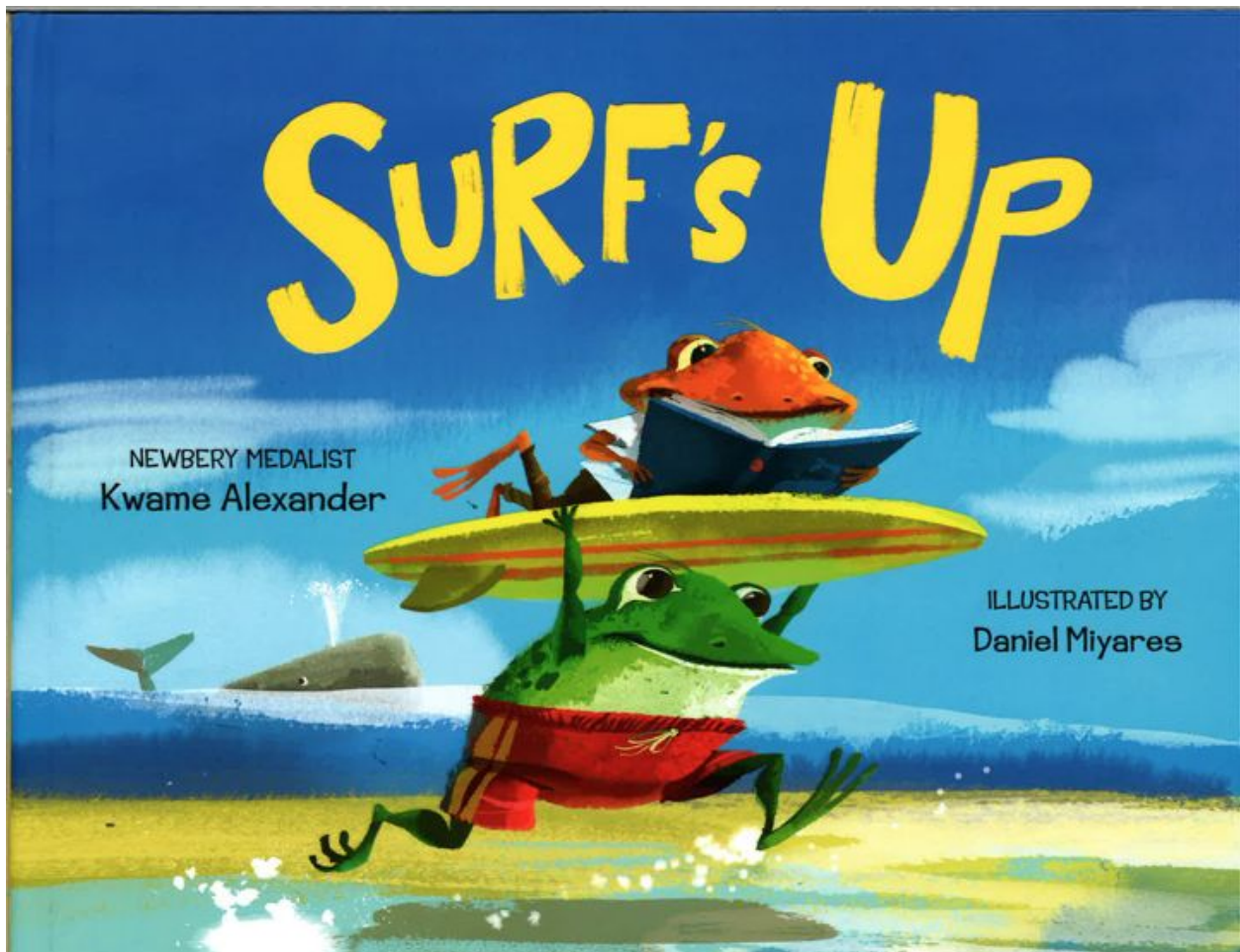


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PICTURE BOOKS

Alexander, Kwame. *Surf's Up!*

"Surf's up, Bro!" "Not yet, Dude." "You'd rather *read a book* than go to the beach?" It turns out that reading a book can be really exciting!

Alexie, Sherman. *Thunder Boy, Jr.*

Thunder Boy, Jr. was named for his father (Thunder Boy, Sr.), but although he loves his dad, he wants a name that's all his own. Mud in His Ears? Gravity's Best Friend? Wonderful illustrations by Yuyi Morales, whose books *Viva Frida* and *Niño Wrestles the World* are also great.

Bond, Rebecca. *Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event*

This beautifully illustrated book comes from a family story passed down by the author's grandfather. As a child living in a hotel on the edge of a lake in the Canadian wilderness, he survived a forest fire and told his children and grandchildren about the amazing sight he saw.

