

**Mackall, Dandi Daley**  
**Ali Cat finds a home**

When she takes out the trash, Katy finds a little gray cat in the trash can. She takes it home and asks to keep it. She promises her mom she'll be responsible, but when she forgets to feed the cat for several days, she's reminded that her job to take care of her cat is very important

**McMullan, Kate**  
**Pearl and Wagner : four eyes**

When Wagner's eye test shows that he needs glasses, it takes him a little while--and some help from his friends--to adjust to his new look.

**Neasi, Barbara J.**  
**Just like me**

Jennifer tells of the many ways that she and her twin sister, Julie, are alike and different.

**Neasi, Barbara J.**  
**Listen to me**

When Mom and Dad are too busy to talk and to listen, a boy and his grandmother enjoy conversations and spending time together.

**Panec, D. J.**  
**We all sleep**

Different animals have different activities, but they all need to sleep. Told in rhyme. Text on one page is meant to be read by a parent/adult while text on a facing page is simple enough to be read by a child just learning to read.

**Rau, Dana Meachen**  
**The secret code**

Oscar, who is blind, teaches Lucy how to read his Braille book.

**Rhionnon, Ann**  
**Bear with me**

When Kenai, a Native American boy living in the Pacific Northwest in prehistoric times, is transformed into a bear, he learns about the lives of creatures other than man.

**Schecter, Ellen**  
**The warrior maiden : a Hopi legend** A retelling of the Hopi Indian legend in which Huh-áy-ay, a brave Hopi girl, helps to save her peaceful pueblo from Apache raiders.

**Schecter, Ellen**  
**Sim Chung and the river dragon : a folktale from Korea**

In order to obtain a cure for her father's blindness, a loving young girl agrees to marry a terrifying dragon.

**Schwartz, Alvin**  
**There is a carrot in my ear, and other noodle tales**

A collection of six stories about a family of silly people, based on noodle folklore from America, Europe, and Asia Minor.

**Schwartz, Alvin**  
**All of our noses are here, and other noodle tales**

A collection of five stories about a family of silly people, based on noodle folklore from America, India, Japan, Korea, and the Arabian Nights.

**Slater, Teddy**  
**The wrong-way rabbit**  
Tibbar the backward bunny does everything the opposite from what's expected, walking backwards and going up the down stairs.

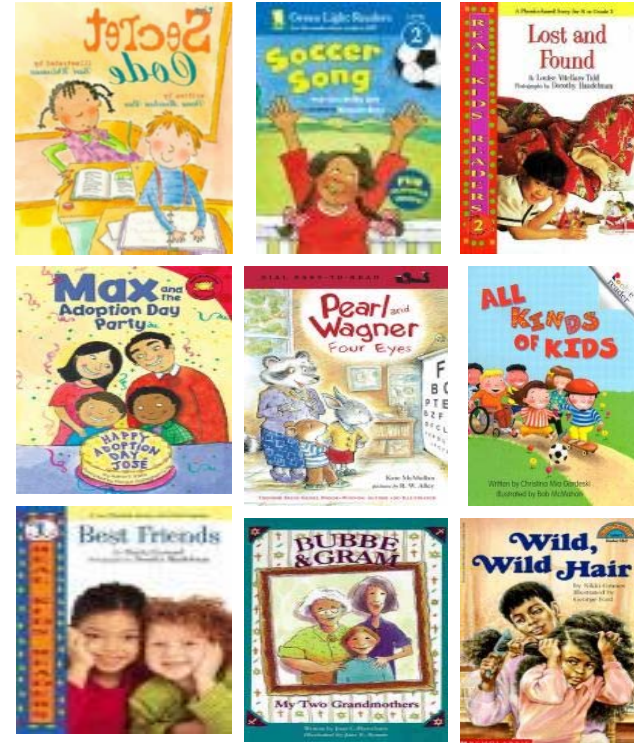
**Tidd, Louise Vitellaro**  
**Lost and found**  
Nate's search for his missing sneaker leads him to many other things he has lost and is delighted to find again.

**Tripp, Valerie**  
**The one and only Delaney**  
While learning about comparisons such as "big, bigger, biggest," Delaney begins to unfavorably compare her skills in reading, drawing, and joking with those of her classmates, until Miss Sparks helps her identify her own talents.



