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Dear Readers:

Welcome to the latest edition of **Bryce's Best Books!** These are some of my favorite books that were purchased for the library between November of last year through this past October.

There are old, returning favorites, like Kevin Henkes & Patrick McDonnell, while many others are making it onto the list for the first time. This was also a banner year for non-fiction. Hopefully you'll make some exciting discoveries and maybe find some new favorites.

Most summaries presented are taken from the online catalog, or publishers, but many have additional points or comments by me. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you particularly enjoyed any titles from here.

I am always hard at work at bringing you the best children's books out there and hope that this list is helpful to you.

Happy Reading!

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Toddler Books:

**Animal I Spy: What Can You Spot?**

An illustrated magnifying glass on each page of this book reveals a clue about an animal. Can you find each animal?

Herzog, Brad

**Little Baseball**

Rhyming riddles accompanied by colorful artwork help introduce the game of baseball to young readers.

Hills, Tad

**Duck & Goose Find a Pumpkin**

When they see their friend carrying a pumpkin, Duck and Goose each want one but they're having no luck finding any until they are steered in the right direction.

Marzollo, Jean

**I Spy Little Wheels**

A bright and funny learning tool, this "I Spy" board book invites toddlers and preschoolers to find the hidden cars, trains, and other "things that go" using simple, rhyming clues.

**Hello, Animals!**

This is a charming introduction to 10 of baby's best-loved animals, featuring high contrast black-and-white patterns and a glittering burst of colored foil.

Stickland, Paul

**Dinosaur Numbers**

"Welcome to the wonderful world of numbers, starring Paul Stickland's band of playful dinosaurs. Count the dinosaurs, one through ten. When you're done, start over again!"

**Next section: Picture Books**

Picture Books:

Borden, Louise                    **Big Brothers Don't Take Naps**

Little brother Nick lists all the wonderful things his big brother does with him, preparing him to greet the new baby in the family.

Buehner, Caralyn                **Snowmen All Year**

A child imagines what it would be like if a snowman, made of magical snow, could be a companion throughout the year.

Butler, Christina                **Smiley Snowman**

A bear, a fox, and a rabbit build a snowman, but their efforts to keep it happy and warm almost bring about its demise.

Cadow, Kenneth                 **Alfie Runs Away**

Told he must give up his favorite, now too-small, shoes, Alfie leaves home, but not before his mother persuades him to take all of the things he might need while he is gone.

De Groat, Diane                 **Ants in Your Pants, Worms in Your Plants!**

Gilbert seems to be the only one in his class who cannot think of any ideas for an Earth Day project.

Durand, Hallie                   **Mitchell's License**

Four-year-old Mitchell, a kid with a need for speed, a lead foot, and a very special license to drive, gets a little help from his obliging father.

Emberley, Rebecca             **If You're a Monster & You Know It**

Monsters sing their own version of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

Fosberry, Jennifer              **My Name Is Not Alexander**

From breakfast to bedtime, a young boy imagines being different men who made history, and ends the day empowered to be himself . A companion title to last year's, *My Name Is Not Isabella*.

Henkes, Kevin                   **Little White Rabbit**

As he hops along, a little rabbit wonders what it would be like to be green as grass, tall as fir trees, hard as rocks, or to flutter like butterflies.

Himmelman, John               **Pigs to the Rescue**

All week long the pigs help out around the farm in unexpected ways, in this follow up to last year's, *Chickens to the Rescue*.

Landers, Ace                     **Save the Galaxy!**

Our heroes must evade Stormtroopers, outwit Darth Vader, and steal plans to the Death Star. With a little luck--and a lot of Legos--they might even manage to save the galaxy! Parents will find lots to laugh at here.

Lichtenheld, Tom                    **Bridget's Beret**

When Bridget loses the beret that provides her with artistic inspiration like other great artists, she thinks she will never be able to draw again.