Browne, Anthony. *Willy's Stories*

What? It's summer and you have nothing to do? Why not go on an adventure with Willy? Or better yet, 10 adventures! Beloved author/illustrator Browne supplies the exciting story beginnings, with a richly detailed, mysterious illustration for each, and you do the rest.

Henkes, Kevin. *Waiting*

Peek into the lives of five toys lined up on a window sill. What might they be waiting for?

Medina, Meg. *Mango, Abuela, and Me*

When Mia's *abuela* leaves her home and comes to the United States to live with Mia and her family, things are difficult at first because Mia knows only a little Spanish, and Abuela knows only a little English. But then Mia hits on the perfect solution to their communication problem.

O'Brien, Anne Sibley. *I'm New Here*

Imagine moving to a new country and starting school when you don't even speak the language! This wonderful book invites readers to imagine themselves in just that situation, by depicting the experiences of three children who have recently arrived in the U.S.

Schiffer, Miriam. *Stella Brings the Family*

Stella loves her two dads, but what to do when everyone is inviting their moms to school for a Mother's Day celebration?



BEGINNING READERS

Adler, David A. *Don't throw it to Mo!*

In this grand celebration of the little guy, Mo lives for football, but rarely gets to play because he is so small, until his coach gets an idea and he gets his chance to show what he is made of. Also see *Get a Hit, Mo!*



DePaola, Tomie. *When Andy met Sandy*

Two children cautiously watch one another playing separately in a playground until they both want to play on the seesaw. The fun continues in *Andy and Sandy's Anything Adventure*.

Florian, Douglas. *Pig is Big on Books*

Pig likes to read--anything, anytime, anywhere. But what happens when he runs out of books? Part of the Holiday House series of funny, very simple readers called I Like to Read.

Liniers. *Written and Drawn by Henrietta*

In this inventive graphic novel, Henrietta writes and draws a story about a brave little girl and a three-headed monster. She must keep writing to discover what will happen, even as she begins to scare herself! Part of the wonderful Toon Books series for early readers.

Lloyd, Jennifer. *Murilla Gorilla series*

The animals of the African Rainforest have many mysteries that need solving, but luckily, Murilla Gorilla is there to help--when she's not taking a nap, that is!

Ries, Lori. *Aggie and Ben series*

Boy gets dog. Dog drives boy crazy. Dog loves boy, and boy loves dog.

Seltzer, Eric. *The Long Dog*

Learning to read should always be this much fun!

Beginning reader classics: Fly Guy (Arnold), Ling and Ting (Lin), Little Bear (Minarik), Mr. Putter and Tabby and Henry and Mudge (Rylant), Nate the Great (Sharmat), Amanda and Oliver (van Leeuwen) Elephant and Piggie (Willems)

CHAPTER BOOK FICTION

§ Easier reading ★ More difficult reading

§ Brown, Monica. *Lola Levine Is Not Mean*

Lola loves reading, painting, writing in her diary, and speaking Spanish, but most of all she loves soccer. When her classmate accidentally gets hurt by her slide tackle, some kids in her class start calling her Mean Lola Levine. Is she mean, or just a tough, competitive player?

Creech, Sharon. *Love that Dog*

Jack really doesn't care about poetry, he assures his teacher that he does not, but despite himself he falls for the words and rhythms of the poetry he reads. To his surprise, writing his own poetry journal becomes a pleasure. His story continues in *Hate that Cat*.

English, Karen. *Don't Feed the Geckos!*

Carlos, classmate of Gavin and Richard from the first two books in the Carver Chronicles series, has a tough time when his cousin Bernardo comes to live with his family temporarily and joins Carlos's class. How is Carlos supposed to be nice when Bernardo is such a huge pain?

★Tamm, Henrik. *Ninja Timmy*

Timmy, a shy gray cat, and Simon, his mink friend, are happy working together on their inventive machines until an evil blue bunny threatens to steal the laughter of the children of the town. Assuming a ninja identity, Timmy sets out to destroy the tyrant.

Nannestad, Katrina. *When Mischief Came to Town*

If you like old-fashioned stories about spunky girls, try this gem. When Inge Marie leaves her pampered city life in Copenhagen to live with her stern grandmother on a farm on the island of Bornholm, she tries very hard to be good but can't seem to stay out of mischief.

§ Peet, Mal. *Night Sky Dragons*

An illustrated novel about a young boy growing up in a fortress along the Silk Road. Yazul loves making kites with his grandfather, although his stern father doesn't approve. When their home is surrounded by bandits, however, Yazul and his kites provide an unexpected solution.

