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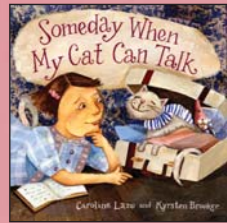
# storytime!

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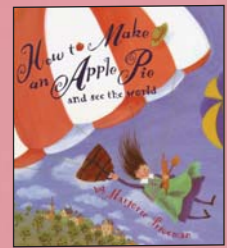


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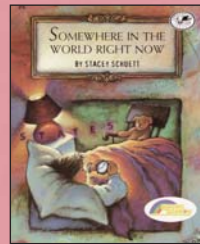
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- school's out!



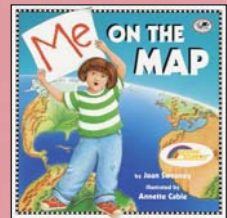
**Someday When My Cat Can Talk**  
Caroline Lazo  
Illustrated by Kyrsten Brooker  
Ages 4–8  
HC: 978-0-375-83754-8 • GLB: 978-0-375-93754-5  
What does one little girl's cat do when he travels off to Europe in his "other" life?



**How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World**  
Marjorie Priceman  
Ages 5–8  
HC: 978-0-679-83705-3 • PB: 978-0-679-88083-7  
An apple pie is easy to make—if the grocery store is open. But if it's closed, then the world is your grocery store!



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Stacey Schuett  
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A good-night wish that circles the globe!



**Me on the Map**  
Joan Sweeney  
Illustrated by Annette Cable  
Ages 5–8  
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A playful introduction to maps and geography.



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Anne Gutman and Georg Hallensleben  
Ages 3–6  
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It's Lisa's first airplane trip all by herself—what an adventure!

# where in the world?

What better time to hit the road than summer? Traveling the country, the world, or your imagination is a great way to answer the question—how did you spend your summer vacation?



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## ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

### vacation collages

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Construction paper • old magazines • safety scissors • glue • glitter • stickers • crayons

- 1 Kids can go through the old magazines and tear out pictures or words showing their favorite travel or vacation spots, or pictures of places, things, or activities they might want to see or do.
- 2 Arrange the magazine cutouts on construction paper and glue down to form collages.
- 3 Further decorate the collages with crayons, glitter, etc.
- 4 Have each child share his or her collage with the rest of the storytime circle.

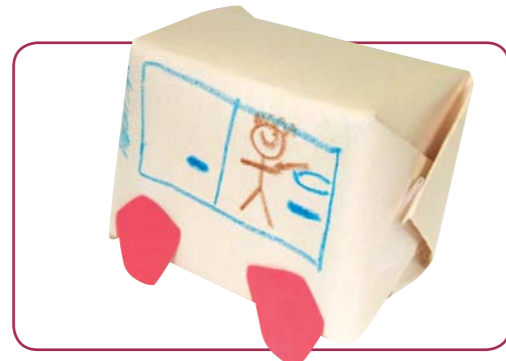


### milk carton cars and trucks

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Small, clean milk cartons with the tops cut off • construction paper • safety scissors • tape or glue • crayons, markers, or colored pencils • construction paper wheels

- 1 Help each child wrap a milk carton completely in a solid sheet of colored construction paper. Secure the ends of the construction paper with tape or glue.
- 2 Create construction paper wheels by tracing quarters onto paper and cutting them out. Give each child four construction paper wheels and show them how to glue the wheels onto his or her box.
- 3 Decorate the boxes with windows, headlights, doors, people inside, and decorations, etc, to create cars and trucks.
- 4 Encourage listeners to make lots of VROOM and HONKING noises as they race their vehicles around the storytime circle!



