrator Amy June Bates makes her authorial debut alongside her eleven-year-old daughter with this timely and timeless picture book about acceptance. By the door there is an umbrella. It is big. It is so big that when it starts to rain there is room for everyone underneath. It doesn't matter if you are tall. Or plaid. Or hairy. It doesn't matter how many legs you have. Don't worry that there won't be enough room under the umbrella. Because there will always be room. Lush illustrations and simple, lyrical text subtly address themes of inclusion and tolerance in this sweet story that accomplished illustrator Amy June Bates cowrote with her daughter, Juniper, while walking to school together in the rain.

Winner of the Ezra Jack Keats Award and the Margaret Wise Brown Prize SELECTED AS A BEST BOOK OF 2018 BY THE BOSTON GLOBE, KIRKUS REVIEWS, PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, AND BOOKPAGE "Empathetic, poetic, and a joy to look at, cute kitty and all." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "This quiet, understated book contains a wealth of emotions." —The Horn Book (starred review) "[Illustrator] Yoo sets a lovely mood, taking readers from sunset to dawn through washes of orange, pink, and blue, the watchman's compassionate demeanor assuring them that all's well." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Yoo's textured, serene artwork in beautiful saturated tones perfectly complements Sullivan's lines and conveys a beauty in the night and the construction site that readers might otherwise miss." —Booklist (starred review) "This soft, gentle story is a perfect bedtime story for lovers of trucks and construction equipment, cats, and nighttime wanders." —BCCB (starred review) A stray kitten changes the way the watchman sees nighttime in this tender book based on a true story, illustrated by *Strictly No Elephants* artist Tae-eun Yoo. The night watchman hugs his wife and kids and drives to work. All night he is alone. Every hour he makes his rounds. He sees the stars twinkling. He hears the sounds of the night: ki-DEE ki-DEE ki-DEE shhhhheeeeeEEEERRRROOOOooooommmmm Woof! Woof! Woof! Meeeoow. When he is joined by a stray kitten, the night suddenly seems different. Has the kitten found a new

home? Kitten and the Night Watchman is inspired by the true story of author John Sullivan meeting a stray cat while working as a night watchman. The cat, Beebe, was John's companion for seventeen years.

This sweet true story stars a tiny, orphaned elephant who was given another chance.

Cats and dogs will never get along, right? WRONG. Author of Strictly No Elephants Lisa Mantchev and bestselling illustrator EG Keller explore an unexpected friendship in this funny and sweet picture book. The upstairs cats and downstairs dogs in a tall, twisty-turny house are kept apart because their humans assume dogs and cats won't get along. But when an opportunity presents itself, the bolder cat goes through a door that is left open. Will there be hissing, barking, and chasing—or an unexpected friendship?

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