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GRADES 3-5

Ape and Armadillo Take Over the World

by James Sturm
TOON Books, 2016, ISBN:
9781943145096

Ape and Armadillo learn that achieving world domination is a lot less fun without your best friend at your side.

The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
Carolrhoda Books, 2015, ISBN:
9780761339434

The story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, a testament to the power of words and reading and a celebration of culture during some turbulent years.

A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans

by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder, illustrated by Mary GrandPré
Crown Books, 2015, ISBN:
9780385392280

A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

Fable Comics

Edited by Chris Duffy
First Second, 2015, ISBN:
9781626721074

Twenty-eight fables from different countries are retold

with the help of prominent children's book illustrators.

Flying Lessons & Other Stories

Edited by Ellen Oh
Crown Books, 2017, ISBN:
9781101934593

Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates, and more in a highly readable, relatable short-story collection.

Fort

by Cynthia DeFelice
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015,
ISBN: 9780374324278

Friends Wyatt and Augie spend an unplugged summer in the woods, building a fort and protecting a disabled boy from bullies.

Freedom over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2016, ISBN:
9781481456906

Bryan breathes life into eleven slaves (listed as property on a document from 1828 that he purchased in an estate sale) through his exquisite portraits and narrative poetry.

Full of Beans

by Jennifer L. Holm
Random House, 2016, ISBN:
9780553510362

In Depression era Key West, Beans Curry and his barefoot gang of friends try various

schemes to make easy money in this laugh-out-loud historical novel.

Garvey's Choice

by Nikki Grimes
WordSong, 2016, ISBN:
9781629797403

Overweight sci-fi nerd Garvey knows he can never be the athlete his father wants him to be, but maybe—just maybe—he might be able to find his own path when he joins the school chorus.

Hiawatha and the Peacemaker

by Robbie Robertson, illustrated by David Shannon
Abrams, 2015, ISBN:
9781419712203

A powerful introduction to the story of Hiawatha, the Mohawk who translated the message of unity from the Peacemaker, unifying the five nations of Iroquois.

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph

by Roxane Orgill, illustrated by Frances Vallejo
Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN:
9780763669546

This collection of poetry focuses on the process art designer Art Kane went through in order to photograph what was to become the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

Juana and Lucas

by Juana Medina
Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN:
9780763672089

A little girl growing up in Bogotá is determined to learn English before her trip to the U.S. and her visit to Spaceland.

The Jumbies

by Tracey Baptiste
Algonquin, 2015, ISBN:
9781616204143

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

The Last Kids on Earth

by Max Brallier, illustrated by Douglas Holgate
Viking, 2015, ISBN:
9780670016617

Described as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* meets *The Walking Dead*, this postapocalyptic graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his tree house for as long as he can.

Lola Levine Is Not Mean!

by Monica Brown, illustrated by Angela Dominquez
Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN:
9780316258364

Sports-loving Lola accidentally injures a classmate during a recess soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field—and her friends—by demonstrating what good sportsmanship is all about.

Makoons

by Louise Erdrich
HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN:
9780060577933

Twin brothers Makoons and Chickadee travel across the plains in search of buffalo with their family in the 1860s.

Moo

by Sharon Creech
HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN:
9780062415240

When Reena found out she was moving to Maine, she pictured lighthouses and lobsters, not a neighbor with a zany cow named Zora.

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea

by Ben Clanton
Tundra Books, 2016, ISBN:
9781101918715

A narwhal and a jellyfish strike up an unlikely friendship and have adventures under the sea.

Nothing but Trouble

by Jacqueline Davies
HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen Books, 2016, ISBN:
9780062369888

Maggie, aspiring scientist and hacker, and Lena, a talented artist, team up to add a little mystery and mischief to the last days of Odawahaka Middle School.

Oona Finds an Egg

by Adele Griffin, illustrated by Mike Wu
Scholastic, 2016, ISBN:
9780545732796

Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her adventures in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet. *First in a series.*

Pax

by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Jon Klassen
Balzer + Bray, 2016, ISBN:
9780062377012

Peter leaves home to reunite with his beloved pet fox, Pax.

Raymie Nightingale

by Kate DiCamillo
Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN:
9780763681173

Raymie prepares for a local beauty pageant in the hopes of getting the attention of her father and becomes friends with her quirky competitors.

Two Naomis

by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich and Audrey Vernick
Balzer + Bray, 2016, ISBN:
9780062414250

Two girls who are both named Naomi find themselves at odds when their parents begin to date.

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

by Kelly Jones, illustrated by Katie Kath
Knopf Books, 2015, ISBN:
9780385755528

When she and her family move to a farm, Sophie discovers some unique chickens that need more than just care and feeding.

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems

by Bob Raczka
Roaring Brook Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9781626722361

Raczka offers a collection of twenty-one concrete poems that are a surefire way to draw the attention of young readers and inspire readers.

