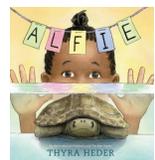
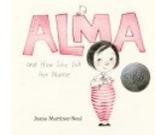


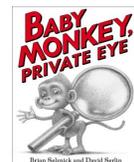
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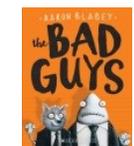
**Alfie : (the turtle that disappeared)** -- Heder, Thyra \*\*Told from the perspective of both the girl, Nia, and her pet turtle, Alfie, and describes what happens when he disappears on the eve of her seventh birthday to find her a special present.



**Alma and how she got her name** -- Martinez-Neal, Juana \*\*When Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents



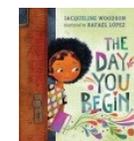
**Baby Monkey, private eye** -- Selznick, Brian \*\*Baby Monkey, private eye, will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries--if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on.



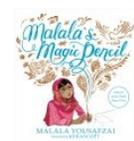
**The Bad Guys** -- Blabey, Aaron \*\*The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry.



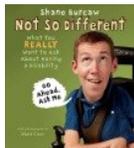
**Crown : an ode to the fresh cut** -- Barnes, Derrick D \*\* Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.



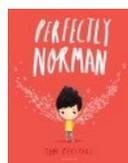
**The day you begin** -- Woodson, Jacqueline \*\*Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.



**Malala's magic pencil** -- Yousafzai, Malala \*\*As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. And more importantly, a world that needed fixing.



**Not so different : what you really want to ask about having a disability** -- Burcaw, Shane \*\*A picture book answering the questions young children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with Spinal Muscular Atrophy with equal parts optimism, humor, and empathy.



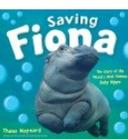
**Perfectly Norman** -- Percival, Tom \*\*Norman is thrilled to discover he grew a pair of wings overnight, but his excitement turns to doubt when he realizes he is now different from everyone else, causing him to question whether there is such a thing as perfectly normal.



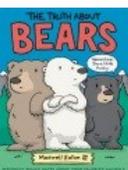
**The rabbit listened** -- Doerrfeld, Cori -- \*\*When Taylor's block castle is destroyed, all the animals think they know just what to do, but only the rabbit quietly listens to how Taylor is feeling.



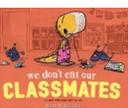
**Rescue & Jessica : a life-changing friendship** -- Kensky, Jessica \*\*When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog



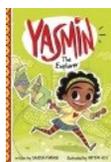
**Saving Fiona : the story of the world's most famous baby hippo** -- Maynard, Thane \*\*Describes the life of Fiona, a baby hippopotamus who was born prematurely and raised by humans at the Cincinnati Zoo,.



**The truth about bears** -- Eaton, Maxwell \*\*A lighthearted nonfiction picture book, filled with useful facts about bears that will make you laugh so hard you won't even realize you're learning something!



**We don't eat our classmates!** -- Higgins, Ryan \*\*When the class pet bites the finger of Penelope, a tyrannosaurus rex, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates, no matter how tasty they are.



**Yasmin the explorer** -- Faruqi, Saadia \*\*When Yasmin's father explains to her about explorers and maps, Yasmin decides to make a map of her neighborhood and she brings it along on a trip to the farmers' market with her mother--but will the map help her when they are separated?

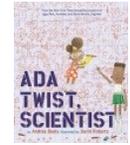


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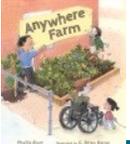


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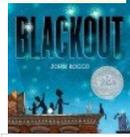
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**Ada Twist, scientist** -- Beaty, Andrea —Ada Twist is a curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.



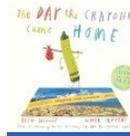
**Anywhere farm** -- Root, Phyllis —All it takes for an anywhere farm is one farmer, plus soil and sunshine, some water, and a seed.



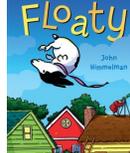
**Blackout** -- Rocco, John —Neighbors gather on the roof after the power goes out on a hot night in the city and start having so much fun not everyone is happy when the lights go back on.



