

# Welcome!

Make planning stress-free with Novel Effect read-aloud calendars!

Novel Effect monthly calendars include suggested soundscapes to read aloud based on special events and celebrations.

With this digital option, you can easily **swap out** the suggested titles if one isn't on your shelves. In Canva, download a book cover of your choice and drag it onto the cover you want to replace.





# january

## read-aloud calendar

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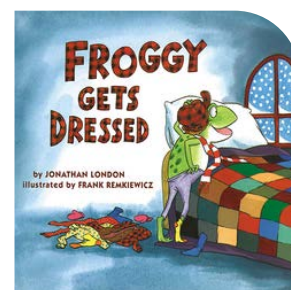
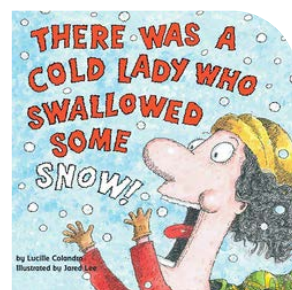
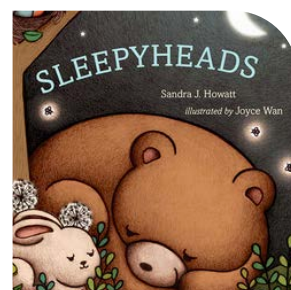
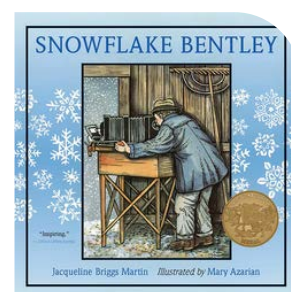
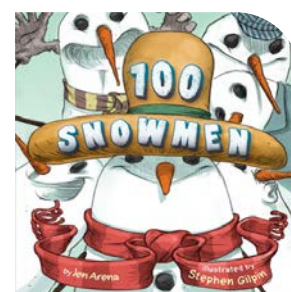
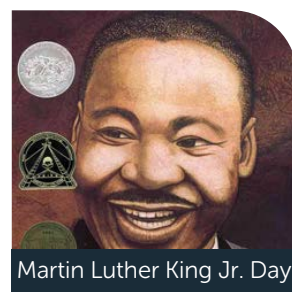
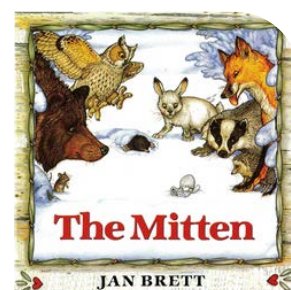
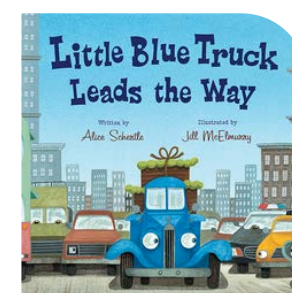
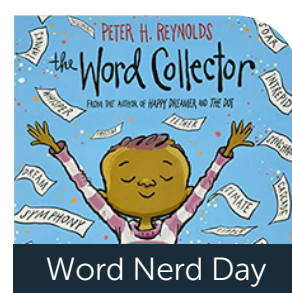
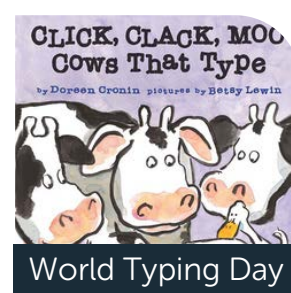
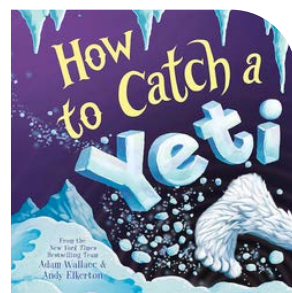
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January  
Reasons to Read

REFRESH & RESTART

TRY SOMETHING NEW

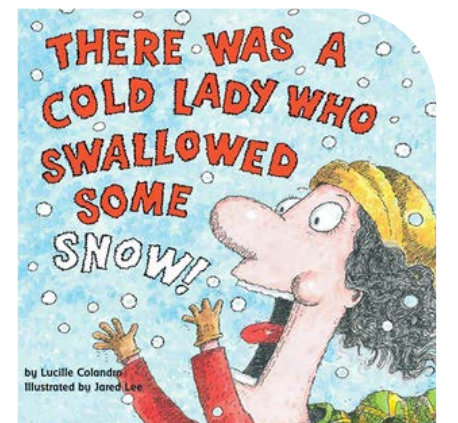
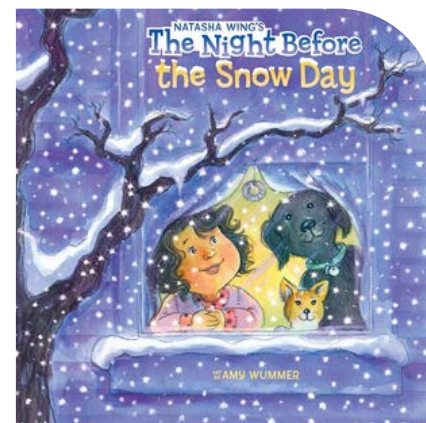
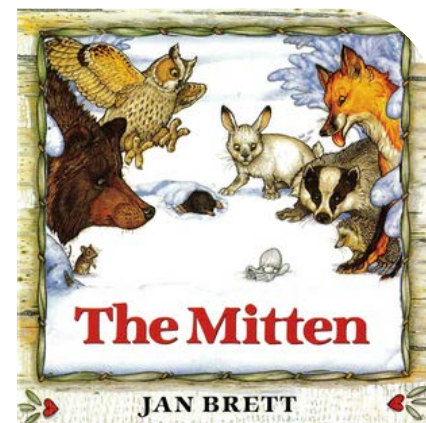
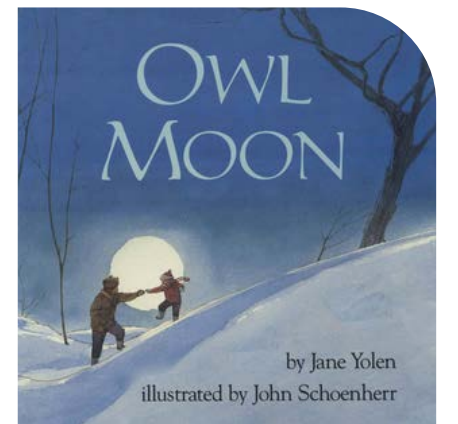
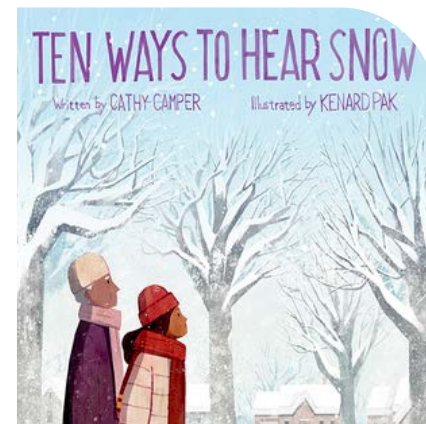
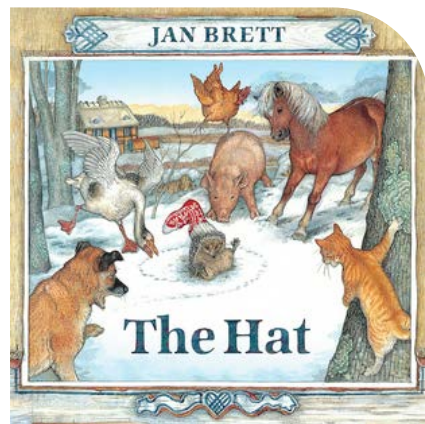
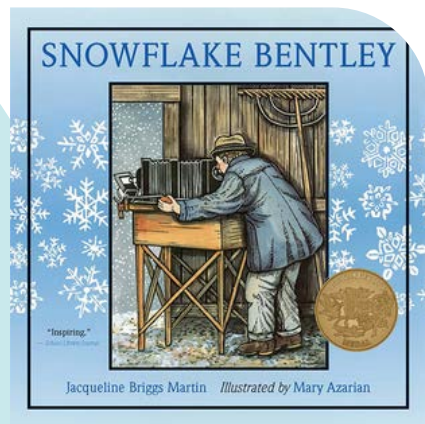
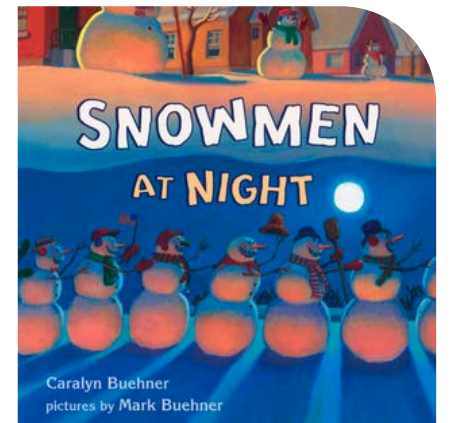
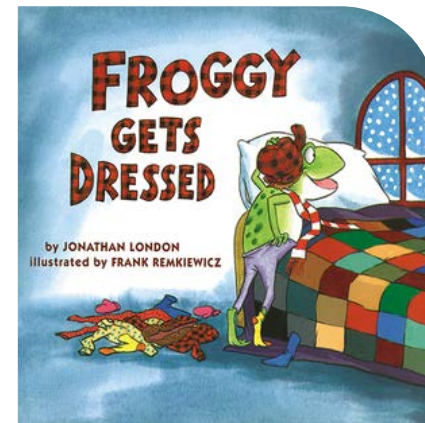
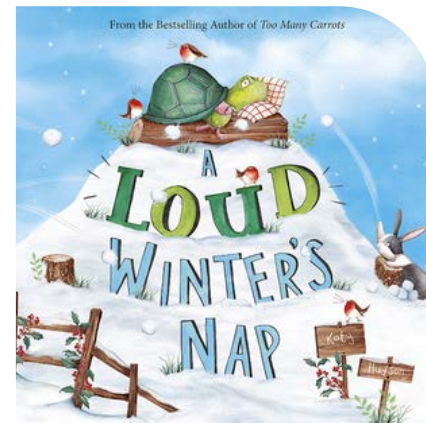
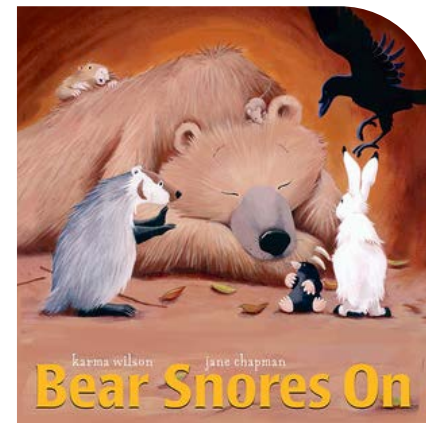
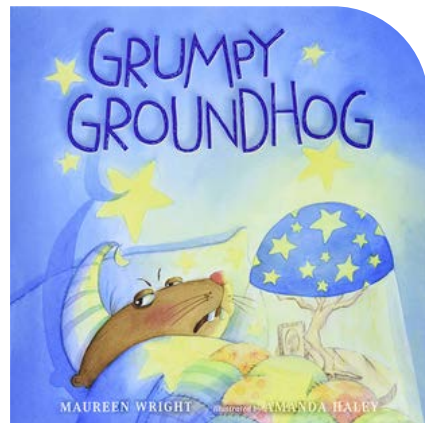
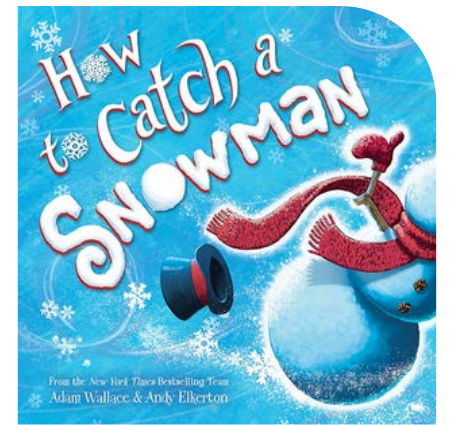
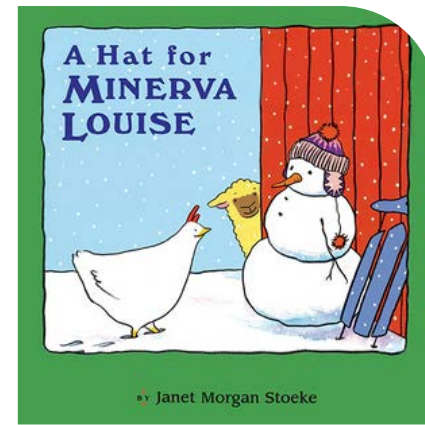
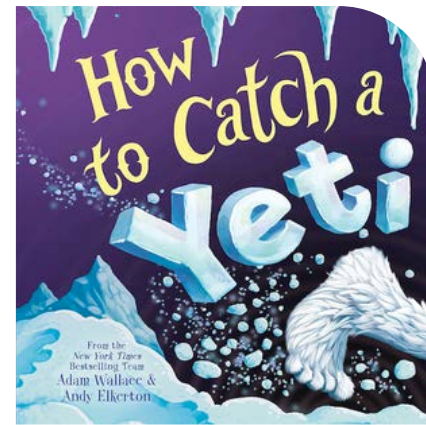
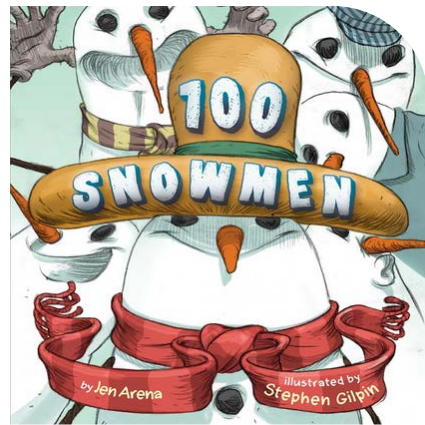
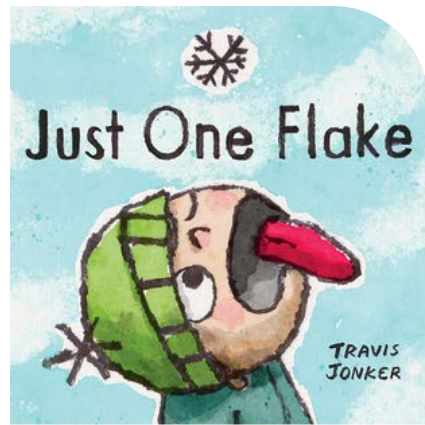
SNOW MUCH FUN

COOL CUTIES

Celebrate your 100th day with us!



# it's snowy outside





# February

read-aloud calendar

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## February Reasons to Read

**CELEBRATE WITH US**

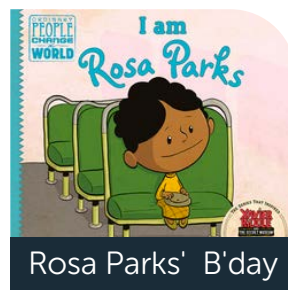
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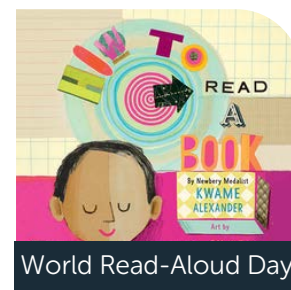
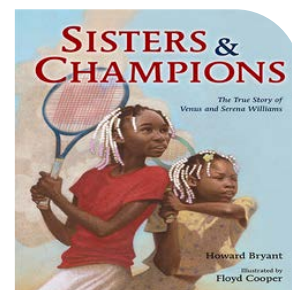
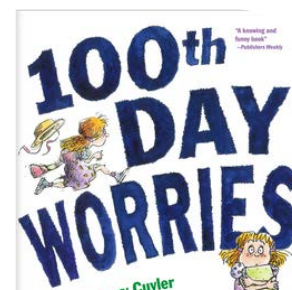
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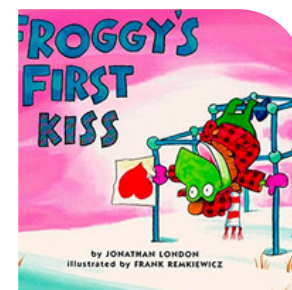
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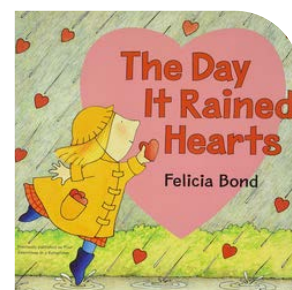
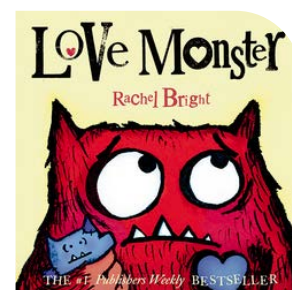
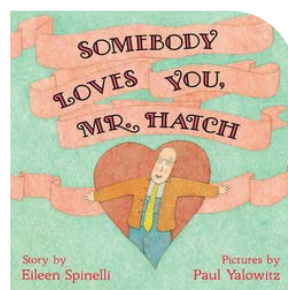
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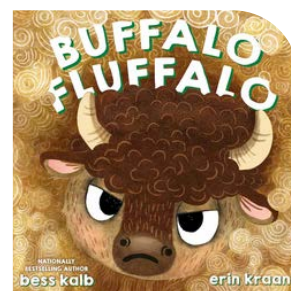
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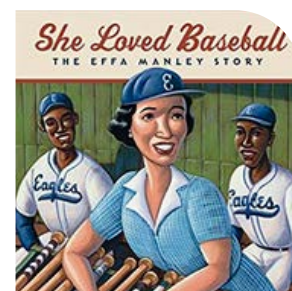
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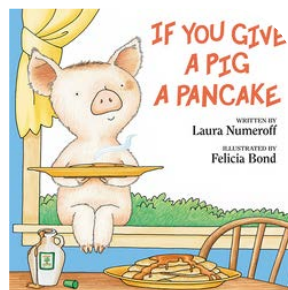
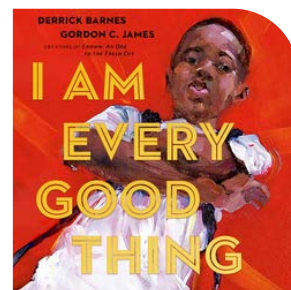
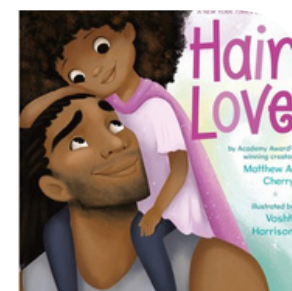
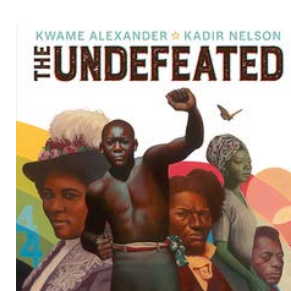
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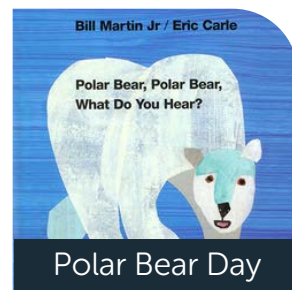
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Love Your Pet Day



