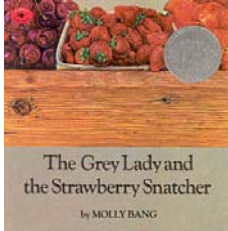


CALDECOTT AWARDS AND EASY FICTION

Bang, Molly. **The Grey Lady and The Strawberry Snatcher.** New York: Four Winds Press, 1980.

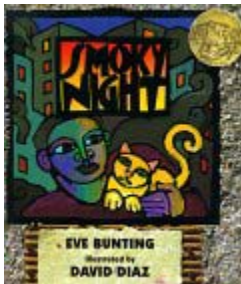


This wordless book tells a fascinating story about 2 strawberry lovers. One is the grey

lady and the other is this strange looking creature which is the strawberry snatcher. The colorful illustrations depict an interesting story of how the grey lady finally escapes this strawberry snatcher.

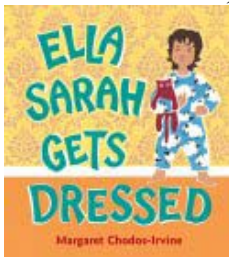
Look to find out what she does to escape him.

Bunting, Eve. **Smoky Night.** Illustrated by: David Diaz. New York: Harcourt Brace and Company. 1994.



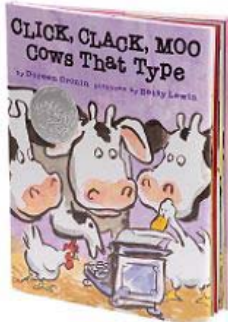
This book tells the experiences of many families' who were in the Los Angeles riots. There were fires, looters and all kinds of confusion. David Diaz illustrates this book by using painted pictures and by using some household items to make collages depicting the scenes during the riots. Read to see how the families of different cultures help each other during this rough time.

Chodos-Irvine, Margaret. **Ella Sarah Gets Dressed.** New York: Harcourt, Inc., 2003.



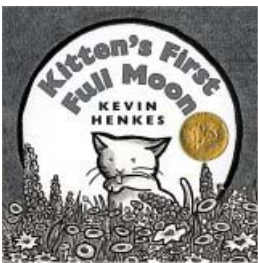
Ella Sarah has made up her mind about what she would like to wear on a special day. Her family advises her of other things she could wear but Ella insists on wearing her chosen outfit. Read on to find out what happens during the family conversations when they try to help Ella decide what to wear and find out what will be the final decision.

Cronin, Doreen. Lewin, Betsy. **Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type.** New York: Scholastic, 2000.p



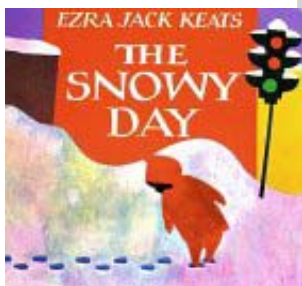
Farmer Brown has a problem with his cows. They can type but that isn't his only problem. His cows go on strike and will not produce any milk. But wait...his hens go on strike also. All of this is happening because of one item the farm animals are demanding for him to bring to them. Read this hilarious story to find out how the farmer tries to solve this problem and other problems that arise in the story. It's funny to read what happens in the end.

Henkes, Kevin. **Kitten's First Full Moon.** 2004



Kitten sees the big bright, white moon and she thinks it a nice big bowl of milk. This is kitten's first full moon and to her, she sees it as this big beautiful bowl of milk. She tries her best to take a lick. She tries to climb many things but still can't reach it. Kitten doesn't give up though.

Read to see what happens as kitten tries her best to get that bowl of milk and see what happens in the end. Even though the pictures are in black and white, you enjoy seeing this cute little kitten just not giving up to get her taste.



Keats, Ezra Jack. **The Snowy Day.** New York: Scholastic. 1962.

This is an all time classic story for everyone to read when the winter season comes around. Peter wakes up one morning and finds snow outside. He goes out to play in it after breakfast and has a ball making snow angels, crunching in the snow and sliding down hills. He makes a snowball but something happens to it that makes Peter sad. Read this endearing story to find out what Peter does to solve his snowball problem.



Lionni, Leo. **Swimmy**. New York: Drangonfly Books. 1963

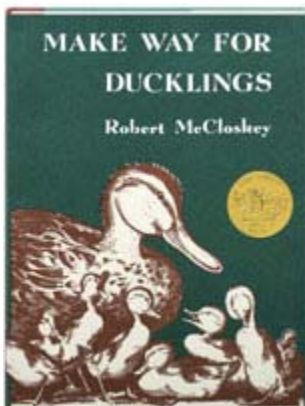
Swimmy, a little black fish is swimming one day with his little red siblings in the deep blue ocean. All of a sudden, a big tuna fish comes along and gulps up all the little red fish but Swimmy manages to escape. Scared and lonely, Swimmy devises a plan that will save his life from that tragic event happening to him. Read to see what his plan is for surviving the frightful sea.

