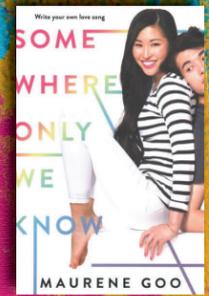
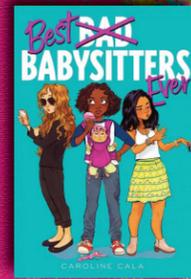
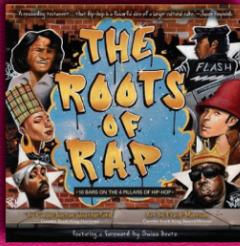
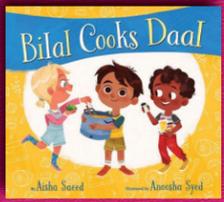
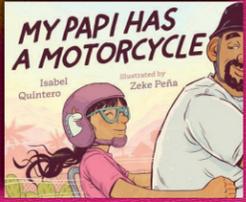
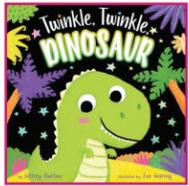


GREAT BOOKS 2020 EDITION



Book recommendations for children ages birth-12 and teens from your Milwaukee Public Library

Babies, Teethers & Tots



Twinkle, Twinkle, Dinosaur by Jeffrey Burton; illustrated by Zoe Waring. BRD BURTON. Ages 2-4. This tyrannosaurus twist on the beloved lullaby is full of roars, stomps, and other fun noises and actions for little ones.

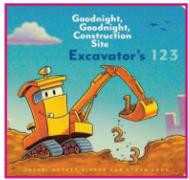
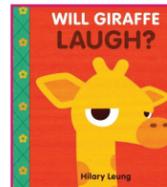


Space by Ruth Musgrave. BRD MUSGRAV. Ages 2-5. Stellar photos and bold vocabulary invite the littlest stargazers and future astronauts to explore the solar system.

Baby Play by Skye Silver. BRD SILVER. Ages 0-2. Babies and their grownups build with blocks, pop bubbles, and say peekaboo in this celebration of play.



Will Giraffe Laugh? by Hilary Leung. BRD LEUNG. Ages 1-4. Follow a grumpy giraffe as his friends try to cheer him up. Can they make him laugh?



Excavator's 123 by Sherri Duskey Rinker; illustrated by Ethan Long. BRD RINKER. Ages 1-4. Excavator and Dump Truck have lots of work to do. Count along with them as they dig, dump, and haul at the construction site.



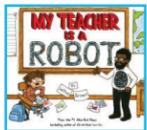
Can You Say It, Too? Tweet! Tweet! by Sebastien Braun. BRD BRAUN. Ages 1-3. Discover feathered friends hiding under brightly colored flaps in this interactive board book.

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East 2320 N. Cramer St.	Zablocki 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.
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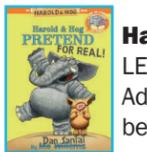
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I Read, You Read, We Read



My Teacher Is a Robot by Jeffrey Brown. PIC BROWN. Ages 5-9. Bored in class, Freddy imagines a world of super heroes, dinosaurs, and giant spiders. But a robot teacher might be his most exciting invention.

My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero; illustrated by Zeke Peña. PIC QUINTER. Ages 4-8. Daisy and her father zoom through their neighborhood, enjoying unique sights of home, including citrus groves and buildings adorned with vibrant murals.



Harold & Hog Pretend for Real! by Mo Willems & Dan Santat. EASY LEVEL 2 WILLEMS. Ages 5-8. Adventurous Harold and timid Hog play against type when they pretend to be their favorite book characters: Gerald and Piggie.

Fly Guy Presents: Garbage & Recycling by Tedd Arnold. EASY LEVEL 2 ARNOLD. Ages 6-8. Fly Guy loves garbage! Buzz takes him to the landfill to learn about garbage, recycling, and composting. Buzz reminds Fly Guy to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

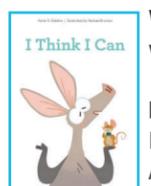


Sparkly New Friends by Heather Ayris Burnell; illustrated by Hazel Quintanilla. EASY LEVEL 1 BURNELL. Ages 4-7. Unicorn and Yeti both spot something shiny. With their love of sparkles and snowballs, plus a twist of magic, they are bound to be great friends!

