

## Read Alouds

### \* Alan's big, scary teeth

42513 BK  
PI 2020 Candlewick Press  
by Jarvis.

"Alan is very scary. He comes from a long line of very scary alligators. He says things like 'I'm big, scary Alan! Fear my razor-sharp teeth!' But all is not as it seems. Alan, you see, has a very BIG (not-so-scary) secret." -back cover.

Humorous fiction; Teeth-Fiction; Secrecy-Fiction; Alligators-Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Animals by the numbers : a book of infographics

42503 BK  
PI 48 p. 2016 Houghton Mifflin  
Harcourt  
Steve Jenkins.

"Do all the insects in the world weigh more than all the humans? Which animal can survive both boiling water and the vacuum of space? Which animal sleeps more, a python or a bat? Which animal is more dangerous: a shark or a hippopotamus? In "Animals by Numbers," Steve Jenkins answers these questions and many more. ...Facts, figures, and comparisons are explained with colorful, easy-to-understand infographics and illustrations"-Dust jacket.

Animals-Miscellanea; Information visualization; Science; Language arts (Primary)

### Be a friend

38972 BK  
P 2016 Bloomsbury Children's Books  
Salina Yoon.

"Dennis is an ordinary boy who expresses himself in extraordinary ways. Some children do show-and-tell. Dennis mimes his. Some children climb trees. Dennis is happy to BE a tree... But being a mime can be lonely. It isn't until Dennis meets a girl named Joy that he discovers the power of friendship -and how special he truly is!"-Provided by publisher.

Friendship-Fiction; Individuality-Fiction; Mime-Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Because of an acorn

42467 BK  
PJ 2016 Chronicle Books  
by Lola M. Schaefer and Adam  
Schaefer ; illustrations by Frann  
Preston-Gannon.

"This ... informative picture book explores the vital connections between the layers of an ecosystem, relating how every tree, flower, plant, and animal connects to one another in spiraling circles of life"-Provided by publisher.

Forest ecology; Acorns; Schaefer, Adam,-author; Preston-Gannon, Frann,-illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Bee dance

42461 BK  
PI 2015 Henry Holt & Company  
Rick Chrustowski.

"A honeybee searches for nectar, then returns to the hive to tell the other bees. She does a waggle dance, moving in a special figure-eight pattern to share the location of the food source with her hivemates."-Provided by publisher.

Animal communication; Honeybees; Bees-Behavior; Science; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Blizzard

42501 BK  
P 2014 Disney-Hyperion  
by John Rocco.

"After a massive blizzard, a boy becomes a hero when he manages to walk to the local store and bring supplies back to his neighborhood which has been snowed in for days. Based on the author's childhood experience"-Provided by publisher.

Snow-Fiction; Blizzards-Fiction; Heroes and heroines-Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

### \* A book of bridges : here to there and me to you

42492 BK  
PI 2017 Sleeping Bear Press  
written by Cheryl Keely ; illustrated by  
Celia Krampien.

"Bridges are some of the most fascinating structures in our landscape. "From towering suspension bridges to humble stone crossings, this book visits them all in sweet, bouncing text with expository sidebars. But while bridges can be quite grand, this reminds us that their main purpose is bringing people together"-Provided by the publisher.

Bridges; Krampien, Celia,-1988—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Bug zoo

42498 BK  
P 2016 Disney/Hyperion  
concept and pictures by Andy  
Harkness ; words by Lisa Wheeler.  
Ben loves all sorts of insects but when he puts some in jars to start a bug zoo, the bugs quickly stop buzzing and after adding a luna moth to the collection, he understands why.

Insects-Fiction; Harkness, Andy,-illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Bunny's book club

P 2017 Doubleday Books for Young  
Readers,  
Annie Silvestro ; illustrated by Tatjana  
Mai-Wyss.  
Bunny loves reading so much that he begins sneaking into the library at night to borrow books, and soon his friends want to join him.