Martin, Jaqueline Briggs. **Snowflake Bentley**. Illustrated by Mary Azarian. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. 1998.



This is a delightful story about a boy named, Wilson Bentley, who had a fascination with snowflakes. This interest led him to become very eager to learn more about the elements of snow. As an adolescent, he did experiments with snow and he wanted to photograph it so that he could study the flakes more. Read this story to find out how his passion for learning about snow led to one of the most important discoveries that we use today.

McCloskey, Robert. **Make Way For Ducklings**. New York: The Viking Press. 1941.



Here is an all time classic about a duck family searching for the perfect home to raise their ducklings. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard live in the downtown area of Boston. They go from park to park and to an island in hopes to find the safest area to raise their little ones. They run into complications while searching for the perfect spot to call home. Read to see what happens during their search and see who finally comes to their rescue in keeping the family safe.

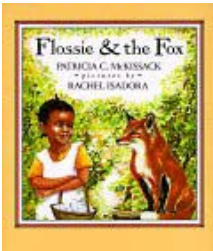
McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mirette On The High Wire*. New York: The Putnam and Grosset Group. 1992.



This is a wonderful story that takes place during the 1800's in Paris.

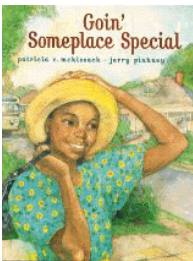
It's about a little girl named Mirette who is fascinated by one of her mother's guest in her boarding house. Mirette learns that this man, Monsieur Bellini, is a great tightrope walker. She discovers this when she spies him walking across a high rope in the courtyard. After she begs him to teach her, he does and in doing so, he overcomes something that made him retire from tightrope walking. Read to find out how they end up helping each other learn and how they have a fascinating ending to this story.

McKissack, Patricia C. **Flossie and the Fox**. Illustrated by Rachel Isadora. New York: Scholastic, 1986.



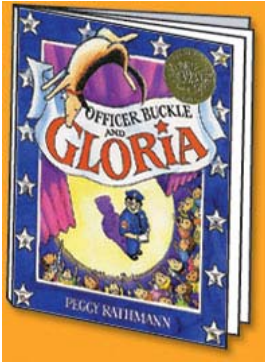
This is an interesting little tale about a little girl named Flossie and how she outsmarts a sly old fox. It begins with this smart little girl being asked by her grandmother to carry eggs to a neighbor who has been having trouble with a fox which has been troubling her hens making them too scared to lay eggs. On her way to the McCutchin place, Flossie meets up with a "critter" she's never seen before. Read to see what Flossie says to this critter and if she manages to get the eggs safely to the farm.

McKissack, Patricia C. **Goin' Someplace Special**. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2001.



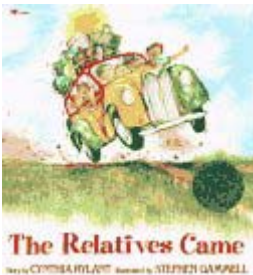
Patricia Ann wants to go someplace special. She gets dressed to go somewhere very special in the city of Nashville. This story takes place in the late 1950's, during the civil rights movement and Patricia Ann is about to have an experience of finding a beautiful hotel lobby to go in and join the crowd but she is escorted out of the hotel because she is Black. The Jim Crow laws are prohibiting her from entering this fabulous place. Discouraged and sad, Patricia Ann leaves but eventually finds a much more special place to go that will allow all nationalities. Read to find out what building this special place is and how Patricia Ann enjoys it so much.

Rathman, Peggy. **Officer Buckle and Gloria.** New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1995.



Officer Buckle is Napville Police Department's best safety expert. He has one problem and that is when he goes to share his best safety tips at Napville School, the students won't listen. One day the police department buys a dog named Gloria. Gloria becomes Officer Buckle's partner. Little does Officer Buckle know, but Gloria becomes the highlight of his school safety presentation. Read to find out what Gloria does that makes the students so fascinated and thoroughly enjoy Officer Buckle's safety presentation this time.

Rylant, Cynthia. **The Relatives Came.** Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993.



Here is a heartwarming story about families visiting each other during the summer months. In The Relatives Came, read about how these relatives from Virginia drive to visit their family members who live hours away. Once they have arrived from their long drive, it's heartwarming to read about how they spend their time together during their visit. Also read to find out about that special thing they leave behind in Virginia.

Rylant, Cynthia. **When I was Young In The Mountains.** Illustrated by: Diane Goode. New York: Dutton Children's Books . 1982.



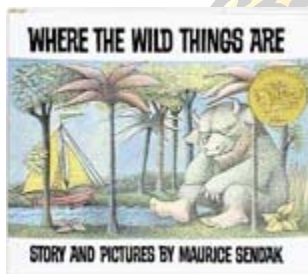
This story is based on the author's experiences she had growing up with her grandparents in the mountains of Virginia. She and her brother had a great time swimming in the swim hole and helping her grandparents with chores around their home. Read to find out about other things they did while growing up and discover what they had to do when they needed to go to the bathroom.

