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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)



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)



THE MAGIC HAT SHOP

By Sonja Wimmer

PICTURE WIMMER

A delightful tale about magic hats and bonnets, but above all about the importance about being yourself and the hidden treasures we carry within us. (2016)







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MISS MARY REPORTING

By Sue Macy

JB GARBER

Examines the career of Mary Garber, who was a sportswriter for fifty-six years and was the first woman to receive the Associated Press Sports Editors Red Smith Award, presented for major contributions in sports journalism. (2016)



STEP RIGHT UP

By Donna Janell Bowman

JB KEY

A picture book biography of Dr. William Key, a former slave and self-trained veterinarian who taught his horse, Jim, to read and write and who together with Jim became one of the most famous traveling performance acts at the turn of the 20th century. (2016)



DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT

By Margaret Hodges

JTALES FOLK USA DICK WHITTINGTON

Retells the legend of the poor boy in medieval England who trades his beloved cat for a fortune in gold and jewels and eventually becomes Lord Mayor of London. (2006)



RHINO IN THE HOUSE

By Daniel Kirk

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Rhino champion Anna Merz found an abandoned black rhino calf. So she nurtured the calf, named it Samia, fed it special formula, and even let it sleep in her bed, until it was time to return Samia to the wild. (2017)



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BILLY TWITTERS AND HIS BLUE WHALE PROBLEM

By Mac Barnett

PICTURE BARNETT

When Billy's mother follows through on her threat to buy him a blue whale if he refuses to obey, he finds himself the owner of an enormous pet that he must take with him everywhere, which does not make him popular at school. (2009)



JOB WANTED

By Teresa Bateman

PICTURE BATEMAN

Arriving at a farm with sore paws and an empty stomach, a dog tries to convince the farmer that he could be just as valuable as a cow, a horse, or a chicken. (2015)



THE GRIZZLY BEAR WHO LOST HIS GRRR!

By Rob Biddulph

PICTURE BIDDULPH

Fred, a grizzly with a three-year winning streak, loses his grrr just before the Best Bear in the Woods contest is about to begin. Will he find it in time to compete against Boris, a talented newcomer? (2016)



ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF THE SEAS

By Lynne Cox

PICTURE COX

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. Residents try to relocate her out to sea for her own safety, but Elizabeth swims all the way back to Christchurch. (2014)



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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 3rd grader, takes his bike. When Adrian is in trouble, Ben must decide whether or not to help the larcenous bully. (2013)



THE LEGEND OF ROCK PAPER SCISSORS

By Drew Daywalt

PICTURE DAYWALT

You've played the game. Now read the legend of how it all began.... Another great story from the author of *The Day the Crayons Quit*. (2017)



THE PRINCESS AND THE PIG

By Jonathan Emmett

PICTURE EMMETT

When a new baby princess accidentally changes places with a piglet, both of their lives are forever changed. (2013)



THE DARKEST DARK

By Chris Hadfield

PICTURE HADFIELD

Young Chris loves pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem—he's afraid of the dark. Only after watching the moon landing on TV does he realize how exciting the unknown can be. (2017)



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MOTHER BRUCE

By Ryan Higgins

PICTURE HIGGINS

A grumpy bear makes the best of a strange situation when baby goslings mistake him for their mother. (2015)



SICK SIMON

By Dan Krall

PICTURE KRALL

Simon spreads his cold to his teacher and classmates, much to the delight of three germs named Virus, Protozoa, and Bacteria. (2014)



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.



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 until ...a bear gets delivered to their house! Unsatisfied, the boys continue to reject animals until they acquire the lion. (2015)



THE MONSTER WHO DID MY MATH

By Danny Schnitzlein

PICTURE SCHNITZLEIN

When a monster offers to help a boy who is afraid of numbers by doing his math homework, the boy signs a contract and agrees to pay later, but when he is asked to solve a problem in class and cannot, he realizes he has gotten no bargain.



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