Tell a Fairy Tale Day



Polar Bear Day



Ramadan Begins



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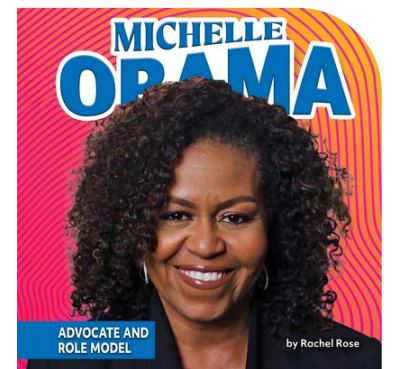
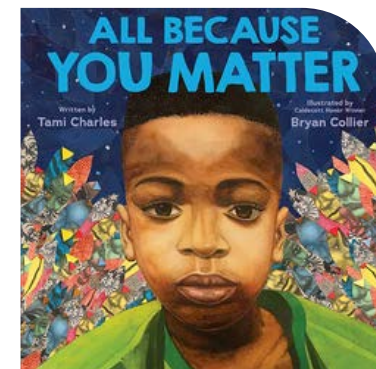
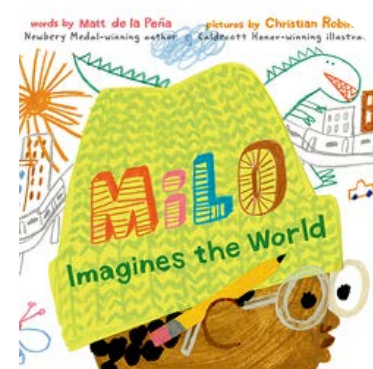
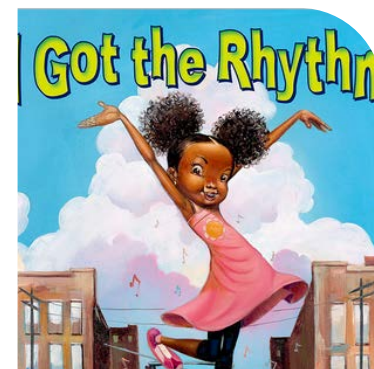
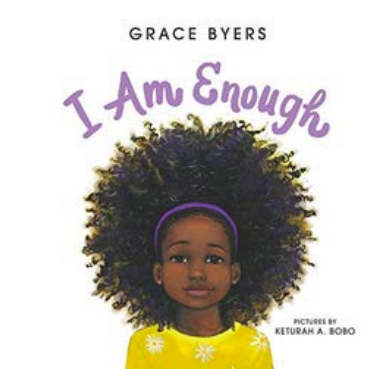
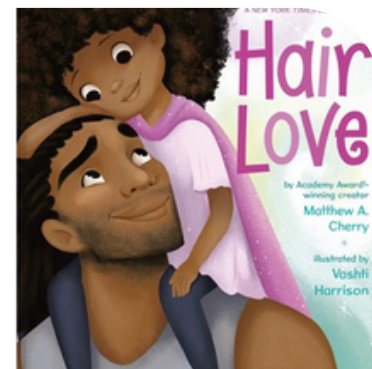
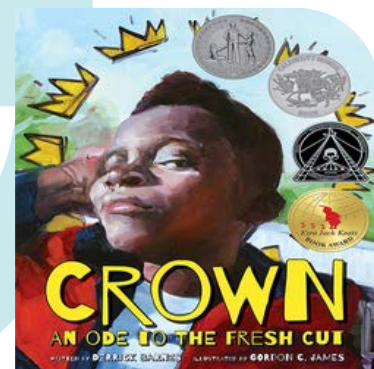
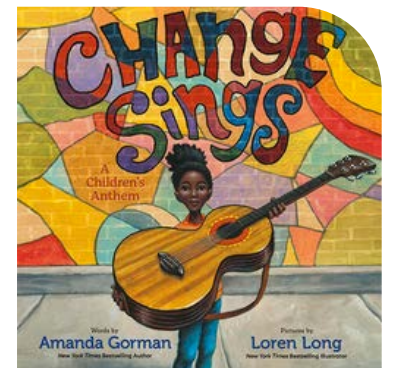
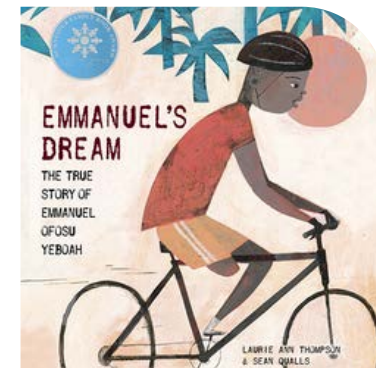
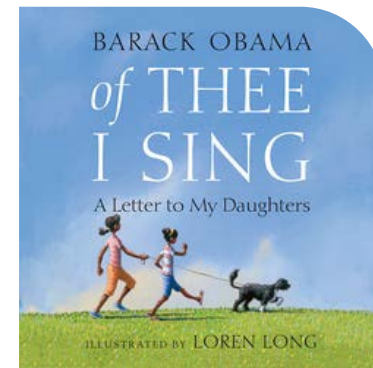
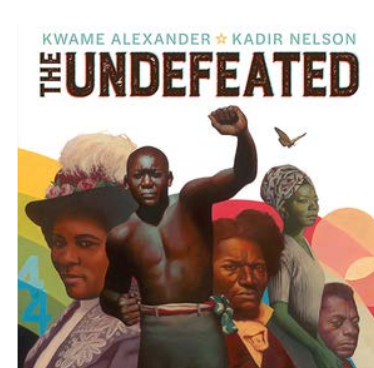
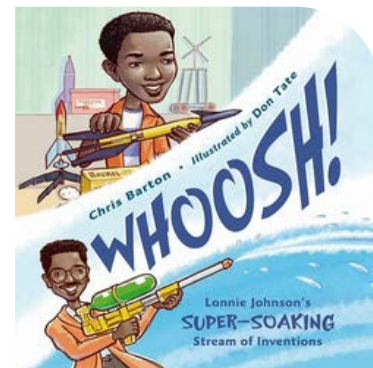
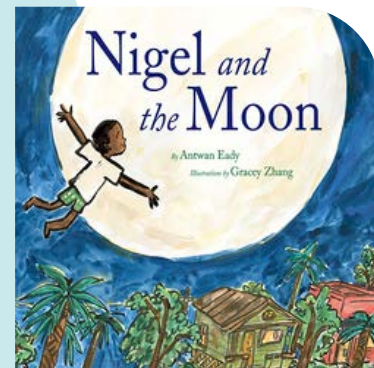
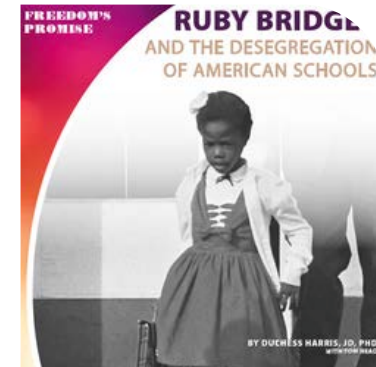
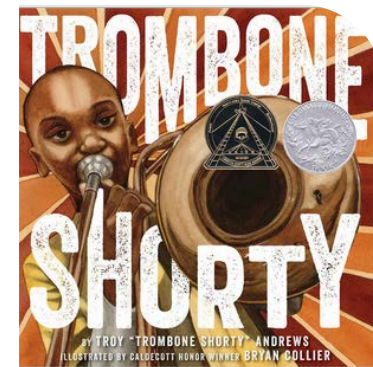
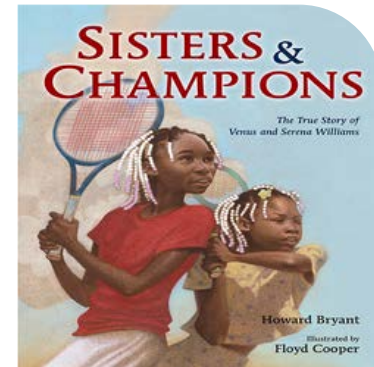
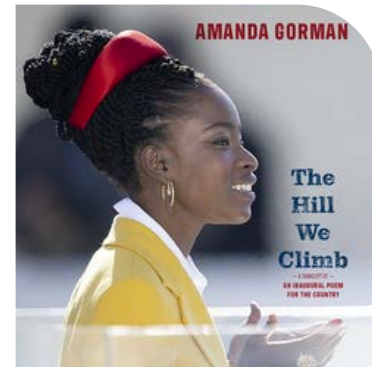
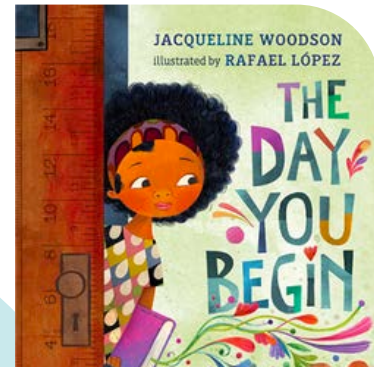
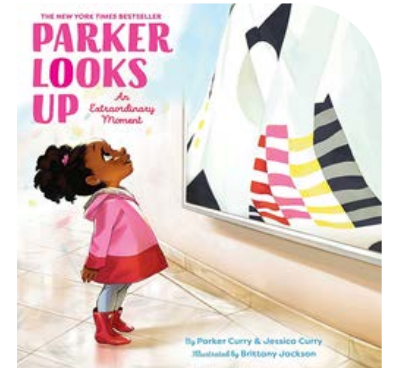
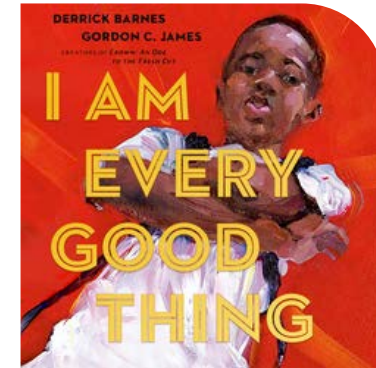
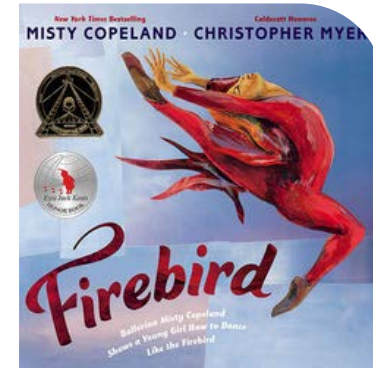
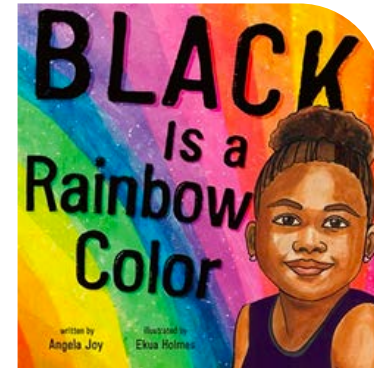
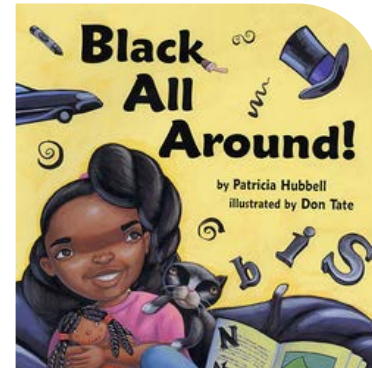
VALENTINE'S  
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# history • joy • excellence



celebrate



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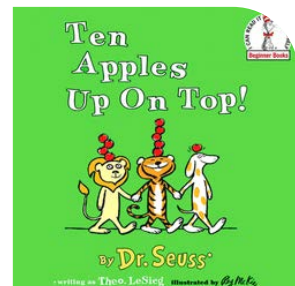
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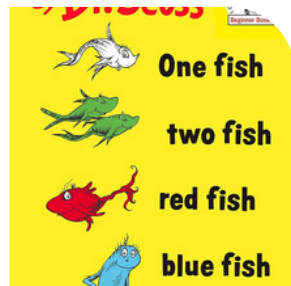
read-aloud calendar



Read Across America



Mem Fox's B'day



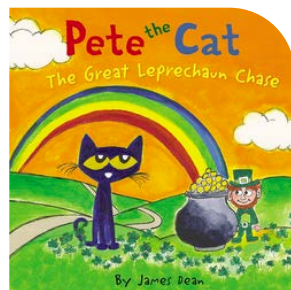
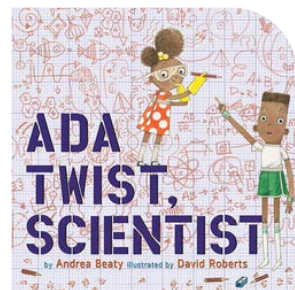
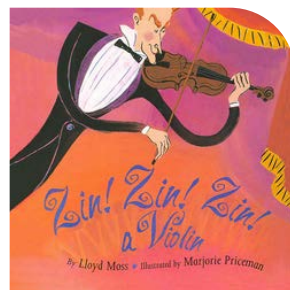
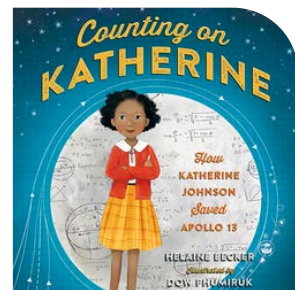
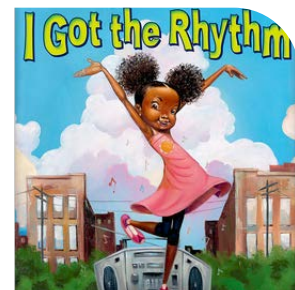
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Pig Day



Women's Day



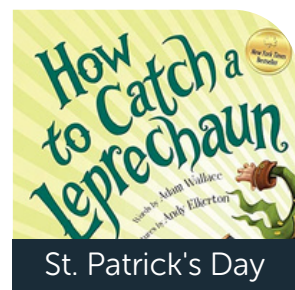
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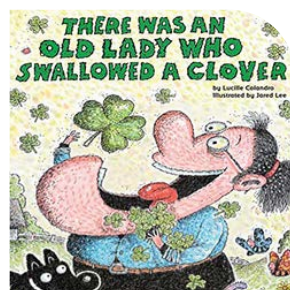
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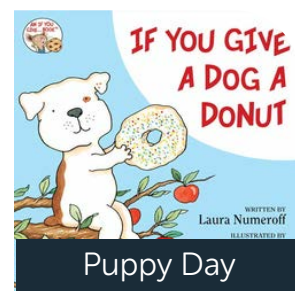
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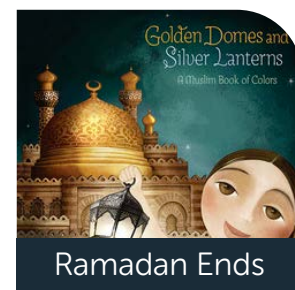
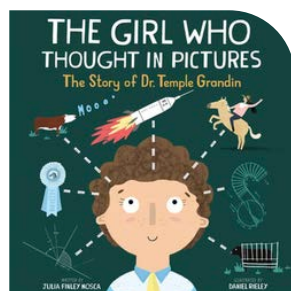
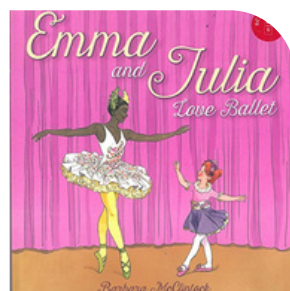
1st Day of Spring



Flower Day



Puppy Day



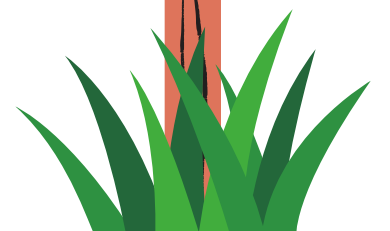
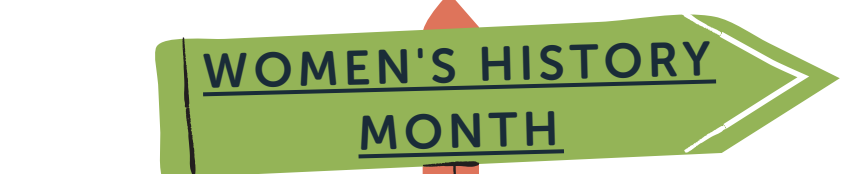
Ramadan Ends



novel effect™



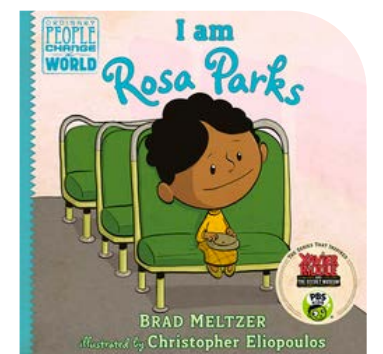
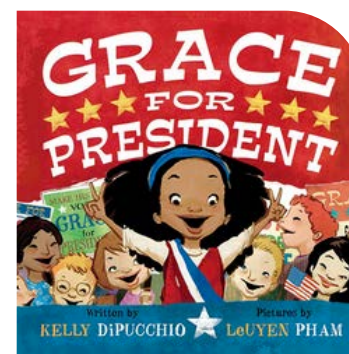
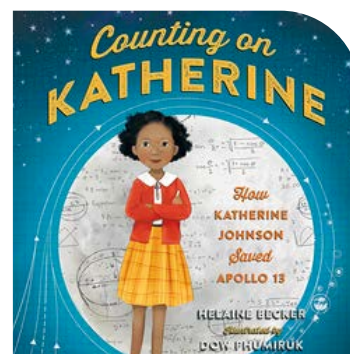
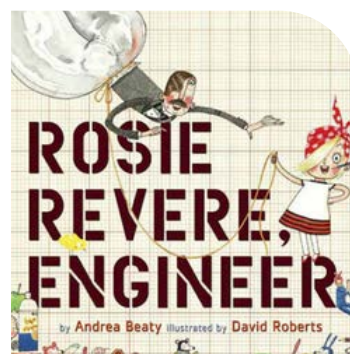
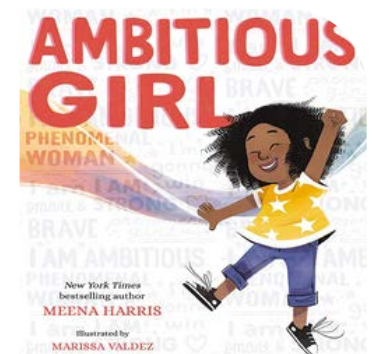
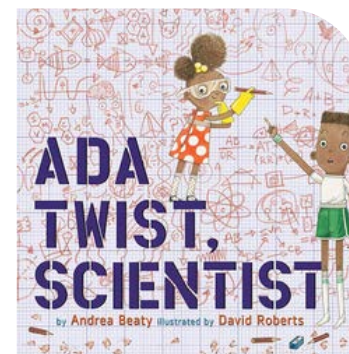
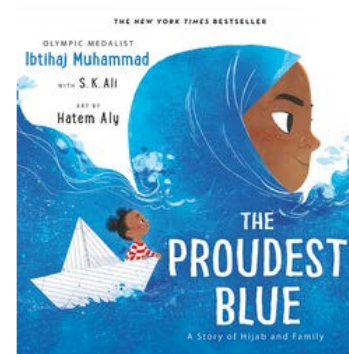
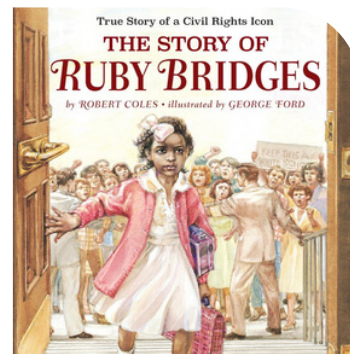
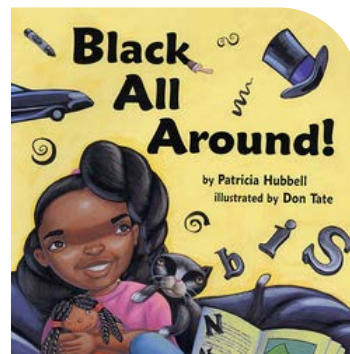
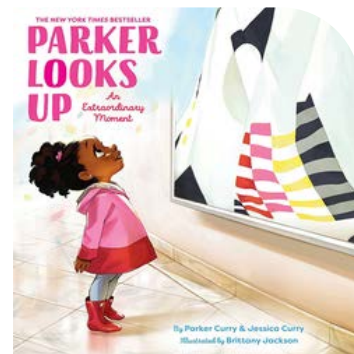
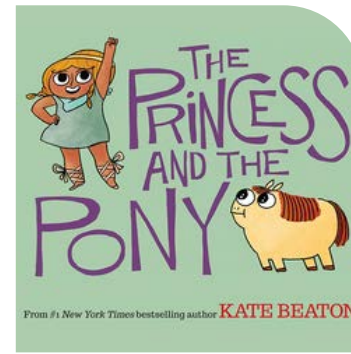
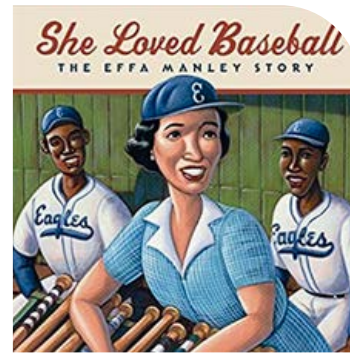
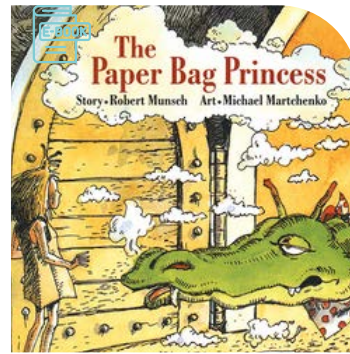
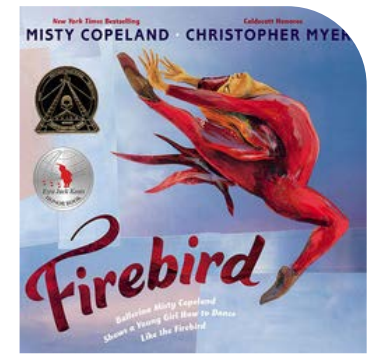
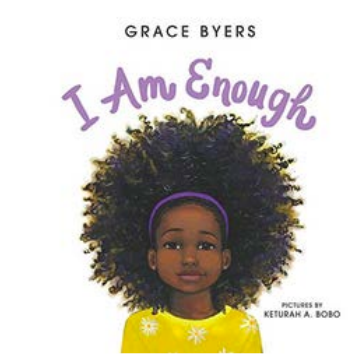
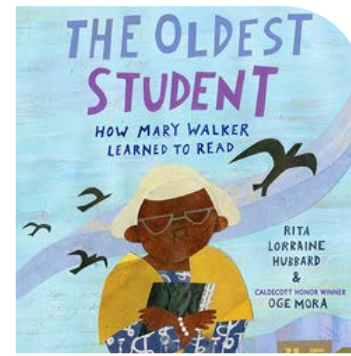
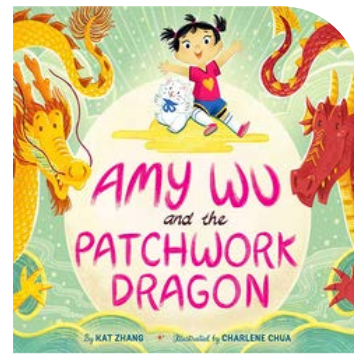
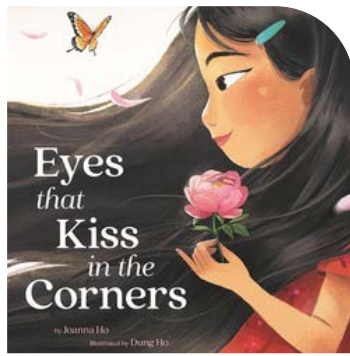
March Reasons to Read