Libraries-Fiction; Mai-Wyss, Tatjana,-1972—illustrator; Books and reading-Fiction; Language arts (Primary); Animals-Fiction

### \* Charlotte the scientist is squished

42507 BK  
PJ 2017 Clarion Books, Houghton  
Mifflin Har  
by Camille Andros ; illustrated by  
Brianna Farley.

"Charlotte, a serious scientist and a bunny, uses the scientific method to solve her problem: being squished by her many brothers and sisters"-

Siblings-Fiction; Family life-Fiction; Rabbits-Fiction; Science-Experiments-Fiction; Science-Methodology-Fiction; Farley, Brianna,-illustrator; Science; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Creepy pair of underwear!

42469 BK  
PI 2017 Simon & Schuster Books for  
Young Re  
words, Aaron Reynolds ; pictures,  
Peter Brown.

What happens when a decidedly brave Jasper Rabbit becomes spooked when he turns out the light and discovers that his new big-rabbit undies glow in the dark?

Rabbits-Fiction; Fear-Fiction; Underwear-Fiction; Brown, Peter,-1979—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### \* The curious garden

42514 BK  
PI 2009 Little, Brown and Co. Books  
for You  
Peter Brown.

Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.

Seasons-Fiction; Gardening-Fiction; City and town life-Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

### \* A dog wearing shoes

42484 BK  
P 2015 Schwartz & Wade Books  
Sangmi Ko.

Mini finds a dog in the park wearing shoes but no collar and begs to keep him, but soon she realizes that whoever put the shoes on him loves the dog, as well.

Dogs-Fiction; Lost and found possessions-Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

### \* Double take! : a new look at opposites

42506 BK  
PI 2017 Candlewick Studio, an  
imprint of Ca

Susan Hood ; illustrated by Jay Fleck.  
A boy and an elephant experience opposites -as relative terms, dependent on points of view -as they spend a day in the city.

Stories in rhyme; City and town life-Fiction; Opposites-Fiction; Fleck, Jay,-illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

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### \* Explorers of the wild

42508 BK  
P 2016 Disney-Hyperion  
Cale Atkinson.

"A bear and a boy who both love exploring learn to share their adventures together"—Provided by publisher.

Bears—Fiction; Play—Fiction;  
Explorers—Fiction; Science;  
Language arts (Primary)

### \* Giant squid

42485 BK  
P 2016 Roaring Brook Press  
Candace Fleming, Eric Rohmann.

"A nonfiction picture book exploring the mysterious life of the elusive giant squid"—Provided by publisher.

Squids; Giant squids; Rohmann,  
Eric,—illustrator; Science; Language  
arts (Primary); Ecology

### Groovy Joe

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Groovy Joe : ice cream & dinosaurs  
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### \* Groovy Joe : ice cream & dinosaurs

42502 BK  
PI 2016 Orchard Books, an imprint of  
Schola  
by Eric Litwin ; illustrated by Tom  
Lichtenheld.

*Groovy Joe Series* - Groovy Joe is a  
fun-loving dog with a tub full of ice  
cream—which he shares with his  
unexpected dinosaur guests.

Dogs—Fiction; Stories in rhyme;  
Sharing—Fiction; Dinosaurs—Fiction;  
Ice cream, ices, etc.—Fiction;  
Lichtenheld, Tom,—illustrator;  
Language arts (Primary)

### \* Happy dreamer

42504 BK  
P 2017 Orchard Books, an imprint of  
Schola  
by Peter H. Reynolds.

A "dreamer maximus" describes the  
many ways one can dream, and the  
importance of being a happy dreamer.

