



## Books for First Grade SRC 2012

### **Picture Books (P)**

**Arnosky, Jim.** At This Very Moment.

While you might be sweating in the afternoon, an owl has found a cool hiding place inside a cactus. And while you're filling up on dinner, puffins are swooping down on the ocean by the cliffs to catch fish. It's an amazing world out there-at this very moment.

**Menchin, Scott.** What if Everything Had Legs?

Feeling too tired to walk the rest of the way home, a little girl wonders why the house cannot have legs to come to her and her mother, then imagines what else would change if everything had legs.

**Meng, Cece.** I Will Not Read This Book.

A child adamantly refuses to read a book, regardless of the increasingly outrageous circumstances that might occur.

**Nevius, Carol.** Soccer Hour.

Pictures and rhyming text describe the drills and scrimmages of a team at soccer practice.

**Palatini, Margie.** Stuff.

Edward cares more about his possessions than spending time with his friends, until he becomes trapped in his house full of "stuff," hungry and bored.

**Rocco, John.** Blackout.

When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.

**Shaw, Hannah.** School for Bandits.

Ralph Raccoon is too polite so his parents send him to Bandit School to learn to behave like a properly bad raccoon.

**Soltis, Sue.** Nothing Like a Puffin.

A narrator sets out to prove that there is nothing like a puffin but discovers that many things, including a newspaper and a helicopter, are a little bit like one and that a penguin is very much like a puffin.

**Watt, Melanie.** You're Finally Here!

A rabbit has many questions involving where a friend has been and why it took so much time for the friend to appear.

**Willems, Mo.** Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator.

Amanda and her alligator have lots of fun together, but when Amanda's grandfather buys her a panda, Alligator must learn to make new friends.

### **Early Readers (E)**

**Arnold, Tedd.** Hi Fly Guy. (series)

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

**Catrow, David.** Max Spaniel: Dinosaur Hunt. (series)

Max the dog digs dinosaurs, serves up food and enters a pet show in this wacky series for early readers.

**Cazet, Denys.** Minnie and Moo Go to the Moon. (series)

Two cow friends, Minnie and Moo, decide to drive the farmer's tractor all the way to the moon.

**Chaconas, Dori.** Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson. (series)

Cork is a short muskrat who can swim. Fuzz is a tall possum who can't. They are best friends. Cork wants to teach Fuzz how to swim, but Fuzz isn't so sure he wants to learn.

**Hapka, Cathy.** Pony Scouts: Really Riding. (series)

Meg and Annie have their first riding lesson when they visit Jill at her family's pony farm.

**Johnston, Tony.** Alien and Possum. (series)

Possum and Alien become friends and find that they have both similarities and differences.

**Knight, Hilary.** Nina in That Makes Me Mad. (Graphic Novel)

Lots of little, everyday frustrations make Nina mad, and she is very good at expressing her feelings.

**Kolar, Bob.** Astroblast!: Code Blue.

The crew of the Astroblast Snack Shack must dash back from chasing comets, digging up moon stones and other activities when an alarm summons them to whip up some space-age treats. Includes a maze, hidden pictures and other activities.

**Landry, Leo.** Grin and Bear It.

Will stage fright prevent a very funny bear from becoming a stand-up comedian?

**Mack, Jeff.** Hippo and Rabbit in Three Short Tales.

Friends Hippo and Rabbit spend the day together having breakfast, playing on the swings, and waiting for a thunderstorm to end.

**McEwan, James.** Whitewater Scrubs.

Spring is in the air, and Clara has joined the "Scrubs" as they take up whitewater kayaking. Usually she is one of the star athletes, but the whitewater has her scared!

**Naujokaitis, Pranas T.** The Totally Awesome Epic Quest of the Brave Boy Knight. (Graphic Novel)

A young boy and his best buddy Butterscotch search for hidden treasure, save the city from an angry monster, and patrol a kingdom. Amazing adventures ensue as brave boy knight saves the day!

**Usborne Books.** Pirate Pat.

Adults and children switch between simple and complex text. Pirate Pat appears on a cold, dark night with a treasure map and proceeds to dig over Gran's objections.

**Yee, Wong Herbert.** A Brand-New Day with Mouse and Mole. (series)

As best friends Mole and Mouse try to solve the problem of Mole's moth-eaten clothes, they also find new uses for old things.

## **Read-Alouds (J)**

**Schertle, Alice.** Look Out Jeremy Bean.

Jeremy Bean has a problem. Several, in fact. But he can come up with some pretty unusual solutions, such as putting a bug in his pocket, wearing a lamp shade on his head, hiding in the school janitor's closet, and collecting everyone's shoes.

**Venable, Colleen.** Fish You Were Here (Graphic Novel)

The animals in Mr. Venezi's pet shop are used to how forgetful he is. Then he hires the perfect assistant, Viola. She does her job so well that Mr. V hardly needs to be there. But then Viola starts ignoring the animals. Has Mr. V given the pet shop to a villain?

## **Non-Fiction**

**Cleary, Brian.** Nice Mice in the Rice.

Children learn to read by chunking sounds in this early reading series.

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**Shields, Amy.** Little Kids First Big Book of Why.

The *Big Book of Why* delivers lively information, hands-on games, simple recipes, crafts, and more. **(031.02 Sh)**