



2010 Texas 2 x 2 Reading List

Adler, Victoria. *All of Baby, Nose to Toes*. Illustrated by Hiroe Nakata. Dial Books for Young Readers, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. ISBN-13: 978-0-8037-3217-9. \$14.99. Ages 2-5. One lucky little baby is loved from the top of her head to the tips of her toes in this book with fun rhymes for parents to share with their littlest family members.

Bloom, Suzanne. *A Mighty Fine Time Machine*. Boyds Mills Press. ISBN-13: 978-1-59078-527-0. \$16.95. Ages 5-8. Samantha, Grant and Antoine find new meaning in the term, “thinking outside the box,” as they transform an ordinary cardboard box into a magical time machine.

Braun, Sebastien. *Meeow and the Little Chairs*. Boxer Books, distributed by Sterling Publishing. ISBN-13: 978-1-906250-88-1. \$12.95. Ages 2-5. Simple, large, colorful illustrations with simple vocabulary will delight little listeners as well as beginning readers in this story about a cat who makes something wonderful with his little chairs and his friends.

Catrow, David. *Dinosaur Hunt*. Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc. ISBN-13: 978-0-545-05748-6. \$6.99. Ages 4-8. Max Spaniel is off on a dinosaur hunt. With a lot of imagination and creativity Max FINDS the perfect dinosaur!

Coffelt, Nancy. *Big, Bigger, Biggest!* Henry Holt and Company. ISBN-13: 978-0-8050-8089-6. \$16.95. Ages 4-7. Colorful animals introduce synonyms and antonyms as superlatives. Words like colossal, hypersonic and lackadaisical will delight listeners and encourage vocabulary building.

Cook, Michelle. *Our Children Can Soar*. Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books. ISBN-13: 978-1-59990-418-4. \$16.99. Ages 4-8. Thirteen African-American illustrators spotlight eleven key individuals instrumental in bringing the message of hope to America’s children today. The simple message brings history alive, inspiring readers to soar higher, faster and stronger into their future.

Emberley, Rebecca and Ed. *Chicken Little*. Roaring Brook Press. ISBN-13: 978-1-59643-464-6. \$16.95. Ages 3-7. This classic repetitive folktale is brought to new life with bold colors and shapes as Chicken Little believes the sky is falling and creates confusion among all his feathered friends.

Feldman, Eve B. *Billy & Milly Short & Silly*. Illustrated by Tuesday Mourning. G. P. Putnam’s Sons, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. ISBN-13: 978-0-399-24651-7. \$16.99. Ages 3-6. Thirteen short stories, each with only three or four words, stretch the imagination of

even the youngest readers. Billy and Milly are cool kids who stir up a lot of action as they skip across the pages.

Gal, Susan. *Night Lights*. Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books. ISBN-13: 978-0-375-85862-8. \$14.99. Ages 4-6. It's a special night at home for one little girl and her beloved dog. Their night is lit up by the lights of night, including fireflies, candles, lightning, and most importantly by the light of love.

Henkes, Kevin. *Birds*. Illustrated by Laura Dronzek. Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. ISBN-13: 978-0-06-136304-7. \$17.99. Ages 2-5. A young girl observes birds of different colors, shapes and sizes and discovers that she has something in common with them in this nice blend of concept book and picture storybook.

Long, Loren. *Otis*. Philomel, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. ISBN-13: 978-0-399-25248-8. \$17.99. Ages 4-8. This story of unlikely friendship between an outdated tractor and a scrawny little calf is also a tale of change and progress. The gentle text celebrates love and caring with illustrations bringing action, humor and emotion to this comforting story.

Mora, Pat. *Gracias*Thanks*. Illustrated by John Parra. Lee & Low Books Inc. ISBN-13: 978-1-60060-258-0. \$17.95. Ages 5-8. Family, friends, fun times, nature and music are just some of the things one little multiracial boy is thankful for in his life. Told with humor and love, illustrations reflect the celebration of family with the bonus of bilingual text.

Pinkney, Jerry. *The Lion and the Mouse*. Little, Brown and Company. ISBN-13: 978-0-316-01356-7. \$16.99. Ages 3-8. Detailed watercolor and pencil illustrations bring this wordless retelling of Aesop's fable to life. This fable is set in Africa where even a small creature can do great deeds and rescue the king of the jungle.

Rosen, Michael. *Red Ted and the Lost Things*. Illustrated by Joel Stewart. Candlewick Press. ISBN-13: 978-0-7636-4537-3. \$16.99. Paperback: 0-7636-4624-5. \$8.99. Ages 4-8. Will Red Ted and his new friend Crocodile find their way back home to Stevie? This humorous and poignant story told in comic-book style panels prepares even the youngest reader for popular graphic literature.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. *Duck! Rabbit!* Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld. Chronicle Books. ISBN-13: 978-0-8118-6865-5. \$16.99. Ages 4-8. Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? What do you think? Readers will be amused by their own indecision as the playful drawings become a guessing game.

Scanlon, Liz Garton. *All the World*. Illustrated by Marla Frazee. Beach Lane Books., an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division. ISBN-13: 978-1-4169-8580-8. \$17.99. Ages 4-8. Together is better as family and friends experience a day that begins on the beach and continues through wind and rain with unplanned activities. A beach shell found on the beach serves as a remembrance and souvenir of a special day when all are safe at home.

Solomon, Sharon K. *A Walk With Grandpa/Un paseo con abuelo*. Illustrated by Pamela Barcita. Raven Tree Press, a division of Delta Systems Co., Inc. ISBN-13: 978-1-932748-91-

8. \$16.95. Ages 4-8. Daniela and her grandfather express their love for one another playing a word game, during a walk through the woods. Bilingual phrases become a special language to inspire children to explore their own words of comparison and contrast.

Stein, David Ezra. *Pouch*. G P. Putnam's Sons, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group. ISBN-13: 978-0-399-25051-4. \$15.99. Ages 3-5. A baby kangaroo gains courage to explore away from his mother's pouch, but when he meets unknown animals he quickly hops back. Finding a new special friend helps Joey find his independence.

Van Dusen, Chris. *The Circus Ship*. Candlewick Press. ISBN-13: 978-0-7636-3090-4. \$16.99. Ages 4-8. After a ship of circus animals crashes and sinks off an island in Maine, the animals are safe and become a part of the island life. When the mean circus boss searches for them they are hidden by the townspeople. Children will enjoy finding the hidden animals at the end of this adventure story.

Ward, Jennifer. *The Busy Tree*. Illustrated by Lisa Falkenstern. Marshall Cavendish. ISBN-13: 978-0-7614-5550-9. \$17.99. Ages 4-8. Double-page spreads and rhyming text describe the many activities in an old oak tree as it provides food and shelter for wild animals, from its roots to its branches.