



Children's Booklist 2023: Read-alouds for Gr. 4-5

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The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver

by Gene Barretta

A picture book account inspired by George Washington Carver's secret childhood garden. It helped him develop a love of nature that shaped his achievements as a botanist, scientist and inventor.



Disgusting Science Jobs

by Mary E. Bleckwehl

How would you feel about picking up roadkill or cleaning up a crime scene? They're gross jobs that need to be done, nonetheless. So plug your nose and learn what makes these jobs so disgustingly awesome.



Evergreen

by Matthew Cordell

To deliver her mother's delicious soup to her sick Granny Oak, Evergreen the squirrel must face her fears and make the journey, during which she meets other forest dwellers, including some who want to get

their hands on her soup!



Sharice's Big Voice: a Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman

by Sharice Davids

A picture book autobiography tells the remarkable story of Sharice Davids, one of

the first Native American women elected to Congress and the first LGBTQ congressperson to represent Kansas.



Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals

by Katy Duffield

An exploration of animal crossings built by animal lovers around the world to help

animals cross over, under, and around human construction.



With Great Power: the Marvelous Stan Lee

by Annie Hunter Eriksen

What if anyone--even an ordinary kid--could be a superhero? For Stan Lee, it was books of adventure, monsters, and magic that helped him transform from an ordinary boy

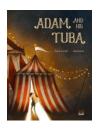
to a superstar MARVEL superhero creator.



Lizzy and the Cloud

by Terry Fan

Finding the perfect cloud in Milo, Lizzy takes care of the little cloud, watching Milo grow and grow, but when Milo gets too big for her to handle, she wonders what to do.



Adam and His Tuba

by éZiga X. Gombaéc

Everyone in the circus loves to performexcept for Adam, the very youngest member of the Von Trapeze family. Only Adam, the youngest of the family, doesn't show an interest in circus tricks and loud

applause. The family is concerned...until the

day Adam hears the sound of a tuba.

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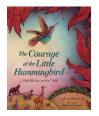
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Super Puzzletastic Mysteries

by Chris Grabenstein

An anthology of short interactive stories by such leading Mystery Writers of America contributors as Stuart Gibbs, Lamar Giles and Bruce Hale features such characters as a hapless superhero and a stolen squirrel monkey while inviting readers to try to solve each mystery themselves.

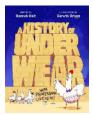


The Courage of the Little Hummingbird : a Tale Told Around the World

by Leah Henderson

A retelling of a tale of bravery against seemingly insurmountable odds and a community working together to overcome

adversity, reminding us that no challenge is too great, and that even the smallest of us can make a world of difference. Includes the origins of the folktale and facts about hummingbirds.



A History of Underwear with Professor Chicken

by Hannah Holt

From Paleolithic loincloths to Henry VII's wives wearing underwear on their heads and beyond, this hilarious—and accurate—history of underwear (as comically modeled by chickens), tells the fascinating story of our

most private clothing.

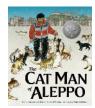


Brothers in Arms: a True World War II Story of Wojtek the Bear and the Soldiers Who Loved Him

by Susan Hood

Brings to life the incredible true story of an orphaned wild bear named Wotjek who, after being taken into the ranks of a group of

teenaged Polish soldiers during WW II, helped his friends turn the tide of the war.



The Cat Man of Aleppo

by Irene Latham

The Caldecott Honor-winning true story of Mohammad Alaa Aljaleel, who in the midst of the Syrian Civil War courageously offered safe haven to Aleppo's abandoned cats.



Born Hungry: Julia Child Becomes "The French Chef"

by Alex Prud'Homme

How did Julia Child become one of America's most celebrated and beloved chefs? Her grandnephew reveals her story in this picture book that Jacques Pepin calls a "vivid portrait...an enjoyable read."



On Account of the Gum

by Adam Rex

A tale of wordplay and humor, a family resorts to increasingly wacky measures to get a wad of gum unstuck from a kid's hair, causing everything from butter and scissors to the vacuum and a pet cat to become impossibly, hilariously entangled.



The Real Dada Mother Goose: a Treasury of Complete Nonsense

by Jon Scieszka

Clever and creative, this anthology of absurdity takes 36 classic nursery rhymes and alters them into comic strips, errant book reports, anagrams and manic mash-ups,

encouraging children to revel in reimagining.



Super Small: Miniature Marvels of the Natural World

by Tiffany Stone

Combining comics with hilarious rhymes, this one-of-a-kind introduction to our world's miniature marvels shows readers that

sometimes being small can be super.



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