# strength • courage • resilience

## STRONG FEMALE LEADERS & CHARACTERS





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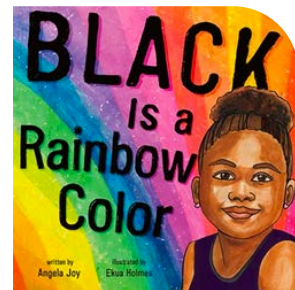
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The Book With No Pictures

Reading is Funny Day



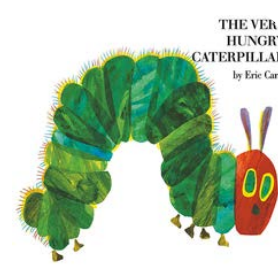
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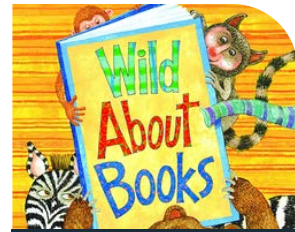
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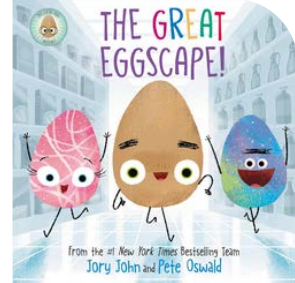
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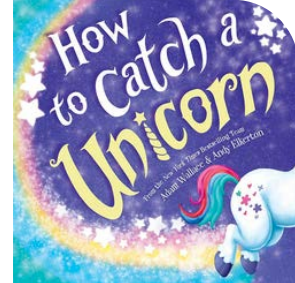
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Book Mobile Day



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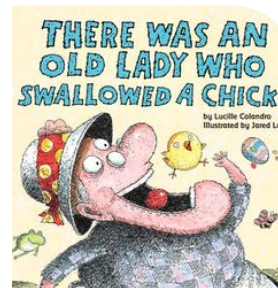
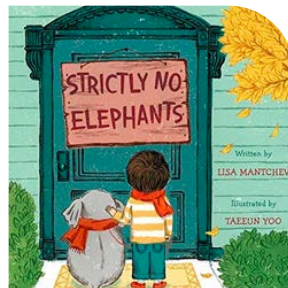
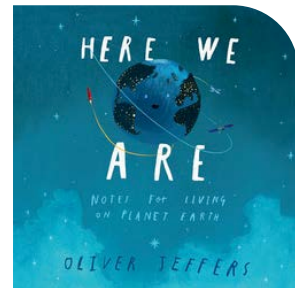
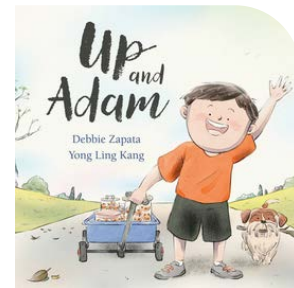
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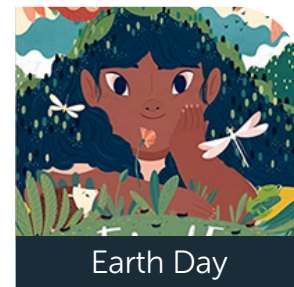
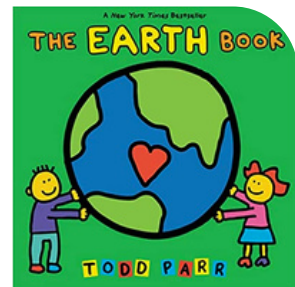
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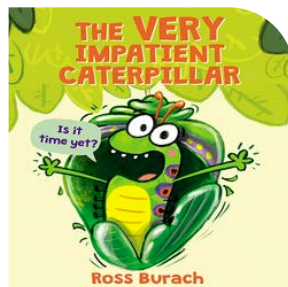
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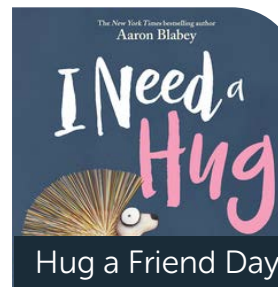
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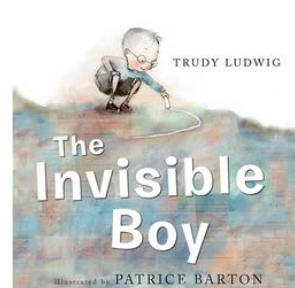
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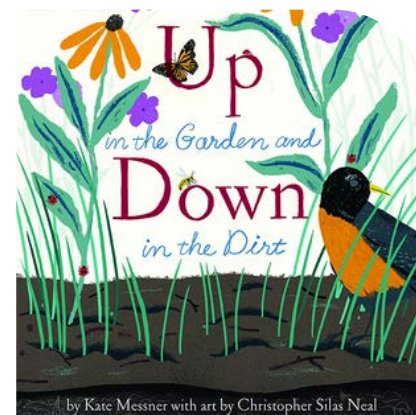
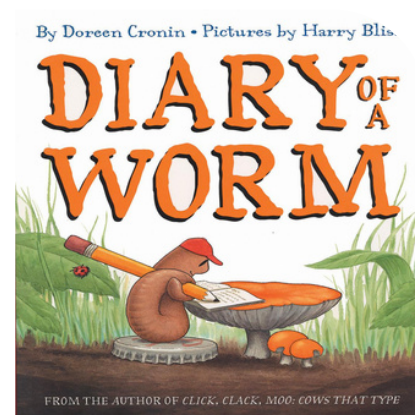
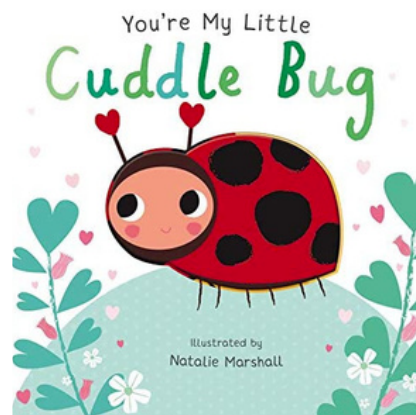
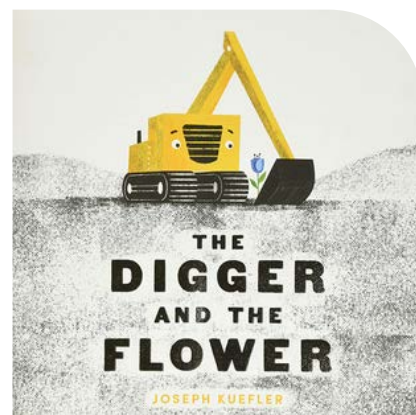
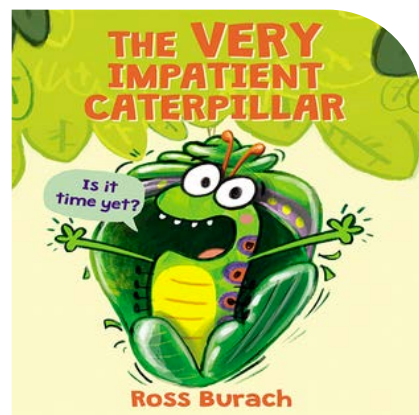
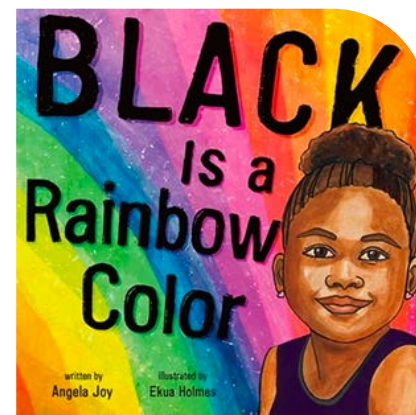
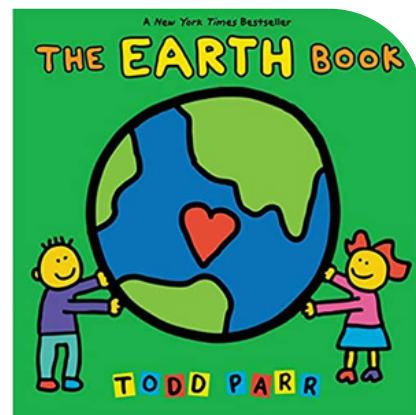
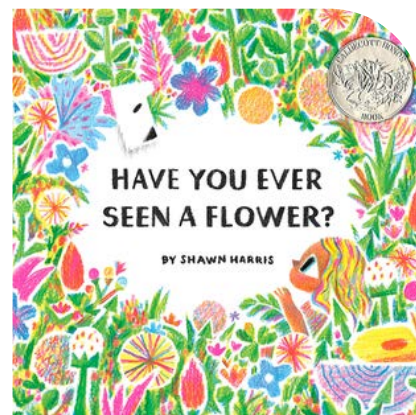
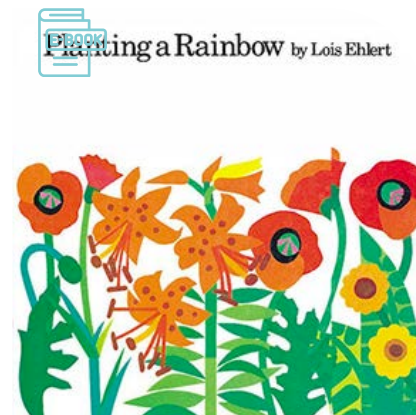
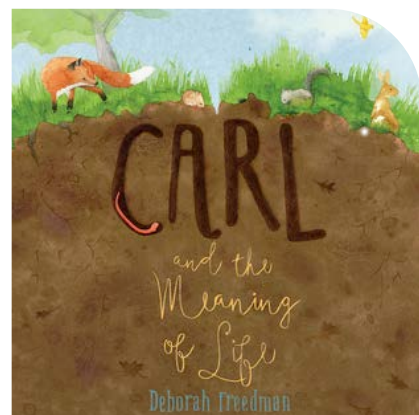
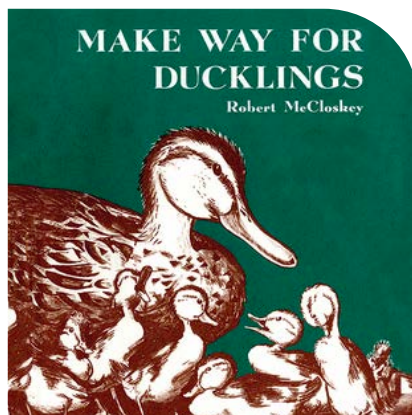
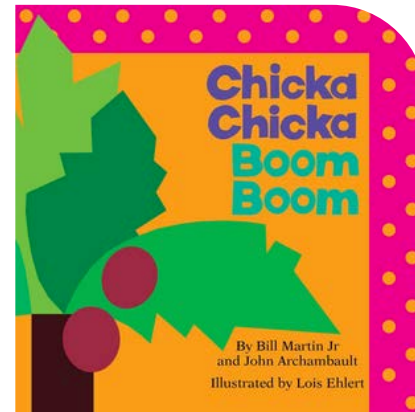
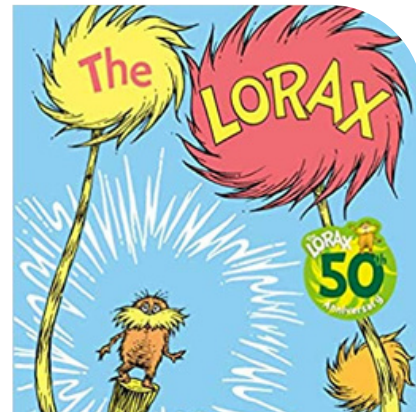
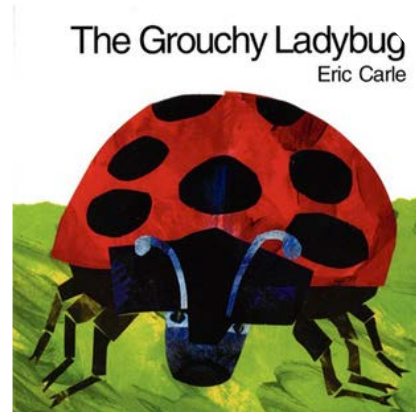
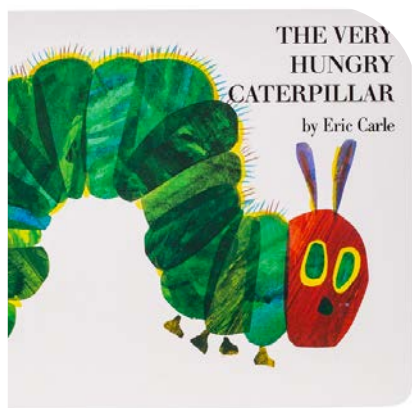


