

Folklore

Alley, Zoe. **There's a Wolf at the Door: Five Classic Tales.** New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008. The Wolf moves through five fairy tales (The Three Little Pigs, The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood, The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing, and The Wolf and the Seven Little Goslings) when he is "outfoxed" in each tale, he decides to that maybe he should become a vegetarian.

Morales, Yuyi. **Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book.** New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008. This is by the author of Just a Minute. In this story, Senor Calavera is trying to find the best birthday present for Grandma Beetle. He is helped by Zelmiro the Ghost who keeps suggesting that he look for other things "just in case".

DeFelice, Cynthia. **One Potato, Two Potato.** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2006. Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady, stick-thin and dirt poor, manage on one potato a day. While digging up their last potato, Mr. O'Grady happens upon a black pot which duplicates everything that is put, or falls, into it. The modest couple is happy with their new-found good fortune, especially their new friends, and decide to re-bury the pot, needing nothing more.

This bibliography includes titles selected by elementary teacher librarians in the ICCSD during the past school year. These books are available in many of the elementary school libraries. Thank you to the **Rock & Readers** for sharing your time and enthusiasm for reading and children! Enjoy!

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Suggested Books for Reading with Children Kindergarten through Grade 2

Realistic Fiction

Boelts, Maribeth. **Those Shoes.** Cambridge, MA: Candlewick, 2007. Jeremy longs for a new pair of cool high-tops, but Grandma says they cost too much. The thrift shop has a pair, but Jeremy hides that fact that they pinch his feet. Then he sees Antonio, whose shoes are in worse shape, and he makes a difficult decision.

Harrington, Janice N. **Roberto Walks Home.** New York: Viking, 2008. Based on the characters and art style of Ezra Jack Keats' books, this urban tale depicts Roberto's anger and reconciliation with his older brother. When his brother forgets to pick Roberto up after school, Roberto heads home and sees Miguel playing hoops with the big boys. At home, Roberto vents his disappointment, dreams of revenge, and eventually accepts his brother's apology.

Coffelt, Nancy. **Fred Stays with Me!** New York: Little, Brown, 2007. A little girl sometimes lives with her mom, sometimes with her dad, but the constant in her life is her dog, who always comes with her. While the dog causes troubles and frustrations, the family t to keep Fred where he is needed.

Cruise, Robin. **Little Mamá Forgets.** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2006. Exuberant Lucy describes the many things her grandmother forgets, each one paired with something remembered. Every page bubbles over with family love and Mexican-American tradition.

Historical Fiction

Fern, Tracy. **Buffalo Music**. New York: Clarion, 2008. After the buffalo are killed by hunters, Mary Ann Goodnight, an 1890's Texas rancher, begins raising orphan buffalo and eventually sends some of her herd to the newly formed Yellowstone National Park.

McCarthy, Meghan. **Seabiscuit: The Wonder Horse**. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2008. The exciting story of Seabiscuit, the underdog racehorse who takes the country by storm at the height of the Great Depression. Can he really beat War Admiral?!?

Grifalconi, Ann. **Ain't Nobody A Stranger To Me**. Hyperion, 2007. A grandfather tells his granddaughter about his remarkable journey on the Underground Railroad and teaches her the importance of kindness, hope and friendship.

Levine, Ellen. **Henry's Freedom Box**. Scholastic, 2007. In 1849 a slave named Henry escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden box from Richmond to Philadelphia. (Based on the inspiring true story of Henry "Box" Brown).

Science Fiction/Fantasy

O'Malley, Kevin. **Captain Raptor and the Space Pirates**. Walker, 2007. The captain and his crew must track down the space pirates who have stolen Planet Jurassica's jewels.

Allen, Jonathan. **"I'm Not Cute!"** Hyperion Books, 2006. Baby Owl wants to be a sleek, hunting machine, but all the animals think he is cute and he doesn't like that one bit. Children will relate to Baby Owl's tantrums and can explore the theme that people don't always see us the way we'd like them to.

Mystery/Suspense

Eaton, Maxwell. **The Mystery**. New York: Knopf, 2008. Max and Pinky spend the day painting their barn a nice red, but wake up the next morning to find it has turned pink, and when the color changes again the following day, the pair sets out to solve the mystery.

Bauer, Marion Dane. **The Red Ghost**. New York: Random House, 2008. Jenna purchases an old doll dressed in red velvet at a neighbor's garage sale, thinking it will be the perfect birthday gift for her sister. However, the doll once belonged to a young girl who died. As soon as Jenna brings it home, strange things begin to happen and Jenna wonders if the doll might be haunted. A good "scary book" for early chapter book readers; this is a companion to **The Blue Ghost** by Bauer. Other colors may follow...

Adler, David. **Bones and the Birthday Mystery**. New York: Penguin Group, 2007. David Adler continues to write easy-to-read mysteries with this newer Bones series. Bones, is a detective who loves to solve mysteries and dress up in disguises. In this installment, his family is celebrating his Grandpa's birthday and his gift goes missing! Children will be able to read this to themselves as well as solve the "crime" along with Bones.



Biography

Kerley, Barbara. **What To Do About Alice?** New York: Scholastic, 2008. Alice Roosevelt, Teddy Roosevelt's only daughter with his first wife, who died two days after her birth is sassy, rambunctious and unconventional, especially as a President's daughter. Endpapers include historical information. This is the illustrator's debut picture book.

Nivola, Claire A. **Planting the Trees of Kenya**. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. This story of Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan activist, is highlighted in this beautiful picture book. College-educated in the United States, she returned to her homeland to discover commercial farming had taken over. Her quest to educate non-conventional audiences (women, prisoners, soldiers) and strive for renewing the tapestry of her homeland earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

Barasch, Lynne. **Hiromi's Hands**. New York: Lee & Low, 2007. The true story of Hiromi Suzuki, who, with the help of her father, defied tradition and became one of the first female sushi chefs in NYC.

Brown, Don. **Dolley Madison Saves George Washington**. New York: Houghton, 2007. In 1814, British troops stormed Washington, D.C. and set fire to much of the city. First Lady Dolley Madison, famous for her glamorous clothing and wonderful parties, showed her strong character by rescuing a life-sized portrait of George Washington and many important items even after the soldiers who were charged with guarding had fled.