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## Point of View

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### K-2

Barton, Chris, and Tom Lichtenheld. *Shark vs. train*. New York: Little, Brown, 2010. ISBN: 9780316007627. If a shark is pitted against a train, which would win? The answer depends on the contest: the train's belch is louder, but he's no match for the shark when jumping off the high dive.

Winter, Jonah. *Here comes the garbage barge!*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780375852183. In the spring of 1987, the town of Islip, New York, with no place for its 3,168 tons of garbage, loads it on a barge that sets out on a 162-day journey along the east coast, around the Gulf of Mexico, down to Belize, and back again, in search of a place willing to accept and dispose of its very smelly cargo.

### 3-4

Buyea, Rob. *Because of Mr. Terupt*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780-385738828. Seven fifth graders learn a variety of life lessons, when they start the school year off with their new teacher. Short chapters are actually brief narratives by individual students and sectioned off by each month of the school year, beginning with September. From the students' distinct voices readers come to understand the different personalities and backgrounds that define them.

Fusco, Kimberly Newton. *The wonder of Charlie Anne*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. ISBN: 9780375861048. Mirabel has come to take care of Charlie Anne and her siblings. Mirabel doesn't want Charlie Anne to have anything to do with their neighbor's stepdaughter Phoebe. Phoebe's mother volunteers to become the town's teacher, and a ruckus breaks out when she names Phoebe as her assistant. There are several themes covered: death of a parent, prejudice, poverty, and learning disabilities.

### 5-6

Appelt, Kathi, and August Hall. *Keeper*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9781416950608. On a day when everything goes wrong, a little girl relies on the magic of the blue moon to turn things around. Since her mother left seven years ago, ten-year-old Keeper has lived happily on a remote slice of Texas coast, convinced that her mother's a mermaid. Keeper sets out under the blue moon in a small boat, determined to row across dangerous Gulf waters to find her mother.

Wiles, Deborah. *Countdown*. New York: Scholastic, 2010. ISBN: 780545106054. As eleven-year-old Franny Chapman deals with drama at home and with her best friend in 1962, she tries to understand the larger problems in the world after President Kennedy announces that Russia is sending nuclear missiles to Cuba.

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## Point of View Also-Rans

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### Everybody

Black, Michael Ian, and Kevin Hawkes. *A pig parade is a terrible idea*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010.

Browne, Anthony. *Me and you*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2010.

Lee, Suzy. *Shadow*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2010.

### Fiction

Lord, Cynthia. *Touch blue*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2010.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Word after word after word*. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2010.

Pennypacker, Sara, and Marla Frazee. *Clementine, Friend of the Week*. New York: Disney-Hyperion Books, 2010.