Jazz Day





# books that bloom





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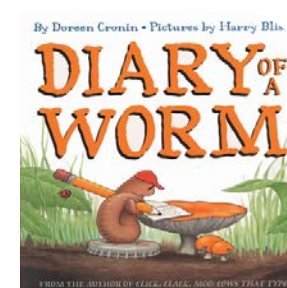
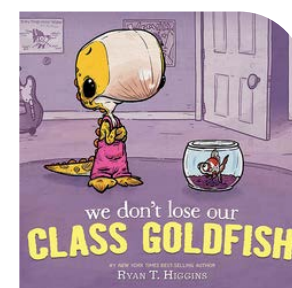
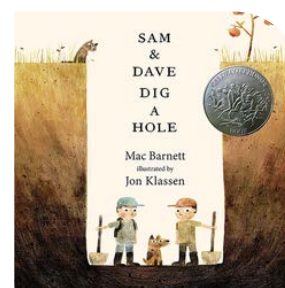
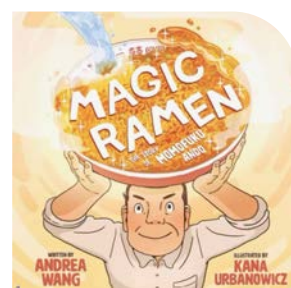
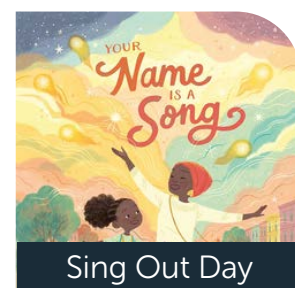
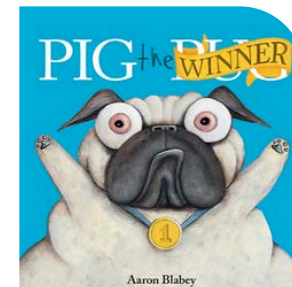
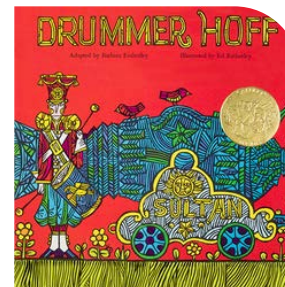
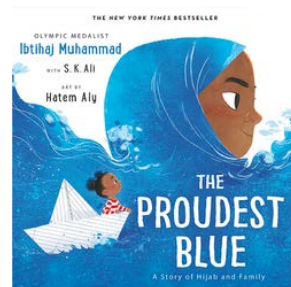
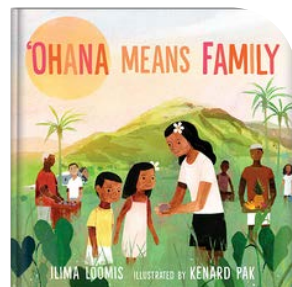
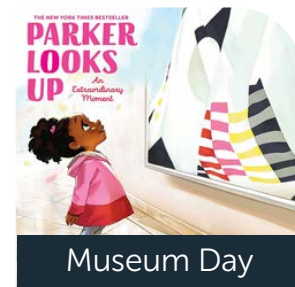
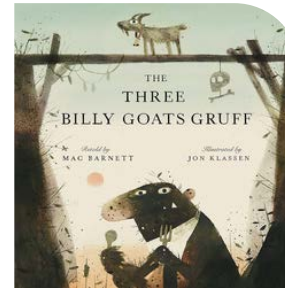
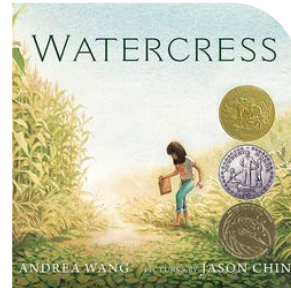
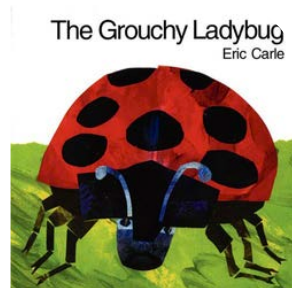
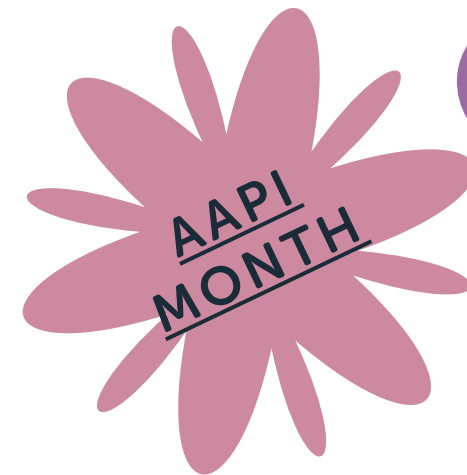
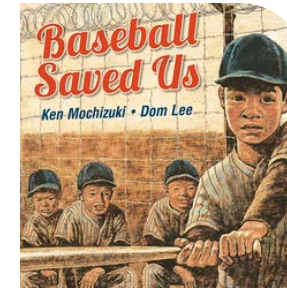
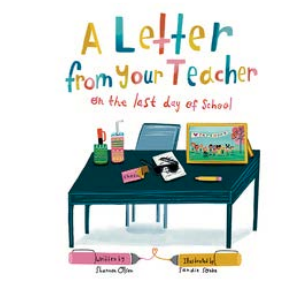
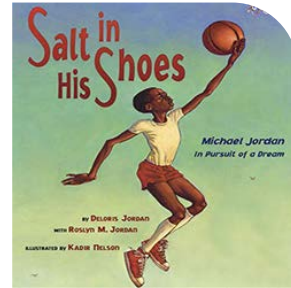
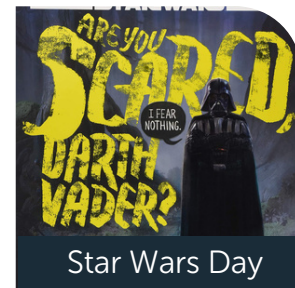
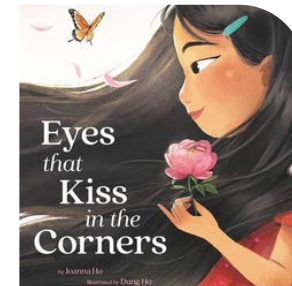
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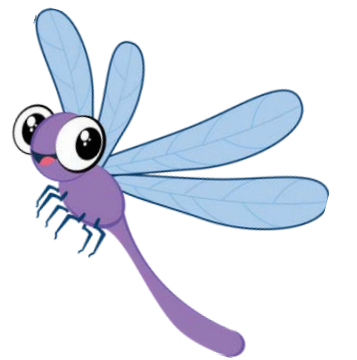
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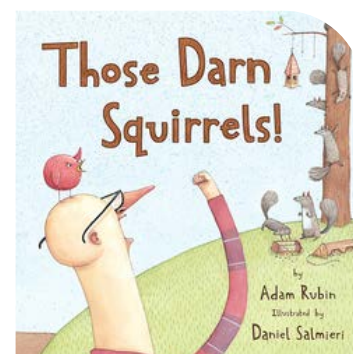
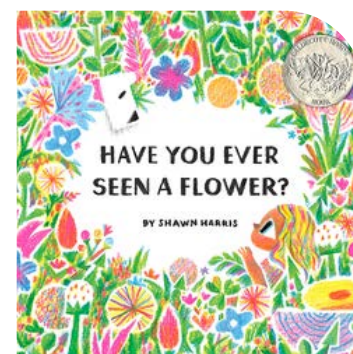
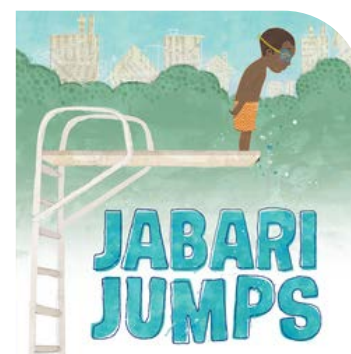
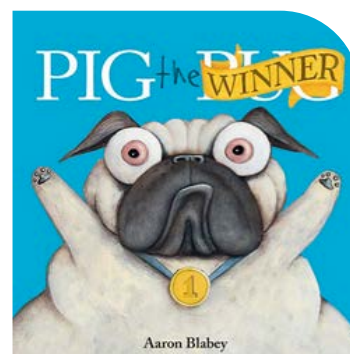
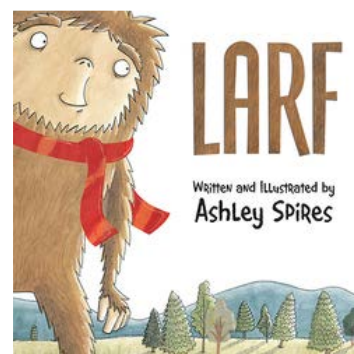
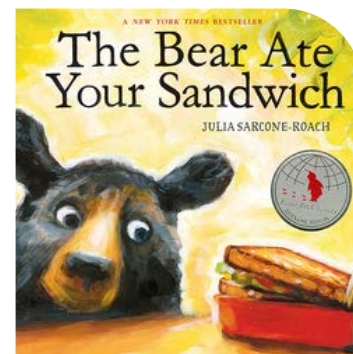
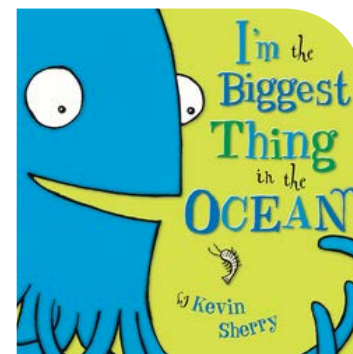
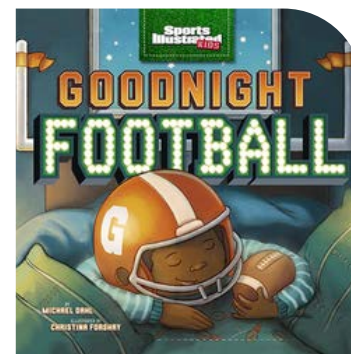
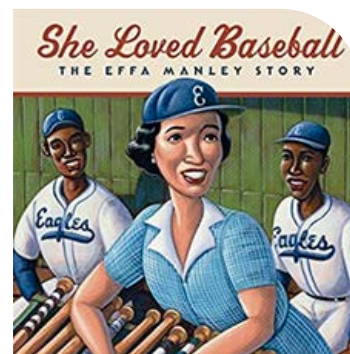
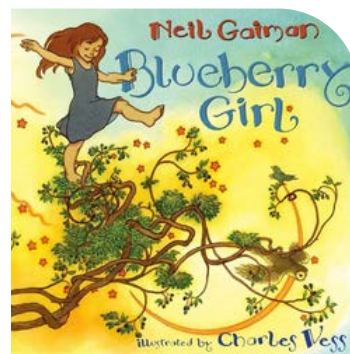
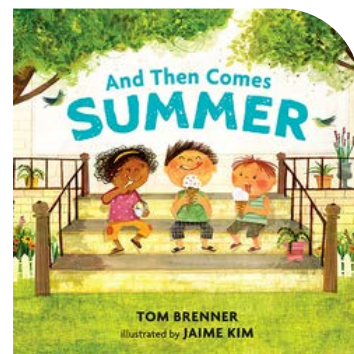
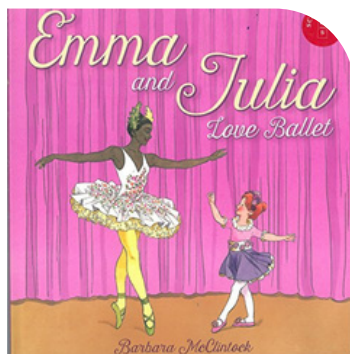
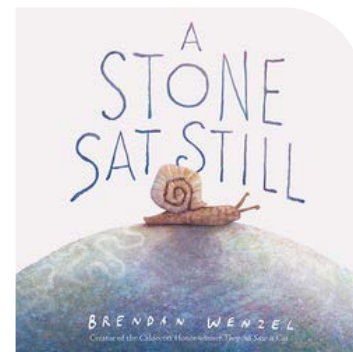
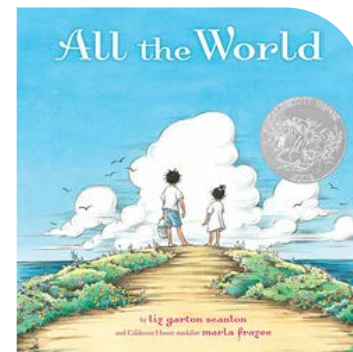
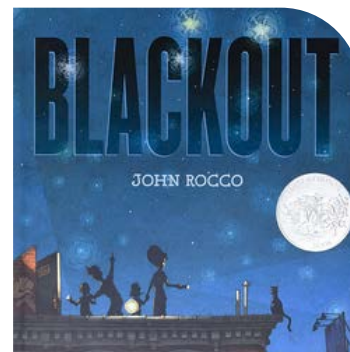
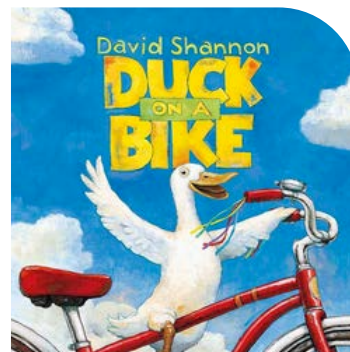
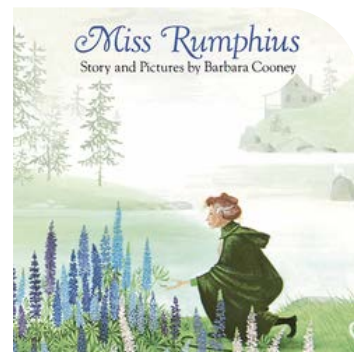
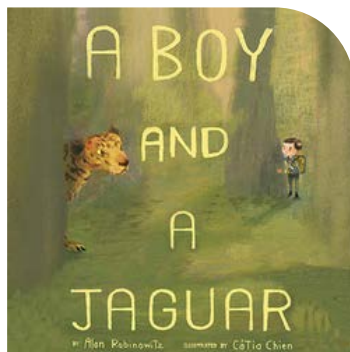
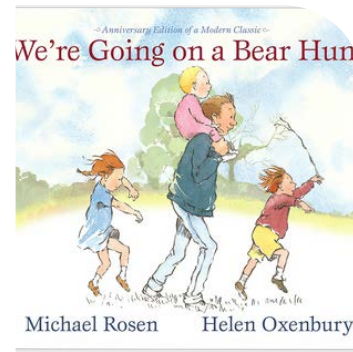
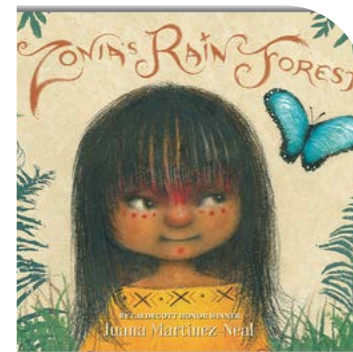
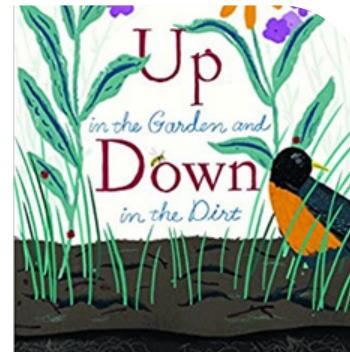
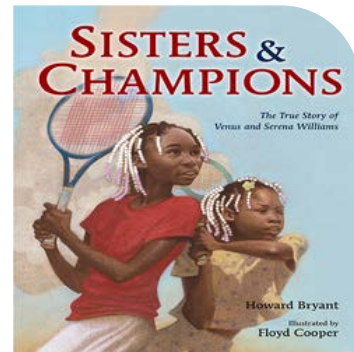
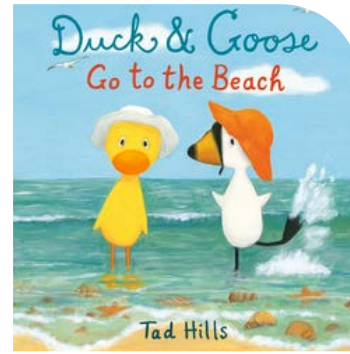
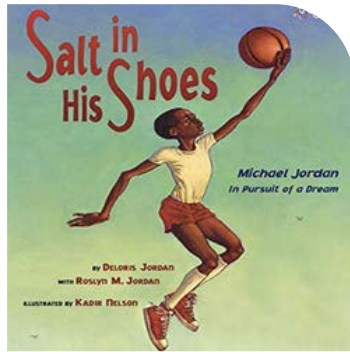