Lyon, George                        **Pirate of Kindergarten**

Ginny's eyes play tricks on her, making her see everything double, but when she goes to vision screening at school and discovers that not everyone sees this way, she learns that her double vision can be cured.

Maccarone, Grace                **Miss Lina's Ballerinas**

Ballet instructor Miss Lina has a solution when her eight students, who always dance in pairs, are distraught after a ninth girl joins the class.

McDonnell, Patrick              **Me...Jane**

Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist. *This is my favorite picture book of the year.*

McElligot, Matthew              **Even Monsters Need Haircuts**

At night under a full moon, a child operates a barber shop with a monstrous clientele. The pictures, and story, are charming and humorous.

Nesbitt, Kenn                      **More Bears!**

When an author starts writing, children yell that they want more bears in the story. Very fun, and one of my top picks for the year.

O'Malley, Kevin                 **Once Upon a Royal Superbaby**

Cooperatively writing a story for school, a girl imagines a king and queen who have a baby named Sweet Piper who can talk to birds, while a boy names the baby Sweet Viper and gives him super-strength, cool wrestling moves, a motorcycle and sunglasses. This is a follow up to the wonderful, *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude.*

Orloff, Karen                      **I Wanna New Room**

Through a series of brief letters to his parents, Alex presents all the reasons why he should not have to share a room with his younger brother. Readers will recognize the characters and storytelling technique from Ms. Orloff's, *I Wanna Iguana.*

Parr, Todd                         **Earth Book**

Simple text and illustrations show how children can help protect the Earth.

Polacco, Patricia                **Junkyard Wonders**

Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be "Junkyard Wonders."

Rocco, John                        **Blackout**

When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.

Savage, Stephen                      **Where's Walrus?**

In this wordless picture book, readers get to follow Walrus on a happy-go-lucky spree through the big city, as he tries on different hats to disguise himself from the chasing zookeeper.

Sayre, April                              **If You're Hoppy**

In rhyming text reminiscent of the traditional song, "If you're happy and you know it, " this fun book presents various animals that are hoppy, sloppy, growly, flappy, or slimy, scaly and mean.

Schnur, Susan                              **Tashlich at Turtle Rock**

Annie leads her family on a Rosh Hashanah hike to observe tashlich, where each person will ask God's forgiveness for the things they regret doing the previous year. Includes facts about this Jewish custom. Please note that this book is in the holiday section and has a 2 week loan period.

Seuss, Dr.                                      **Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories**

Presents seven Dr. Seuss stories first published in magazines between 1948 and 1959, with an introduction and commentary on each.

Shea, Bob                                      **Dinosaur vs the Potty**

Dinosaur doesn't need to use the potty. Even when making lemonade, running through the sprinkler, splashing in puddles, playing in the water... But wait, is that a victory dance or something else? Read dinosaur's other adventures in *vs. bedtime* and the new, *vs. the library* (arriving the end of December 2011).

Smith, Lane                                      **Grandpa Green**

A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden.

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. This title won a Caldecott Honor Award.

Tullet, Herve                                      **Press Here**

This unique book instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to create imaginative images. Also see his new title, *Book With a Hole*, which imagines a hole in the book as various things.

Van Fleet, Matthew                              **Heads**

Rhyming text and animal illustrations with touchable textures, moving pages, and a final gate-fold celebrate heads, the parts of which they are composed, and the ways that different creatures use them to sense the world around them. This is one of Mr. Van Fleet's latest titles.

Wells, Rosemary                                      **Yoko's Show-and-Tell**

After receiving a special doll from her grandparents, Yoko decides to bring it to show-and-tell against her mother's orders. Yoko is devastated when the doll gets damaged. Ms. Wells poignantly captures Yoko's regret over a poor decision and subtly shows the healing power of love in this charming picture book.

Willems, Mo

**Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator**

In 6 ½ stories, we read about how Amanda and her alligator have lots of fun together. When Amanda's grandfather buys her a panda, however, Alligator must learn to make new friends.