Imagination—Fiction; Creative  
ability—Fiction; Individuality—Fiction;  
Language arts (Primary)

### How to find a fox

39689 BK  
PI 2016 Feiwel and Friends  
Nilah Magruder.

"Equipped with a camera and  
determination, an adventurous little  
girl tries to track down an elusive red  
fox, which proves more difficult than  
she thought"—

Foxes—Fiction; Humorous fiction;  
Language arts (Primary)

### \* If sharks disappeared

42470 BK  
PIJ 2017 Roaring Brook Press, a  
division of  
Lily Williams.

With her family, a young girl explores  
the important role sharks play in  
keeping our oceans healthy, by  
imagining what could happen if sharks  
were to become extinct. She finishes  
on a happier note by observing that  
sharks are present in all the Earth's  
oceans. In addition, we can take  
action to save shark populations from  
decreasing. This picture book  
provides much factual information.

Endangered species; Marine  
animals; Food chains (Ecology);  
Sharks; Marine animals—Fiction;  
Marine ecology; Endangered  
species—Fiction; Sharks—Fiction;  
Marine ecology—Fiction; Food  
chains (Ecology)—Fiction; Science;  
Ecology; Language arts (Primary)

### If you plant a seed

36425 BK  
PI 2015 Balzer + Bray, an imprint of  
Harper

words and paintings by Kadir Nelson.  
While planting seeds in their garden,  
two animals learn the value of  
kindness.

Animals—Fiction; Gardening—  
Fiction; Kindness—Fiction; Personal  
awareness and social  
responsibility; Sharing—Fiction;  
Language arts (Primary)

### The invisible boy

38970 BK  
PJ 2013 Random House Children's  
Books  
by Trudy Ludwig ; illustrated by Patrice  
Barton.

Brian has always felt invisible at  
school, but when a new student,  
Justin, arrives, everything changes.

Friendship—Fiction; Popularity—  
Fiction; School stories; Barton,  
Patrice,—1955—illustrator; Career  
Education; Language arts (Primary)

### Jabari jumps

39578 BK  
P 2017 Candlewick Press  
Gaia Cornwall.

"Jabari is definitely ready to jump off  
the diving board. He's finished his  
swimming lessons. He's passed his  
swim test. It's just... maybe he should  
do some stretches first. 'Looks easy,'  
says Jabari, watching the other kids  
take their turns. But when his dad  
squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes  
back"—Provided by publisher.

Courage—Fiction; Diving—Fiction;  
Swimming—Fiction; Language arts  
(Primary)

### Last Stop On Market Street

40712 BK  
PJ 32 p. 2015 G.P. Putnam's Sons,  
an imprint of P

words by Matt de la Peña ; pictures by  
Christian Robinson.

A young boy rides the bus across  
town with his grandmother and learns  
to appreciate the beauty in everyday  
things.

African Americans—Fiction;  
Grandmothers—Fiction; City and  
town life—Fiction; Buses—Fiction;  
Robinson, Christian,—illustrator;  
Social Studies; Language arts  
(Primary)

### \* The legend of rock paper scissors

42468 BK  
PI 2017 Balzer + Bray, an imprint of  
Harper

Drew Daywalt ; Adam Rex.

Tells a humorous story of how the  
rock, paper, and scissors found each  
other and formed a battle game.

Games—Fiction; Legends—Fiction;  
Rock-paper-scissors (Game)—  
Fiction; Rex, Adam,—illustrator;  
Language arts (Primary)

### Mango, Abuela, and Me

40781 BK  
PJ 32 p. 2015 Scholastic Inc.  
Meg Medina ; illustrated by Angela  
Dominguez.

"Mia's Abuela has left her sunny  
house with parrots and palm trees to  
live with Mia and her parents in the  
city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to  
share her favorite book with Abuela  
before they go to sleep and discovers  
that Abuela can't read the words  
inside"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Interpersonal  
relations—Fiction; Parrots—Fiction;  
Grandparent-grandchild  
relationship—Fiction; Dominguez,  
Angela,—illustrator; Language arts  
(Primary)

### The Night Gardener

39166 BK  
P 2016 Simon & Schuster Books for  
Young Re  
Terry Fan & Eric Fan.

"Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys  
the trees and shrubs clipped into  
animal masterpieces after dark by the  
Night Gardener, but William, a lonely  
boy, spots the artist, follows him, and  
helps with his special work"—Provided  
by publisher.

