

NONFICTION CONT.

Kerley, Barbara. *A Little Peace* (327.172 KER). Beautiful photos from around the world with a simple message about our responsibilities for making and keeping peace on the planet.

Mattick, Lindsay. *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* (599.78 MAT). A woman tells her young son the true story of how his great-great-grandfather Captain Harry Colebourn rescued and learned to love a bear cub during World War I. That bear became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

Meltzer, Brad. *I Am Jane Goodall* (series in Graphic Novel Bio). Ordinary people change the world! Jane was a girl who loved animals and became world famous through her work with chimpanzees.

Pizzoli, Greg. *Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower* (364.1 PIZ). In the early 1900s, Robert Miller moved to Paris hoping to be an artist. A "con" artist, that is. Tricky Vic pulled off his most daring con in 1925, when he managed to "sell" the Eiffel Tower to one of the city's most successful scrap metal dealers! Six weeks later, he tried all over again.

Rockliff, Mara. *Gingerbread for Liberty! How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution* (973.3 ROC). A stirring picture book biography about a forgotten hero of the American Revolution who rose to the occasion and served his country, not with muskets or canons, but with gingerbread!

Rosenstock, Barb. *The Streak: How Joe DiMaggio Became America's Hero* (796.357 ROS). The riveting story of a baseball legend, his favorite bat, and the longest hitting streak in baseball history.

Winter, Jonah. *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx* (BIO SOT). Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor didn't have a lot growing up, but she had what she needed—her mother's love, a will to learn, and her own determination. Includes full text in English and Spanish.



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PICTURE BOOKS

Alexie, Sherman. *Thunder Boy Jr.* Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name...one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name.

Applegate, Katherine. *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla.* Ivan lived alone in a small cage for many years until he was relocated to Zoo Atlanta.

Barnett, Mac. *Leo: A Ghost Story.* Leo is a friendly house ghost—but when a family moves into his house and tries to get rid of him, he leaves and roams the city looking for a friend.

Beaty, Andrea. *Ada Twist, Scientist.* Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

Bildner, Phil. *Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans.* A man known as the “Trashcan Wizard” sings and dances his way through the French Quarter in New Orleans, keeping his beloved city clean, until Hurricane Katrina’s devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit.

Copeland, Misty. *Firebird.* American Ballet Theatre soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young ballet student with brown skin like her own that, someday, with practice and dedication, the little girl will become a firebird too.

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. *One Day, the End: Short, Very Short, Shorter-Than-Ever Stories.* A little girl tells stories about her day, using a minimum of words. Look carefully at the pictures to see if there's more to the tale!

Dyckman, Ame. *Horrible Bear!* When Bear breaks a little girl's kite, she thinks he is horrible, until she makes a mistake of her own and learns the power of saying “I'm sorry.”

Engle, Margarita. *Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music.* Follows a girl in the 1920s as she strives to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums and that there has never been a female drummer in Cuba.

Golio, Gary. *Bird & Diz.* A rhythmic tribute to Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, and their creation of bebop.

Hall, Michael. *Red: A Crayon's Story.* Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right. Then a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

Myers, Christopher. *My Pen.* An artist celebrates the many things he can do with a simple pen, and encourages the reader to do the same.

Offill, Jenny. *Sparky.* How could any pet be more exciting than a sloth?

Picard, Matthias. *Jim Curious: A Voyage to the Heart of the Sea* (Graphic Novels). The fantastical story of a young boy and his thrilling trip to the bottom of the sea.

Pizzoli, Greg. *Good Night Owl.* Owl takes drastic measures to have a good night's sleep.

Sisson, Stephanie Roth. *Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos.* A biography of Carl Sagan, focusing on his childhood and culminating in the Voyager mission and the Golden Record.

Stead, Philip. *Lenny & Lucy.* A picture book about moving to a new house and making new friends.

Thompson, Laurie Ann. *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah.* The story of a West African youth who pursued an education, helped support his family, and became a record-setting cyclist in spite of a disability.

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin.* Two cousins, one in Mexico and one in New York City, write to each other and learn that they are very similar.

Watts, Jeri. *A Piece of Home.* Hee Jun struggles to adjust after moving from Korea to West Virginia, but finds ways to keep family and traditions close.

EASY READERS

Adler, David. *Don't Throw It to Mo!* (series). Level 2. Mo is the youngest kid on the football team, but his small size has advantages.

Keller, Laurie. *We Are Growing!* Level 1. Walt is not the tallest or the curliest or the pointiest or even the crunchiest. What is his “-est”?

Manushkin, Fran. *Pirate Pedro* (series). Level 2. Pedro and his friends all want to be the pirate captain in their clubhouse.

Santat, Dan. *The Cookie Fiasco.* Level 1. There are only three cookies and four hungry friends to share them with. This is not good. This is not equal!

Shea, Bob. *Ballet Cat: What's Your Favorite Favorite?* (series). Level 2. Ballet Cat and her cousin, Goat, try to outdo one another while putting on show for their grandmother.

Yoon, Salina. *Duck, Duck, Porcupine!* (series) Level 1. Big Duck, Little Duck and their friend Porcupine have unexpected adventures!

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Andrews, Troy. *Trombone Shorty* (BIO AND). Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was tall. Today this Grammy-nominated artist headlines the legendary New Orleans Jazz Fest.

Barton, Bethany. *I'm Trying to Love Spiders* (595.44 BAR). This fresh and very funny nonfiction picture book shares lots of fascinating facts about spiders in an entirely captivating way.

Bishop, Nic. *Penguin Day: A Family Story* (598.47 BIS). While his mother is off fishing for food, baby Rockhopper penguin wanders off and almost becomes a meal for a hungry skua—but luckily papa penguin drives off the predator.

De Seve, Karen. *Little Kids First Big Book of Weather* (series 551.5 DE). National Geographic Kids' series explores our world with fascinating facts and incredible illustrations.

Jenkins, Martin. *Fabulous Frogs* (597.8 JEN). All kinds of frogs, from exotic species to the common greenish-brown specimens found in backyards.

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