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Entering Kindergarten

Aylesworth: Naughty Little Monkeys c2003 (alphabet book)

Bang: When Sophie Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry... c1999 (character)

Crews: The Neighborhood Mother Goose c2004 (nursery rhymes, diversity)

DePaola: <u>Stagestruck</u> c2005 (school story)

Drachman: <u>A Frog Thing</u> c2005 (humor)

Ehlert: Pie in the Sky c2004 (family, fiction)

Ehlert: Mole's Hill: a Woodland Tale c1994 (folklore)

Ernst: The Gingerbread Girl c2006 (fairy tale)

Kimmel: The Gingerbread Man c1993 (fairy tale)

Penn: The Kissing Hand c1993 (family story)

Pfister: **<u>Rainbow Fish</u>** stories (animal stories)

Prelutsky: **<u>Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young</u>** c1986 (poetry)

Shannon: David Goes to School c1999 (humor)

Sierra: Counting Crocodiles c1997 (counting, rhyming)

Sierra: Wild About Books c2004 (animals, humor)

Taback: Joseph Had a Little Overcoat c1999 (diversity)

Thompson: Little Quack c2003 (animal story)

Williams: **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus** (family, fiction)

Wood: <u>Alphabet Adventure</u> c2001 (alphabet book)

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Entering First Grade

Asher: Too Many Frogs c2005 (frogs, humor)

Bailey: Stanley's Party c2003 (dogs, humor)

Bloom: <u>A Splendid Friend Indeed</u> c2005 (friendship)

Brett: Goldilocks and the Three Bears c1987 (fairy tale)

Bruel: **<u>Bad Kitty</u>** c2005 (alphabet book)

Carle: Mister Seahorse c2004 (fish stories)

Cronin: **Dooby, Dooby, Moo** c2004 (animal humor)

Cronin: Diary of a Fly c2005 (insect, humor)

Fleming: The First Day of Winter c2005 (counting, rhyming, diversity)

Hoffman: Amazing Grace c1991 (ethnic diversity)

Lester: Hooway for Wodney Wat c1999 (fantasy, abilities awareness)

McKinley: <u>One Smile</u> c2002 (kindness)

Numeroff: Beatrice Doesn't Want To c2005 (realistic fiction, humor)

Prelutsky: <u>Me I Am</u> c2007 (poetry)

Rathmann: Officer Buckle and Gloria c1995 (safety, fiction)

Scotton: Russell the Sheep c2005 (animals, fiction)

Seuss: The Cat in the Hat c1957 (classic)

Shannon: <u>A Bad Case of Stripe</u>s c1998 (individuality, fiction)

Silverman: Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days c2007 (fiction)

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Entering Second Grade

Cannon: Crickwing c2000 (insects, fiction)

Crews: **<u>Below</u>** c2006 (fiction)

Ernst: Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen c2005 (fantasy, animals, humor)

Hoberman: <u>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together</u> c2001 (rhyming stories)

James: Dear Mr. Blueberry c1991 (letter writing)

Lobel: Frog and Toad stories (classics)

Mayer: Little Critter stories (fantasy, animals)

McKissack: Flossie and the Fox c1986 (folklore, ethnic diversity)

McKissack: The Honest-to-Goodness Truth c2000 (character, ethnic diversity)

McNaughton: Once Upon an Ordinary School Day c2004 (school story)

Numeroff: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie any in the series c1985 (cumulative tales)

Pallotta: **Dory Story** c2000 (sea story, fiction)

Parish: Amelia Bedelia stories (classics)

Pearson: Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed c2002 (kindness, fiction)

Peterson: Don't Forget Winona c2004 (historical fiction)

Polacco: Aunt Chip and the Triple Creek Dam Affair c1996 (television, reading, fiction)

Rylant: Henry and Mudge Stories (family, dogs, humor)

Schachner: Skippyjon Jones c2003 (humor)

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Entering Third Grade

Banks: Max's Words c2006 (fiction)

- Bridges: Ruby's Wish c2002 (historical fiction, ethnic diversity)
- Bunting: <u>One Green Apple</u> c2006 (historical fiction, ethnic diversity)
- Christelow: Where's the Big Bad Wolf? c2002 (folk and fairy tale)

Cox: **<u>Butterfly Buddies</u>** c2001 (friendship, school story)

Curtis: The Bat Boy and His Violin c1998 (sports, music, ethnic diversity)

Demi: One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale c1997 (folklore, math)

DiCamillo. Mercy Watson to the Rescue c2005 (animals, fantasy, humor)