Wilson, Karma

**What's in the Egg, Little Pip?**

Little Pip the penguin comes to terms with the presence of an Egg, which will soon hatch into a little brother or sister. Be sure to read the other *Pip* books as well!

Yolen, Jane

**Hush, Little Horsie**

Rhyming text assures foals that their mothers are watching over them while they leap on a farm, frolic on a beach, gallop on a plain, and sleep in a stall. Perfect for young horse lovers.

Ziefert, Harriet

**Bunny's Lessons**

A stuffed rabbit learns much from Charlie, his constant companion, including the meaning of the words "loud, " "ouch, " and "messy, " but also about saying you are sorry and knowing you are loved.

**Next section: Easy Readers**

Easy Readers:

Bishop, Nic                      **Butterflies (ER 595.78)**

With breathtaking full-page images and simple, engaging text, Mr. Bishop introduces young readers to the beauty and diversity of these amazing insects.

Chaconas, Dori                      **Cork & Fuzz: Swimming Lesson**

Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water. This is the latest in a series.

Kann, Victoria                      **Pinkalicious: Pinkie Promise**

After Pinkalicious uses all of Alison's pink paint in class, she wonders how she can repay her best friend.

Marsh, Laura                      **Great Migrations: Amazing Animal Journeys (ER 591.56)**

Introduces animal migration and why some animals migrate, including the zebras in Botswana, the red crabs of Christmas Island, and the walruses in the Bering and Chukchi Seas.

O'Connor, Jane                      **Fancy Nancy: Splendid Speller**

Nancy, who loves to use fancy words, and her friend Bree are proud to be the best spellers in their class, but when a spelling quiz proves tougher than Nancy thought, Nancy is faced with a difficult decision. This was one of many *Fancy Nancy* titles published this year (see other titles in picture books, as well as easy readers).

Ross, Dev                      **Soccer! (ER 796.334)**

In this *We Both Read* series book, where parents read one side of the page and the children read the other, children will learn all about this popular sport.

Ryals, Lexi                      **Teeny Tiny Animals (ER 590)**

Inside this book you'll find all sorts of itty-bitty animals: dogs, pigs, frogs, lizards and more.

Schreiber, Anne                      **Pandas (National Geographic Kids) (ER 599.789)**

Presents an introduction to pandas, describing their habitat, physical characteristics, life cycle, and behavior. Jokes, an on-page glossary, and beautiful pictures round out this nice introduction.

Sill, Cathryn                      **About Hummingbirds: A Guide for Children (ER 598.7)**

Educator and author Sill uses simple, easy-to-understand language to teach children what hummingbirds are, how they look, how they move, what they eat, and where they live. Many varieties of hummingbirds are introduced, from the smallest to the largest. We own many of her fine titles.

Willems, Mo                      **Should I Share My Ice Cream?**

Gerald the elephant and Piggie are best friends. Gerald has a big decision to make on whether to share his ice cream with Piggie. But will he make it in time? Don't forget his other *Elephant & Piggie* titles, like the similarly new *I Broke My Trunk!* & *Happy Pig Day!*

**Next section: Junior Fiction**

Junior Fiction:

Angleberger, Tom                   **Strange Case of Origami Yoda**

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Don't miss the sequel, *Darth Paper Strikes Back!*.

Barshaw, Ruth                   **Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel**

This is the first book in a wonderful series, with a style similar to the *Wimpy Kid* books. Craft and game instructions are included throughout. A great find.

Birdsall, Jeanne                   **Penderwicks at Point Mouette**

When the three younger Penderwick sisters go to Maine with Aunt Claire and are separated from oldest sister Rosalind for the first time in their lives, an uncertain Skye is left in charge as the OAP--oldest available Penderwick. This is the third title in this marvelous series of books, reminiscent of the classic *All of a Kind Family* books.

Broach, Elise                   **Missing on Superstition Mountain**

When brothers Simon, Henry, and Jack move with their parents to Arizona, they are irresistibly drawn to explore the aptly named Superstition Mountain, in spite of warnings that it is not safe.