### a my name is ...

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

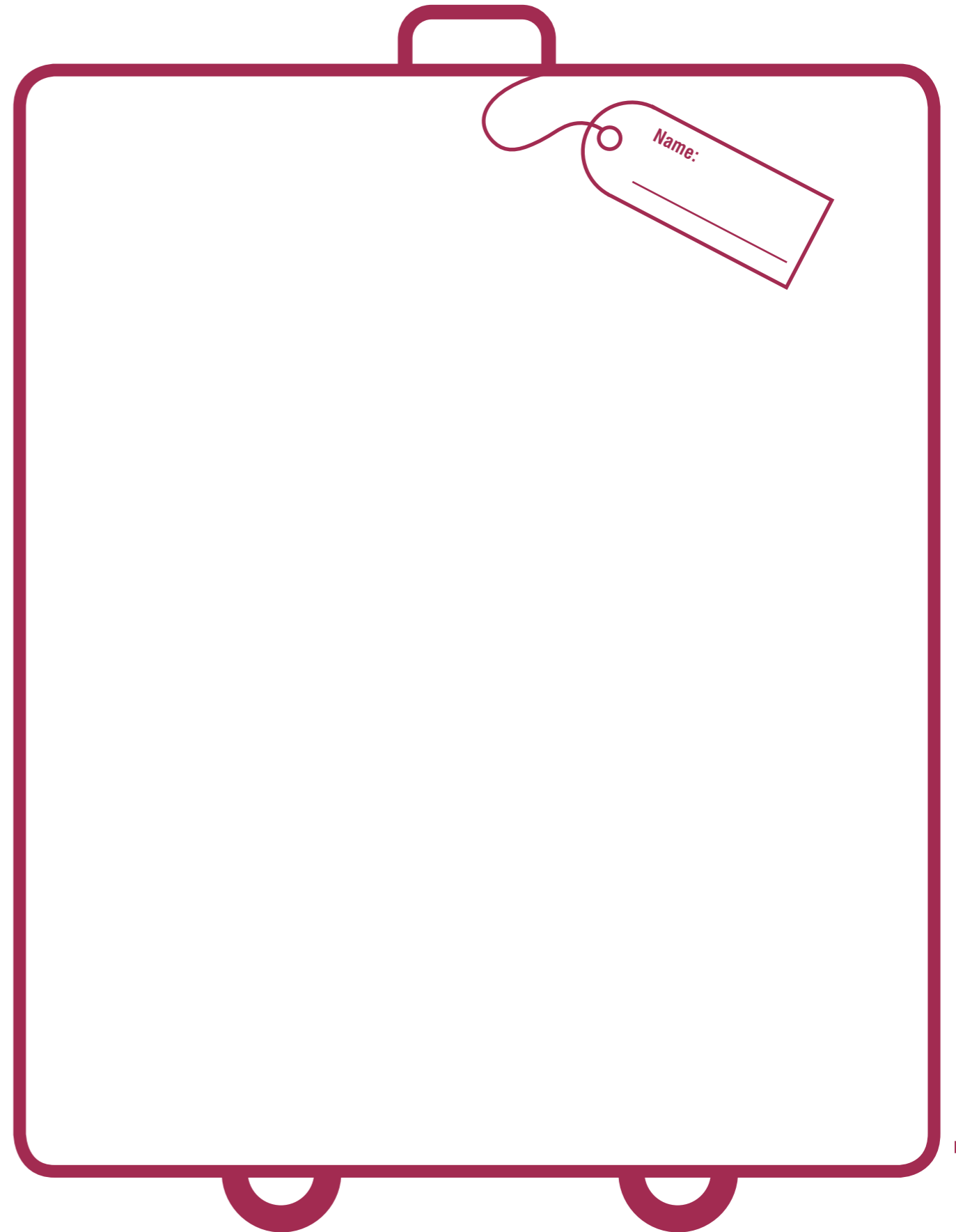
An alphabet poster

- 1 As the storytime leader, you should begin the game: *A my name is Alice and my friend's name is Al. We come from Alabama and we sell Apples!*
- 2 Encourage the next person in the story circle to start the same line with the letter *B*.
- 3 The whole circle can call out suggestions together.
- 4 Encourage your listeners to be silly and creative with their responses!

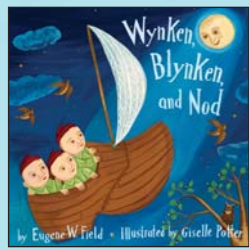


 Reproduce the sheet on the opposite page and pack your bags!

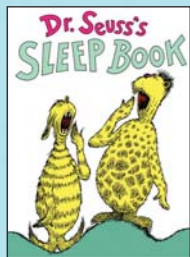
 Draw what you would pack in your suitcase if you were going on a trip around the world.



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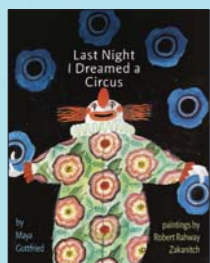
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Eugene W. Field  
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Ages 3-7  
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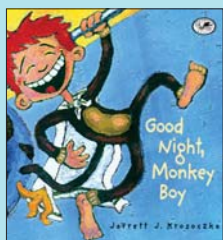
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Dr. Seuss  
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**Last Night I Dreamed a Circus**  
Maya Gottfried  
Illustrated by Robert Rahway Zakanitch  
Ages 3-6  
HC: 978-0-375-82388-6  
What would you dream about at night?



