**Mentor Texts**

**An annotated bibliography highlighting skills**

**Cause and Effect**

17 things I'm not allowed to do anymore / Jenny Offill   A young girl lists seventeen things she is not allowed to do, including not being able use the stapler after attaching a pillow case to her brother's head.

Across the alley / Richard Michelson Jewish Abe's grandfather wants him to be a violinist while African-American Wille's father plans for him to be a great baseball pitcher, but it turns out that the two boys are more talented when they switch hobbies.

Aliens from Earth : when animals and plants invade other ecosystems /  Mary Batten Explores how and why plants and animals enter ecosystems to which they are not native, as well as the consequences of these invasions for other animals, plants, and humans.

America is Under Attack : September 11, 2001 : the day the towers fell /  Don Brown.  Includes bibliographical references. Provides a chronological account of September 11, 2001, and the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the hijacking of a plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

Amy's Light / Robert Nutt  A young girl discovers a light in nature that helps her overcome her fear of the dark. Includes an author's note about fireflies.

The Ants and the Grasshopper /  Rob M. Worley A grasshopper, disdainful of the ants who are busy throughout the year planting, caring for, and harvesting a garden in preparation for the winter, realizes the error of his ways when the cold and snow arrive.

Apache Resistance Causes and Effects of Geronimo's Campaign / Pamela Dell Explains Apache resistance under Geronimo's leadership, including its chronology, causes, and lasting effects

A bad case of stripes / David Shannon (also POV)  In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.

The Battle Over Slavery : causes and effects of the U.S. Civil War /  Michael Capek Includes bibliographical references (page 47) and index.;The un-civil war -- What caused the Civil War? -- What effects did the war have on America? "The Civil War began when Confederate troops attacked Fort Sumter. But years of tension led to that battle. And the war would prove to have major consequences for both sides. Explore the causes and effects of the Civil War--a war to determine the future of the United States. Perfect for Common Core studies on cause and effect relationships"

Because Amelia smiled / David Ezra Stein A little girl's smile as she skips down the street in New York inspires a neighbor to send cookies to her grandson in Mexico, and the good will soon spreads around the world.

Because of Mr. Terupt / Rob Buyea (also POV) Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

From the Publisher: Features seven narrators, each with a unique story, and each with a different perspective on what makes their teacher so special.

Blizzard of Glass : the Halifax explosion of 1917 / Sally M. Walker.

Includes bibliographical references (p. 134-140) and index. Provides an account of the disaster that occurred on December 6, 1917, when two ships carrying munitions and relief supplies to Europe collided, causing an explosion that leveled the towns of Halifax and Dartmouth and resulted in the deaths of nearly two thousand people. As if that wasn't devastating enough, a blizzard hit the next day, dumping more than a foot of snow on the area and paralyzing much-needed relief efforts. Fascinating, edge-of-your-seat storytelling based on original source material conveys this harrowing account of tragedy and recovery.

The Boston Tea Party / Ann Malaspina.

Includes bibliographical references (p. 47) and index. Recounts the events leading up to the colonists' defiant act against the British known as the Boston Tea Party, which ultimately climaxed in the American Revolution.

The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs : a scientific mystery / Sandra Markle. (also problem/solution)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 47) and index. Follows a team of scientists as they try to save Panamanian golden frogs, which began to disappear fifteen years ago, and looks at the reasons behind their decline.

From the Publisher: Panamanian golden frogs started to disappear in the mid-1990s. What's killing them? Follow a team of scientists working to save the frogs and protect frog populations worldwide in this real-life science mystery.

Chicken Little /  Christianne C. Jones

 When an acorn hits her on the head, Chicken Little believes the sky is falling down and runs to tell the king and everyone she meets along the way.

Chocolate fever / Robert Kimmel Smith

From eating too much chocolate, Henry breaks out in brown bumps that help him foil some hijackers and teach him a valuable lesson about self-indulgence.

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash /  Trinka Hakes Noble (also sequence)

 Jimmy's boa constrictor wreaks havoc on the class trip to a farm.

Deadliest Animals / Melissa Stewart.

Provides facts about twelve deadly animals species, including sharks, snakes, jellyfish, spiders, and more.

Defending the Land : causes and effects of Red Cloud's War / Nadia Higgins

Includes bibliographical references (page 31) and index.;Famous Lakota warrior -- What caused Red Cloud's War? -- Strategy and surprise -- What effects did Red Cloud's War have? -- Timeline. "Explains Red Cloud's War, including its chronology, causes, and lasting effects"--Provided by publisher.

From the Publisher: Lakota chief Red Cloud gathered an army of warriors across three tribes in the Great Plains. In the late 1860s he led his forces to victory in the only successful American Indian war in the West against the United States. It resulted in a treaty to protect Lakota land and their way of life. But the U.S. government would break the treaty many times. How would it affect their lives and change the United States?

Deformed Frogs : a cause and effect investigation / Kathy Allen.

Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index.;Freaky frogs -- Many theories -- Many answers -- Protecting frogs. Describes the cause and effect of deformed frogs in the wild and discusses how people are working to protect frogs.

From the Publisher: With missing body parts, extra legs, and eyes growing inside mouths, something unusual is happening to frogs. As their environment changes, frogs have become animals on the edge. Discover how scientists are trying to answer the questions behind deformed frogs.

Dog Breath : the horrible trouble with Hally Tosis / Dav Pilkey (also problem/solution)

Hally, the Tosis family dog, has such bad breath that Mr. and Mrs. Tosis plan to give her away, until she proves to be an invaluable watchdog.

The Dot / Peter H. Reynolds.

Vashti believes that she cannot draw, but her art teacher's encouragement leads her to change her mind.

The drop in my drink : the story of water on our planet / written by Meredith Hooper ;

Explains where water comes from, how it cycles through the Earth, how it has changed the landscape, how it has affected the development of plants and animals, and other related topics.

From the Publisher:

This is the story of a drop of water, told by a gifted science writer and illustrated with remarkable paintings. Meredith Hooper takes us back thousands of years to see where the Earth's water came from, and how life began in the oceans and later moved onto land. She describes the water cycle, the relationship between water and living things and between water and erosion. She also discusses important environmental issues and provides a fascinating collection of water facts.