Buyea, Rob                   **Because of Mr. Terupt**

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

Calkhoven, Laurie                   **Winning Goal (Innerstar University)**

Just right for sporty girls! Readers can imagine themselves as the main character of this interactive story. With more than 20 different endings, girls will enjoy this again and again to see how their decisions change the story. Plus, this book comes with a secret access code to unlock additional endings online! (From the publisher, *American Girl*).

Clements, Andrew                   **Troublemaker**

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.

Cronin, Doreen                   **Trouble With Chickens: A J.J. Tully Mystery**

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case. Good fun.

**Guys Read: Funny Business**

A collection of humorous stories by many popular authors featuring a teenaged mummy, a homicidal turkey, and the world's largest pool of chocolate milk. Look for other titles in the *Guys Read* library.

Lewis, Gill                   **Wild Wings**

Set against the dramatic landscapes of Scotland and West Africa, this is a story of hope and friendship—one infused with the beauty of nature.

Look, Lenore                    **Allergic to Dead Bodies, Funerals, and Other Fatal Circumstances**  
In the latest Alvin Ho title, young Alvin learns about death when his grandfather's best friend passes away and he offers to accompany his grandfather to the funeral. Also published this year was *Allergic to Science Projects, Birthday Parties, and Other Man Made Catastrophes*.

MacLachlan, Patricia            **Waiting for the Magic**  
When Papa goes away for a little while, his family tries to cope with the separation by adopting four dogs and a cat. This is the author of the *Sarah, Plain & Tall* series.

Margolis, Leslie                **Girl's Best Friend**  
In Brooklyn, New York, twelve-year-old dog-walker Maggie, aided by her twin brother Finn and best friend Lucy, investigates someone she believes is stealing pets.

Martin, Ann                      **Ten Rules for Living with My Sister**  
Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister, Lexie, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground.

Mills, Claudia                  **Mason Dixon: Pet Disasters**  
Nine-year-old Mason's parents keep trying to get him a pet, but until he and his best friend Brody adopt a three-legged dog, he's not interested.

Nix, Garth                        **Troubletwisters**  
When their house mysteriously explodes and they are sent to live with an unknown relative named Grandma X, twelve-year-old twins Jaide and Jack Shield learn that they are troubletwisters, young Wardens just coming into their powers, who must protect humanity from The Evil trying to break into Earth's dimension.

Pennypacker, Sara                **Clementine and the Family Meeting**  
Third-grader Clementine tries to adjust to the news that her perfect family of four is adding a new brother or sister. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> *Clementine* book to be released.

Perro, Bryan                      **Mask Wearer**  
To defeat the forces of evil which threaten his world, young Amos Daragon, aided by mythical animal friends, sets out on a journey to find four masks that harness the forces of nature and sixteen powerful stones that give the masks their magic. This is the first in a series.

Raum, Elizabeth                 **Can You Survive Storm Chasing? An Interactive Survival Adventure**  
Presents life-or-death dilemmas and choices for the reader to choose from including facing a tornado, hurricane, or flash flood. Others that we own in the *Interactive History Adventure* series, by various authors, include Titanic, Pearl Harbor, Pirates, and the Wild West.

Spires, Ashley                  **Binky to the Rescue**  
A loveable and delusional house cat named Binky, who, while in hot pursuit of an alien wanderer (a bug), falls out of the space station porthole (the bathroom window), and finds himself in outer space (outside the house). This is a fun graphic novel.

Stauffacher, Sue

**Hide & Seek**

Ten-year-old Keisha and her family's animal rescue center face more challenges involving a baby crow in a mailbox and a skunk found in the nearby community garden. This is another entry in the terrific *Animal Rescue Team* series.

Stephens, John

**Emerald Atlas**

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy.

