



FICTION

Barton, Chris. **Shark vs. Train.** Large colorful illustrations add to the craziness of a competition between a shark and a train.

Graham, Bob. **April and Esme, Tooth Fairies.** The young daughters of Tooth Fairy parents feel that they are ready for their first tooth pick up, but are they up to the job?

Graves, Keith. **Chicken Big.** With silliness to spare, this BIG twist on the classic *Chicken Little* story sheds a whole new light on what it means to be chicken.

Juster, Norton. **The Odious Ogre.** A really rotten, ugly, angry, constantly hungry Ogre who goes around terrorizing the countryside meets his match in a kind and friendly young lady.

O'Malley, Kevin. **Animal Crackers Fly the Coop.** This hilarious take on the fairy tale "The Bremen Town Musicians" follows a hen, dog, cat, and cow on their journey to start up a comedy club.

Parish, Peggy and Herman. **Amelia Bedelia series.** Literal mindedness is what gives Amelia her charm, and there are plenty of instances of humorous confusion in this long-running series.

Rash, Andy. **Are You a Horse?** A wonderfully silly book about a clueless cowboy who gets a saddle for his birthday and goes in search of a horse to go with it.

Reynolds, Peter. **The Dot.** Vashti believes that she cannot draw, but her art teacher's encouragement leads her to change her mind.

Stein, David Ezra. **Interrupting Chicken.** Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

Van Duse, Chris. **The Circus Ship.** Fifteen circus animals are aboard a ship when it hits a rock and sinks. The animals swim to an island and live happily with the residents until the mean circus owner appears to reclaim the animals.

Watt, Melanie. **Chester.** Melanie Watt did not write this story. It was written by me, Chester. I'm the smartest, most handsome cat in the world.

Wiesner, David. **Art and Max.** Max wants to be an artist like Arthur (both lizards), but his first attempt at using a paintbrush sends the two friends through a series of mishaps with unexpected consequences.

NONFICTION

Barner, Bob. **Stars! Stars! Stars!** Simple rhyming text describes the stars and planets of our solar system.

Bruno, Elsa Knight. **Punctuation Celebration!** Pictures and poems introduce young readers to punctuation - commas that help a train slow down, colons that introduce lists, quotation marks that tell people what to do, and more.

Coffelt, Nancy. **Big, Bigger, Biggest.** A picture book filled with colorful illustrations and wonderful words that introduces synonyms, antonyms, and comparisons.

Jenkins, Steve and Page, Robin. **How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships.** This fascinating book explores animal symbiosis with a close-up look at some of nature's most unusual partnerships.

LaRochelle, David. **1+1=5: and other unlikely additions.** An interesting spin on how things add up to make completely different answers than you could imagine.

McCulley, Emily. **Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse.** Bill "Doc" Key, a former slave who became a veterinarian, trained his horse to recognize letters and numbers and to perform in skits around the country.

Michelson, Richard. **Ten Times Better.** Learning to count need never be boring! Crews of animals argue for the honor of the number each represents.

Murphy, Stuart J. **MathStart series.** Picture books which tell a story and reinforce math concepts.

Nivola, Claire A. **Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai.** The story of Nobel Peace Prize winner, Wangari Maathai, who inspired the planting of 30 million trees in her native Kenya.

Obama, Barack. **Of Thee I Sing: a Letter to My Daughters.** In a letter to his daughters, Barack Obama reflects on the traits of thirteen groundbreaking Americans, such as Georgia O'Keefe, Jackie Robinson, and George Washington.

Scieszka, Jon. **Truckery Rhymes.** This collection of lively truck-themed "Mother Goose" rhymes is filled with humor. Instead of "Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet..." you get "Little Dan Dumper sat on his bumper..." Fun!

Wells, Robert. **Why Do Elephants Need the Sun?** Large text and colorful pictures provide lots of fun facts about the sun space, earth and, of course, elephants.