**Good Night, Monkey Boy**  
Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
Ages 2-5  
PB: 978-0-440-41798-9  
Mommy knows her monkey boy needs his sleep.

# i'm sleepy!

Even the most active kids get sleepy sometimes! Bedtime is perfect for storytime, and these stories and activities will put them in a perfect mood to visit dreamland.



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## ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

### moon & stars mobile

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Coat hangers : string : construction paper : glitter : crayons, markers, colored pencils : hole puncher

- 1 Have your listeners cut stars, moons, clouds, and other nighttime shapes out of construction paper. The shapes can be decorated with glitter, markers, etc. Provide template shapes for tracing.
- 2 With a hole puncher, punch holes in the top of each of the nighttime shapes.
- 3 Cut out pieces of string in different lengths. Tie one end of the string through the hole in the nighttime shapes, and tie the other end of the string to the bottom of the coat hanger. Hang the hanger over the bed for a nighttime mobile!



### bedtime sing-along

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Song sheets : loud voices

- 1 Prepare song sheets with the words for several bedtime songs. Some suggestions:
  - "There were 10 in the bed and the little one said, rollover . . ."
  - "Hush Little Baby"
  - "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"
- 2 Have a bedtime song sing-along and let parents take the songs home to sing their own little ones to sleep.



### teddy bear pals

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Brown paper lunch bags : newspaper : construction paper : crayons, markers, colored pencils : safety scissors : glue : glitter : yarn : stickers : googly eyes : stapler : string

- 1 Turn the lunch bags upside down so that what is the flat bottom is on top.
- 2 Decorate the flat bottom as if it were the face of the bear. Use construction paper cutouts as ears, eyes, bow ties, etc.
- 3 When decorating is finished, help stuff the bags with newspaper, securing the bottom with staples or string.
- 4 Now each listener has their very own teddy bear pal to take home to bed with them!



# school's out!

What better way to celebrate the end of another school year than with some summertime fun?



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## ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

### watercolor fireworks

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Nontoxic paint : medicine droppers : paper plates : plastic straws : newspaper : smocks : hole puncher : string

- 1 Cover the work area with newspaper and give each child a smock to wear—these fireworks can be messy!
- 2 Water down nontoxic paint in several bright colors. The paint consistency should be easy to move in the medicine dropper and blow around with a straw.
- 3 Using the medicine dropper, help drop several dollops of paint onto each child's paper plate.
- 4 Have each child blow through the straw and move the paint around to form fireworks shapes.
- 5 After the paint has dried, punch a hole in the top of the paper plate and tie string through the hole, so the fireworks can hang year round.



### paper plate kites

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Paper plates : streamers, crepe paper : crayons, markers, colored pencils : string or yarn : popsicle sticks : glitter : stickers : safety scissors : glue : hole puncher

- 1 Color, sticker, and decorate a paper plate, which will be the main part of the kite.
- 2 Glue long pieces of streamers to the bottom of the plate.
- 3 Punch a hole in the center of the paper plate, and thread a long piece of string or yarn through the hole. Make sure the end of the string or yarn is tied in a big knot so it cannot slip back through the hole.
- 4 Tie the other end of the string or yarn to a popsicle stick, securing it with tape or glue, if necessary.
- 5 Find some wind, hold onto the popsicle stick, and fly your kite away!



### craft sundae

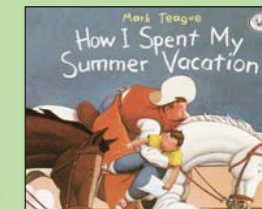
#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Construction paper : safety scissors : tape or glue : crayons, markers : colored pencils : glitter : stickers : pom-poms : beads : ice cream cone cutouts : cotton balls

- 1 Give each child one ice cream cone cutout (triangles of orange or yellow paper) and help them glue it down onto a large sheet of construction paper.
- 2 Kids can make their own ice cream sundaes by cutting out "scoops" from different colored construction paper.
- 3 Put "toppings" on the sundae—"marshmallow" cotton balls, "sprinkles" glitter, "cherry" pom-poms, "candy" beads, etc. Let the children name their ice cream creation and help them write it on their sundae.