Say, Allen. **Grandfather's Journey**. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1993.



Allen Say, the author and illustrator of this beautiful, magnificent story tells the story of his grandfather's journey to America from Japan. It captures the magnificent sights he saw while in America and his encounters with all races of American people. This story also tells the story of how his grandfather makes a return to his home country of Japan to get married and they later return to America to raise their daughter. Read on to see what happens after his daughter becomes a young woman and how this affects Say's life.

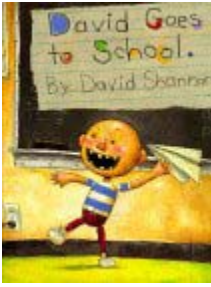
Sendak, Maurice. **Where The Wild Things Are**. New York: Scholastic, 1963 (renewed in 1991).



Max has lots of energy before his bedtime. His mother decides to send him to bed early when he tells her "I'LL EAT YOU UP!" While Max is up in his room something wild and spectacular begins to occur.

Read to find out about the wild adventurous things that happen after Max is sent to his room. Read on to see if things settle down or if the wild adventures become too dangerous for Max.

Shannon, David. **David Goes To School**. New York: The Blue Sky Press. 1999.

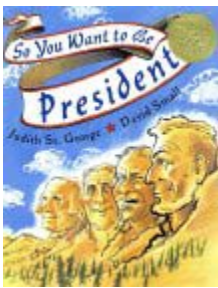


David's teacher is always telling him, "No David", "Sit down David", "Raise your hand, David". David just has the hardest time with self-control. One day, he has to stay after school because of something he has done in school. Read this funny story to see how he finally earns a "Good job, David" comment. Notice the hilarious illustrations the author drew to portray David.

Stewart, Sarah. **The Gardener**. Illustrated by David Small. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1995.

This is a touching story about a little girl who has to go live with her Uncle Jim in the city because of her family's financial problems. This story takes place during the depression era and it is written in letter format as Lydia tells her story through the letters she writes to her Uncle Jim (before living with him) and to her parents about her experiences of living with him. Lydia has one main interest/ hobby that becomes the highlight of this story. Read on to find out more about this hobby and how it rejuvenates her uncle's life .

St. George, Judith. **So You Want To Be President**. Illustrated by David Small. 2000.



Here is a hilarious but informative book on fascinating facts about our presidents. A truly delightful and educational book to read filled with fun and interesting facts about our presidents that we couldn't imagine thinking about them. Read to see what a fascinating fact about Theodore Roosevelt's children was while they lived in the White House. Also read to see which president was thrifty and which president had the most siblings.

This book is also a great resource in giving you brief, biographical information about where each president was born.

Taback, Simms. **Joseph Had A Little Overcoat.** New York: Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers. 1999.



Joseph has an old and worn overcoat but manages to salvage it and make it into something else that will be useful to him. Read this cute, Yiddish story and see how many different items Joseph can make out of his faithful overcoat. It's funny and a little sad to see what happens to it in the end but there is one lesson to learn from this experience. Read on to see what Joseph has to say about it.

Van Allsburg, Chris. **Jumanji.** Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. 1981.

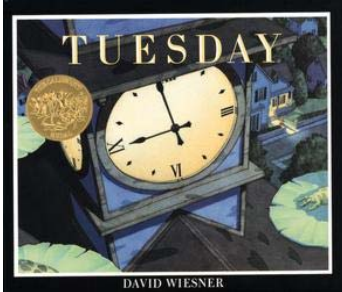


Peter finds this game box when he and his sister Judy go out to play in the park. They become very curious about a game box that is hidden by a tree. On the box, it reads "Jumanji". Once they open this box, many strange adventures begin to happen inside their home.

Read to find out what happens once this game is played and how the two children overcome their adventurous game. Read to see whether or not the game comes to an end or if more crazy things begin to happen.

Wiesner, David. **Tuesday**. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company. 1991.

There is something strange happening at the pond on Tuesday evening. Frogs begin to fly on lily pads and venture out to see what the people of the town are doing in the middle of the night. Find out what happens when the other animals see them coming. See what happens to them when daylight arrives. In addition, another strange occurrence is about to happen on the following Tuesday evening. Read this mystical book to see what happens.



Yolen, Jane. **Owl Moon**. Illustrated by John Schoenherr. New York: Philomel Books. 1987.

On a cold winter night, a father and daughter go venturing out to go owling. They go crunching deep into the dark, cold woods until they reach the point where her father begins to call out the owl call. The two wait patiently to see if one appears and suddenly they hear the owl return a call. Read this wonderful story to see what happens once the owl lands near them.