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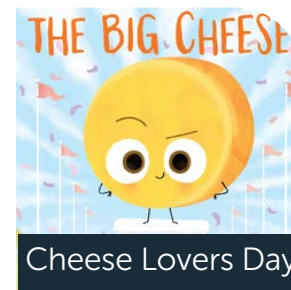
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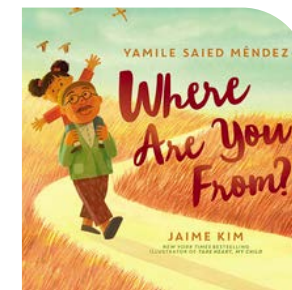
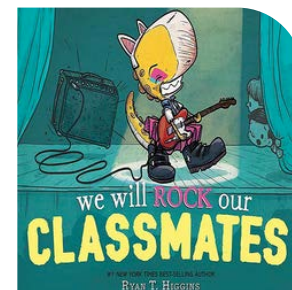
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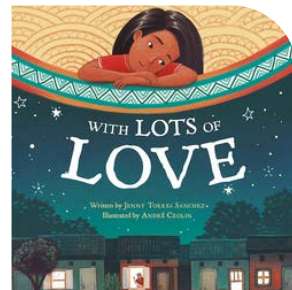
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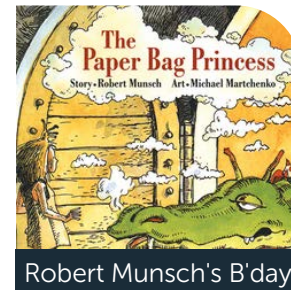
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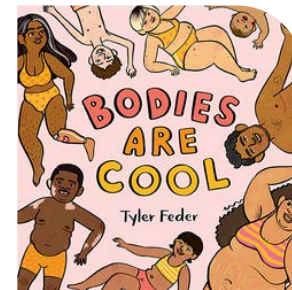
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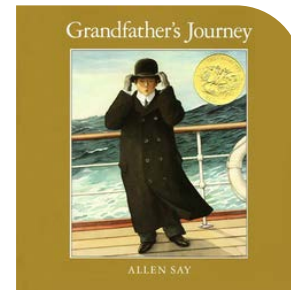
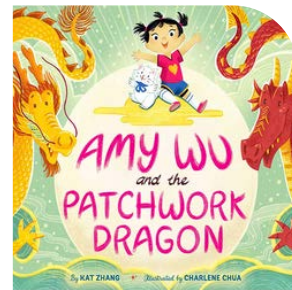
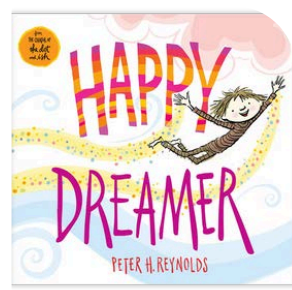
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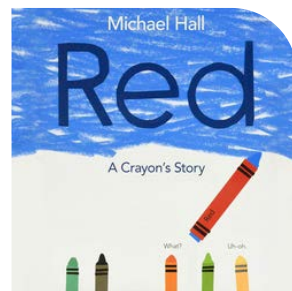
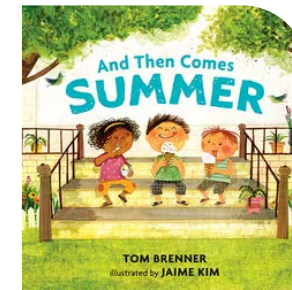
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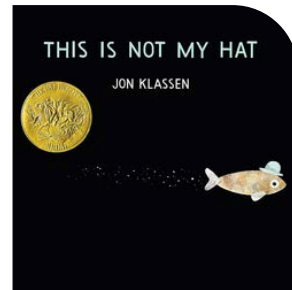
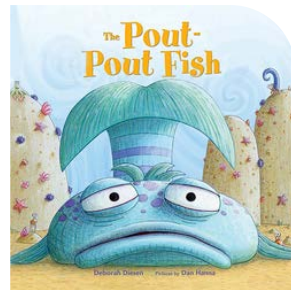
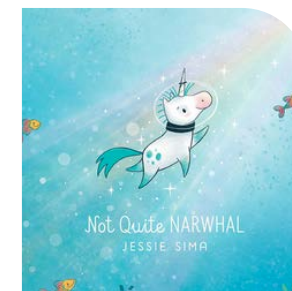
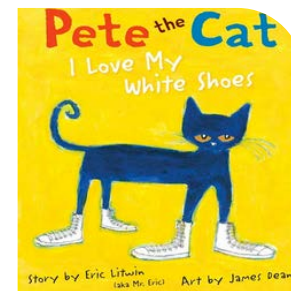
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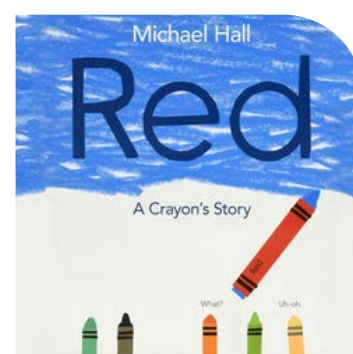
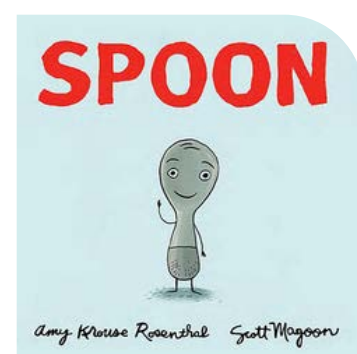
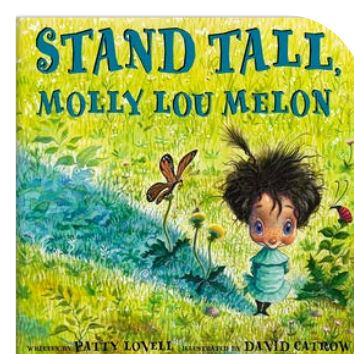
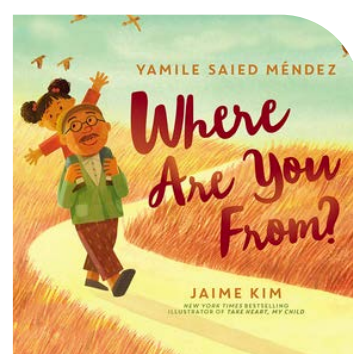
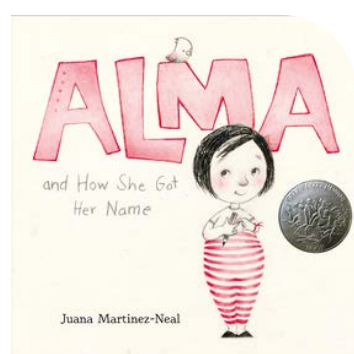
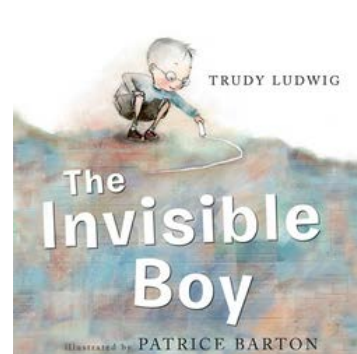
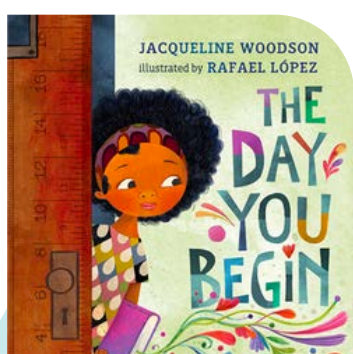
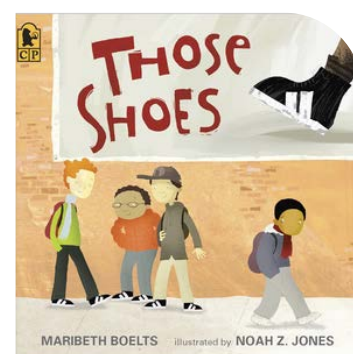
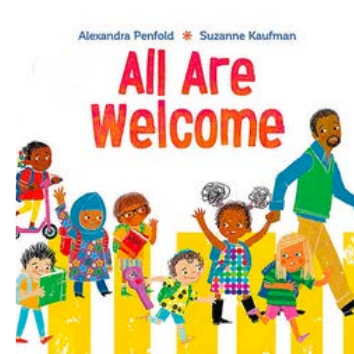
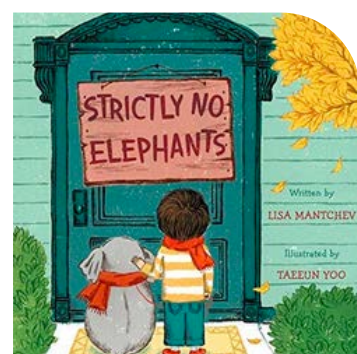
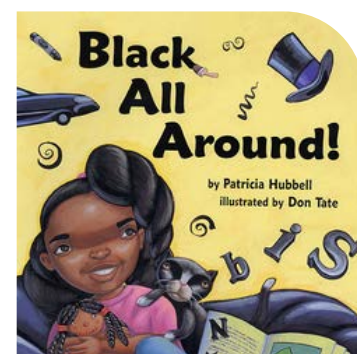
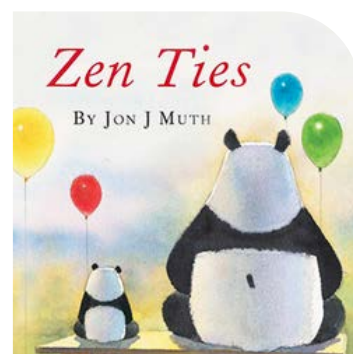
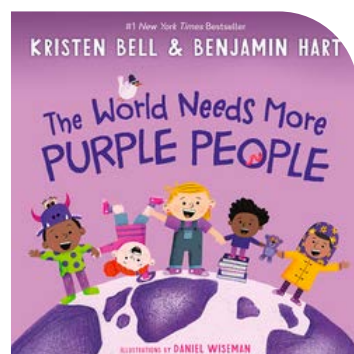
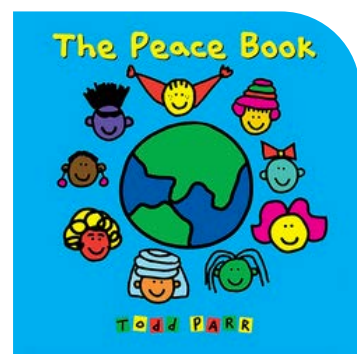
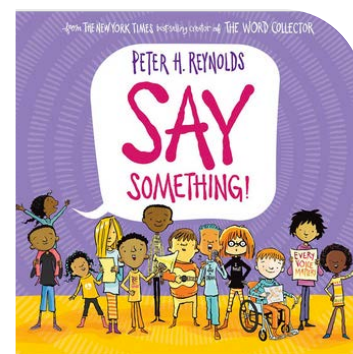
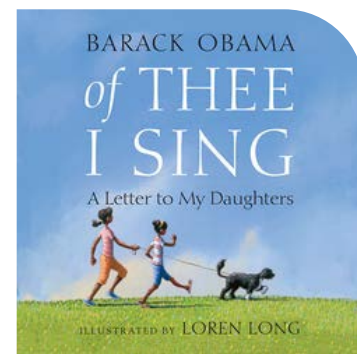
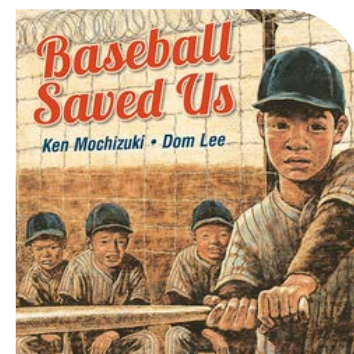
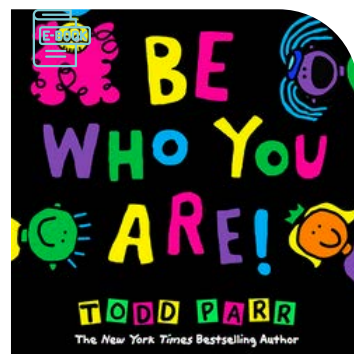
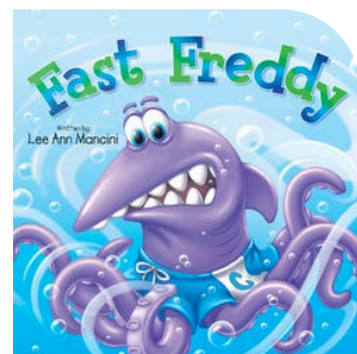
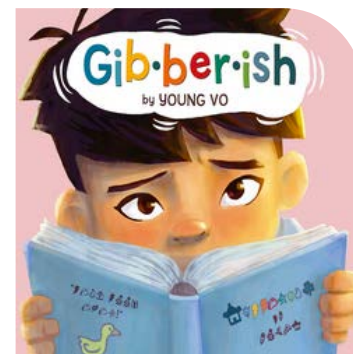
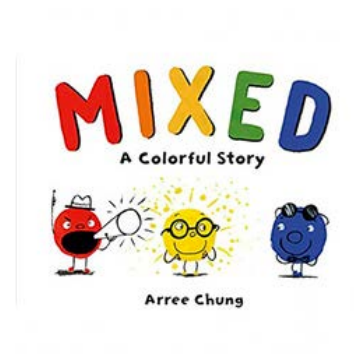
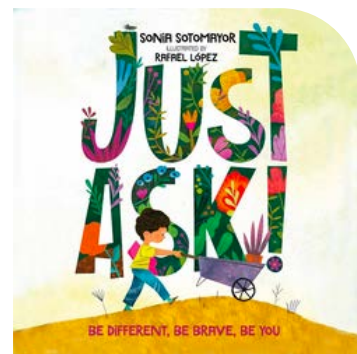
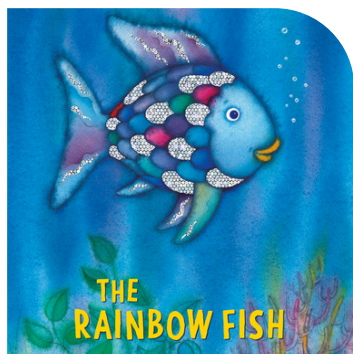


Fairy Day





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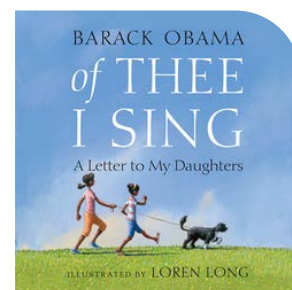
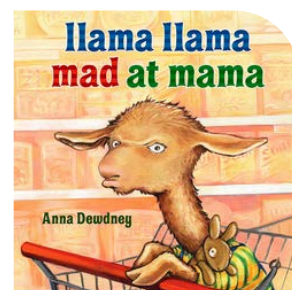
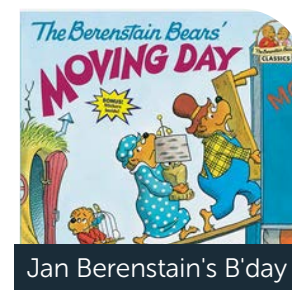
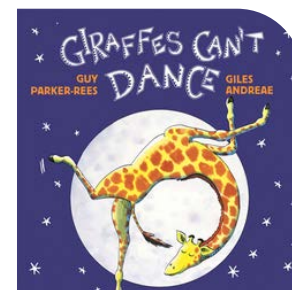
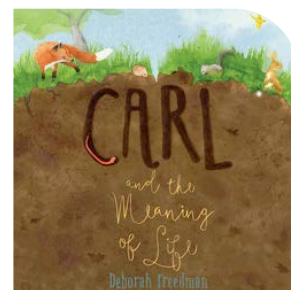
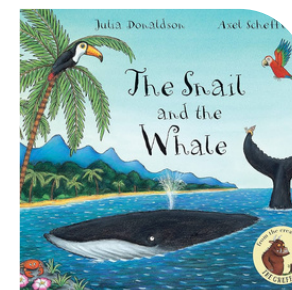
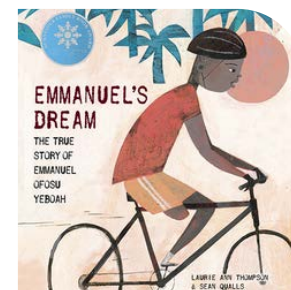
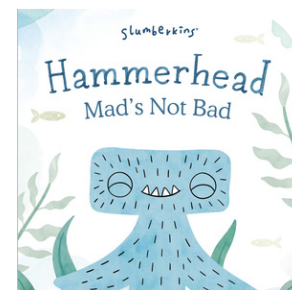
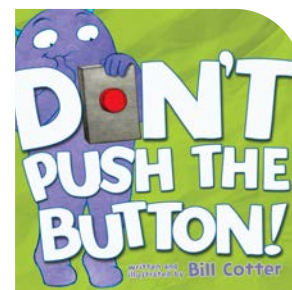
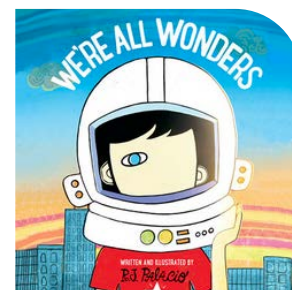
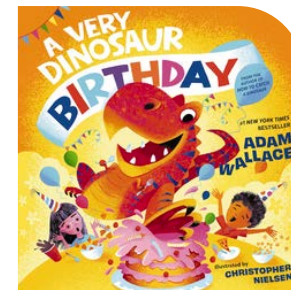
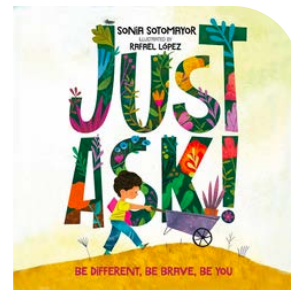
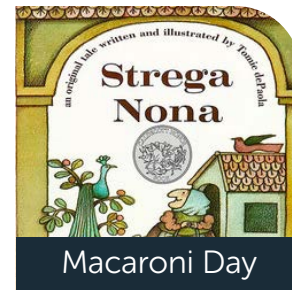
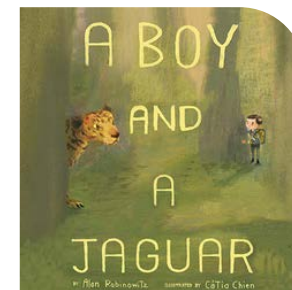
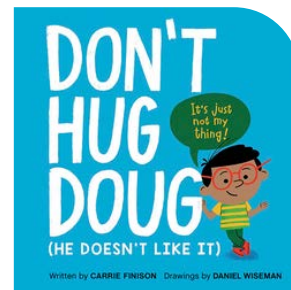
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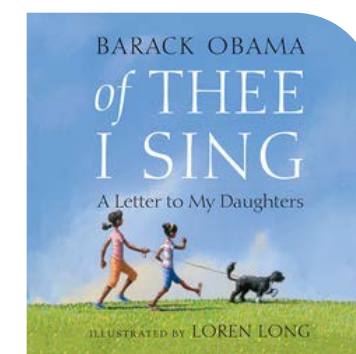
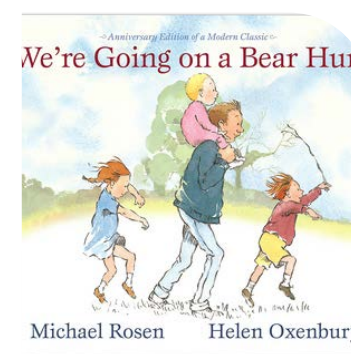
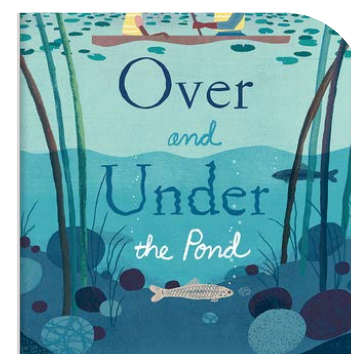
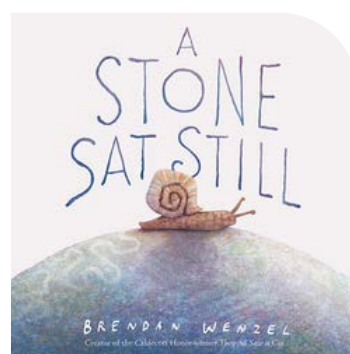
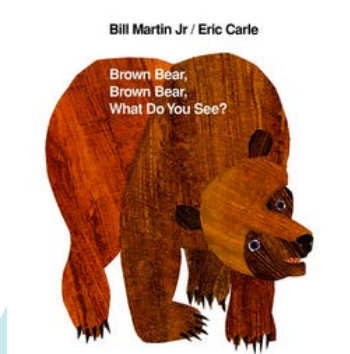
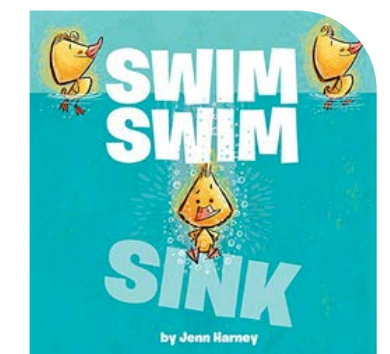
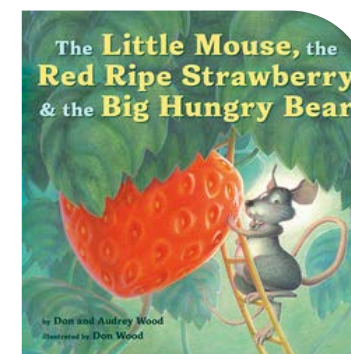
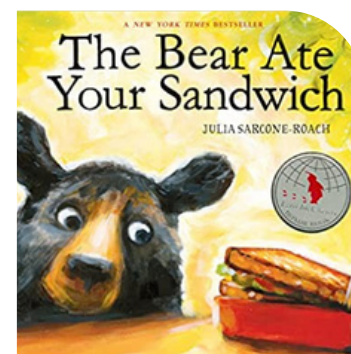
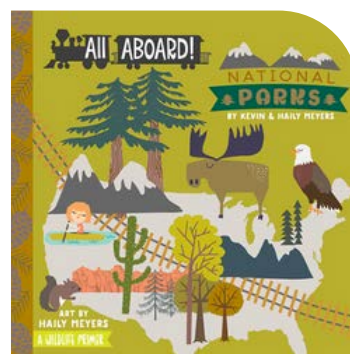
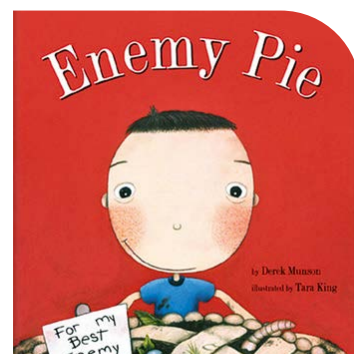
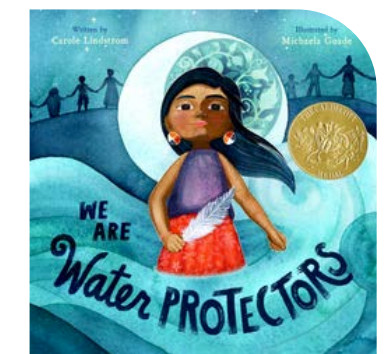
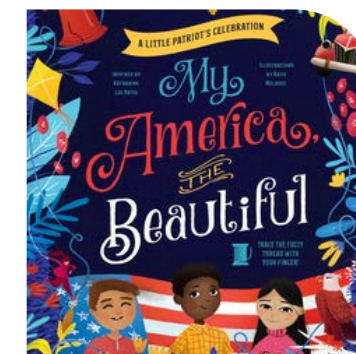
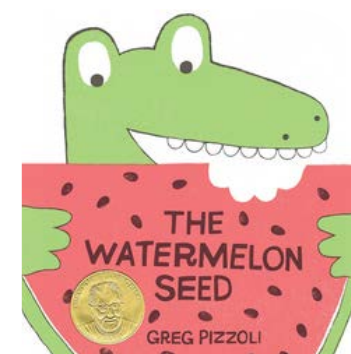
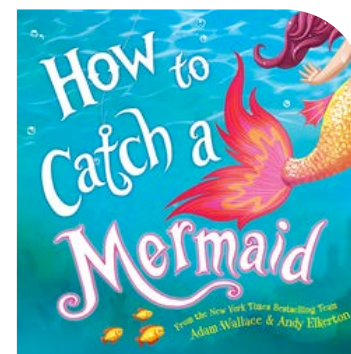
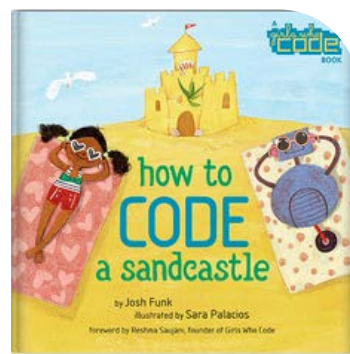
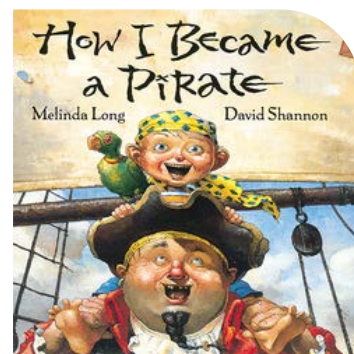
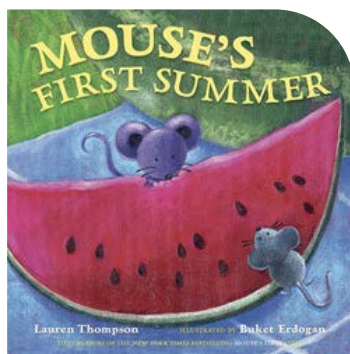
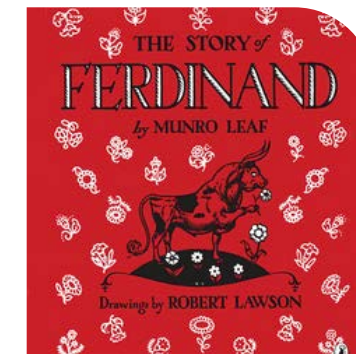
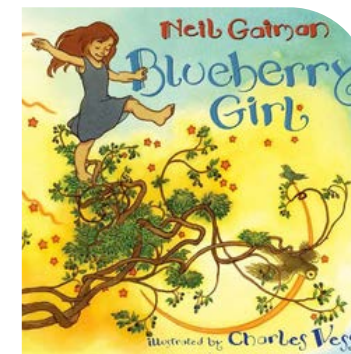
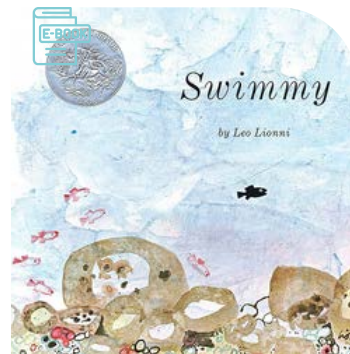
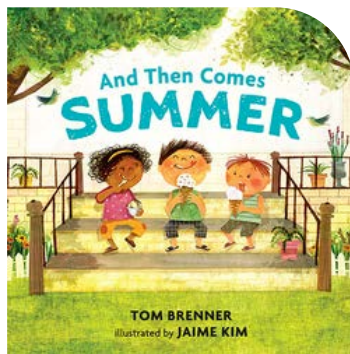
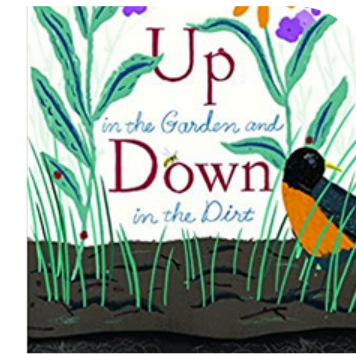
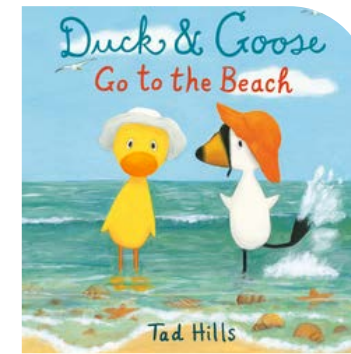
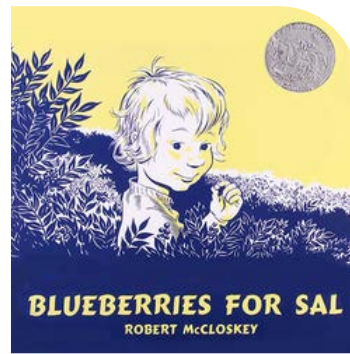
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SHARK WEEK