Hi, Jack! by Mac Barnett; illustrated by Greg Pizzoli. EASY LEVEL 2 BARNETT. Ages 4-8. Jack is a snack-loving rabbit who can't stay out of trouble. Join Jack as he makes new friends—and a few messes too.



A Skunk in My Bunk! by Christopher Cerf; illustrated by Nicola Slater. EASY LEVEL 1 CERF. Ages 5-8. What can a goat in a coat do on a boat? What dish does Trish think is the most delish? Find out in this silly beginning reader.



Do You Like My Bike? by Norman Feuti. Ages 5-8. EASY LEVEL 1 FEUTI. Hedgehog is proud of his new bike. With helmets in hand, Hedgehog and Harry share a wonderful day of biking and snacks.



I Think I Can by Karen Robbins; illustrated by Rachael Brunson. EASY LEVEL 1 ROBBINS. Ages 4-7. An aardvark and a mouse share a lively conversation that will get new readers excited to read with a partner.

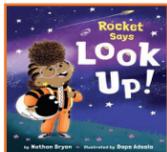
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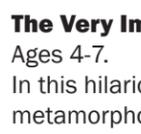
The King of Kindergarten by Derrick D. Barnes; illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. PIC BARNES. Ages 3-6. The King of Kindergarten is ready to conquer his school day with bravery and kindness.



Vroom! by Barbara McClintock. PIC MACCLIN. Ages 3-6. Annie zooms through this book in her race car. Her travels take her far and wide until she parks her car back at home, just in time for bed.



Rocket Says Look Up! by Nathan Bryon; illustrated by Dapo Adeola. PIC BRYON. Ages 3-8. Rocket is a space enthusiast. Her mission: to make sure no one misses the spectacular Phoenix Meteor Shower in the night sky.



The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach. PIC BURACH. Ages 4-7. In this hilarious and informative picture book, a caterpillar learns metamorphosis is no easy task and that good things take time.



Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug by Jonathan Stutzman; illustrated by Jay Fleck. PIC STUTZMA. Ages 3-7. Hugging can be hard with little arms, but Tiny soon discovers his heartfelt hugs are special indeed.



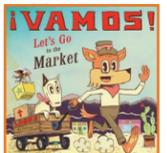
High Five by Adam Rubin; illustrated by Daniel Salmieri. PIC RUBIN. Ages 3-8. High-fiving skills getting rusty? This hilarious picture book will help with challenges meant to work those hand-slapping muscles.



Bear Came Along by Richard T. Morris; illustrated by LeUyen Pham. PIC MORRIS. Ages 2-5. Bear finds a river that leads him to an unexpected adventure! Friends join in as the river twists and turns along the way.



¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market by Raúl the Third. PIC GONZALE. Ages 4-7. It's market day in this exciting bilingual picture book. As Lobo makes deliveries, he discovers a world of treasures, including churros, sugar skulls, and piñatas.



Bilal Cooks Daal by Aisha Saeed; illustrated by Anoosha Syed. PIC SAEED. Ages 4-8. When Bilal decides to cook his favorite dish for his friends, he learns that the best—and most delicious—things in life require patience.



The First Chapter



Mighty Meg and the Accidental Nemesis by Sammy Griffin. INT GRIFFIN. Ages 6-9. With her newfound superpowers, Meg is ready to take on the school bully. Will she find out he is just a regular kid or her superhero nemesis?

Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go on a Class Trip by Julie Falatko; illustrated by Colin Jack. INT FALATKO. Ages 7-12. Hungry dogs at the museum—what could possibly go wrong?! Find out as the sneaky pups discover delicious displays full of dinosaur bones and stuffed squirrels.



The Plant Planet by Jon Scieszka; illustrated by Steven Weinberg. SF SCIESZK. Ages 7-10. In this colorfully illustrated adventure story, space exploration gets goofy as four mutant friends look for a new planet to call home.