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# Multicultural Books in the Early Reader Collection



**Recommended books for learning about cultural and ethnic diversity.**



# These books are located in the Juvenile Early Reader Section under the author's last name. The Youth Services Librarians can suggest other titles. Just ask!

**Benchley, Nathaniel**

## **Small wolf**

A young Native American boy sets out to hunt on Manhattan Island and discovers some strange people with white faces and very different ideas about land.

**Brimner, Larry Dane**

## **Nana's hog**

Although people think her behavior improper, Nana rides a hog through town.

**Capucilli, Ayssa Satin**

## **Panda kisses**

A panda cub tries to find out what kind of kiss is just right for him, with help from his parents.

**Coerr, Eleanor**

## **Chang's paper pony**

In San Francisco during the 1850's gold rush, Chang, the son of Chinese immigrants, wants a pony but cannot afford one until his friend Big Pete finds a solution.

**Cosby, Bill**

## **Hooray for the Dandelion Warriors!**

Little Bill and his teammates are excited to begin baseball practice, but they cannot agree on the team name.

**Cosby, Bill**

## **The meanest thing to say**

When a new boy in his second grade class tries to get the other students to play a game that involves saying the meanest things possible to one another, Little Bill shows him a better way to make friends.

**Curtis, Matt Six empty pockets**

Charles's six empty pockets come in handy for carrying such treasures as a blue star marble, an old crow's feather, and seven striped stones.

**Delacre, Lulu**

## **Rafi and Rosi : Carnival!**

Two Latin American tree frogs, mischievous Rafi and his younger sister Rosi, enjoy the events of Puerto Rico's Carnival season.

**Dobkin, Bonnie**

## **Everybody says**

A boy proud of his individuality proclaims his love of raw carrots, rainy days, and his pet iguana.

**Dobkin, Bonnie**

## **Just a little different**

A child relates how he and his best friend, who is in a wheelchair, are both alike and different .

**Duchesne, Christiane**

## **Peter's secret**

Peter has not told anyone the secret of why he is different from other children, but when a new student joins his class, he wonders if he can tell her

**Gardeski, Christina Mia**

## **All kinds of kids**

Children may be different in how they look, what they like to do, and even what they like to eat, but they all have great smiles.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly**

## **Soccer song**

Jill's friends know that she has strong arms and hands and so when she is learning to play soccer, they help her to find a position in which she can excel.

**Grimes, Nikki Wild, wild hair**

In this rhyming story, an African American girl hides when it's time to comb and braid her hair.

**Hawxhurst, Joan C.**

## **Bubbe & Gram : my two grandmothers**

This story shows a child enriched by her bonds with her Jewish and Christian grandmothers.

**Hazen, Barbara Shook**

## **Digby**

Learning about the family dog, Digby, helps a young child understand aging.

**Head, Judith**

## **Mud soup**

Josh tries to avoid eating the "mud soup" prepared by Rosa's abuela (grandmother). Includes a recipe for black bean soup.

**Hooks, Gwendolyn**

## **Nice wheels**

The classmates of a new boy at school find that, although he is in a wheelchair, he can do what they do.

**Hooks, William**

## **Peach boy**

Found floating on the river inside a peach by an old couple, Momotaro grows up and fights the terrible demons who have terrorized the village for years.

**Klein, Adria F.**

## **Max and the adoption day party**

When his friend Jose has his adoption day party, Max brings him a special present.

**Klein, Adria F.**

## **Max celebrates Chinese New Year**

Max's friend Lily invites him to her family's celebration of Chinese New Year.

**Klein, Adria F.**

## **Max learns sign language**

Max takes a class in sign language so that he can talk with his friend, Susan, who cannot hear.

**Leonard, Marcia**

## **Best friends**

Although they are different in many ways, two girls are still best friends.

**Lewis, Thomas P.**

## **Hill of fire**

An easy-to-read account of the birth of Parícutin volcano in the field of a Mexican farmer.

**Lieurance, Suzanne**

**Shoelaces** An African American girl describes the joys of all different kinds of shoelaces.

