



Books for Preschool SRC 2011

Picture Books (P)

Becker, Bonny. A Bedtime for Bear.

Bear must have absolute quiet when he goes to bed. He likes to set out his glass of water, adjust his nightcap, fluff his favorite pillow, and then drift peacefully to sleep. But the impish Mouse, small and gray and bright-eyed, finds it terribly hard to be quiet.

Chaconas, Dori. Don't Slam the Door.

A cumulative, rhyming tale of a slamming door which wakes a cat, setting into motion an absurd chain of events and resulting in chaos.

Cyrus, Kurt. Big Rig Bugs.

Lifting, sorting, digging, and hauling are dirty jobs, but someone's got to do them. So when a construction worker throws away a half-eaten sandwich, a crew of bugs gets to work clearing the area of debris. With a simple text and up-close illustrations, readers will see how bugs and trucks have much in common.

Frazier, Craig. Lots of Dots.

Through energetic images, the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Buttons are dots. Wheels are dots. Ladybugs have dots. And so do the fried eggs on your plate. *Lots of Dots* is lots of fun!

Henkes, Kevin. My Garden.

After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls.

Himmelman, John. Pigs to the Rescue.

Farmer Greenstalk and his family have the darnedest luck. Broken-down tractors, kites stuck in trees—they're always having problems! It's a good thing they have such helpful farm animals on hand. This time around, the pigs want to pitch in, and boy, do they ever! The Greenstalks soon find, though, that life might just be a little easier *without* their help...

Jackson, Ellen. The Seven Seas.

When a young student begins to daydream in the middle of a geography lesson, his imagination carries him away on an adventure — by boat, by train, by mule, and by yak. As he searches out each of the seven seas, he discovers a colorful and hilarious world that no teacher could have imagined.

Kerby, Johanna. Little Pink Pup.

Pink was the runt of the pig litter. He was so small that the Kerby family didn't think he would survive— so they brought him into the house where he met Tink, a new dachshund mom. When Tink saw Pink, she immediately adopted him into her family, and helped nurse him back to health. Pink thrived in his new family: the puppies didn't mind that Pink looked nothing like them—he was just their size.

Kirsch, Vincent X. Forsythia & Me.

Chester has always been amazed by his best friend, Forsythia. She can do the most incredible things, like tame ferocious animals at the zoo and play the piano while standing on her head. But one day when Forsythia gets sick, Chester discovers all the amazing things *he* can do.

Lamb, Albert. Tell Me the Day Backwards.

Just before going to bed, Timmy Bear and his mama play a game they call Tell Me the Day Backwards. Timmy tries to remember everything that happened to him that day in reverse, from watching the sunset on the hill all the way back to waking up that morning from his winter-long hibernation.

Melling, David. Hugless Douglas.

Douglas is a young bear looking for a hug. But each time he thinks he has found that very special feeling, it turns out to be a false alarm. Poor Hugless Douglas. Won't anyone give him a hug?

Nesbitt, Kenn. More Bears!

Once upon a time there was a story. It was a lovely story with absolutely NO BEARS in it—not a SINGLE BEAR anywhere. Then one day...MORE BEARS!

Orloff, Karen Kaufman. I Wanna New Room.

Ever since their baby sister came along, Alex has been forced to share a room with his little brother, Ethan, and it's a nightmare. Ethan always breaks stuff, snores like a walrus, and sticks crayons up his nose. No hardworking, well-behaved, practically grown-up boy like Alex should have to put up with that!

Pfister, Marcus. Questions, Questions.

How do birds learn how to sing? What brings summer after spring? What turns the leaves from green to brown and sends them floating gently down? In thirteen engaging couplets, Marcus Pfister opens children's eyes to the wondrous mysteries all around them.

Ruddell, Deborah. Who said Coo?

Lulu's a sleepy pig whose mischievous friends try everything to keep her from sleeping.

Smallcomb, Pam. I'm Not.

Here is the perfect book for children who feel like their outgoing friend is oh-so-talented . . . and they're not. Our shy narrator lists all the things that her best friend, Evelyn, is good at—from jumping on the bed to roller skating really fast. Luckily, Evelyn points out what makes our narrator so special: she's a one-of-a-kind true blue best friend.

Teckentrup, Britta. Little Wolf's Song.

Even though Little Wolf's mom, dad, sister, and brothers all have their own special song, he can only manage a poor, pitiful squeak. His siblings tease him: "A wolf who can't howl is no wolf at all!" But one snowy day, Little Wolf finds himself lost and alone in the woods-and underneath a glistening, perfect full moon, he discovers his own special, beautiful voice.

Non-Fiction

Kerley, Barbara. One World, One Day.

This beautiful photo book follows the course of one day in our world. Sunrise to sunset is captured in the essential things we all do daily, wherever we live in the world, and in the different ways we do them. The first meal of the day will take on a whole new dimension for American kids as an American pancake breakfast is contrasted with porridge in North Korea and churros in Spain. **(305.234 Ke)**

Mack, Lorrie. Big Babies, Little Babies.

See a baby beaver help build a dam, watch baby chicks learn how to scratch for food, and catch baby walruses basking on an iceberg in the sun. Includes every kind of animal, from birds and insects to mammals and reptiles. **(591.39 Ma)**

Pasquali, Elena. The Lion Book of Two-Minute Bedtime Stories.

The 10 treasured stories collected here include tales from the much-loved storytellers Aesop and Hans Christian Andersen as well as traditional folk tales from around the world—including the Philippines, Iran, and North America—all with something wise to say about life. **(398.2 Pa)**