Gardening—Fiction; Pruning—Fiction;  
Fan, Eric,—author,—illustrator;  
Language arts (Primary)

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### \*One word from Sophia

42029 BK

PIJ 2015 Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Jim Averbeck and Yasmeen Ismail. *Sophia books Series* - All Sophie wants for her birthday is a pet giraffe. However as she tries to convince different members of her rather complicated family to support her cause, each tells her she is using too many words -until she finally hits on the perfect one. A glossary is included.

Family life—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Birthdays—Fiction; Giraffes—Fiction; Communication—Fiction; Ismail, Yasmeen,—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### Rosie Revere, engineer

39512 BK

PI 2013 Abrams Books for Young Readers

by Andrea Beaty ; illustrated by David Roberts.

A young aspiring engineer must first conquer her fear of failure.

Creative thinking; Engineers—Fiction; Failure (Psychology)—Fiction; Perseverance—Fiction; Stories in rhyme; inventions—Fiction; Roberts, David,—1970—illustrator; English/ Language Arts; Career Education; Applied design, skills and technologies

### School's First Day of School

40556 BK

PJ 40 p. 2016 Roaring Brook Press  
Story by Adam Rex, pictures by Christian Robinson.

"It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself"—Provided by publisher.

School stories; First day of school—Fiction; Robinson, Christian,—illustrator; Buildings—Fiction; School buildings—Fiction

### The seashore book

38759 BK

P 2017 Charlesbridge  
Charlotte Zolotow ; [illustrated by] Wendell Minor.

A mother's words help a little boy imagine the sights and sounds of the seashore, even though he has never seen the ocean.

Imagination—Fiction; Mother-child relationship—Fiction; Seashore—Fiction; Minor, Wendell,—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### \*Shark lady : the true story of how Eugenie Clark became the ocean's most fearless scientist

42472 BK

PI 2017 Sourcebooks Jabberwocky  
written by Jess Keating ; illustrations by Marta Álvarez Miguéns.

At 9 years old, Eugenie Clark developed an unexpected passion for sharks after a visit to the Battery Park Aquarium in New York City. At the time, sharks were seen as mindless killing machines, but Eugenie knew better and set out to prove it. Despite many obstacles in her path, Eugenie was able to study the creatures she loved so much. From her many discoveries to the shark-related myths she dispelled, Eugenie's wide scientific contributions led to the well-earned nickname "Shark Lady"—Provided by publisher.

Marine biologists—Biography; Sharks—Research; Clark, Eugenie; Alvarez Miguens, Marta,—1976—illustrator; Ecology; Language arts (Primary)

### \*A small blue whale

42532 BK

P 2017 Alfred A. Knopf  
story by Beth Ferry ; pictures by Lisa Mundorff.

"A small blue whale learns the meaning of friendship"—Provided by publisher.

Friendship—Fiction; Whales—Fiction; Penguins—Fiction; Clouds—Fiction; Blue whales—Fiction; Mundorff, Lisa,—illustrator; Science; Language arts (Primary)

### The smallest girl in the smallest grade

39514 BK

PI 2014 G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of P

written by Justin Roberts ; illustrated by Christian Robinson.

Sally McCabe is a very little girl and nobody really notices her, although she notices everything that goes on around her. However when she speaks out about the unkindness she sees, people start to pay attention.

Conduct of life—Fiction; Human behavior—Fiction; Kindness—Fiction; Personal awareness and social responsibility; Stories in rhyme; Robinson, Christian,—illustrator; Career Education

### Sophia books

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### A squiggly story

37322 BK

P 2016 Kids Can Press  
written by Andrew Larsen ; illustrated by Mike Lowery.