Goble: The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses c1978 (folklore, ethnic diversity)

Grindley: Dear Max c2004 (fiction)

Holm: **<u>Babymouse</u>** c2005 (graphic fiction, friendship, imagination)

Johnson: Just Like Josh Gibson c2007 (sports fiction, historical fiction)

Kerrin: Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff! c2005 (fiction)

Pinkney: <u>The Ugly Duckling</u> c1999 (fairy tale)

Preller: Jigsaw Jones series (mysteries)

Stilton: The Geronimo Stilton series (mice, fantasy, mystery)

Tunnell. Mailing May c1997 (historical fiction)

Warner: Only Emma c2005 (fiction)

Willey: <u>Clever Beatrice</u> c2001 (folklore)

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Entering Fourth Grade

Birney: The World According to Humphrey c2005 (fiction, humor)

- Birney: The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs c2005 (fiction)
- Clements: Lunch Money c2005 (school, humor)
- Curtis: Mr. Chickee's Funny Money c2005 (mystery, ethnic diversity)
- Duffey: Hey, New Kid! c1996 (school story)
- Feelings: Soul Looks Back in Wonder c1993 (poetry, ethnic diversity)
- Fleming: The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School c2007 (school story)
- Grimes: Talkin' About Bessie c2002 (biography, ethnic diversity)
- Gutman: My Weird School series (series, school humor)
- Howe: It Came from Beneath the Bed c2002 (humor, fantasy)
- Hurwitz: Fourth Grade Fuss c2004 (school story)
- Kehret: Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays c1999 (animals, non-fiction)
- MacDonald: <u>No More Nasty</u> c2001 (humor, school story)
- McDonald: Judy Moody c2000 (humor, school story)
- Noble: The Last Brother (Tales of Young America series) c2006 (historical fiction)
- Pennypacker: <u>Clementine</u> c2006 (fiction, series)
- Roy: <u>A to Z Mysteries</u> (series, mystery)
- San Souci: The Dangerous Snake and Reptile Club c2004 (friends, fiction)
- Strickland: When Mack Came Back c2000 (family, historical fiction)

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Entering Fifth Grade

Barry: Peter and the Starcatchers c2004 (contemporary fantasy)

Collins: Gregor the Overlander c2003 (fantasy)

DiCamillo: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane c2006 (fantasy)

Foreman: Summer of the Skunks c2002 (historical fiction)

Gorman: Dork in Disguise c1999 (school story)

Gutman: Baseball Card Adventures (sports, historical fiction)

Hannigan: Ida B:... and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World c2004 (realistic fiction, school story)

Hunter: Into the Wild c2003 (animal fiction)

Lasky: The Capture (Guardians of Ga'Hoole series) c2003 (fantasy)

Martin: Main Street series (realistic fiction)

Norman: My Feet are Laughing c2006 (poetry)

Peck: <u>A Year Down Yonder</u> c2000 (humor, historical fiction)

Seidler: Toes c2004 (animals, fiction)

Smith: **Bone** c2004 (graphic novel)

Soto: **Baseball in April and Other Stories** c1990 (ethnic diversity)

Strasser: Help! Series (fantasy, humor)

Stewart: The Mysterious Benedict Society c2007 (fiction, adventure)

Wright: The Wish Master c2000 (realistic fiction)

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Entering Sixth Grade

Blackwood: The Shakespeare Stealer c1998 (adventure/mystery)

Broach: Shakespeare's Secret c2005. (mystery)

Carbone: <u>Stealing Freedom</u> c1998. (historical fiction)

Creech: The Wanderer c2000. (adventure)

Cushman: <u>The Ballad of Lucy Whipple</u> c1996 (historical fiction)

Di Camillo: **The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread** c2003. (fantasy)

Funke: Inkheart c2003 (fantasy)

Giff: Nory Ryan's Song c2000 (historical fiction)

Golding: The Secret Within c2002 (contemporary realistic, child abuse (not sexual)

Haddix: **Double Identity** c2005 (mystery)

Hesse: Music of the Dolphins c1996 (realistic fiction)

Holm: Penny from Heaven c2006 (historical fiction) Newbery honor winner

Isaacs: Torn Thread c2000 (historical fiction)

Kehret: Abduction! c2004 (adventure/contemporary realistic fiction)

Levine: Hana's Suitcase: A True Story c2002 (biography)

Paratore: The Wedding Planner's Daughter c2005 (humor/romance)

Ryan: Esperanza Rising c2000 (historical fiction/diversity)

Smith: <u>Peak</u> c2005 (adventure/coming-of-age)