Stone, Phoebe

**Romeo & Juliet Code**

During World War II, eleven-year-old Felicity is sent from London to Bottlebay, Maine, to live with her grandmother, aunt, uncle, and a reclusive boy who helps her decode mysterious letters that contain the truth about her missing parents.

Urban, Linda

**Hound Dog True**

Mattie, a shy fifth-grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend. This is the same author who wrote, *Crooked Kind of Perfect*.

Wight, Eric

**Frankie Pickle & the Mathematical Menace**

Worried that he will not pass his math quiz on Monday, Frankie cannot find any time to study over the weekend. Comic strip illustrations are interspersed throughout the text. We own two others in the series.

**Next section: Junior Non-Fiction**

Junior Non-Fiction

Arnosky, Jim                      **Thunder Birds: Nature's Flying Predators (J 598.153)**

Acclaimed naturalist and illustrator Jim Arnosky helps birds and imaginations take flight in this beautiful nonfiction picture book with six giant fold out pages.

Bausum, Ann                      **Unraveling Freedom: The Battle for Democracy on the Home Front  
During World War I (J 940.3)**

In 1915, the United States experienced the 9/11 of its time. A German torpedo sank the Lusitania killing nearly 2,000 innocent passengers. The ensuing hysteria helped draw the United States into World War I--the bitter, brutal conflict that became known as the Great War and the War to End All Wars. Read about what was happening here during that time.

Becker, Helaine                      **Magic Up Your Sleeve: Amazing Illusions, Tricks, and Science Facts  
You'll Never Believe (J 793.8)**

The world of science is often described as magical -- but is magic itself scientific? You bet! Using dozens of activities, Becker shows how the world of magic manipulates simple scientific principles of illusion and perception to leave audiences baffled. Each mystifying trick has been tested and is clearly explained to provide quick results using a handful of common household materials.

Bildner, Phil                      **Unforgettable Season: Joe Dimaggio, Ted Williams, and the Record-  
Setting Summer of '41 (J 796.357)**

During the summer of 1941, the entire country had turned their attention to America's national pastime. Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees was on his way to hitting in fifty-six straight games; Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox was working toward finishing the season with a batting average over .400. What's just as impressive is that both players' records are still standing today! Phil Bildner mixes fun baseball facts and statistics with exciting scenes pulled straight from history in this celebration of two of baseball's greatest players to ever reach the top of the record books.

Bishop, Nic                      **Lizards (J 597.95)**

With breathtaking full-page images, including a double-gatefold spread, Sibert-Honor photographer Nic Bishop introduces the beauty and diversity of lizards. The simple, engaging text presents both basic information and fun, quirky facts about the appearance, habits, and life cycle of these amazing reptiles.

Bleiman, Andrew                      **Zooborns: The Newest, Cutest Animals from the World's Zoos &  
Aquariums (J 591.3)**

*ZooBorns* showcases the newest and cutest animal babies from accredited zoos and aquariums around the world. With interesting animal facts and background stories on the featured babies, *ZooBorns* illustrates the connections between zoo births and conservation initiatives in the wild.

Bristow, David                      **Sky Sailors: True Stories of the Balloon Era (J 910.4)**

For more than a century before airplanes, people explored the sky in balloons. From 1783 to the early 1900s, aeronauts flew into storms, crossed large bodies of water, sailed over enemy armies, and soared to deadly altitudes. Illustrated in full color with dramatic period artwork, here are the stories of the pioneers of human flight.

Brown, Don                                **America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: the Day the Towers Fell (J 973.931)**

Narrates the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, from the plane hijackings to the collapse of the World Trade Center. The same author also effectively wrote about the sinking of Titanic.

Burns, Loree                                **Hive Detectives: Chronicles of a Honey Bee Catastrophe (J 638)**

Apiarist Dave Hackenberg's bees have a busy travel schedule, pollinating around the United States from February to July. So when Dave inspected four hundred of his hives and found that the bees had simply vanished, a dream team of bee scientists got to work.

