

Be Creative

Books for the 2009 Kids' Summer Reading Club

Easy Picture

EP Banyai

Zoom

Re-Zoom

The Other Side

by Istvan Banyai

Wordless picture books that show a series of scenes through many twists in point of view.

EP Bunting

Girls A to Z

by Eve Bunting

Girls with names ranging from Alike to Zoe imagine themselves in various fun and creative professions.

EP Harris

A is for Artist

by John Harris

An alphabet book illustrated with details taken from paintings in the J. Paul Getty Museum.

EP Lehman

Museum Trip

by Barbara Lehman

In this wordless picture book, a boy imagines himself inside some of the exhibits when he goes on a field trip to a museum.

EP Schaefer

Someone Says

by Carole Lexa Schaefer

A day at preschool has leaping frogs, dancing ponies, flapping wings, eating like tigers, and all the things that children can dream.

EP Shannon

No, David

David Shannon

A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.

EP Wiesner

Flotsam

by David Wiesner

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam.

Easy Fiction

E Fic Beaumont

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!

by Karen Beaumont

In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.

E Fic Friedman

A Style All Her Own

by Laurie Friedman

Isabelle Ashley, forced to abandon her sense of style when she dresses for her cousin's wedding, finds a way to express her individuality after all.

E Fic O'Connor

Fancy Nancy

by Jane O'Connor

Meet Nancy, who believes that more is ALWAYS better when it comes to being fancy. From the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes, Nancy is determined to teach her family a thing or two about being fancy.

E Fic Reynolds

The Dot

by Peter Reynolds

Vashti believes that she cannot draw, but her art teacher's encouragement leads her to change her mind. A witty story that entices even the stubbornly uncreative to make a mark and follow it on a journey of surprise and self-discovery.

E Fic Schwartz

Begin at the Beginning

by Amy Schwartz

Sara gets stuck when she must paint a picture for the second grade art show, until she discovers the best place to begin.

E Fic Shulevitz

How I Learned Geography

by Uri Shulevitz

As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

E Fic Spinelli

Someday

by Eileen Spinelli

A young girl contrasts the exciting things she might someday do, like digging for dinosaur bones and swimming with dolphins, with her present-day activities of finding loose change in the sofa cushions and feeding her goldfish.

E Fic Wolff

The Toll-Bridge Troll

by Patricia Rae Wolff

A troll tries to prevent Trigg from crossing the bridge on the way to school only to be outwitted by the boy's riddles.

Easy Reader

ER Bang-Campbell

Little Rat Makes Music

by Monika Bang-Campbell

Little Rat loves the violin but hates to practice, until her teacher suggests she perform a duet with one of the advanced students at the holiday concert.

ER Cazet

Minnie and Moo Go Dancing

by Denys Cazet

Cow friends, Minnie and Moo, decide to dress up and attend a party at the farmer's house.

ER Chambers

Mixing Colors Is Fun

by Stacy Chambers

Did you know you can make colors on your own? When you mix two colors, you always get a new color.

ER Egan

Dodsworth in Paris

by Tim Egan

When Dodsworth and the duck vacation in Paris, they have a grand time despite running out of money and accidentally riding their bicycles in the Tour de France.

ER Hayward

A Day in the Life of a Musician

by Linda Hayward

Reader follows a musician through her daily routine.

ER Holub

The Pizza That We Made

by Joan Holub

Three young cooks have fun making their own pizza, cleaning up their mess, and eating hot slices.

ER Parish

Amelia Bedelia's Masterpiece

by Herman Parish

Housekeeper Amelia Bedelia visits an art museum, where her confusion leads to surprising results.

ER Rylant

Mr. Putter and Tabby Write the Book

by Cynthia Rylant

During a big snow, Mr. Putter decides to write a mystery novel, but what he ends up with is entirely different.

Easy Chapter Books

J Fic David

Mascot to the Rescue!

by Peter David

Twelve-year-old Josh, who feels connected to the comic book superhero, Mascot, sets out on an odyssey to discover the comic's creator when he learns that the fictional Mascot is going to die.

J Fic Gregory

Bronte's Book Club

by Kristiana Gregory

When twelve-year-old Bronte moves to a small California beach town, her idea to form a book club in order to make friends turns out to be a good one, after a rocky start.

J Fic Hazen

Cinder Rabbit

by Lynn Hazen

Zoe is chosen for the role of Cinder Rabbit in her school play and is also supposed to lead the class in the Bunny Hop at the end, but ever since wicked Winifred laughed at her for landing in a mud puddle, Zoe has forgotten how to hop.

J Fic Kerrin

Martin Bridge In High Gear!

by Jessica Kerrin

Martin's back in two more stories. For their science fair project, Martin's team is going to help save the planet by organizing a beach walk. In the second story, Martin learns what it takes to score an A+ in teamwork and puts his knowledge of tools to good use as a volunteer at Bicycle Recycle.

J Fic Knudson

Raymond and Graham: Dancing Dudes

by Mike Knudson

Fourth-grade best friends Raymond and Graham write Valentine poems, perform in a hoedown, and learn how to be men.

J Fic Lewis

Morgy's Musical Summer

by Maggie Lewis

To encourage his talent for playing the trumpet, Morgy is sent to a music camp over the summer, where he has the displeasure of meeting Damian, an advanced student who likes to tease "promising beginners."

J Fic Weeks

Oggie Cooder

by Sarah Weeks

Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity--and having a neighbor girl as his manager.

Chapter Books

J Mys Balliett

Chasing Vermeer

by Blue Balliett

When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

J Fic Cooper

King of Shadows

by Susan Cooper

While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theatre, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself.

J Fic Cottrell

Framed

by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Dylan and his sisters have some ideas about how to make Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel into a more profitable business, but it is not until some strange men arrive in their small town of Manod, Wales with valuable paintings, and their father disappears, that they consider turning to crime.

J Fic Park

A Single Shard

by Linda Sue Park

In 12th century Korea, Tree-Ear, a potter's servant who longs to become an apprentice, is sent on a long, perilous journey to the royal court to show his master's painstakingly worked celadon pottery.

J Fic Selznick

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

by Brian Selznick

A mystery set in 1930s Paris about an orphan, a train station, a salvaged clockwork invention, and a celebrated silent filmmaker.

J Fic Urban

A Crooked Kind of Perfect

by Linda Urban

Ten-year-old Zoe dreams of being a fine pianist and performing at Carnegie Hall. But when her quirky agoraphobic father goes to shop for a piano and brings home an electric organ, Zoe must content herself with mastering a Perfectone D-60.