
Plot

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Becker, Bonny. *A Visitor for Bear*. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2008. Bear wants nothing more than a quiet breakfast alone. However, a small, gray, bright-eyed mouse has other ideas. Mouse's persistent appearances in Bear's kitchen finally lead Bear to appreciate the value of a true friend.

Harris, Robie. *Mail Harry to the Moon*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2008. An unnamed boy is feeling overshadowed by his baby brother Harry. When Harry spits up "smelly, yucky, cheesy stuff," sits on Grandma's lap, etc. big brother has a number of suggestions, including mailing Harry to the moon. One very quiet morning, the boy is alarmed that it is *too* quiet and proceeds to travel to the moon to rescue Harry.

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Auch, Mary Jane and Herm Auch. *The Plot Chickens*. New York: Holiday House, 2009. Henrietta wants to write her own story. She knows that a story needs a well-developed plot. Her aunts provide many humorous asides as Henrietta explores 8 rules of good writing and creates an "eggcellent" story. Lots of puns!

McDonald, Megan. *The Hinky-Pink*. New York: Atheneum Books, 2008. Young Anabel is an outstanding seamstress who dreams of a day when she can sew a dress for a princess. When Anabel is given one week to make a dress for the Princess, she is in fabric Heaven in the palace tower. However a thrashing about of covers each night leads the nursemaid Mag to realize that Anabel has gotten herself a Hinky-Pink. The only solution is for Anabel to make the Hinky-Pink a bed of its own. When she finally succeeds, she completes the dress in one day, while the Hinky-Pink seems to have a new plan.

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Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*. New York: Dial Books, 2008. In the Beaumont family, you receive your "savvy" (special talent) on your 13th birthday. When her father is in a car accident just days before her 13th birthday, Mibs is certain that her savvy will allow her to bring him back to consciousness. During an unwanted birthday party being thrown for her by the preacher's wife, she jumps onto a Bible salesman's bus, thinking he is heading toward the town of Salina where her dad is recovering in the hospital. Her fellow stowaways, the unknowing bus driver, and a woman with car trouble embark on a journey full of surprises, leading them everywhere *except* Salina.

Prineas, Sarah. *The Magic Thief*. New York: HarperCollins, 2008. Young Conn has made his way through life as a pickpocket ever since his mother died. In a desperate attempt to get money for food, Conn picks an older man's pocket, accidentally touching the wizard's locus magicalicus (magic stone). Nevery (the wizard) takes Conn on as a servant and then as apprentice. Conn brings his share of mischief to Nevery's usually solitary life as he tries to discover the reason for the fading level of magical power in the city of Wellmet.