

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR GRADES 2-5

STEP RIGHT UP: HOW DOC AND JIM KEY

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 around the turn of the twentieth century. **For Grades 2-4.**

ADA BYRON LOVELACE AND THE THINKING MACHINE

By Laurie Wallmark

JB LOVELACE



An illustrated telling of the story of Ada Byron Lovelace, from her early creative fascination with mathematics and science and her devastating bout with measles, to the ground-breaking algorithm she wrote for Charles Babbage's analytical engine. **For Grades 2-4.**

I AM MALALA

By Malala Yousafzai

JB YOUSAFZAI



Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women couldn't go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. **For Grades 4-5.**

MAYBE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

By Isabel Campoy

PICTURE CAMPOY



Mira lives in a gray and hopeless urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and togetherness to Mira and her neighbors. **For Grades 2-3.**



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LIFE OF TY: NON-RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

By Lauren Myracle

J CHAPTER LIFE OF TY



Seven-year-old Ty Perry discovers that being kind is part of being Ty. Book 2 of the series. **For Grades 2-3.**

HOOT

By Carl Hiaasen

J FICTION HIAASEN



Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. **For Grades 3-5.**

WONDER

By R.J. Palacio

J FICTION PALACIO



Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. **For Grades 4-5.**

A LONG WALK TO WATER

By Linda Sue Park

J FICTION PARK



When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. **For Grades 4-5.**

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DREAM SOMETHING BIG

By Dianna Hutts Aston

J FICTION PICTURE ASTON

In Watts, California, over a period of many years, a man known to all as Uncle Sam spends his free time collecting broken bits of pottery, glass, and other scraps and turning them into a work of art. **For Grades 2-4.**



LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

By Matt de la Peña

J FICTION PICTURE DE LA PEÑA

A young boy, CJ, rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. **Also available as an animated story on DVD. For Grades 2-4.**



SKY BOYS: HOW THEY BUILT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

By Deborah Hopkinson

J FICTION PICTURE HOPKINSON

In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building, is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home. **For Grades 4-5.**



SEPARATE IS NEVER EQUAL

By Duncan Tonatiuh

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Years before the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Brown v. Board of Education*, Sylvia Mendez, an eight-year-old girl of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage, played an instrumental role in *Mendez v. Westminster*, the landmark desegregation case of 1946 in California. **For Grades 2-4.**



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MAKER LAB

By Jack Challoner

J507.8 C

Learn about science in your own home kitchen using everyday materials. Put together a school project or simply make something incredible to share with your friends! **For Grades 2-5.**



MISTAKES THAT WORKED

By Charlotte Foltz Jones

J609 J

Unusual tales, hilarious cartoons and weird, amazing facts make up this fun-filled book about everyday items that had surprisingly haphazard beginnings. **For Grades 3-5.**



BRIDGES: AN INTRODUCTION TO TEN GREAT BRIDGES AND THEIR DESIGNERS

By Didier Cornille

J624.2 C

Introducing each engineer or architect, the main concepts of their work, as well as some of their most important projects in charming drawings and accessible text, *Bridges* is a fun primer for anyone interested in learning more about these incredible structures. **For Grades 3-5.**



BUILT TO LAST

By David Macaulay

J729 M

Reveals the how and why behind some of the most fascinating and enduring structures humankind has ever created. **For Grades 2-5.**



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ADA'S VIOLIN

By Susan Hood

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The extraordinary true tale of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay, an orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash. **For Grades 2-4.**



FLYING LESSONS

By Ellen Oh

J808.8 F

From basketball dreams and family fiascoes to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us. **For Grades 4-5.**



GRANDFATHER GANDHI

By Arun Gandhi

JB GANDHI

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson tells the story of how his grandfather taught him to turn darkness into light in this uniquely personal and vibrantly illustrated tale that carries a message of peace. **For Grades 2-4.**



JEFFERSON BUILDS A LIBRARY

By Barbara Rosenstock

JB JEFFERSON

Thomas Jefferson loved to read and collect books on almost every subject. He built his first library as a young man, and kept on building until his book collection helped to create the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., the world's largest library. **For Grades 2-3.**