Elephants Under Pressure : a cause and effect investigation / Kathy Allen.

 Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. Describes the cause and effect of elephant and human encounters and discusses how people are working to foster relationships with and understanding of elephants.

From the Publisher: Charging elephants trample homes causing injuries and even death. As their habitat and food supplies shrink, elephants have become animals on the edge. Discover how scientists are trying to answer the questions behind elephants under pressure.

Energy Makes Things Happen /Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Contains information on energy, in simple text with illustrations, and shows how energy comes from the sun and can be transferred from one thing to another, including food, animals, and water.

Expanding a Nation : causes and effects of the Louisiana Purchase / Elizabeth Raum

Includes bibliographical references (page 31) and index. "Describes the causes of and effects of the Louisiana Purchase on US history"-

Extreme Animals : the toughest creatures on Earth / Nicola Davies

Includes index. Describes the physical characteristics and biological processes that enable particular animals to survive in extremely hot and cold climates.

Face to Face with Cheetahs / by Chris Johns with Elizabeth Carney

Includes bibliographical references (p. 30) and index. Photographs, anecdotes, and facts provide a look at the behaviors of a family of cheetahs living in Okavango Delta in Botswana. Includes suggestions on how to help the endangered species.

From the Publisher: Chris Johns, Editor-in-Chief of *National Geographic* magazine, brings you face to face with a family of cheetahs. The story begins in Okavango Delta in Botswana--as the cheetah mother hunts her prey and the photographer tracks the elusive cat. After watching the family for four months, he is rewarded when a cheetah cub comes up and actually licks his hand--one of the most profound moments of his life. But the encounter brings a responsibility: to help save these endangered creatures and protect their habitat from one of their biggest threats, man. As Africa's most endangered cat, the cheetah is in a race for survival. But the book gives us hope, too, detailing practical ways we can all help to protect them and ensure they have a future in the wild. Stunning photographs, action-packed stories, and thorough research complete the picture of these cagey cats.

Face to Face with Dolphins /  Flip and Linda Nicklin.

Includes bibliographical references (p. 30) and index. An underwater photographer describes the physical characteristics and social behaviors of dolphins; discusses how they interact with people; and provides readers with ideas of how they can help and learn more about dolphins.

**From the Publisher:** You're 70 feet underwater--face to face with one of the sea's friendliest creatures. National Geographic photographer Flip Nicklin and his wife Linda, a naturalist and educator, invite you to study the amazing behavior of the beloved dolphin. Learn the difference between an orca and a bottlenose. Witness a dophin baby nursed with mother's milk. Discover how these social mammals echolocate and communicate. Flip is a veteran of 5,500 dives worldwide, and this compelling book aims to encourage active concern and support for these smiling sea creatures whose intelligence demands our kinship.

Fireflies! : Story and pictures / Julie Brinckloe.

 A young boy is proud of having caught a jar full of fireflies, which seems to him like owning a piece of moonlight, but as the light begins to dim he realizes he must set the insects free or they will die.

First the Egg / Laura Vaccaro Seeger.

 Shows the transformations of various animals and objects, such as a seed to a flower, paint to a picture, and a caterpillar to a butterfly.

Flash, crash, rumble, and roll / by Franklyn M. Branley

Explains how and why a thunderstorm occurs and gives safety steps to follow when lightning is flashing

Fortunately / Remy Charlip. (also compare and contrast)

Good and bad luck accompany Ned from New York to Florida on his way to a surprise party.

Freedom from Slavery : causes and effects of the Emancipation Proclamation /  Brianna Hall

Includes bibliographical references (page 31) and index.;Slavery in America -- What caused the Emancipation Proclamation? -- The Emancipation Proclamation -- The effects of the Emancipation Proclamation. Describes the causes of and effects of the Emancipation Proclamation on United States history.

From the Publisher: The United States was in the middle of the Civil War when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. What exactly did this document say? And how did change the country?

Freedom Summer : celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Summer /  Deborah Wiles (also making connections)

 Originally published in 2001. In 1964, Joe is pleased that a new law will allow his best friend John Henry, who is black, to share the town pool and other public places with him, but he is dismayed to find that prejudice still exists.

From the Publisher: Friendship defies racism for two boys in this stirring story of the "Freedom Summer" that followed the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Now in a 50th Anniversary Edition with a refreshed cover and a new introduction.

Get Real / Mara Rockliff.

Includes bibliographical references (p. 100-106), filmography, and index. Provides information designed to help young people become more conscientious about their purchases, discussing sweatshops, advertising, fast food, and other topics, and offers ideas and resources for being a more educated consumer.

From the Publisher**:**Can you change the world with your wallet? You already do.
In this frank, teen-friendly manifesto, Mara Rockliff reveals what you're really buying when you spend your money on a cell phone, a cheap t-shirt, or fast food--and shows the way to better choices, both for people and the planet.
Start seeing the world for real, and discover how you can make a difference. You've got buying power--now let's see you change the world for good!

Good news, bad news / Jeff Mack. (also inferring)

While on a picnic, Bunny and Mouse see everything that happens to them from opposite points of view--Bunny sees only the good, while Mouse sees only the bad.

From the Publisher: Good news, Rabbit and Mouse are going on a picnic. Bad news, it is starting to rain. Good news, Rabbit has an umbrella. Bad news, the stormy winds blow the umbrella (and Mouse!) into a tree.
So begins this clever story about two friends with very different dispositions. Using just four words, Jeff Mack has created a text with remarkable flair that is both funny and touching, and pairs perfectly with his energetic, and hilarious, illustrations.
Good news, this is a book kids will clamor to read again and again!

Harry the Dirty Dog / Gene Zion (also problem/solution)

 A little dog runs away because he hates baths and is so dirty when he returns that no one recognizes him.

Heroes / Ken Mochizuki

Japanese-American Donnie, whose playmates insist he be the "bad guy" in their war games, calls on his reluctant father and uncle to help him get away from that role.

From the Publisher: A Japanese American boy learns about heroism from his father and uncle, who served in the U.S. Army.