Carney, Elizabeth                        **Great Migrations: Whales, Wildebeests, Butterflies, Elephants, and Other Amazing Animals On the Move (J 591.56)**

Many kinds of animals make annual migrations, and their stories reveal incredible strength and will to survive. This book was designed to coincide with the National Geographic special earlier this year, of the same name.

Carson, Mary Kay                        **Bat Scientists (Scientists in the Field) (J 599.4)**

A tribute to the creatures at Bat Conservation International and its scientists reveals the bat's important role in the natural world while raising awareness about the problems threatening bat populations, including white-nose syndrome.

**Far Out Guide to the Icy Dwarf Planets (J 523.49)**

This book presents information about icy dwarf planets, including fast facts, history, and technology used to study them.

**Children's Book of Music (JO 780)**

Children are introduced to music history, as well as the profiling of musical instruments, styles, and traditions of cultures around the world.

Chrisp, Peter                                **World War II: Fighting for Freedom: the Story of the Conflict That Changed the World, 1939-1945 (J 940.53)**

This title provides information and facts on events leading up to the war, important battles and campaigns, political and military leaders, and life on the home fronts.

Elliott, David                                **In the Wild (J 811)**

A woodcut-illustrated collection of poems that celebrates wild animals.

Fleming, Candace                        **Amelia Lost: the Life & Disappearance of Amelia Earhart (JB Earhart)**

With good photos, maps, and handwritten notes from Amelia herself, this title is well suited for middle graders.

Freedman, Russell                        **Lafayette & the American Revolution (J 973.3)**

This compelling biography of Lafayette looks at the whole of his life and fully illuminates the role he played in the American Revolution. Freedman leads readers through the events that shaped Lafayette's character, portraying a young man in a time of change that would shape the rest of his life. (Summary taken from ALA's [Sibert Award](#) page)

George, Kristine                    **Emma Dilemma: Big Sister Poems (J 811)**  
Emma is Jess's little sister and her dilemma. The highlights and low points of this sibling relationship are evoked in short and simple poems. Nancy Carpenter's illustrations are charming.

George-Warren, Holly            **Cowgirl Way: Hats Off to America's Women of the West (J 920.7)**  
Ms. Warren describes the skills, savvy and bravery needed by women in the mid-19th century when they helped trail blaze and settle the American West, and the types of jobs these cowgirls earned, such as sharpshooters, wranglers, equestriennes and more.

Gibbons, Gail                    **It's Snowing! (J 551.57)**  
Readers are introduced to snow and Ms. Gibbons discusses topics such as different types of snowstorms, regions where snow falls, and how to prepare when a snowstorm approaches.

Gilpin, Dan                      **Planet Earth (J 550)**  
Concepts in earth sciences are presented using lively descriptions and cartoon illustrations personifying each concept.

Greenwood, Marie               **Animals & Me (J 612)**  
Photographs and text examine different parts of the human body, explaining what they are for, and comparing them to the similar body parts of animals.

Grubman, Steve                **Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts from an Animal Photographer (JO 590.22)**  
Vivid images by an award-winning photographer are combined with amusing facts about the animal kingdom in a volume that also shares behind-the-scenes stories about the photographer's work with animals.

Hanson, Anders                **Cool Cards: Creating Fun & Fascinating Collections (J 796.075)**  
Readers will gain a working knowledge of this hobby which includes background history of cards, how it started and how it has continued on with collectible card games, elements of a card, types of cards & collections, research and resources, how to grade a card, the best places to buy, sell or trade cards, and how to organize, store and care for a card collection.

Hodge, Deborah                **Up We Grow!: A Year in the Life of a Small, Local Farm (J 630)**  
Follow the animals, plants, and activities on a small farm throughout the seasons.

Holzer, Harold                 **Father Abraham: Lincoln & His Sons (JB Lincoln)**  
The noted Lincoln historian illuminates the private struggles that marked the family life of Abraham and Mary Lincoln, and their four boys.