★Shurtliff, Liel. *Rump*

Did you ever wonder how Rumpelstiltskin got that crazy name? And how he knew how to spin straw into gold, and what he wanted with someone else's firstborn child? All will be explained in this cleverly written, immensely enjoyable chapter book version of the fairy tale. Try *Jack and Red* by the same author.

§ Willems, Mo. *The Story of Diva and Flea*

Diva is a small fluffy dog who works hard to guard her Paris apartment building. Flea is an alleycat, a *flaneur* who wanders far and wide through the city, with no fixed address. When the two meet, it is truly the start of a beautiful friendship.



Fun chapter book series: Julian and Huey stories (Cameron), Nikki and Deja (English), Just Grace (Harper), Bunjitsu Bunny (Himmelman), Alvin Ho (Look), Space Taxi (Mass), Stink (McDonald), Lulu (McKay), Rainbow Street Shelter (Orr), Justin Case (Vail), Dragonbreath and Hamster Princess (Vernon)

NONFICTION

Arlon, Penelope. *The Ultimate Book of Randomly Awesome Facts*

Did you know that elephants can feel thunderstorms 100 miles away? This book is organized into sections on Nature, Science and Technology, and Everyday Life, and is filled with fascinating facts to while away car trips, airport waiting times, or just leisurely afternoons.

Bell, Samantha. *How to Survive* series

Are you the kind of person who is always wondering about things like what you should do if you find yourself shipwrecked on a deserted island or attacked by a wild animal? If not, don't read these books! True stories of survival and practical advice about dealing with such emergencies.

Coy, John. *Game Changer: John McLendon and the Secret Game*

Can you imagine a time when a basketball game between an all-white team and an all-black team had to be played in secret? Read about it in this fascinating true story about one history-changing game and the basketball coach who made it happen.

Delacre, Lulu. *Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el Bosque Nublado. Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest*

If a trip to the cloud forest isn't part of your summer plans, this beautifully illustrated bilingual alphabet book will give you a glimpse into a lush, exotic world. Pair it with *The Case of the Monkeys that Fell from the Trees* by Susan E. Quinlan for more detailed information.

Heine, Florian. *13 Architects Children Should Know*

Learn about 13 famous architects and the fabulous buildings they created, from the 15th century up to the present. Lucky us, we Chicagoans don't even have to leave home to see buildings by three of them! Check out *13 Buildings*, *13 Painters*, and *13 Art Techniques* too.

Hood, Susan. *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay*

Life for Ada and her friends, who live in a slum next to a landfill in Cateura, Paraguay, changes forever when they join Favio Chávez's orchestra, playing instruments made of things they find in the trash.

Smithsonian. *Space*

A glorious exploration of space, which will answer all your questions, plus many more you didn't know you had. What is "spaghettification"? The gravitational pull of a black hole rises so steeply that an astronaut falling into one would be stretched like spaghetti!

Wallmark, Laurie. *Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine*

Did you know that the world's first computer program was created by a woman in the 1840s? Read about the extraordinary life of this mathematician, scientist and inventor, nicknamed the Enchantress of Numbers, who was truly ahead of her time.

Winter, Jonah. *You Never Heard of Casey Stengel?!*

Casey Stengel was a left-handed, bowlegged, wisecracking guy more famous for his crazy antics than being a good baseball player, but after he quit playing he became manager of the Yankees and led them to an amazing 7 World Series wins in 12 years! Try Winter's many other wonderful biographies of baseball players, jazz musicians, and more.

POETRY AND FOLKLORE

Breslin, Theresa. *An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Mythical Creatures*

A big beautiful book to lose yourself in! Stories of the Loch Ness Monster, selkies, mermaids, giants, and more.

Grimes, Nikki. *Poems in the Attic*

A young girl finds a box full of poems her mother wrote when she was growing up, living in places all around the world as the daughter of an Air Force captain. She responds to them with poems of her own, creating a collection of poems for the two to share.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You* books

Whether fables, tall tales, fairy tales, or scary tales, you'll love these funny story poems. The color of the font tells you which lines are for you to read, which lines are for your friend to read, and which lines you read together.

Sierra, Judy. *Can You Guess My Name? Traditional Tales Around the World*

In this folklore collection, Judy Sierra has grouped together versions of similar stories from different cultures around the world. It's fun to compare versions or just to read the stories on their own.

Singer, Marilyn. *Echo, Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths*

The latest in Marilyn Singer's clever collections of "reverso" poems, a form she invented in which the lines of the poem appear in one order and then in reverse order, giving two different perspectives on the same story. If you like it, try the others, *Mirror, Mirror* and *Follow, Follow*.

Viorst, Judith. *What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About?*

"I did it! I did it! I did it! ...I knew right away that it wasn't okay, But even good children can't always obey ..." Wonderful poems to express your best and worst feelings, with plenty of humor to get you through bad days.



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