The Hive Detectives : chronicle of a honey bee catastrophe / Loree Griffin Burns (also problem/solution)

 Includes bibliographical references, filmography, and index. Discusses the strange disappearance of honey bees from hives around the world beginning in 2006, a condition called colony collapse disorder, examines the efforts of scientists to discover the cause of the problem, and includes information about bees, their hives, and their honey.

From the Publisher: Without honey bees the world would be a different place. There would be no honey, no beeswax for candles, and, worst of all, barely a fruit, nut, or vegetable to eat. So imagine beekeeper Dave Hackenburg's horror when he discovered twenty million of his charges had vanished. Those missing bees became the first casualties of a mysterious scourge that continues to plague honey bee populations today. In *The Hive Detectives,* Loree Griffin Burns profiles bee wranglers and bee scientists who have been working to understand colony collapse disorder, or CCD. In this dramatic and enlightening story, readers explore the lives of the fuzzy, buzzy insects and learn what might happen to us if they were gone.

The Impossible Rescue : the true story of an amazing Arctic adventure / Martin W. Sandler.(also POV)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 148-157) and index.;Stranded -- An audacious plan -- The long trek begins -- An extraordinary encounter -- Blizzards, reindeer, and near disaster -- A desperate request -- Another agonizing decision -- Bertholf battles the odds -- A hazardous crossing -- Dire news of the whalers -- Contact -- Jarvis takes charge -- Voyage against time -- Epilogue -- What happened to them. Presents the true story of three men sent by President McKinley in 1897 to drive two herds of reindeer across parts of Alaska to feed stranded whalers whose ships were trapped in ice.

From the Publisher: The dead of an Arctic winter. Whaling ships full of men, stranded in ice. Follow three rescuers in a race against time — and all odds — in this heartpounding true adventure.

Jumanji / Chris Van Allsburg. (also inference, sequence)

 Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

Just the Right Size : why big animals are big and little animals are little / Nicola Davies

 Includes index. Illustrations and simple text help young readers to understand why some animals are big and some are small.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse / Kevin Henkes ( also making connections, problems/solutions)

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

Maniac Magee : a novel / Jerry Spinelli. (also character)

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Mistakes that Worked / Charlotte Foltz Jones

 Includes bibliographical references (p. 76-78) and index. Presents the stories behind forty things that were invented or named by accident, including aspirin, X-rays, Frisbees, Silly Putty, and Velcro.

Mysterious Messages : a history of codes and ciphers / Gary Blackwood (also sequence)

 Includes bibliographical references (p. 165-166) and index. Introduces children to the different ways codes and ciphers have been used throughout history and includes simple puzzles for readers to solve.

From the Publisher: History’s amazing secrets and codes and how to crack them yourself. This fascinating look at history’s most mysterious messages is packed with puzzles to decode and ciphers that kids can use themselves. Here are the encrypted notes of Spartan warriors, the brilliant code-crackers of Elizabeth I, secret messages of the American Revolution, spy books of the Civil War, the famous Enigma Machine, and the Navajo code talkers. As computers change the way we communicate, codes today are more intriguing than ever.

From invisible ink to the CIA, this exciting trip through history is a hands-on, interactive experience? so get cracking!

One Grain of Rice : a mathematical folktale / Demi.

A reward of one grain of rice doubles day by day into millions of grains of rice when a selfish raja is outwitted by a clever village girl.

A Place for Birds /  Melissa Stewart (also problem/solution) (also A Place for Fish; A place for Frogs; A Place for Turtles)

 Maps on endpapers.;Includes bibliographical references. Explores some of the ways in which humans have affected bird populations across the nation and the steps that have been taken to protect them.

From the Publisher: In simple yet informative language, A Place for Birds introduces young readers to the ways human action or inaction can affect bird populations and opens kids' minds to a wide range of environmental issues. Describing various examples, the text provides an intriguing look at birds, at the ecosystems that support their survival, and at the efforts of some people to save them. At the end of the book, the author offers readers a list of things they can do to help protect these special creatures in their own communities.

Punctuation Takes a Vacation / Robin Pulver

Title proper from title frame.;Mode of access: World Wide Web.;Description based on print version record. When all the punctuation marks in Mr. Wright's class decide to take a vacation, the students discover just how difficult life can be without them.

A River Ran Wild : an environmental history / Lynne Cherry. (also making connections, sequence)

 An environmental history of the Nashua River, from its discovery by Indians through the polluting years of the Industrial Revolution to the ambitious clean-up that revitalized it.

The Secret Life of a Snowflake : an up-close look at the art & science of snowflakes / Kenneth Libbrecht.

Includes index. Physics professor and snowflake photographer Kenneth Dr. Kenneth Libbrecht provides information about snowflakes, discussing what they are made of, why they appear to be white, how they form and fall, and related topics, and including photographs of snowflakes magnified by a microscope.(use with Snowflake Bentley for compare/contrast)

Shortcut / David Macaulay. (also inference, foreshadowing, questioning))

Visual clues provide answers to the mysterious interrelationship of a series of brief stories.

Sierra / Diane Siebert

One of the Sierra Mountains speaks of the beauty and timelessness of herself and her sister peaks.

Stuck / Oliver Jeffers.(also problem/solution)

 Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, and he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things. When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he's determined to get it out. But how? Well, by knocking it down with his shoe, of course. But strangely enough, it too gets stuck. And the only logical course of action . . . is to throw his other shoe. Only now it's stuck! Surely there must be something he can use to get his kite unstuck. An orangutan? A boat? His front door? Yes, yes, and yes. And that's only the beginning. *Stuck* is Oliver Jeffers' most absurdly funny story since *The Incredible Book-Eating Boy*. Childlike in concept and vibrantly illustrated as only Oliver Jeffers could, here is a picture book worth rescuing from any tree.

Teammates / Peter Golenbock ; designed and illustrated by Paul Bacon. (also cause and effect, inference)

Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African-American player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs / by A. Wolf /Jon Scieszka (also voice, POV)

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

Volcanoes /  Franklyn M. Branley

Provides accounts of some of the worst volcano disasters in history, and includes information about why and where volcanoes occur, and the types of damage they cause.

What Happens to a Hamburger? / Paul Showers

Explains the processes by which a hamburger and other foods are used to make energy, strong bones, and solid muscles as they pass through the digestive system.