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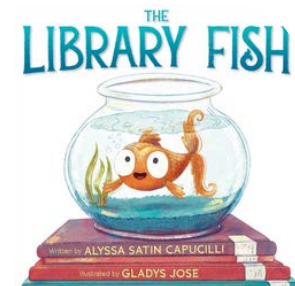
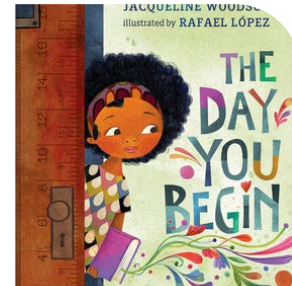
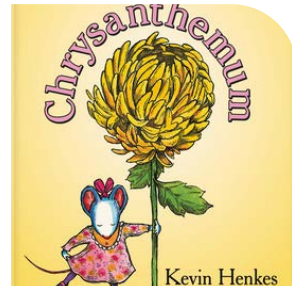
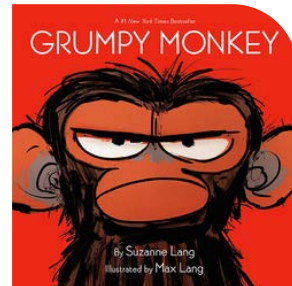


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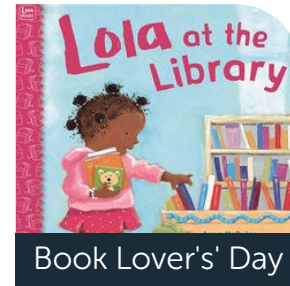
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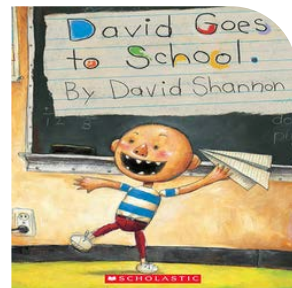
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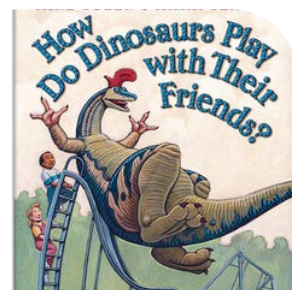
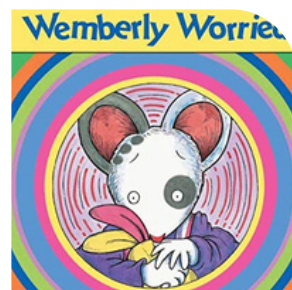
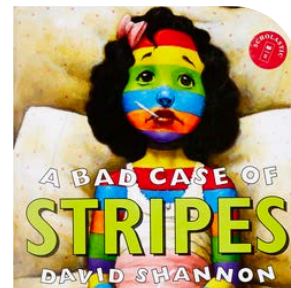
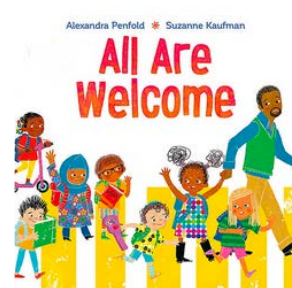
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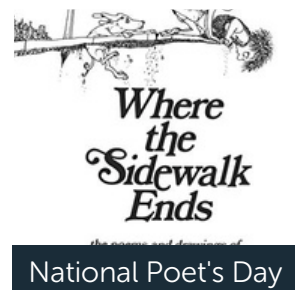
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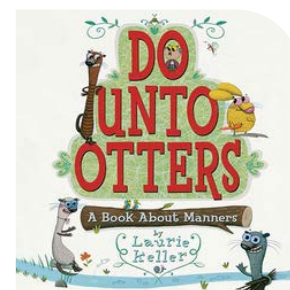
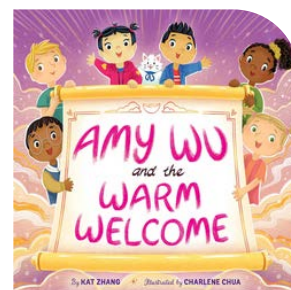
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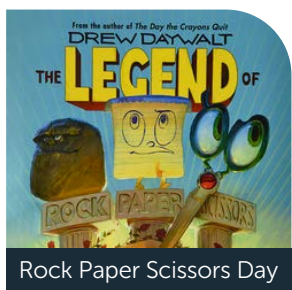
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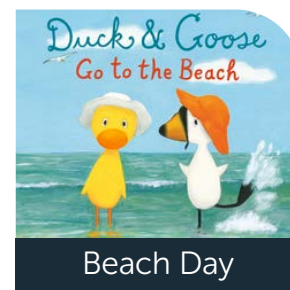
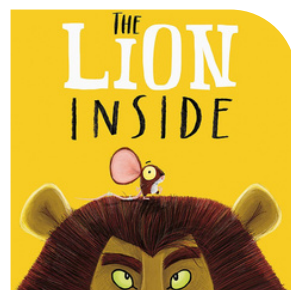
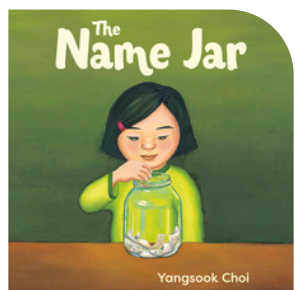
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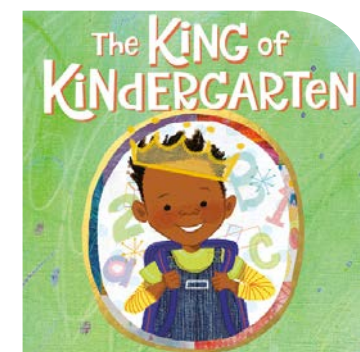
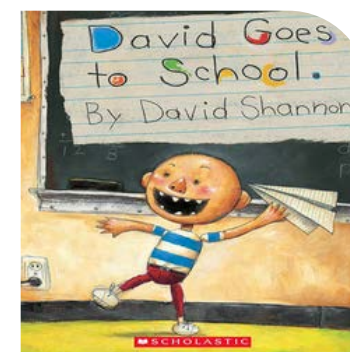
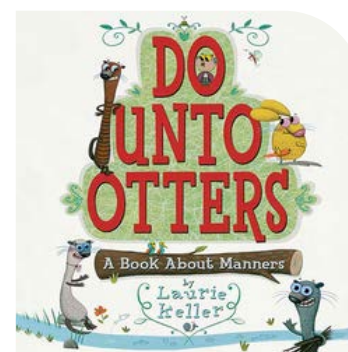
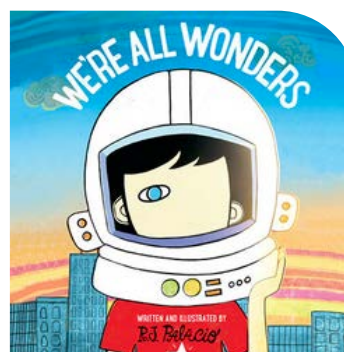
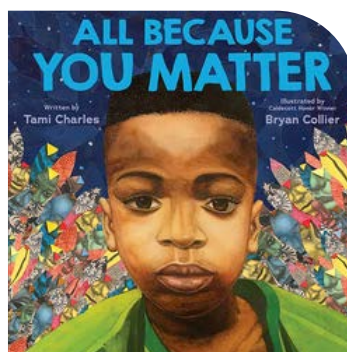
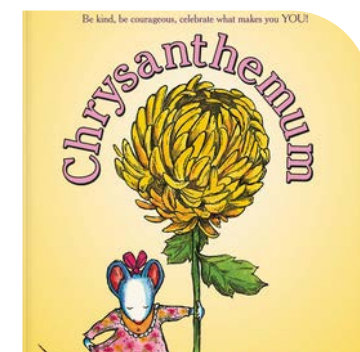
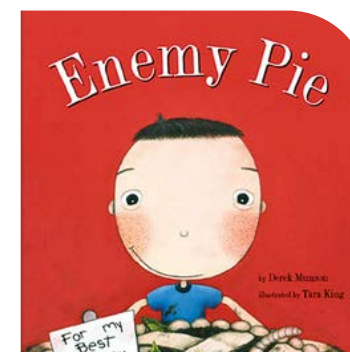
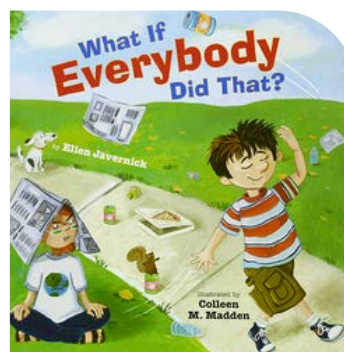
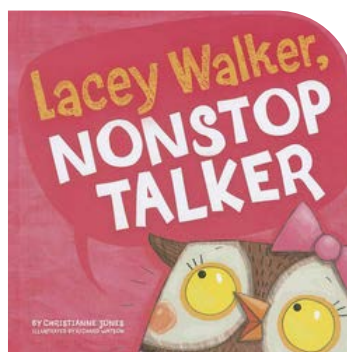
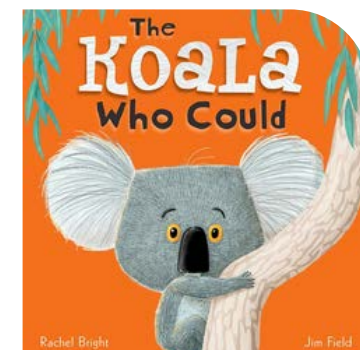
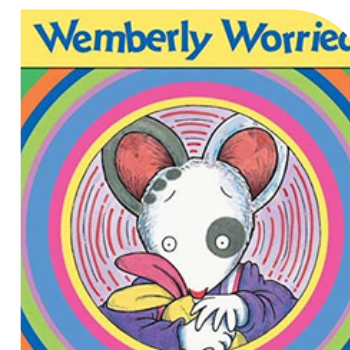
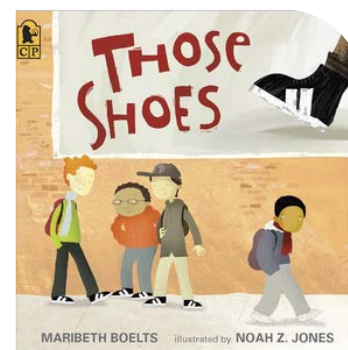
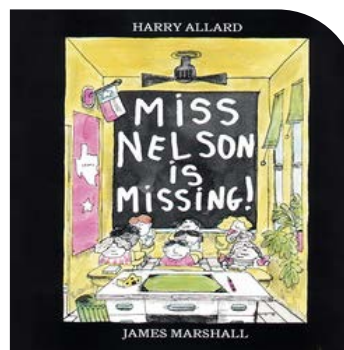
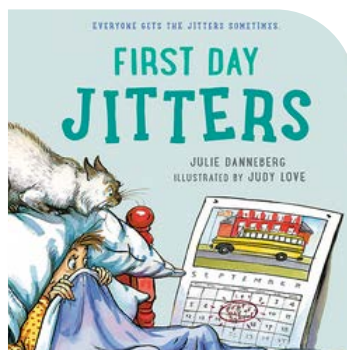
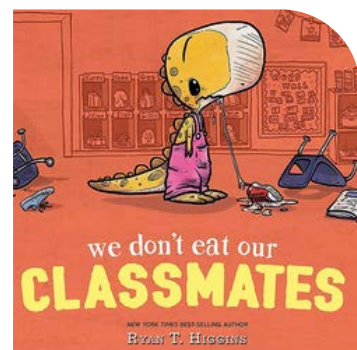
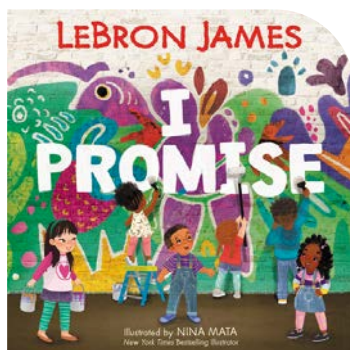
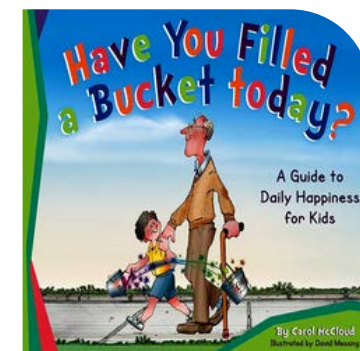
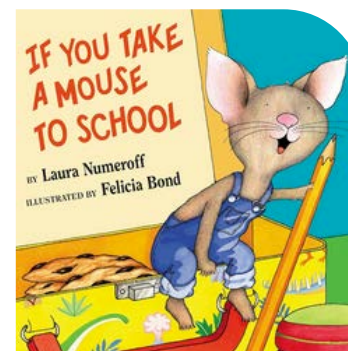
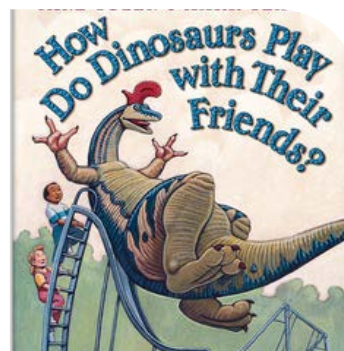
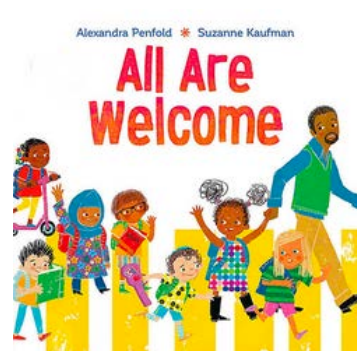
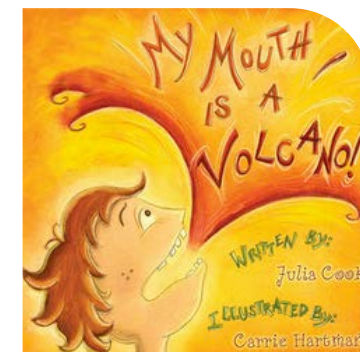
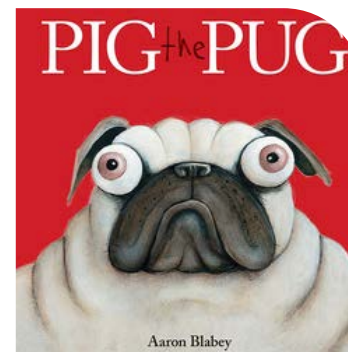
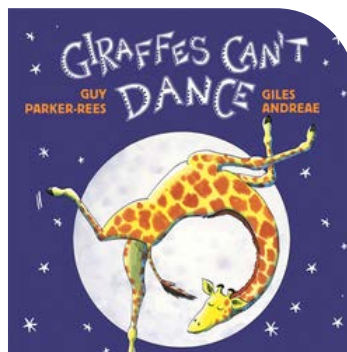
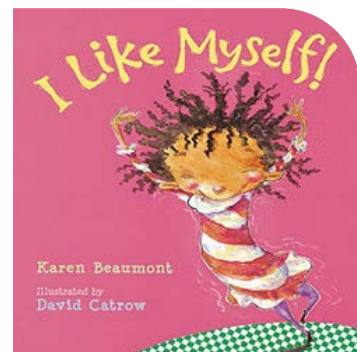
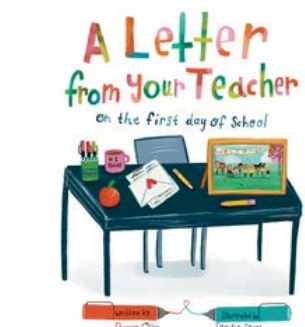


