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## Realistic Fiction

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### K-2

Fucile, Tony. *Let's Do Nothing!* New York: Candlewick Press, 2009. Frankie and Sal have done everything, so they decide to do nothing. Frankie has a wonderful imagination and together the boys discover that you can't do nothing.

Lipson, Eden Ross. *Applesauce Season*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2009. The youngest member of a family (including a grandmother) relates how they buy apples at the farmer's market and make applesauce each fall. This would be good for Kindergarten teachers for the Trees unit or apple theme that they do. It is also a nice family book which is a Social Studies theme.

### 3-4

DeFelice, Cynthia. *Signal*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Owen McGuire's mother has recently been killed in a car accident and his dad has devoted himself to work out of grief. They have also just moved and it's summer time so Owen has a lot of time on his hands. While out for a run on a trail near his home, he meets Champion or Cam who claims to be an alien in need of help to signal her parents to come get her and return her to Home her own planet.

Schwartz, Joanne. *Our Corner Grocery Store*. New York: Tundra Books, 2009. Anna Maria loves to help her Grandma and Grandp in their corner grocery store on Saturdays. This would make a good book for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Social Studies curriculum.

### 5-6

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything but Typical*. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009. Jason is autistic and he tries to let the rest of us know what his world is like. His one refuge is writing and he can't wait to go to the StoryBoard convention until he realizes that meeting his online friend in person might change their friendship.

Zucker, Naomi. *Callie's Rules*. New York: Egmont, 2009. Callie has just started junior high and she feels like everyone is following rules that someone forgot to tell her. As she is trying to figure this all out, the most popular girl in her class and the girl's mother decide that Halloween is too scary and it should be replaced with Autumn Fest. Callie is outraged at this and she decides to try to fight City Hall in her very own way.