**Characterization**

Chains / Laurie Halse Anderson  After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. **From the Publisher:**If an entire nation could seek its freedom, *why not a girl?*As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.
From acclaimed author Laurie Halse Anderson comes this compelling, impeccably researched novel that shows the lengths we can go to cast off our chains, both physical and spiritual.

Elijah of Buxton / Christopher Paul Curtis. ( also POV)

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

Ella Enchanted / Gail Carson Levine  An adaptation of the Cinderella story in which Ella of Frell, struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Enemy Pie / by Derek Munson (also voice)  Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

The False Prince / Jennifer A. Nielsen. (also POV) In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Heat / Mike Lupica. (also POV)  Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

Ish / Peter H. Reynolds. (also voice)  Ramon loses confidence in his ability to draw, but his sister gives him a new perspective on things.

Judy Moody, Girl Detective / Megan McDonald (also inference) When a puppy who is being trained as a police dog goes missing, third-grader Judy forms a detective agency to solve the mystery, imitating her literary heroine, Nancy Drew.

Passage to Freedom : the Sugihara story / Ken Mochizuki  (also problem/solution) Tells the true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania in 1940 who risked the safety of his own family members and put his job on the line by issuing visas to as many as 10,000 Jews who were facing death at the hands of the Nazis.

Sleeping Ugly / Jane Yolen  Princess Miserella, a beautiful but mean-spirited girl, Plain Jane, and a fairy all fall victim to a sleeping spell, and when Prince Jojo comes along, a youngest son with no money or property, he makes a surprising but wise choice of who to kiss first.

The Tiger Rising / Kate DiCamillo  Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

The Westing Game / Ellen Raskin The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

The View from Saturday / E.L. Konigsburg. (also POV)  Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Witness / Karen Hesse A history-inspired novel, told in the voices of eleven characters, about two young girls, one Jewish and the other African-American, who come to the attention of the newly formed Ku Klux Klan in a small Vermont town in 1924.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle / Avi  Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle, the only passenger on a voyage from England to America in 1832, must take serious matters into her own hands when she learns that the captain is murderous.

**Compare and Contrast**

All the Places to Love / Patricia MacLachlan

A young boy describes the favorite places that he shares with his family on his grandparent's farm and in the nearby countryside.

Angel Island Immigration : a history perspectives book / Jamie Kallio.

 Includes bibliographical references (page 31) and index. Describes the Angel Island, California immigration procedures from three different perspectives, a paper son, a Chinese immigrant wife, and a missionary.

Children just like me / by Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley.

 Includes index.;"In association with United Nations Children's Fund." Photographs and text depict the homes, schools, family life, and culture of young people around the world.

A Fine Dessert / Emily Jenkins

 Includes bibliographical references. Depicts families, from England to California and from 1710 to 2010, preparing and enjoying the dessert called blackberry fool. Includes a recipe and historical notes.

**From the Publisher:** In this fascinating picture book, four families, in four different cities, over four centuries, make the same delicious dessert: blackberry fool. This richly detailed book ingeniously shows how food, technology, and even families have changed throughout American history.

How and What do Animals Learn? / Bobbie Kalman. (also How and why do animals adapt? )

 This fascinating book explains that some animals must learn the basics of staying alive from their mothers, while others know how to survive without being taught. Readers will also learn about other animal skills such as finding their way over great distances using cues such as the sun, stars, or Earth's magnetic field when they are swimming or flying.

A. Lincoln and Me / Louise Borden

 With the help of his teacher, a young boy realizes that he not only shares his birthday and similar physical appearance with Abraham Lincoln, but that he is like the sixteenth president in many other ways.

Saving the Day / Bruce Lansky.

 A collection of ten stories, some based on folklore, featuring admirable girls in both familiar and exotic settings.

**From the Publisher:** The clever courageous girls in these eight stories provide an alternative to traditional fairy tales and folktales in which girls get married off or rescued by a prince.

So You Want to be President? / Judith St. George

Includes bibliographical references. Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to George W. Bush.

The Story of the Hoover Dam : a history perspectives book / Kelly Milner Halls.

Includes bibliographical references (page 31) and index.;Stuart Latimer : river explorer -- Sara Meyer : daughter of a dam worker -- Butch Wilson : high scaler -- Look, look again -- Glossary. Discusses the building of the Hoover Dam during the Great Depression using the viewpoints of three people associated with it.

**From the Publisher:** This book relays the factual details of the story of the Hoover Dam, which was built in the 1930s. The narrative provides multiple accounts of the event, and readers learn details through the point of view of a Colorado River explorer, a dam worker, and a dam worker's daughter. The text offers opportunities to compare and contrast various perspectives in the text while gathering and analyzing information about a historical event.

Surprising Sharks / Nicola Davies

Includes index. Introduces many different species of sharks, pointing out such characteristics as the small size of the dwarf lantern shark and the physical characteristics and behavior that make sharks killing machines.

Tell Me the Difference between a Porcupine and a Hedgehog / Leigh Rockwood.

 Includes index. Describes and compares porcupines and hedgehogs.

**From the Publisher:** Porcupines and hedgehogs have both got a point—a pointy hide that is. These mammals are very different from one another aside from sharing a similar prickly defense against predators. Readers will find out about these animals' diets, habitats, life cycle, and more. A comparison chart serves as a ready reference for some of the major likes and differences between these animals.

Until I met Dudley : how everyday things really work / Roger McGough (also making connections) A young girl used to have fantastic ideas about how things work, but Dudley tells her how it really is. Explains the workings of mechanical objects such as vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, dishwashers, toasters, and garbage trucks.

When Stravinsky met Nijinsky : two artists, their ballet, and one extraordinary riot / Lauren Stringer.

 Describes the ballet collaboration of dancer Vaslav Nijinsky and composer Igor Stravinsky.

**From the Publisher:** The Russian artists Igor Stravinsky and Vaslav Nijinsky were popular in their time: Stravinsky for music, Nijinsky for dance. When their radically new ballet, *The Rite of Spring*, was first performed in Paris on May 29, 1913, the reaction was so polarized, there were fistfights and riots! Brilliant or disastrous, the performance marked the birth of modern music and dance. Stringer's rhythmic text and gloriously inventive, color-rich paintings capture the wild and imaginative collaboration of composer and choreographer. The fascinating author note includes photos of the dynamic duo and*The* *Rite of Spring* dancers.