Hughes, Catherine             **National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals (J 590)**  
This book introduces the youngest explorers to the world of wildlife, using a child-friendly format inspired by the *National Geographic Little Kids* magazine. *Little Kids First Big Book of Animals* devotes four pages each to 32 high-interest creatures. Child-friendly text explains how animal parents take care of their young, how baby animals change as they grow, and how they learn to hunt and eat.

Jarrow, Gail

**Lincoln's Flying Spies: Thaddeus Lowe and the Civil War Balloon Corp (J 973.7)**

Describes the contributions made to the Union's efforts in the Civil War by Thaddeus Lowe and a corps of hot air balloonists who helped spy on the Confederate army, despite becoming targets in the war themselves.

Jenkins, Martin

**Can We Save the Tiger? (JO 591.68)**

Highlights the ways human behavior can either threaten or conserve the amazing animals that share our planet.

Jenkins, Steve

**Time to Sleep; Time to Eat (J 591.5); Time for a Bath (J 591.56)**

Simple text and pleasing illustrations show children how different animals perform the above activities.

**Bones: Skeletons & How They Work (JO 573.7)**

A guide to human and animal skeletons provides informative comparisons while sharing such facts as the number of bones in the human body and the ways that skeletal structures work.

Kerley, Barbara

**Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy) (JB O Twain)**

Thirteen-year-old Susy Clemens wants the world to know that her papa, Mark Twain, is more than just a humorist and sets out to write a comprehensive biography of the American icon.

Komiya, Teruyuki

**More Life-Size Zoo: Lion, Hippopotamus, Polar Bear and More: An All New Actual Animal Size Encyclopedia (JO 590)**

See life-size photographs of various animals, with fold-out pages and charts of interesting facts. Don't miss the original *Life Size Zoo* as well as *Life Size Aquarium*.

Krasner, Steven

**Play Ball Like the Pros: Tips for Kids from 20 Big League Stars (J 796.357)**

Nearly two dozen professional baseball players provide insights into how they prepare for and play the game.

**LEGO Ideas Book (JO 688.725)**

Features all-new LEGO® building projects, tips to supplement and enhance your LEGO creations, inspirational builds, and expert advice from LEGO Master Builders. We have one copy in reference as well as our two circulating copies, so it's always on hand when we have our classes!

Lessem, Don

**National Geographic Kids: the Ultimate Dinopedia: the Most Complete Dinosaur Reference Ever (JO 567.9)**

Shares in-depth information about all currently known dinosaur species organized under major periods, providing details on such topics as physical characteristics, diet and discovery dates. Perfect for kids in the 7-10 age range.

Mann, Elizabeth

**Statue of Liberty: A Wonders of the World Book: Liberty, Enlightening the World (J 974.7)**

Presents a brief history of the Statue of Liberty and describes how France gave the statue to New York City to commemorate the relationship between the two countries, the creation and construction of the statue, and how its meaning has changed.

Mickelthwait, Lucy                    **In the Picture: Get Looking! Get Thinking! (JO 750.1)**

Here, in one big book, are 10 detailed paintings, each surrounded by 6 small, close-ups of something in the picture. Can you work out where each close-up belongs? Every spread carries a simple note about its picture, date and artist. A good introduction to art for younger children.

Montgomery, Sy                    **Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot (J 598.71)**

Traces the efforts of New Zealand's National Kakapo Recovery Team to restore the near-extinct ground-dwelling parrot population, revealing the Kakapo's endearing nature and the factors that have nearly eliminated their numbers. With text by Mr. Montgomery, and stunning photographs by Mr. Bishop, it's hard to go wrong!

Murphy, Jim                    **The Crossing: How George Washington Saved the American Revolution (J 973.3)**

Two-time Newbery Honor author Jim Murphy tells the awe-inspiring story of George Washington's glorious fight for an independent America.

**Micro Monsters (J 595.7)**

This book illustrates the unseen world of microscopic monsters and shows the reader how they survive and triumph. Some pages have movable flaps to show different pictures.