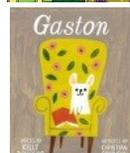
**The day the crayons quit** -- Daywalt, Drew — When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.



**& Came home**— One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of post-cards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.



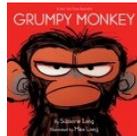
**Floaty**—Himmelman, John — When someone leaves a mysterious basket on grouch Mr. Raisin's doorstep, the last thing he expects is a dog—especially one that floats!



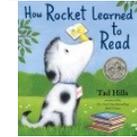
**Gaston** -- DiPucchio, Kelly —A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park .



**Going places** -- Reynolds, Peter H -Rafael has looked forward to the Going Places contest and builds his go-cart from a kit in record time, but neighbor, Maya, has a much more interesting & creative idea for her entry.



**Grumpy monkey** -- Lang, Suzanne —Jim Panzee wakes up in a bad mood one beautiful day, but he keeps denying he is grumpy even as his friends give advice for feeling better.



**How Rocket Learned to Read** -- Hills, Tad —A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the alphabet.



**I'm Not Grumpy!** — Smallman, Steve — At the edge of the forest lives a little mouse. He's the grumpiest and grouchiest mouse for miles around—until he meets a little lost badger, who desperately needs his help.



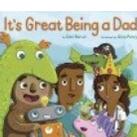
**Iggy Peck, architect** -- Beaty, Andrea— Ever since he was a baby, Iggy Peck has built towers, bridges, & buildings, which comes in handy when his class is stranded on an island.



**Interrupting chicken** -- Stein, David Ezra —Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.



**Ish** -- Reynolds, Peter H —Ramon loses confidence in his ability to draw, but his sister gives him a new perspective on things.



**It's great being a dad** -- Bar-el, Dan —A unicorn, the Loch Ness monster, and a fairy queen all need help from their father when a flying alligator threatens to ruin their day.



**Lyric McKerrigan, secret librarian** -- Sager Weinstein, Jacob —When evil Dr. Glockenspiel threatens all the books in the world, only one person can stop him—a book-wielding, super-secret operative called Lyric McKerrigan.



**The most magnificent thing** -- Spires, Ashley — A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks.



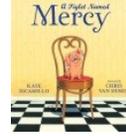
**The Night Gardener** -- Fan, Terry —Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work



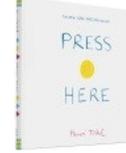
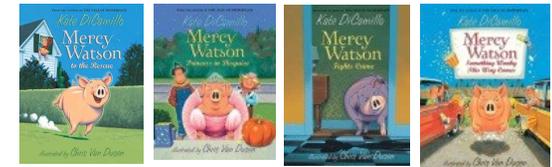
**Ninja Red Riding Hood** -- Schwartz, Corey Rosen — In this twist on "Little Red Riding Hood," a certain wolf trains to be a ninja in order to catch his prey, but he is not the only one mastering a martial art.



**The perfect nest** -- Friend, Catherine — With hopes of making a delicious omelet, Jack the cat builds a nest to catch a chicken, but ends up attracting more than the bird.



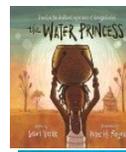
**A piglet named Mercy** -- DiCamillo, Kate —When a pig named Mercy arrives at the Watsons' front door, she brings love and chaos to their lives. & the rest of the **Mercy Watson Series**



**Press Here**— Tullet, Herve — Instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to manipulate yellow, blue, and red dots.



**Shh! We have a plan** -- Haughton, Chris — Four friends creep through the woods, and what do they spot? 'Hello birdie,' waves one. 'Shh! We have a plan,' hush the others. They stealthily make their advance, nets in the air. But as one comically foiled plan follows another, it soon becomes clear that their companion has a far better idea .



**The water princess** -- Verde, Susan —The story of one young girl's quest to bring clean drinking water to her African village



**We're All Wonders**—Palacio, R.J. —Augie enjoys the company of his dog, Daisy, and using his imagination, but painfully endures the taunts of his peers because of his facial deformity