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Cooper, Helen. *Dog Biscuit*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2009. A little girl eats a dog biscuit and begins to fantasize and actually believe that she might be turning into a dog. The story culminates in an amazing doggie dream adventure and her ultimate return to little girlhood.

Rosenthal, Amy Kraus and Tom Lichtenheld. *Duck! Rabbit!*. San Francisco: Chronicle, 2009. Two unseen characters discuss whether an image is a duck or a rabbit.(Longfellow kids mostly think it is a rabbit....)

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Hollyer, Beatrice. *Our World of Water: Children and Water Around the World*. New York: Henry Holt, 2009. Profiles events in a child's life in 6 countries around the world (Tajikistan, Mauritania, Ethiopia, USA, Peru and Bangladesh) and explores how each child uses water every day.

Yee, Lisa. . *Bobby vs Girls*. New York: Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Fourth-grader Bobby Ellis-Chan deals with a secret "girl" best friend, a beloved but doomed pet goldfish, a football player stay-at-home dad with good intentions but terrible homemaker skills and a contentious run for office at school.

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Peck, Richard. *A Season of Gifts*. New York: Dial, 2009. Relates the surprising non-material gifts bestowed on 12-year old Bob Barnhart and his family who have recently moved to an Illinois town in 1958 by the larger-than-life Mrs. Dowdel; a companion to *A Long Way from Chicago* and *A Year Down Yonder*.

Clements, Andrew. *Extra Credit*. New York: Atheneum, 2009. Penpals from two different countries, Abby from Illinois and Amira and her brother Sadeed and from Afghanistan correspond and compare their lives across cultural and religious differences. Along with opening their eyes to a new culture, their correspondence causes them to see anew the environment which they take for granted in their respective lives.