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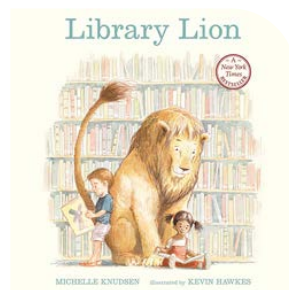
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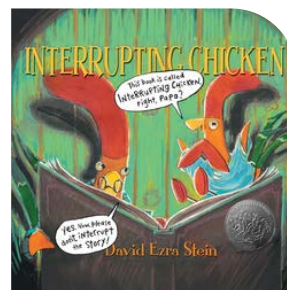
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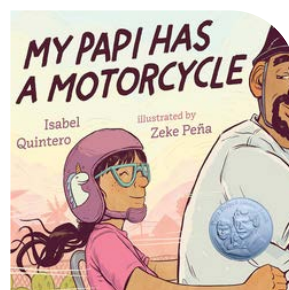
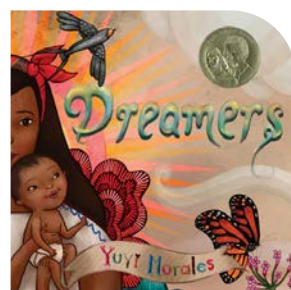
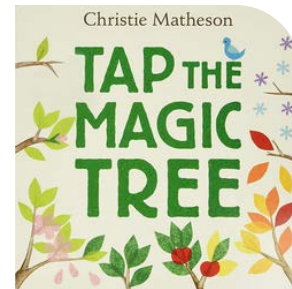
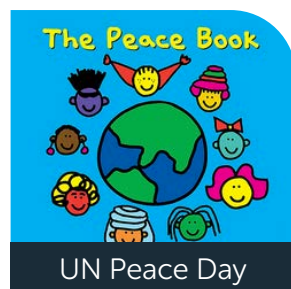
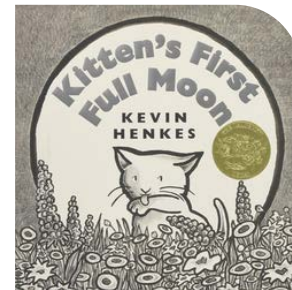
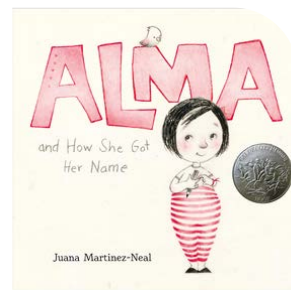
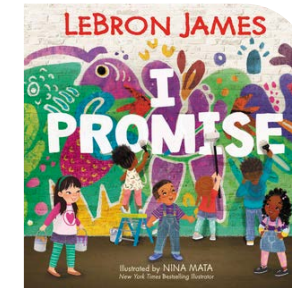
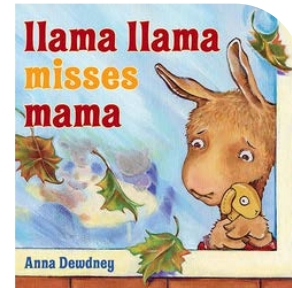
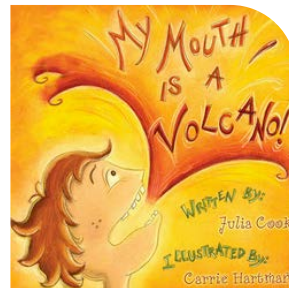
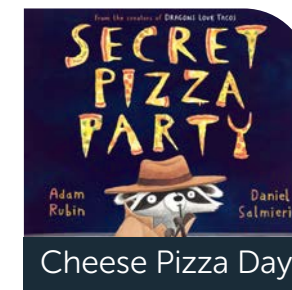
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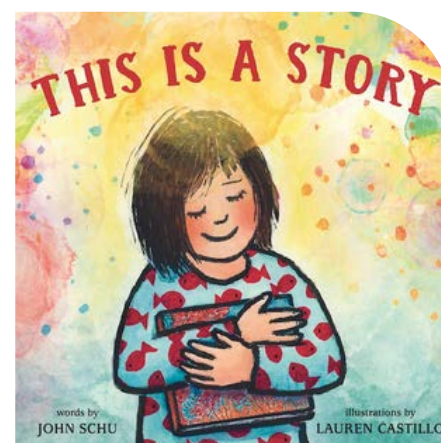
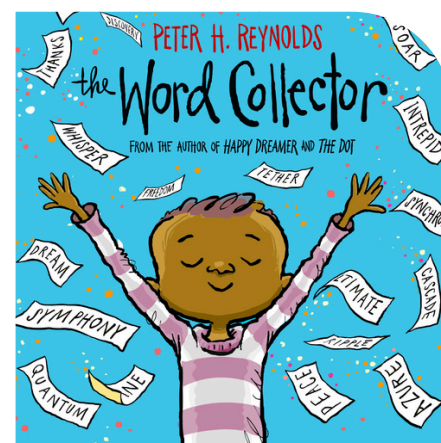
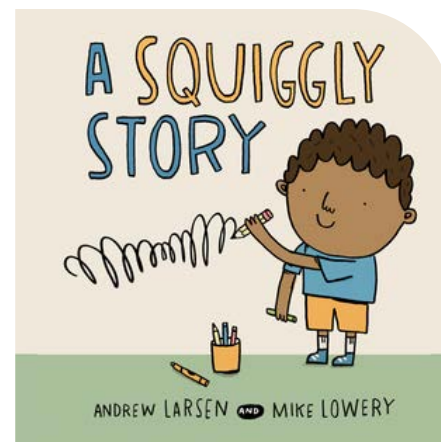
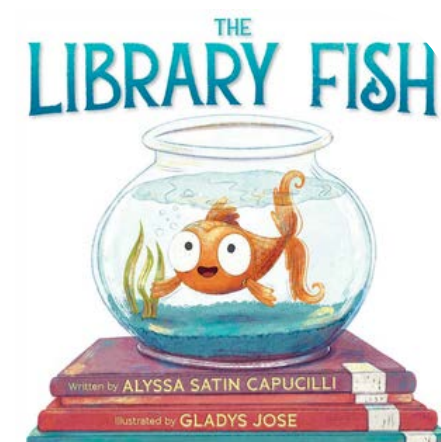
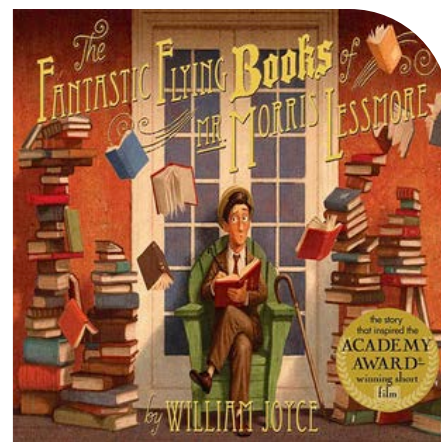
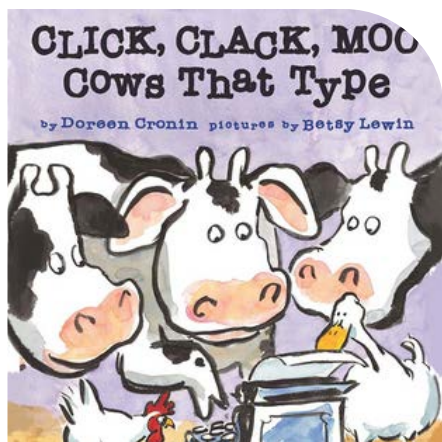
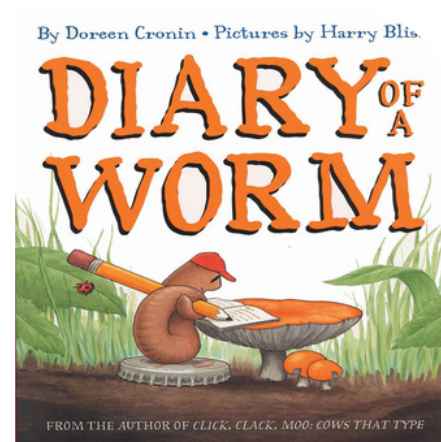
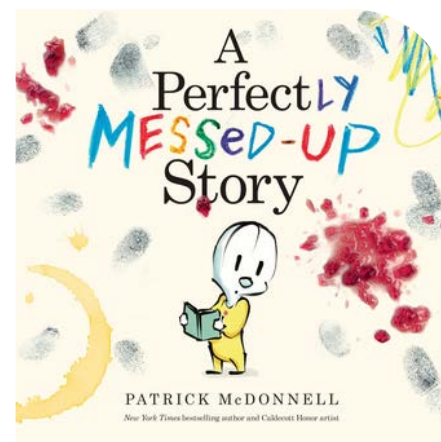
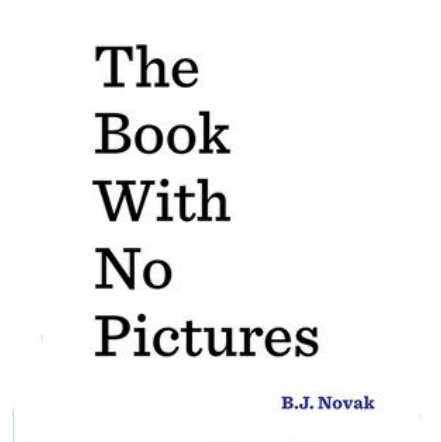
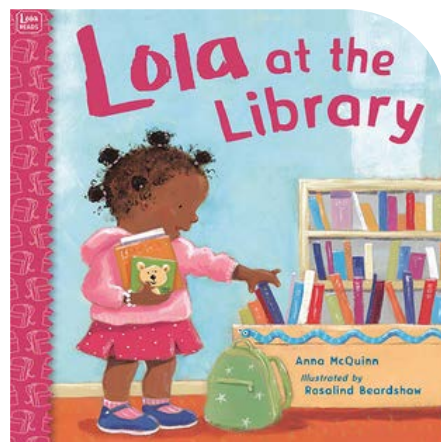
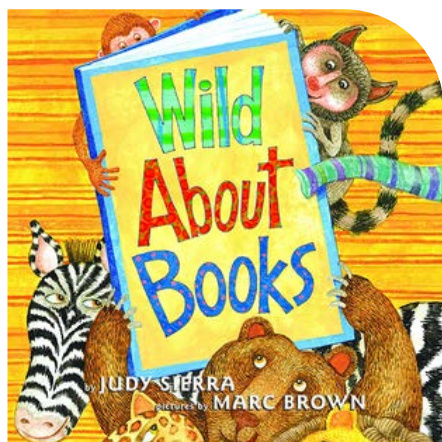
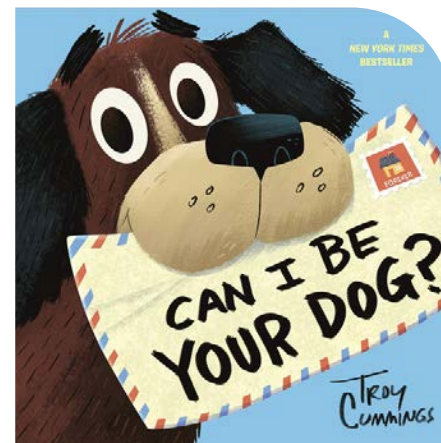
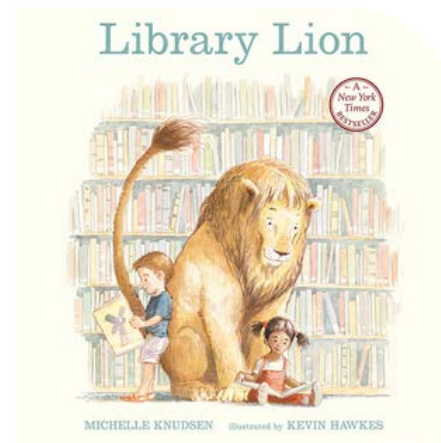
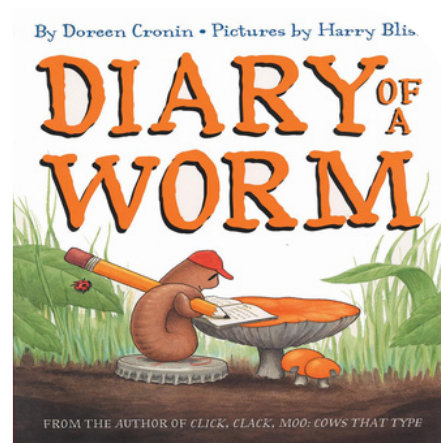
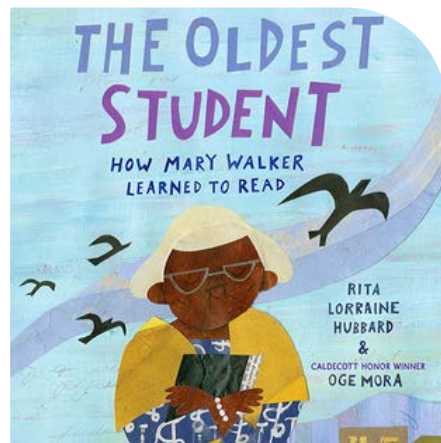
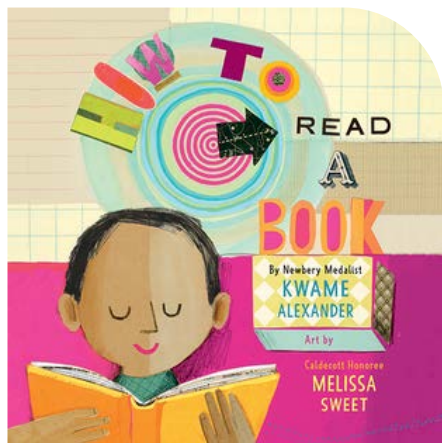
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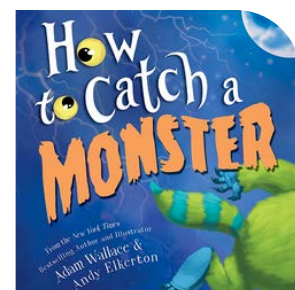
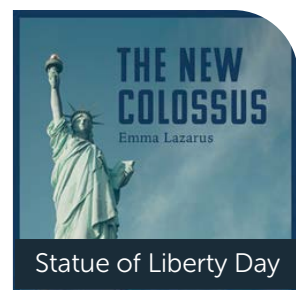
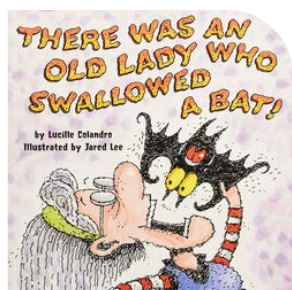
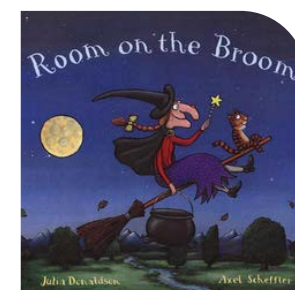
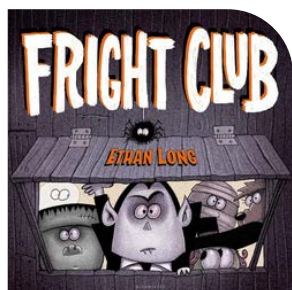
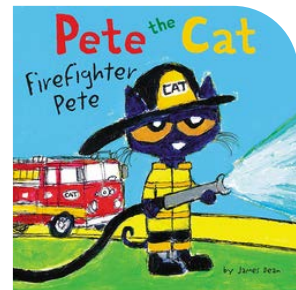
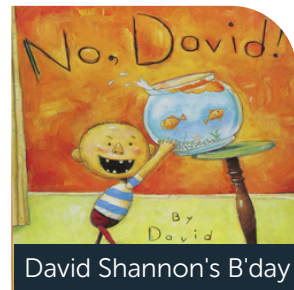
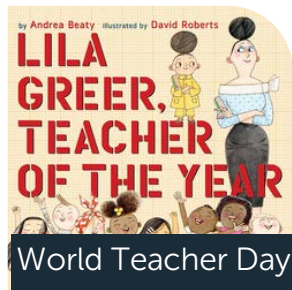
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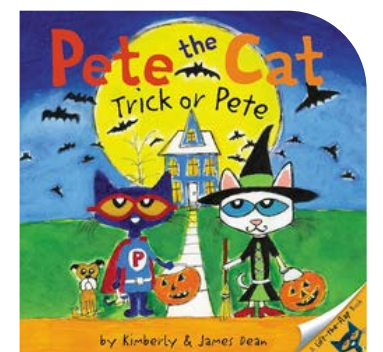
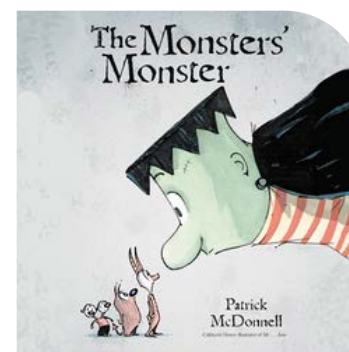
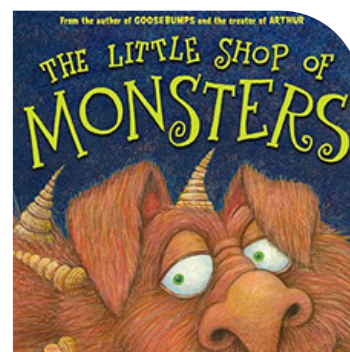
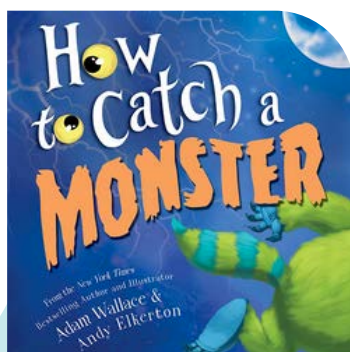
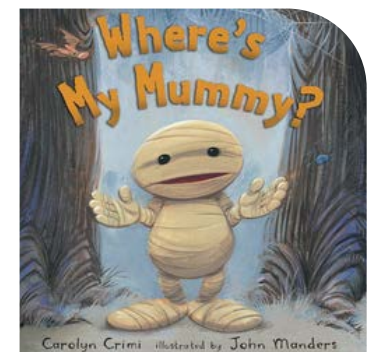
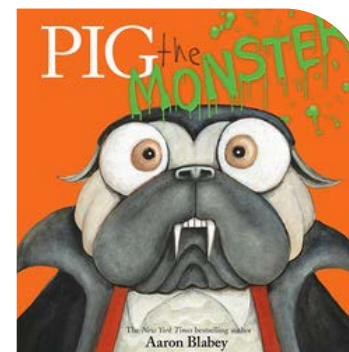
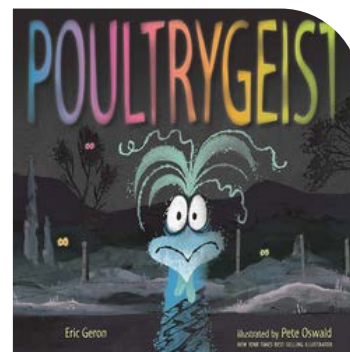
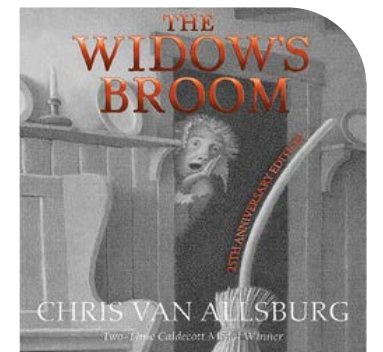
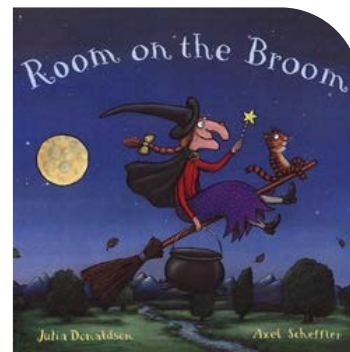
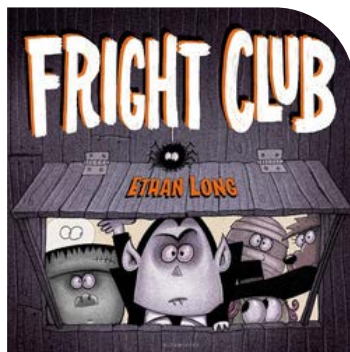
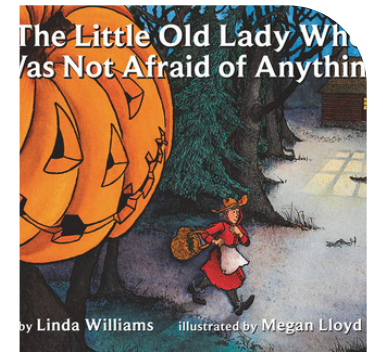
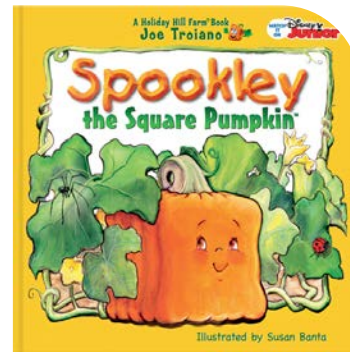
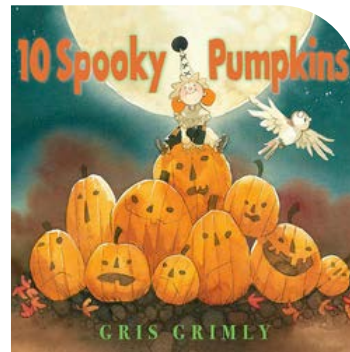
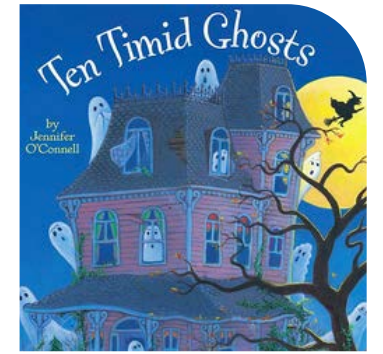
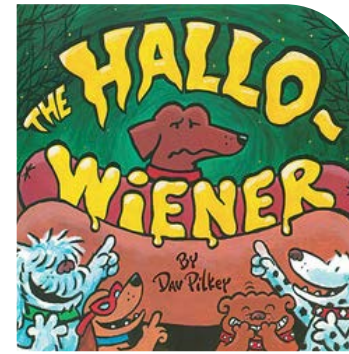
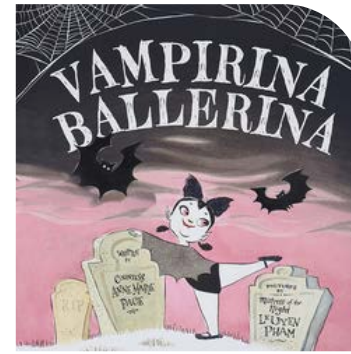
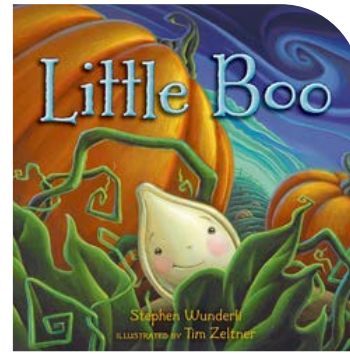
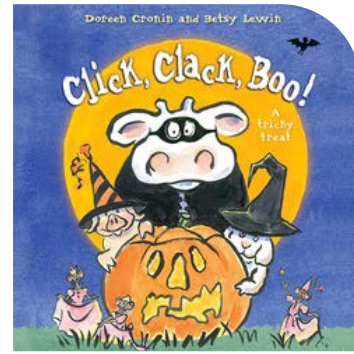