**Flashback**

An Act of Love / Alan Gibbons. (also POV)

Presents a story about Chris and Imran and how terrorism has wrecked their friendship.

**From the Publisher:** Childhood friends Chris and Imran celebrate the Millenium as inseparable blood brothers, they are both seven years old. But by 2011 their lives have taken very different paths. One has joined the Army and served in Afghanistan, the other is a potential jihad recruit. They are no longer friends, and there are bitter wounds between them which remain unhealed. Will their childhood bond be strong enough to overcome an extremist plot?
In a highly-charged, honest and life affirming story, told in flashback from both Chris and Imran's viewpoint, Alan Gibbon's cleverly explores the very real issue of terrorism that affects everyone today.

Aunt Mary's Rose / Doug Wood

While helping take care of his great-aunt's rose bush, young Douglas learns about family members who have done the same, starting with his great-great-grandfather, and comes to see how each is still part of that bush.

**From the Publisher:**A best-selling author and illustrator team up to cultivate a heartwarming, true story of a family linked through time by the tending of a beloved rosebush.

Beardream / Will Hobbs (also voice)

When Short Tail climbs into the mountains to find the Great Bear, he tires and slips into a dream in which the Great One reveals a marvelous secret.

**From the Publisher:** Spring has come to the muntains, and the bears have emerged from their winter's sleep -- all but the Great Bear, who sleeps on in his den. In the Ute village, a boy called Short Tail worries that the Geat Bear will starve if he doesn't waken. So Short Tail heads off into the mountains to rouse the Great Bear. But on the way to the Great Bear's den, Short Tail too falls asleep, and slips into a magical dream in which the Great Bear teaches him a wornderful secret to share with his people.
Will Hobbs's lyrical text and Jill Kastner's rich, evocative oil paintings bring the story of a Native American tradition of vivid life.

The Cemetery Keepers of Gettysburg / Linda Oatman High

 Map on endpapers. Presents the story of Fred Thorn, who, with his mother and grandparents endured the three days of fighting at Gettysburg in July 1863 while his father, the caretaker of Gettysburg's Evergreen Cemetery was with the Union Army, and their efforts to help bury about one hundred soldiers afterward.

Escape under the forever sky : a novel / by Eve Yohalem (also POV, sequencing)

Lucy's mother, the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia, keeps Lucy confined to the embassy, but Lucy's desire to see what is beyond the compound walls gets her kidnapped and she must rely upon her knowledge and courage in order to escape.

**From the Publisher:** Loosely based on real-life events, this suspenseful story, by a debut novelist, is also funny and touching and will have readers riveted from start to finish. Lucy's mother is the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia, so Lucy's life must be one big adventure, right? Wrong. Lucy's worrywart mother keeps her locked up inside the ambassador's residence. All Lucy can do is read about the exotic and exciting world that lies beyond the compound walls and imagine what it would be like to be a part of it. That is, until one day Lucy decides she has had enough and she and a friend sneak off for some fun. But to their horror, Lucy gets kidnapped! With only herself to rely upon, Lucy must use her knowledge of African animals, inventiveness, will, and courage to escape, and in the process embarks on an adventure beyond her wildest imagination.

Houdini : the life of the great escape artist / Agnieszka Biskup

Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. In graphic novel format, explores the life of Harry Houdini and describes some of his most daring escapes.

The House on Maple Street / Bonnie Pryor

During the course of three hundred years, many people have passed by or lived on the spot now occupied by a house numbered 107 Maple Street.

How My Parents Learned to Eat / Ina R. Friedman (also questioning)

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.

In My Own Backyard / Judi Kurjian

A young child looks out a bedroom window seeing the backyard as it would have looked if she had seen it during various historical and geological periods.

**From the Publisher:** One morning a child gazes through a bedroom window and watches as amazing things happen. The backyard is transformed to reveal what lived there hundreds, thousands, and millions of years ago.

The Memory String / Eve Bunting (also inference)

While still grieving for her mother and unable to accept her stepmother, a girl clings to the memories represented by forty-three buttons on a string.

Mick Harte was Here /  Barbara Park

Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls the death of her younger brother Mick in a bicycle accident, which might not have been fatal had he been wearing his helmet, and how she and her family reacted to the tragedy. Closes with an appeal to bikers to wear protective bicycle helmets.

Miss Rumphius / Barbara Cooney. (also inference)

After making her girlhood dreams of world travel and living by the sea come true, a retired librarian follows her grandfather's old advice of doing something to make the world more beautiful, and then passes that wisdom on to her grandniece.

Music for Alice / Allen Say

A Japanese American farmer recounts her agricultural successes and setbacks and her enduring love of dance. Based on the true life story of Alice Sumida, who with her husband Mark, established the largest gladiola bulb farm in the country during the last half of the twentieth century.

My Mama had a Dancing Heart / Libba Moore Gray

A ballet dancer recalls how she and her mother would welcome each season with a dance outdoors.

Pink and Say / Patricia Polacco.

Chronicles the frienship of Pink, a fifteen-year-old African-American Union soldier, and Say, his poor white comrade, as one nurses the other back to health from a battle wound and the two of them are imprisoned at Andersonville. Based on a true story.

Previously / Allan Ahlberg

The adventures of various nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters, including Goldilocks, Jack and Jill, the frog prince, Cinderella, and the gingerbread man, are retold in backward sequence with each tale interrelated to the other.

So Far from the Sea / Eve Bunting (also POV)

 When seven-year-old Laura and her family visit Grandfather's grave at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, the Japanese American child leaves behind a special symbol.

The Swift Boys & Me / Kody Keplinger.

Nola Sutton has always been friends with the Swift boys, Cannaan, Brian, and Kevin, but when their father leaves them without saying good-bye the boys start to change, and her long-time friends begin to pull away from her at a time when she needs them more than ever.

The Wreck of the Zephyr / Chris Van Allsburg. (also inference, questioning)

 A boy's ambition to be the greatest sailor in the world brings him to ruin when he misuses his new ability to sail his boat in the air.