"A young boy wants to write a story, just like his big sister. But there's a problem, he tells her. Though he knows his letters, he doesn't know many words. His sister patiently explains, 'Every story starts with a single word and every word starts with a single letter. Why don't you start there, with a letter?' So the boy tries. He writes a letter. An easy letter. The letter I. And from that one skinny letter, the story grows, and the little boy discovers that all of us, including him, have what we need to write our own perfect story"—OCLC.

Authorship—Fiction; Communication; Creative writing—Fiction; Drawing—Fiction; Imagination—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction; Lowery, Mike,—1980—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### Strictly no elephants

39108 BK

PI 2015 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re  
written by Lisa Mantchev ; illustrated by Taeun Yoo.

A boy is excluded from joining his friends' pet club because of his unusual pet.

Elephants—Fiction; Personal awareness and social responsibility; Pets—Fiction; Toleration—Fiction; Yoo, Taeun,—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### \*Take away the A

42025 BK

PJ 2014 Enchanted Lion Books  
by Michaël Escoffier ; illustrated by Kris Di Giacomo.

Text and illustrations look at how subtracting a single letter from a word can make an entirely different word.

Animals—Fiction; Alphabet—Fiction; Vocabulary—Humor; Semantics—Humor; DiGiacomo, Kris,—illustrator; Language arts (Primary)

### \*Tek : the modern cave boy

42417 BK

PJ 2016 Little, Brown and Company,  
a divisi  
Patrick McDonnell.

Caveboy Tek is obsessed with his electronic devices and ignores the world around him, until his family and friends hatch a plan to get him to unplug.

Prehistoric peoples—Fiction; Electronic apparatus and appliances—Fiction; Language arts (Primary)

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### **They all saw a cat**

39517 BK

PJ 2016 Chronicle Books

Brendan Wenzel.

In simple, rhythmic prose and stylized pictures, a cat walks through the world, and all the other creatures see and acknowledge the cat.

Cats–Fiction; Critical thinking;  
Identity (Psychology)–Fiction

### **\* Things to do**

42497 BK

PI 2016 Chronicle Books LLC

by Elaine Magliaro ; illustrated by  
Catia Chien.

This story, in rhyming text, takes us through a child's day, focusing on the animals, objects and things she encounters and what she imagines their activities to be. She explores the dawn, birds, a honeybee, an acorn, a snail, the sun, the sky, an eraser, scissors, the rain, boots, an orb spider, crickets, and the moon.

Animals–Fiction; Stories in rhyme;  
Curiosities and wonders–Fiction;  
Chien, Catia,–illustrator; Language  
arts (Primary)

### **\* Up in the garden and down in the dirt**

42465 BK

P 2015 Chronicle Books

by Kate Messner ; with art by  
Christopher Silas Neal.

"Up in the garden, the world is full of green—leaves and sprouts, growing vegetables, ripening fruit. But down in the dirt there is a busy world of earthworms digging, snakes hunting, skunks burrowing, and all the other animals that make a garden their home. In this exuberant book, discover the wonder and activity that lie hidden between the stalks, under the shade of leaves... and down in the dirt"—Jacket flap.

Gardening; Gardening–Fiction;  
Gardens–Fiction; Gardens; Neal,  
Christopher Silas,–illustrator; Soil  
ecology; Soil ecology–Fiction;  
Language arts (Primary)

### **\* Water is water : a book about the water cycle**

42466 BK

PI 2015 Roaring Brook Press, a  
division of

Miranda Paul ; illustrations by Jason  
Chin.

"A spare, poetic picture book exploring the different phases of the water cycle in surprising and engaging ways"—Provided by publisher.

Water; Stories in rhyme; Water  
cycle; Water–Fiction; Chin, Jason,–  
1978—illustrator; Water  
cycle–Fiction; Science; Language  
arts (Primary)