**Summer**  
Alice Low  
Illustrated by Roy McKie  
Ages 5-8  
HC: 978-0-375-81235-4 • Board: 978-0-375-83870-5  
A boy, a girl, and a dog share the joys of summer.

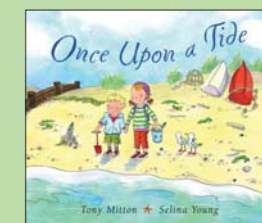


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Mark Teague  
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Wallace Bleff spent his summer vacation out west on a ride, a rope, and a roundup he'll never forget.



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There are so many wonderful things to find down by the seashore.

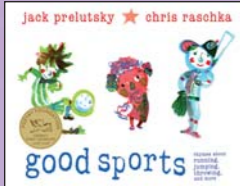


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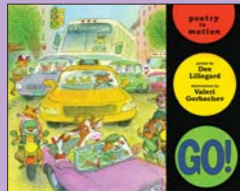
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Judy Sierra  
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**Good Sports:**  
Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More  
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**Go! Poetry in Motion**  
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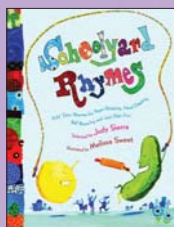
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Ready? Set! Go! This is a poetry collection for kids on the go!



**For Laughing Out Loud:**  
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Judy Sierra  
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Ages 6-12

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More than 50 funny and familiar verses for kids to get moving and chanting along!

# we're poets and didn't know it!



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Sometimes young storytime listeners make the best kind of poets out there. Help them bring out their inner wordsmith with some fun poetry storytime!

## ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

### name acrostics

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Paper : crayons, markers, or colored pencils

- 1 Name acrostic poems are created when poets take the letters of their name or of a word and then use each letter to begin a description of the name or word itself.
- 2 Have each listener in the storytime circle write these kind of poems, and then decorate the sheets. Give lots of help and suggestions.

**I love storytime**  
Books and crafts make me happy  
Good stories are great.

### poetry pebbles

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Rocks or pebbles : paint brushes : water and water containers : markers : paint : newspaper : pebble box : crayons : stickers : glitter

- 1 Cover your work area.
- 2 Wash and dry each of the rocks or pebbles.
- 3 Paint or write any word on each one of the rocks.
- 4 When the rocks are dry, each should be placed in the "pebble box," which you can decorate on your own or have the children decorate themselves.
- 5 Pull a poetry pebble out of the box and have the kids write a poem about that word, or about multiple words, stringing pebbles together. The circle can also write one collaborative poem using many words together.
- 6 The pebbles are also a great tool for word recognition and story starting.



She was born when I was three.  
I didn't like her at first because she cried.  
Still, I think I grew to love her.  
Together, we play dolls.  
Everyone says we look like each other.  
Remember, sisters are the best!

### haiku for you!

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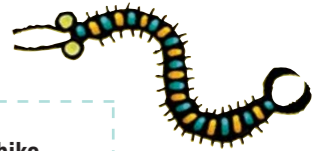
Paper : crayons, markers, or colored pencils

- 1 Haikus are a form of Japanese poetry that anyone can write! Haiku poems have 17 syllables in the whole poem. The format is:  
Line 1: 5 syllables  
Line 2: 7 syllables  
Line 3: 5 syllables
- 2 Practice counting out the syllables with the storytime circle, clapping out the syllables.
- 3 Help each child create and decorate his or her own haiku. Start with any topic of your choosing.



Can you arrange these words into a poem? Cut out the words and add in some of your own to create your own poem!

hamburger	night	snow	apple	won't	bike
bite	winter	played	brother	mom	cat
yes	cloud	house	could	butterfly	dad
did	book	story	dog	each	fall
favorite	friend	wish	funny	give	good
candy	has	and	hungry	I	jump
library	like	your	magic	we	monster
morning	do	cookie	playground	quiet	rainbow
ran	afternoon	sandwich	saw	say	school
shiny	you	loud	spring	closet	summer
sunny	teacher	does	time	beautiful	went
when	sister	the	with	store	world
happy	sad	from	my	cried	
a	room	boring	pancake	family	

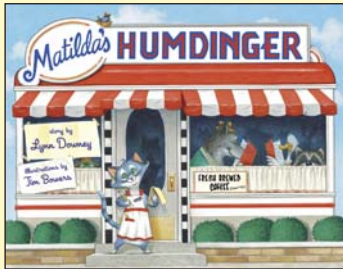


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we're poets and didn't know it!