**Foreshadowing**

The Alphabet Theatre Proudly Presents the Z was Zapped : a play in twenty-six acts /  Chris Van Allsburg.   Depicts how A was in an avalanche, B was badly bitten, C was cut to ribbons, and the other letters of the alphabet suffered similar mishaps. From the Publisher: A dramatic black- and- white presentation of the alphabet in which the three-time Caldecott medalist depicts a mysterious transformation of each letter.

Amber on the Mountain / Tony Johnston Isolated on her mountain, Amber meets and befriends a girl from the city who gives her the determination to learn to read and write.

The Book Thief /  Markus Zusak (also POV) Originally published: Australia : Pan Macmillan Australia, 2005. Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Encounter /Jane Yolen  A Taino Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492.

Flotsam / David Wiesner A colorful picture book that features a young, science-minded boy who goes to the beach to collect and examine anything floating that has been washed ashore and discovers an underwater camera that contains a collection of unusual pictures.

Grandfather's Journey /  Allen Say (also compare & contrast, questioning) A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

How Many Days to America? : a Thanksgiving story /  Eve Bunting (also inferring)  Refugees from a Caribbean island embark on a dangerous boat trip to America where they have a special reason to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Just Plain Fancy / Patricia Polacco (also making connections, comprehension)  Naomi, an Amish girl whose elders have impressed upon her the importance of adhering to the simple ways of her people, is horrified when one of her hen eggs hatches into an extremely fancy bird.

The Lion & the Mouse / Jerry Pinkney In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

Shortcut / Donald Crews  Children taking a shortcut by walking along a railroad track find excitement and danger when a train approaches.

The stranger / Chris Van Allsburg (also inferring, questioning) The enigmatic origins of the stranger Farmer Bailey hits with his truck and brings home to recuperate seem to have a mysterious relation to the changing season.

**Inference**

City Dog, Country Frog / Mo Willems When City Dog comes to the country, he meets Country Frog for the first time, and every season afterward, the two have a fun time playing together. **From the Publisher:** In spring, when City Dog runs free in the country for the first time, he spots Country Frog sitting on a rock, waiting for a friend. "You'll do," Frog says, and together they play Country Frog games. In summer, they meet again and play City Dog games. Through the seasons, whenever City Dog visits the country he runs straight for Country Frog's rock. In winter, things change for City Dog and Country Frog. Come spring, friendship blooms again, a little different this time.

Lord of the Deep / Graham Salisbury Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches thirteen-year-old Mikey about fishing, and about taking risks, making sacrifices, and facing some of life's difficult choices.

Tadpole's Promise / Jeanne Willis ; Tony Ross.  When a caterpillar meets her perfect mate, a tadpole, she begs him never to change, but their relationship is doomed. From the Publisher: The award-winning, unpredictable picture book from this best-selling author/artist team is now available for the first time in paperback. Tadpole loves his rainbow friend, the caterpillar, and she tells him she loves everything about him. "Promise that you will never change," she says. But as the seasons pass and he matures, his legs grow, and then his arms—and what happens to his beautiful rainbow friend? As he sits on his lily pad, digesting a butterfly, Tadpole little realizes that now he will never know! Follow the predictable changes of a tadpole and a caterpillar to their natural conclusion in this award winning picture book.

**Narrative**

Brown Girl Dreaming / Jacqueline Woodson The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South

El Deafo / Cece Bell A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell who grew up hearing impaired.

The Wednesday Surprise/ Eve Bunting On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read. From the Publisher: Anna and Grandma are planning a surprise for Dad's birthday. Dad thinks he has received all his presents, but Grandma stands up and gives him the best one of all: she reads aloud the stories that Anna has taught her.

**Point of View**

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude/ Kevin O'Malley A boy and a girl work together to write a new fairy tale. The girl imagines a beautiful princess whose ponies are being stolen by a giant. The boy imagines a muscular biker who is guarding the last pony.

It's a Book / Lane Smith Two readers compare a print to digital media, and learn books are still valuable. **From the Publisher:** Playful and lighthearted with a subversive twist that is signature Lane Smith, IT'S A BOOK is a delightful manifesto on behalf of print in the digital age. This satisfying, perfectly executed picture book has something to say to readers of all stripes and all ages.

My People / Langston Hughes   Sepia toned photographs by Charles R. Smith, Jr. accompany Langston Hughes' classic poem "My People" and celebrate the glory, beauty, and soul of the African-American community. **From the Publisher:** Langston Hughes's spare yet eloquent tribue to his people has been cherished for generations. Now, acclaimed photographer Charles R. Smith Jr. interprets this beloved poem in vivid sepia photographs that capture the glory, the beauty, and the soul of being a black American today.

The Pigeon finds a Hot Dog! / Mo Willems  Pigeon learns about sharing when a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hot dog Pigeon has found.

The Wolf's Story : what really happened to Little Red Riding Hood / Toby Forward The wolf tells the story of Little Red Riding Hood from his point of view, protesting that he was merely trying to help Grandma, not eat her.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs/ Jon Scieszka A retelling of the fairy tale, from the wolf’s point of view, which is that he was framed!

**Problem/Solution**

Abel's Island / William Steig   Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

Baseball Saved Us /  Ken Mochizuki (also inferring, making connections) A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and his ability to play helps him after the war is over.

The Battle of Gettysburg : would you lead the fight? / Elaine Landau Examines the Battle of Gettysburg, discussing important military leaders, battle strategy, and the lasting impact the battle had on the Civil War and American history.

Blackout / by John Rocco 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 Boxcar Children / Gertrude Chandler Warner    Four orphaned children, afraid to go live with their grandfather, set up housekeeping in an abandoned boxcar and are doing fine until one of them becomes ill.

By My Brother's Side / Tiki and Ronde Barber with Robert Burleigh    Introduces twin brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber, who worked hard to overcome obstacles and become National Football League stars, one as running back for the New York Giants, the other as cornerback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs : a scientific mystery / Sandra Markle. (also cause & effect)

Follows a team of scientists as they try to save Panamanian golden frogs, which began to disappear fifteen years ago, and looks at the reasons behind their decline.

From the Publisher: Panamanian golden frogs started to disappear in the mid-1990s. What's killing them? Follow a team of scientists working to save the frogs and protect frog populations worldwide in this real-life science mystery.

The Empty Pot / Demi When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty.