Sam Wu Is Not Afraid of the Dark by Katie Tsang; illustrated by Nathan Reed. INT TSANG. Ages 7-10. Grizzly bears, bats, and ghosts! Oh, my! Sam is back, and this time he's tackling his fear of things that go bump in the night.

Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants by Andrea Beaty; illustrated by David Roberts. INT BEATY. Ages 6-9. A fellow Questioner's uncle is floating away in helium-filled pants, and Ada must put her research skills to work in order to engineer a safe touchdown.



Neil Armstrong and Nat Love, Space Cowboys by Steve Sheinkin; illustrated by Neil Swaab. INT SHEINKI. Ages 7-10. What would've happened if astronaut Neil Armstrong had landed in 1869 Texas instead of on the moon? Find out in this wild and wacky historical romp.

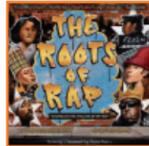


Fun Facts



Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet by Curtis Manley; illustrated by Jessica Lanan. 523.2 M278. Ages 5-10. Are we alone in the universe? The search for exoplanets, or planets beyond our solar system, comes to life with bold illustrations and fascinating facts.

The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Frank Morrison. 782.421649 W362. Ages 5 and up.



Energetic text and colorful portraits of important rappers and inspiring urban environments bring music to life in this picture book history of hip hop culture.



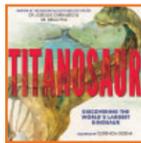
We Are the Change: Words of Inspiration From Civil Rights Leaders by Selina Alko. 323.092 A415. Ages 7-12. Beautiful illustrations punctuate encouraging words from an impressive array of Civil Rights leaders in this powerful book for aspiring young activists.

Earth: By the Numbers by Steven Jenkins. 550 J528. Ages 6-10. This infographic approach to earth science explores topics like extreme weather and climate change using a variety of easy-to-understand charts, graphs, cross-sections, and timelines.

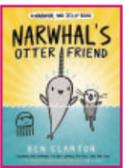


Comics Easy As ABC!: The Essential Guide to Comics for Kids by Ivan Brunetti. 741.51 B895. Ages 6-11. Create cool characters, better your lettering, and perfect your panels with guidance and inspiration from a variety of professional comic artists.

Titanosaur: Discovering the World's Largest Dinosaur by José Luis Carballido; illustrated by Florencia Gigena. 567.913 C263. Ages 6-9. Join paleontologists at work as they make a big discovery on a dig in South America: almost 200 bones of a 100-million-year old giant sauropod!

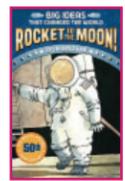


Graphic Novels



Narwhal's Otter Friend by Ben Clanton. GRPH NARWHAL AND_JELL. Ages 6-9. Undersea silliness arises when a nervous Jelly hopes new friend Otter doesn't take his place as Narwhal's bestie.

Rocket to the Moon! by Don Brown. GRPH BIG IDEAS. Ages 8-12. This graphic history of the 1969 moon landing tells the story of how a small step became a giant leap that changed the world forever.



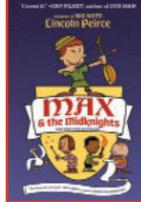
The New Kid by Jerry Craft. GRPH NEW KID. Ages 8-12. As a new student at a prestigious private school, Jordan struggles with being one of the only black kids in his class and wishes he could go to art school instead.

Sea Sirens by Amy Chu; illustrated by Janet Lee. GRPH SEA SIRENS. Ages 8-12. A surfer named Trot, along with her one-eyed feline companion, finds adventure—and danger—in a watery world full of warring mermaids and serpents.

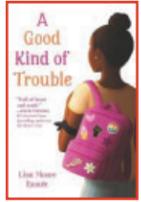


Best Friends by Shannon Hale. GRPH BEST FRIENDS. Ages 8-12. In this sequel to Real Friends, Shannon, now in sixth grade, struggles with issues like growing apart from old friends and learning to cope with her anxiety.

The Next Chapter



Max & the Midnights by Lincoln Peirce. FIC PEIRCE. Ages 7-12. When his uncle is kidnapped by the dastardly King Gastley, Max gets his chance at knighthood, setting off on a rescue mission with brave friends.

