






# READ ALOUDS GRADES 2 & 3

## THREE BEARS IN A BOAT

By David Soman

PICTURE SOMAN



Afraid to face their mother after breaking her beautiful blue seashell, three bears set out on a high seas adventure to try to find a replacement. (2014)

## TWO BAD ANTS

By Chris Van Allsburg

PICTURE VAN ALLSBURG



The tale of two ants who decide to leave the safety of the others to venture into a danger laden kitchen. (1988)

## THE CIRCUS SHIP

By Chris Van Dusen

PICTURE VAN DUSEN



When a circus ship runs aground off the coast of Maine, the poor animals are left on their own to swim the chilly waters. Staggering onto a nearby island, they soon win over the wary townspeople with their kind, courageous ways. So well do the critters blend in that when the greedy circus owner returns to claim them, villagers of all species conspire to outsmart the bloated blowhard. (2009)

## CHICKEN CLICKING

By Jeanne Willis

PICTURE WILLIS



One night Chick hops has a browse on the farmer's computer - click - soon she's shopping online for the whole farm! But when she arranges to meet up with a friend she's made online, she discovers all is not as it seems. (2014)






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## LINDBERG: THE TALE OF A FLYING MOUSE

By Torben Kuhlman

J FICTION PICTURE KUHLMAN



In a country far away, the mechanical mousetrap has caused all mice but one to flee to America. Now stranded in a dangerous country, the last mouse decides to build a plane and fly to the land of freedom. (2014)

## TUB-BOO-BOO

By Margie Palatini

J FICTION PICTURE PALATINI



Henry gets his toe stuck in the tub spout while taking a bath, and everyone who tries to free him gets stuck as well. (2001)

## MAUDE: THE NOT-SO-NOTICEABLE SHRIMPION

By Lauren Child

PICTURE CHILD



The members of the Shrimpton family live to be noticed with the exception of Maude who prefers to blend in, and her habit of keeping a low profile is what might save her when she receives a ferocious tiger as a birthday gift. (2013)

## ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF THE SEAS

By Lynne Cox

PICTURE COX



Here is the incredible story of Elizabeth, a real-life elephant seal who made her home in the Avon River in the city of Christchurch, New Zealand. (2013)

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### BEN RIDES ON

By Matt Davies

PICTURE DAVIES



Ben rides his new bicycle the long way to school but Adrian Underbite, the world's largest third-grader, takes his bike. When Adrian is in trouble, Ben must decide whether or not to help the larcenous bully. (2013)

### THE STORM WHALE

By Benji Davis

PICTURE DAVIES



Every day, in a house by the sea, a little boy watches his father leave for a long day's work. One night, a great storm washes a small whale onto the beach. The boy discovers the whale is a good listener. The father discovers the boy is lonely. Together, they return the whale to the sea. And from that day on, the boy learns that the father can be a good listener too. (2014)

### EGG DROP

By Mini Grey

PICTURE GREY



Tragedy strikes when an egg, eager to fly like birds, airplanes, and insects, steps off of a tall tower. (2009)

### MOTHER BRUCE

By Ryan Higgins

PICTURE HIGGINS



Bruce is a grumpy bear who likes no one and nothing but cooked eggs, but when some eggs he was planning to boil hatch and the goslings believe he is their mother, he must try to make the best of the situation. (2015)

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### SICK SIMON

By Dan Krall

PICTURE KRALL



By not covering his mouth or washing his hands, Simon spreads his cold to his teacher and classmates, much to the delight of three germs named Virus, Protozoa, and Bacteria. (2014)

### MOLE MUSIC

By David McPhail

PICTURE MCPHAIL



Feeling that something is missing in his simple life, Mole acquires a violin and learns to make beautiful, joyful music. (1999)

### A PIECE OF CAKE

By LeUyen Pham

PICTURE PHAM



Mouse has baked a special treat for Little Bird's birthday, but delivering it to his friend isn't easy--not when everyone he meets along the way offers to trade something for a piece of cake. (2014)

### THE SANDWICH SWAP

By Queen Rania

PICTURE RANIA



Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods, but after trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds. (2010)



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### NERDY BIRDY

By Aaron Reynolds

PICTURE REYNOLDS



A nerdy birdy just wants to hang out with the cool birds. (2015)

### THERE'S A LION IN MY CORNFLAKES

By Michelle Robinson

PICTURE ROBINSON



When their cereal box promises a free lion after collecting 100 coupons, two brothers eat cornflakes for every meal until they get... a bear delivered to their house! Unsatisfied, the boys continue to reject animals until they acquire the lion. (2015)

### CHOPSTICKS

By Amy Krouse Rosenthal

PICTURE ROSENTHAL



When a pair of chopsticks get separated, after some traumatic moments the two friends eventually learn to stand on their own. (2012)

### THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

By Jon Scieszka

PICTURE SCIESZKA



The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs. (1989)

### MEMOIRS OF A GOLDFISH

By Devon Scillian

PICTURE SCILLIAN



A goldfish gives a personal account of his experiences while swimming around his bowl as it slowly fills with fish and other accessories, only to realize when he is relocated for a cleaning how much he misses them. (2010)

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