The Hallelujah Flight / Phil Bildner  In 1932, James Banning, along with his co-pilot Thomas Allen, make history by becoming the first African Americans to fly across the United States, relying on the generosity of people they meet in the towns along the way who help keep their "flying jalopy" going.

The Hive Detectives : chronicle of a honey bee catastrophe / Loree Griffin Burns (also cause & effect)

 Includes bibliographical references, filmography, and index. Discusses the strange disappearance of honey bees from hives around the world beginning in 2006, a condition called colony collapse disorder, examines the efforts of scientists to discover the cause of the problem, and includes information about bees, their hives, and their honey.

From the Publisher: Without honey bees the world would be a different place. There would be no honey, no beeswax for candles, and, worst of all, barely a fruit, nut, or vegetable to eat. So imagine beekeeper Dave Hackenburg's horror when he discovered twenty million of his charges had vanished. Those missing bees became the first casualties of a mysterious scourge that continues to plague honey bee populations today. In *The Hive Detectives,* Loree Griffin Burns profiles bee wranglers and bee scientists who have been working to understand colony collapse disorder, or CCD. In this dramatic and enlightening story, readers explore the lives of the fuzzy, buzzy insects and learn what might happen to us if they were gone.

Looking Closely Across the Desert / Frank Serafini.

Looking Closely Along the Shore

Looking Closely Around the Pond

Looking Closely in the Rain Forest

Looking Closely inside the Garden

Looking Closely through the Forest

Extreme close-up photographs challenge readers to guess the identity of the desert plant, animal, or landscape feature it depicts, each followed by a description.

The Lorax /  Dr. Seuss  The Once-ler describes the results of the local pollution problem.

Nobody Knew What to Do : a story about bullying /  Becky Ray McCain When bullies pick on a boy at school, a classmate is afraid, but decides that he must do something. Includes note regarding bullying prevention.

Passage to Freedom : the Sugihara story / Ken Mochizuki  (also characterization) Tells the true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania in 1940 who risked the safety of his own family members and put his job on the line by issuing visas to as many as 10,000 Jews who were facing death at the hands of the Nazis.

A Place for Birds /  Melissa Stewart (also cause & effect) (also A Place for Fish; A place for Frogs; A Place for Turtles)

 Maps on endpapers.;Includes bibliographical references. Explores some of the ways in which humans have affected bird populations across the nation and the steps that have been taken to protect them.

From the Publisher: In simple yet informative language, A Place for Birds introduces young readers to the ways human action or inaction can affect bird populations and opens kids' minds to a wide range of environmental issues. Describing various examples, the text provides an intriguing look at birds, at the ecosystems that support their survival, and at the efforts of some people to save them. At the end of the book, the author offers readers a list of things they can do to help protect these special creatures in their own communities.

Princess Smartypants / by Babette Cole Not wishing to marry any of her royal suitors, Princess Smartypants devises difficult tasks at which they all fail, until the multi-talented Prince Swashbuckle appears.

Pythagoras and the Ratios : a math adventure / Julie Ellis   Introduces the Pythagorean theorem and ratios through a story in which Pythagoras comes up with a solution to tune his cousins' instruments so they can perform in a music contest.

**Questioning**

11 Experiments that Failed /  Jenny Offill  Teaches readers how to conduct science experiments through step-by-step instructions for eleven failed inquiries designed to test such hypotheses as whether it is possible to wash dishes in a washing machine, and if it is possible to live through the winter eating nothing but ketchup-covered snowballs.

26 Fairmount Avenue / Tomie dePaola. Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. **From the Publisher:** Tomie dePaola?s stories from the momentous year his family built their new house at *26 Fairmount Avenue* highlight his wit, sense of humor, and strong family bonds. The book earned raves from reviewers of all ages and a Newbery Honor award.

Amelia's Road/ Linda Jacobs Altman   Tired of moving around so much, Amelia, the daughter of migrant farm workers, dreams of a stable home.

An Angel for Solomon Singer / story by Cynthia Rylant A lonely New York City resident finds companionship and good cheer at the Westway Cafe where dreams come true.

Appalachia : the voices of sleeping birds / by Cynthia Rylant   Text and illustrations explore the countryside and people of Appalachia.

Big Al / Andrew Clements A big, ugly fish has trouble making the friends he longs for because of his appearance--until the day his scary appearance saves them all from a fisherman's net. **From the Publisher:** In an age of such obsession with appearance, this simple tale of a big, gentle fish and the qualities that make friendship real will touch children and encourage them to look again. Yoshi's remarkable batik illustrations capture all the charm and emotion of Big Al's character, and bring this story vibrantly and colorfully to life.

Bud, not Buddy / Christopher Paul Curtis Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Cactus Hotel / Brenda Z. Guiberson Describes the life cycle of the giant saguaro cactus, with an emphasis on its role as a home for other desert dwellers.

A Day's Work / by Eve Bunting (also inferring, making connections) When Francisco, a young Mexican-American boy, tries to help his grandfather find work, he discovers that even though the old man cannot speak English, he has something even more valuable to teach Francisco.

Grandfather's Journey /  Allen Say (also compare & contrast, foreshadowing A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

Grandpa's Teeth / Rod Clement Soon after Grandpa's teeth disappear from a glass of water near his bed, Inspector Rate has the whole town under investigation.

Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King / Jean Marzollo An illustrated biography of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., discussing his contributions to the civil rights movement.

How My Parents Learned to Eat / Ina R. Friedman (also flashback)

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.

Knots on a Counting Rope / Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault A grandfather and his blind grandson, Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses, reminisce about the young boy's birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race.

The lotus seed / Sherry Garland  A young Vietnamese girl saves a lotus seed and carries it with her everywhere to remember a brave emperor and the homeland that she has to flee.

Mailing May / Michael O. Tunnell  In 1914, because her family cannot afford a train ticket to her grandmother's town, May gets mailed and rides the mail car on the train to see her grandmother.

Something Beautiful / Sharon Dennis Wyeth   When she goes looking for "something beautiful" in her city neighborhood, a young girl finds beauty in many different forms.

