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PICTURE BOOKS & CALDECOTT AWARDS

BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED STORIES TO READ ALOUD
WITH CHILDREN



THE CAT MAN OF ALLEPO*
BY IRENE LATHAM AND
KARIM SHAMSI-BASHA
IN THE MIDST OF THE SYRIAN
CIVIL WAR, ALAA TAKES
CARE OF ALEPPO'S
ABANDONED CATS.



OUTSIDE IN*
BY DEBORAH UNDERWOOD
ILLUSTRATIONS AND EASY-TO-
READ TEXT REVEAL WAYS NATURE
AFFECTS OUR EVERYDAY LIVES,
SUCH AS PROVIDING FOOD AND
CLOTHING, AND SHOWING WHEN
TO GO TO BED AND WHEN TO GET
UP.



WE'RE ALL WONDERS*
BY R.J. PALICO
AUGIE MAY LOOK DIFFERENT THAN
THE OTHER CHILDREN, BUT HE
LEARNS THAT INSIDE WE ARE ALL
UNIQUE AND AMAZING IN OUR OWN
WAYS.

**POPULAR
AUTHORS**
MO WILLEMS
KEVIN HENKES
JANE YOLEN
EZRA JACK
KEATS
JORY JOHN
DAN SANTAT
LAURA
NUMEROFF
ERIC CARLE

BOOKS FOR BEGINNING READERS

BOOKS THAT SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY SKILLS AND
INDEPENDENT READING



A PIG, A FOX, AND A BOX
BY JONATHAN FENSKE
TRICKY FOX TRIES TO PRANK
HIS FRIEND, PIG, BUT THINGS
DON'T TURN OUT AS PLANNED!



DON'T THROW IT TO ME!
BY DAVID A. ADLER
LITTLE MO'S COACH HAS A
PLAN TO HELP HIM BE
SUCCESSFUL ON THE
FOOTBALL FIELD. CHECK OUT
GET A HIT MO TOO!



WE ARE GROWING!
BY LAURIE KELLER
IN THE FORMAT OF ELEPHANT
AND PIGGIE, LITTLE BLADES OF
GRASS GROW IN THEIR OWN
UNIQUE WAYS IN THIS FUNNY
EASY READ.

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CLASSIC READ ALOUDS

TIMELESS STORIES TO SHARE WITH CHILDREN



BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL*
BY ROBERT MCCLOSKEY
SAL AND HIS MOTHER PICK BLUEBERRIES ON THE SAME HILL AS MOTHER BEAR AND CUB. A LITTLE MIX UP OF FAMILIES MAKES FOR A SWEET AND ENTERTAINING STORY.



MADELINE
BY LUDWIG BEMELMANS
MADELINE, SMALLEST AND NAUGHTIEST OF THE TWELVE LITTLE CHARGES OF MISS CLAVEL, WAKES UP ONE NIGHT WITH AN ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS.

HUMOR

FUNNY BOOKS TO SHARE A LAUGH



DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS!
BY MO WILLEMS
A PIGEON THAT LONGS TO DRIVE A BUS SEES A CHANCE TO MAKE ITS DREAM COME TRUE WHEN THE BUS DRIVER TAKES A SHORT BREAK.



PIG THE PUG
BY AARON BLABEY
PIG THE ADORABLE PUG HAS MANY LESSONS TO LEARN ABOUT BEING A GOOD FRIEND IN HIS HILARIOUS PICTURE BOOK SERIES.

NON-FICTION READS

FOR GREAT NON-FICTION BOOKS, CHECK OUT PEBBLE GO AND ABDO PUBLISHERS.



FAIRYTALES AND FOLKTALES

CULTURAL TALES PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS. THERE ARE MULTIPLE VERSIONS OF EACH TALE



THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA
HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN
A VISITOR IN NEED OF HOSPITALITY PROVES SHE IS A REAL PRINCESS IN AN UNUSUAL WAY.



THE TRUE STORY OF THE 3 LITTLE PIGS!
BY JON SCIESZKA
THE WOLF GIVES HIS OWN OUTLANDISH VERSION OF WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WHEN HE TANGLED WITH THE THREE LITTLE PIGS.

POPULAR CHAPTER BOOKS & SERIES

LONGER BOOKS WITH CHAPTERS BUT WRITTEN FOR YOUNG READERS



JUNIE B. JONES*
BY BARBARA PARK
BELOVED JUNIE B. MAKES HER WAY THROUGH KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE, AND SHE KEEPS HER READERS LAUGHING ALL THE WAY.



MERCY WATSON (AND TALES FROM DECKAWOO DRIVE)*
BY KATE DICAMILLO
BELOVED PIG, MERCY, HAS WILD AND HILARIOUS ADVENTURES IN THIS SERIES WITH THE WATSON FAMILY AND THEIR NEIGHBORS.

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