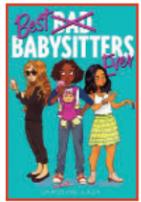


The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by L.R. Giles; illustrated by Dapo Adeola. Ages 7-10. Cousins Otto and Sheed get more than they bargain for when their attempt to prolong summer vacation accidentally freezes time and brings an invasion of otherworldly monsters.



A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée. FIC RAMEE. Ages 8-12. When Shayla, a quiet “good girl,” attends a Black Lives Matter rally, she starts to recognize injustice in the world and realizes some things are worth making noise over.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Alberto Hernandez. SF HERNAND. Ages 8-12.



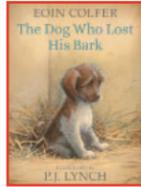
Sal is a budding magician with a real superpower: conjuring objects. Gabi is onto his secret, and he might need her help when his powers go topsy-turvy.



Best Babysitters Ever by Caroline Cala. FIC CALA. Ages 10-13. Inspired by the beloved Baby-Sitters Club books, three friends decide to start a business. There's just one problem: none of them have babysitting experience.

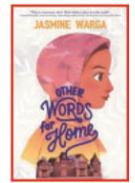
Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai. FIC LAI. Ages 8-12.

Jingwen, a new immigrant dealing with his father's death, uses baking as an escape. When his mother forbids the use of the oven while she is at work, what will Jingwen do?



The Dog Who Lost His Bark by Eoin Colfer FIC COLFER; illustrated by Patrick James Lynch. Ages 7-10.

In this illustrated chapter book, a boy and a dog are both lonely for a friend. If they are able to find one another, maybe their wishes will come true.



Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga. FIC WARGA. Ages 8-12.

This novel in verse explores the meaning of home as Jude struggles to adjust to a new life without her father and brother after fleeing Syria for safety.

Epic Teen Reads



With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo. FIC ACEVEDO. Ages 12-14. Emoni has a passion for cooking, but will the challenge of finishing high school while raising a child make her dream of working in a professional kitchen unattainable?



Girl Gone Viral by Arvin Ahmadi. FIC AHMADI. Ages 12-14. Tech prodigy Opal gets more than she bargained for when her illicit new coding project goes viral. This futuristic thriller raises thought-provoking questions about our mechanized world.



Internment by Samira Ahmed. FIC AHMED. Ages 12-14.

In a near-future United States, Layla is forced into a camp for Muslim-Americans where she eventually rises up to lead a revolution against the corrupt guards in the camp.

Lovely War by Julie Berry. FIC BERRY. Ages 12-14.

The paths of four young people intertwine during the horrors of World War I in this novel steeped in Greek mythology. Is it fate, or are there greater forces at work?

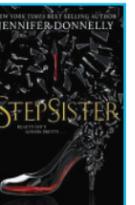


Bloom by Kevin Panetta. GRPH BLOOM. Ages 12-14.

Ari resents working at his family's bakery, but there he meets Hector, who loves baking and is struggling with loss. Will love rise between them in this graphic novel sprinkled with delicious recipes?

Stepsister by Jennifer Donnelly. FIC DONNELL. Ages 12-14.

Ugly stepsister Isabelle doesn't fit in the glass slipper, or in her own stifling, tedious world. Will a magical offer change her fate? This dark twist on Cinderella will satisfy fairytale fans.



Somewhere Only We Know by Maurene Goo. FIC GOO. Ages 12-14.

An up-and-coming K-pop star and a young journalist on assignment in Hong Kong meet by chance while trying to locate a good hamburger. Will love follow?

Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay. FIC RIBAY. Ages 15-18.

When his cousin Jun is murdered in the Philippines' war on drugs, Jay is driven to discover the truth behind the death in order to honor his cousin and find healing.



Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell. GRPH ROWELL. Ages 12-14.

Josiah and Deja have worked at the same pumpkin patch for years. As their final season closes, Deja is determined to make it memorable. Gorgeously illustrated, this graphic novel explores bittersweet endings and new beginnings.

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas. FIC THOMAS. Ages 15-18.

Bri is an aspiring rapper whose song goes viral after participating in a neighborhood rap battle. But when people begin calling her an activist, problems arise for Bri and those close to her.

