
Point of View

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Borden, Louise. *Off to First Grade*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2008. Students are excited about their first day in Mrs. Miller's first grade class at Elm School. Each student, Mrs. Miller, the bus driver and Mr. Zimmerman, the principal each tell us in first person what they are feeling.

Stevens, Janet. *Help Me, Mr. Mutt!: Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems*. New York: Harcourt, 2008. Mr. Mutt, Canine Counselor, answers other dogs' letters with advice which includes how to get what they need from humans and sometimes includes putting cats in their places to the consternation of "The Queen" who ties up Mr. Mutt and takes over.

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Cowley, Joy. *Snake and Lizard*. La Jolla: Kane/Miller, 2008. Snake and Lizard are true friends who care for each other even when they have disagreements because of their differences and selfish points of view. The short, humorous chapters are wonderful to read aloud. Their friendship is reminiscent of *Frog and Toad*.

Henson, Heather. *That Book Woman*. New York: Atheneum Books, 2008. Set in the Appalachian mountains in the 1930's, a boy who thinks books are just "chicken scratch" learns to love books and admire the Book Woman who brings them.

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Frost, Helen. *Diamond Willow*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Feeling responsible after an accident that blinded the lead sled dog, Willow tries to save her dog from being put to sleep by running away to her grandparents, but gets caught in a snow storm. She is watched over by animals who are her ancestors. The text is shaped like a diamond with bolded words revealing her innermost thoughts.

Mills, Claudia. *The Totally Made-up Civil War Diary*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Amanda's assignment to write a diary for Polly, a girl who lived during the Civil war, helps her cope with her own family's losses as her father moves out. Polly loves her brothers, but they are each fighting for a different side, just like Amanda and her sister each side with a different parent.