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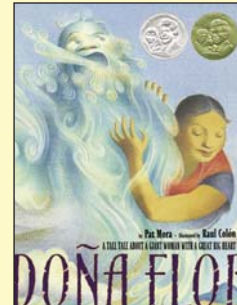
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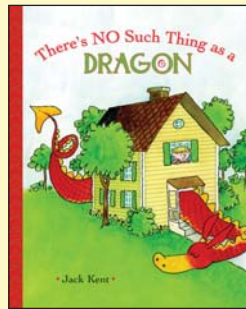
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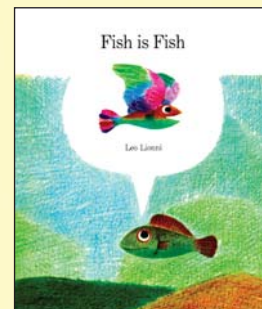
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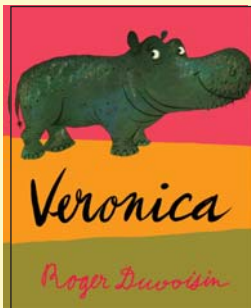
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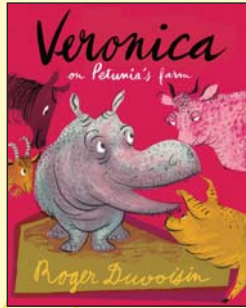
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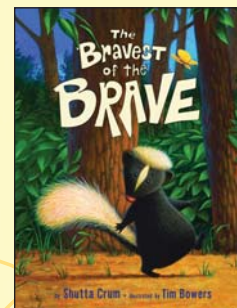
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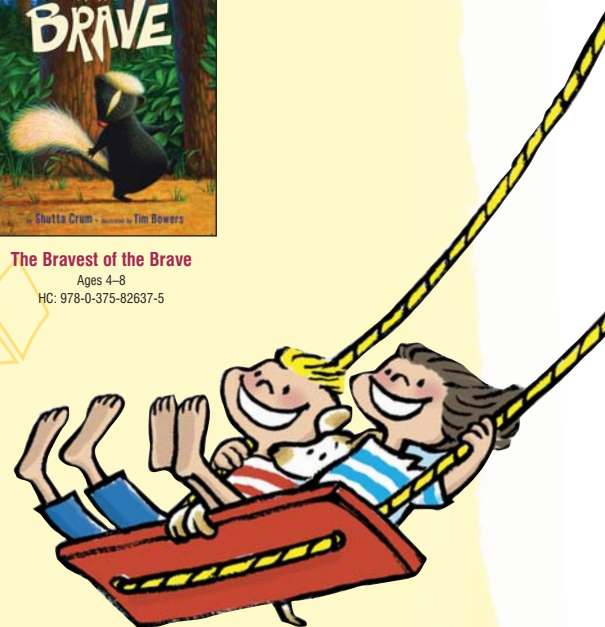
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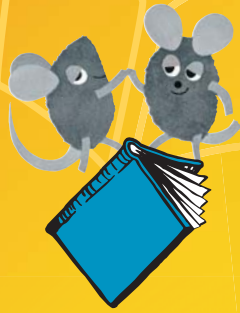


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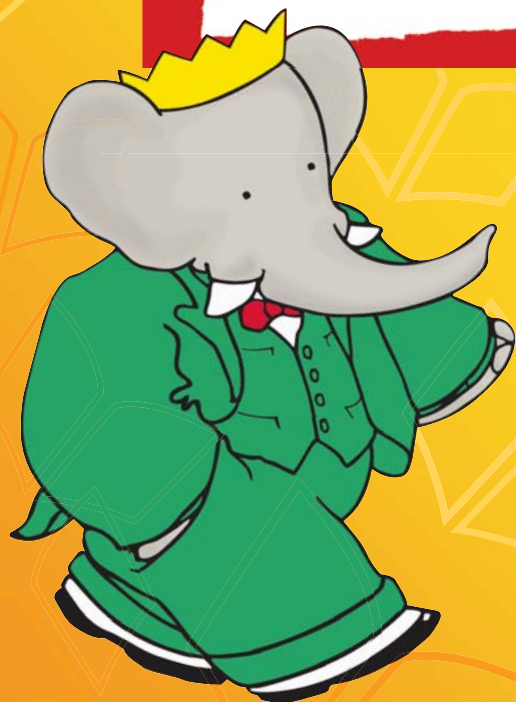
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