Preus, Margi                    **Celebritrees: Historic & Famous Trees of the World (JO 582.16)**

The fourteen trees in this book have earned the title "Celebritrees" for their global fame and significance. Both in fact and in legend, these fascinating trees remind us not only how much pleasure trees bring, but what they can tell us about history.

Raczka, Bob                    **Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys (J 811)**

A treasury of haiku poems celebrates the experience of the outdoor world, covering pastimes ranging from splashing in puddles and climbing trees to icicle sword fighting and skipping rocks.

Robbins, Ken                    **For Good Measure: The Ways We Say How Much, How Far, How Heavy, How Big, How Far (J 530.8)**

The mile gets its name from the term mille passus, which means "a thousand paces." The abbreviation for pound (lb.) comes from the Latin libra pondo. Feet, pounds, quarts, miles: these are words we use every day. But where did they originate, and what do they actually mean? Read and find out!

Roman, Elisabeth                    **World of Wonders: the Most Mesmerizing Natural Phenomena on Earth (J 508 ROM)**

Here are a collection of photographs profiling some of the world's most amazing animals and natural occurrences.

Schuetz, Sarah                    **Monster Cookbook: Simple Recipes for Kids (J 641.5)**

Provides instructions and close-up step photos for making a variety of simple snacks and drinks with a monster theme. Don't miss *Princess Cookbook*, either!

Schwartz, David                    **What in the Wild? Mysteries of Nature Concealed...and Revealed (J 508)**

Simple riddles paired with mystifying images give clues to guess. The answer? They are found by opening a generous gate-fold and revealing full-color photographs.

Shapiro, Ouisie                    **Bullying & Me: Schoolyard Stories (J 371.5)**  
From the author who brought you *Autism and Me*, comes her newest title. Kids and grownups from all kinds of backgrounds talk openly about their experiences of being bullied.

Singer, Marilyn                    **Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse (J 811)**  
A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.

**Star Wars Blueprints: Rebel Edition (JO 791.4372)**  
Strip away the coverings of Star Wars spacecraft, weapons, and the Rebel base on Hoth with these never-before-seen intricate blueprints.

Stefanski, Daniel                    **How to Talk to an Autistic Kid (J 618.92)**  
A boy with autism explains what it is like living with the disorder and offers suggestions on interacting with autistic kids in a positive way.

Stewart, Mark                    **Goal!: The Fire & the Fury of Soccer's Greatest Moment (J 796.334)**  
Get the full story on scoring goals in soccer, from the earliest days to the present. This book is full of facts about the sports' greatest goals and the women and men who scored them.

Thomas, Keltie                    **Animals That Changed the World (J 590)**  
Outlines the way different types of animals, including livestock, pets, such creatures as silkworms that sparked trade, working beasts, and those that inspire the imagination, have influenced human civilization.

Tunnell, Michael                    **Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot" (J 943.15)**  
Presents the life of the American Air Force pilot responsible for setting up the airlift of candy to the children of Berlin in 1948 and 1949 after the end of World War II and describes the gratitude of the German people for his efforts.

Voake, Steve                    **Insect Detective (JO 595.7)**  
Right now, all around us, thousands of insects are doing strange and wonderful things. But it's not always easy to catch sight of these six-legged creatures: you have to know where to look. Guided by this book, readers will become insect detectives and find out just what those bugs are up to.

Walker, Sally                    **Frozen Secrets: Antarctica Revealed (J 919.8)**  
Award-winning author Sally Walker's latest book explores all the ways this most forbidding and secretive continent has captivated human imaginations throughout history. Walker uses history, geology, archeology, climate science, and technology to paint a vivid portrait of Antarctica.

**X-Treme X-ray: See the World Inside Out! (JO 539.7)**  
A visual introduction to the world of x-rays shows the skeletons of people and creatures from the natural world as well as the insides of such everyday objects as a laptop computer and a cell-phone.