**Voice**

An A from Miss Keller/Patricia Polacco A perfect companion to the classic *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, *The Art of Miss Chew*, and *Mr. Wayne's Masterpiece*, this book celebrates a teacher who inspired a young Patricia Polacco to become the writer and storyteller she is today.
Trisha is nervous about being chosen for Miss Keller's writing class. "Killer Keller" demands that her students dazzle her with their writing, and rumor has it that she has never given an A. The rumors turn out to be all too true—there's just no pleasing Miss Keller. Then an unexpected loss leaves Trisha heartbroken. Thoughts of teachers and grades forgotten, she pours out her soul in a personal narrative. And when Miss Keller reads it, she tells Trisha, "You've given your words wings."

Dear Mrs. LaRue : letters from obedience school / Mark Teague.  Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home.

Diary of a Worm / Doreen Cronin  This is the diary of a worm. This worm lives with his parents, plays with his friends, and even goes to school. But unlike you or me, he never has to take a bath, he gets to eat his homework, and because he doesn't have legs, he just can't do the hokey pokey - no matter how hard he tries. This hysterical picture book by New York Times bestselling author Doreen Cronin and New York Times bestselling illustrator Harry Bliss tells the daily doings of a small worm in a gigantic worm world.

A Dog's Life : the autobiography of a stray / Ann M. Martin. A stray puppy named Squirrel relates her life story, beginning with her nurturing mother; providing details of her experiences with both nice and mean humans, busy highways, and the seasons; and ending with her meeting two friends.

The Dream Keeper and other Poems : including seven additional poems/ Langston Hughes  A collection of sixty-six poems, selected by the author for young readers, including lyrical poems, songs, and blues, many exploring the black experience. *The Dream Keeper,* the great African-American writer Langston Hughes's only collection of poems for children, includes some of his best loved works. It is being reissued in a handsome hardcover edition in celebration of its 75th anniversary. Filled with elegant scratchboard illustrations by Caldecott Honor winner Brian Pinkey, and featuring an introduction by noted children's poet Lee Bennett Hopkins, this gift edition is sure to be cherished by young readers and longtime poetry lovers alike.

Enemy Pie / Derek Munson   Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

Everyone can Learn to Ride a Bicycle / Chris Raschka A father teaches his daughter all about bicycle riding, from selecting the right bike to trying again after a fall. From the Publisher: "[Raschka's] marvelous sequences, fluid style, and emotional intelligence capture all of the momentum and exhilaration of this glorious accomplishment," raves *School Library Journal* in a starred review.

Fly Away Home / Eve Bunting A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal and trying not to be noticed, is given hope when he sees a trapped bird find its freedom.

Good Dog / poems by Maya Gottfried  Presents a colorful picture book featuring sixteen portraits of dogs each accompanied by a corresponding poem. **From the Publisher:** In this heart-stealing picture book, fine artist Robert Rahway Zakanitch gives us 16 masterful, soulful, impossibly expressive portraits of dogs, and Maya Gottfried wonderfully captures their voices and inner personalities in 16 enchanting poems. It's a doggie delight!
These dogs beg to be patted, tickled, scratched, and ruffled. Which one will be *your* best friend?

The Hello, Goodbye Window / Norton Juster  A little girl tells about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going.

Help Me, Mr. Mutt! : expert answers for dogs with people problems / Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel ; illustrated by Janet Stevens.  Dogs across the United States write to Mr. Mutt, a people expert, for help with their humans. From the Publisher: Responding to disgruntled dogs nationwide, Mr. Mutt, Canine Counselor, has solutions to the most sticky dilemmas. But Mr. Mutt has his *own* problem to solve: the cat (aka The Queen), who has her own idea of who's in charge. Now Mr. Mutt is the one who needs help--quick! Through letters and newspaper clippings--and with plenty of their trademark humor--Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel give voice to despairing dogs everywhere.

Ice Bear : in the steps of the Polar Bear / Nicola Davies   Includes index. Illustrations and simple text follow Nanuk, a polar bear who lives in the Arctic, and explains how the bear influences how the Inuit people live.

My Brother Dan's Delicious / Steven L. Layne  When he finds that he is home alone for the first time, a bright eight-and-a-half-year-old boy informs any monsters that might be lurking in the house that his older brother Dan is worth the wait.

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude/ Kevin O'Malley (also POV) A boy and a girl work together to write a new fairy tale. The girl imagines a beautiful princess whose ponies are being stolen by a giant. The boy imagines a muscular biker who is guarding the last pony.

The Pigeon finds a Hot Dog! / Mo Willems.  Pigeon learns about sharing when a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hot dog Pigeon has found.

One Crazy Summer / Rita Williams-Garcia.  In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

The Other Side / Jacqueline Woodson  Two girls, one white and one African-American, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.

The Pain and the Great One / Judy Blume A six-year-old, The Pain, and his eight-year-old sister, The Great One, see each other as troublemakers and the best-loved in the family.

The Paper Bag Princess /  Robert N. Munsch  Princess, Elizabeth, robbed of her beautiful clothes and her fiance by a fierce dragon, dons a paper bag and marches off to rescue her prince, only to realize he is not worthy of her efforts.

The Relatives Came / Cynthia Rylant  The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time. From the Publisher: When a carload of their relatives pay a visit, a beleaguered family cannot tell one cousin from another.

Thank You, Mr. Falker / Patricia Polacco.  At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem.

Tough Cookie / David Wisniewski.  When his friend Chips is snatched and chewed, Tough Cookie sets out to stop Fingers. From the Publisher: Sam Spade, move over! In his years on the force, Tough Cookie Busted the Ginger Snaps and broke up the Macaroons. Now living as a private eye at the bottom of the cookie jar, he learns that Fingers has gotten his old partner, Chips. With his best girl, Pecan Sandy, at his side, Tough Cookie sets out to put Fingers away, for keeps! This hilarious spoof will have readers rolling in the aisles.

Train to Somewhere / Eve Bunting

 In the late 1800s, Marianne travels westward on the Orphan Train in hopes of being placed with a caring family.

Voices in the Park / Anthony Browne. Lives briefly intertwine when two youngsters meet in the park.

The Wolf's Story : what really happened to Little Red Riding Hood / Toby Forward The wolf tells the story of Little Red Riding Hood from his point of view, protesting that he was merely trying to help Grandma, not eat her.