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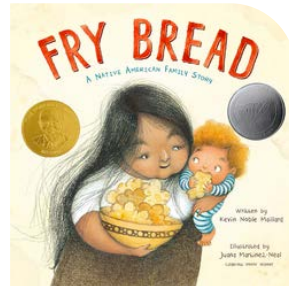
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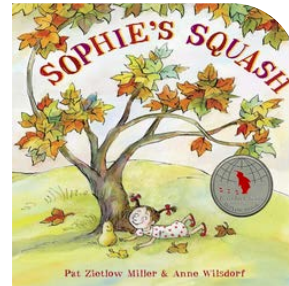
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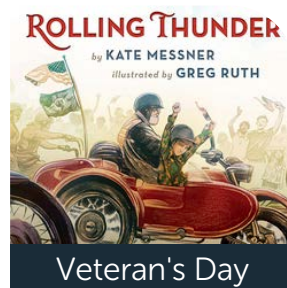
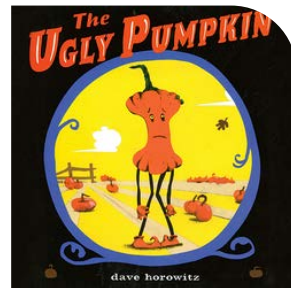
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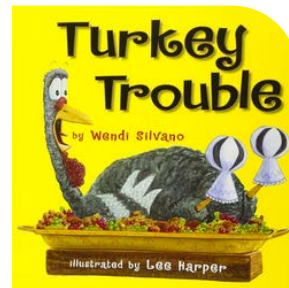
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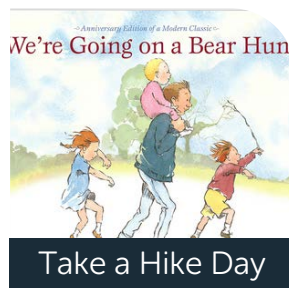
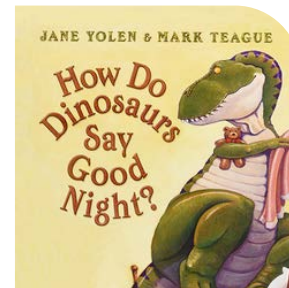
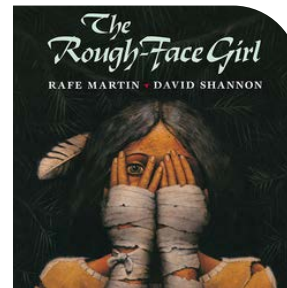
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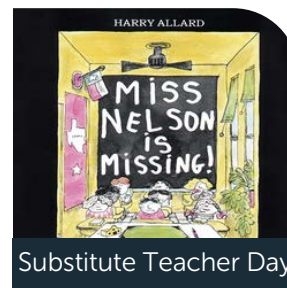
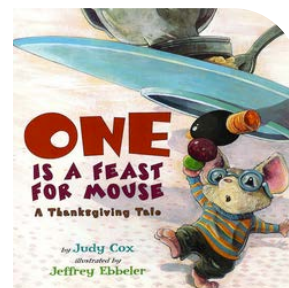
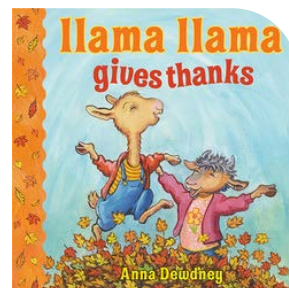
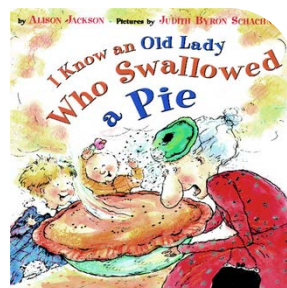
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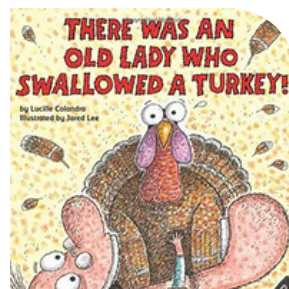
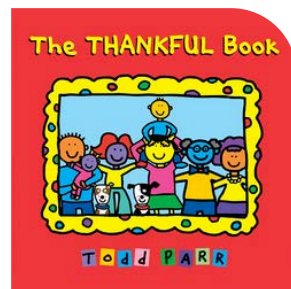
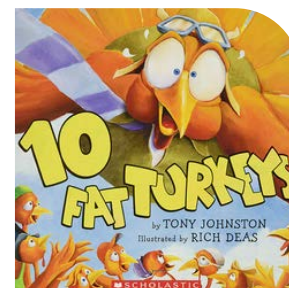
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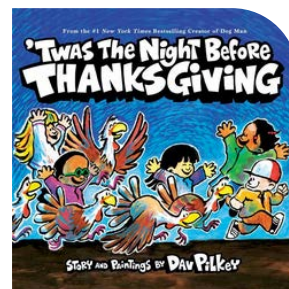
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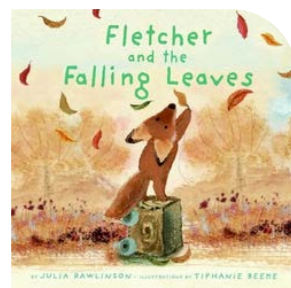
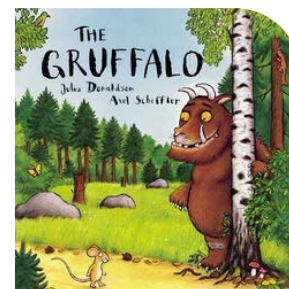
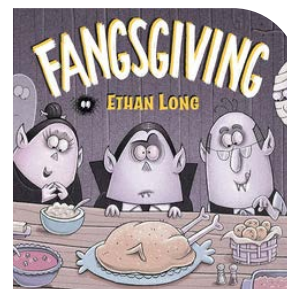
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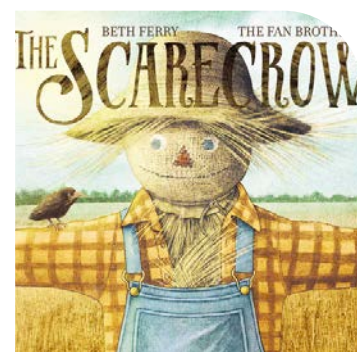
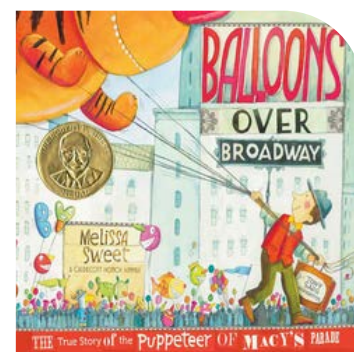
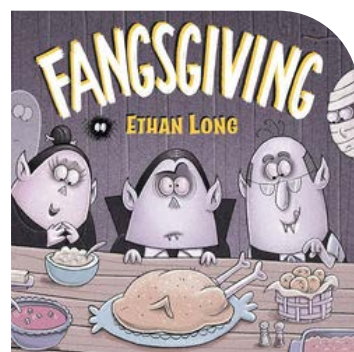
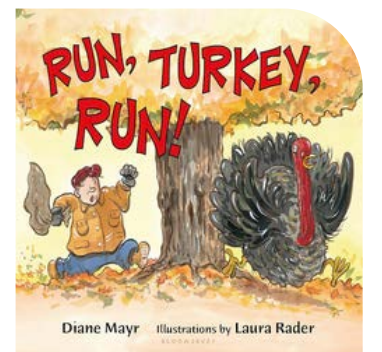
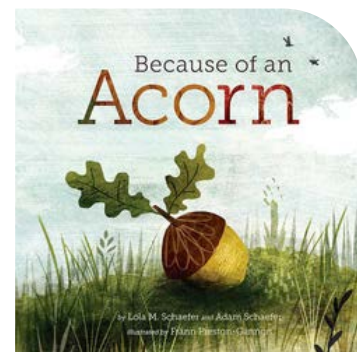
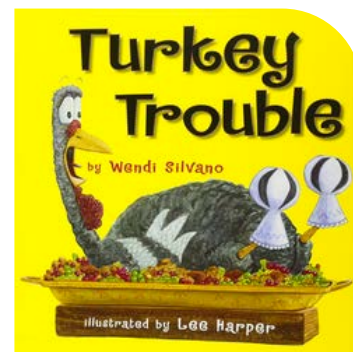
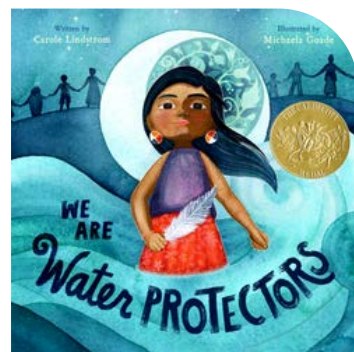
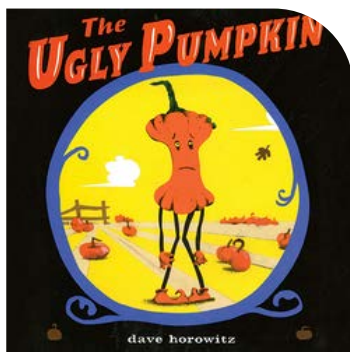
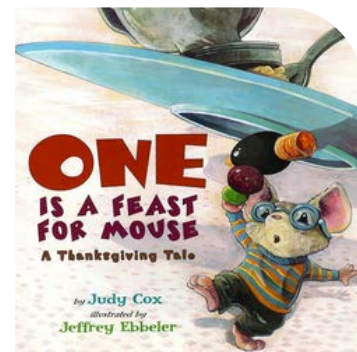
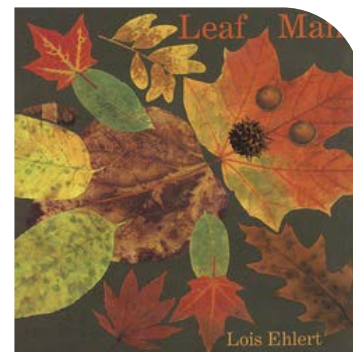
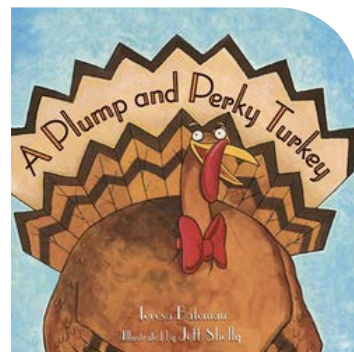
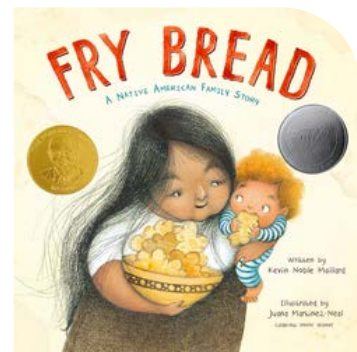
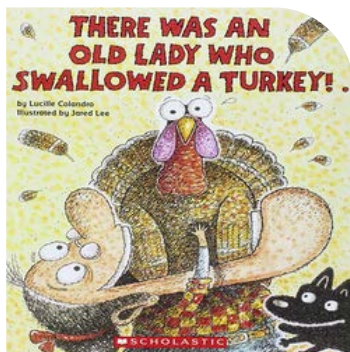
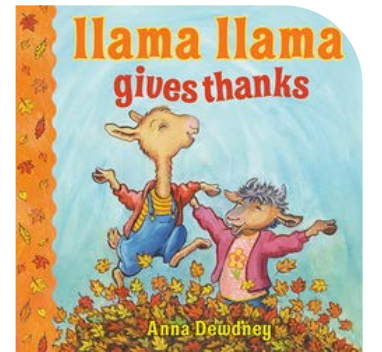
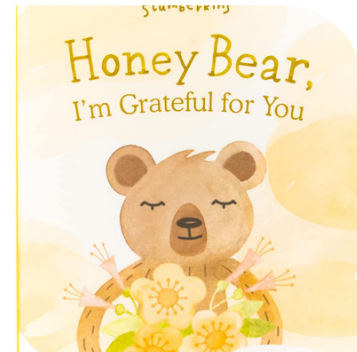
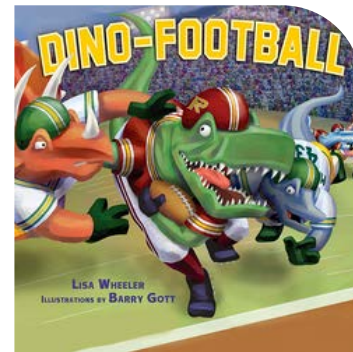
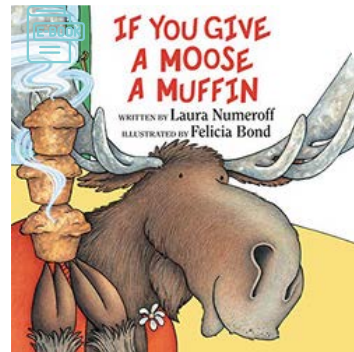
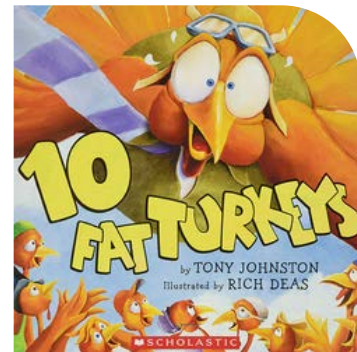
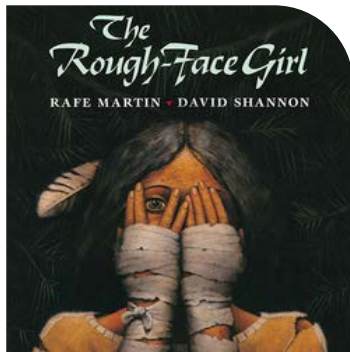
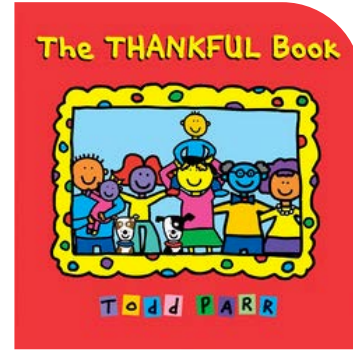
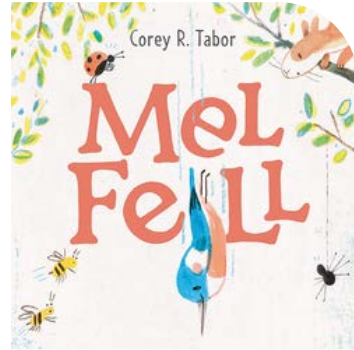
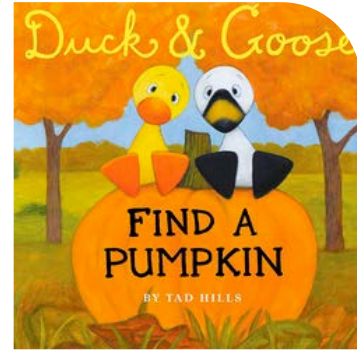
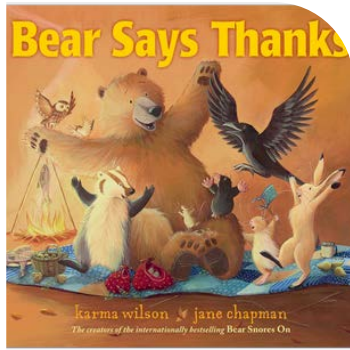


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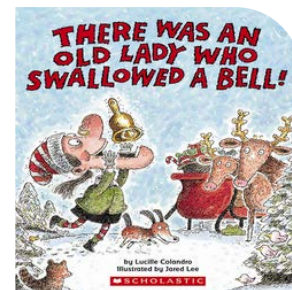
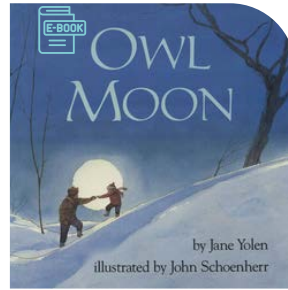
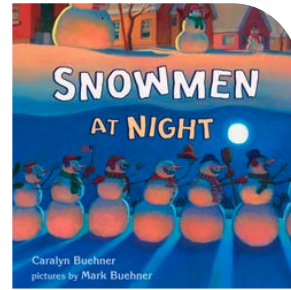
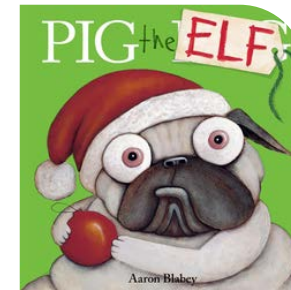
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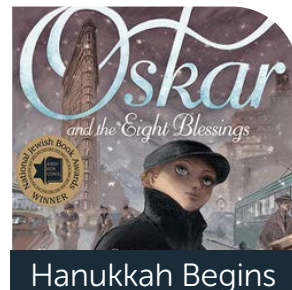
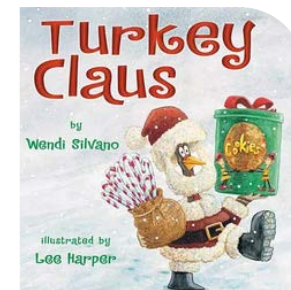
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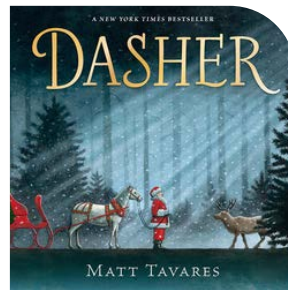
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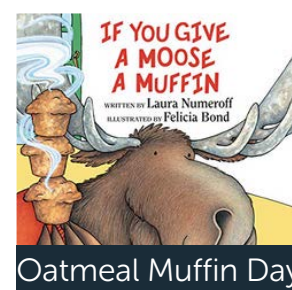
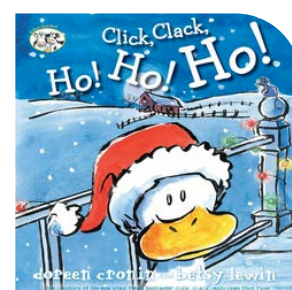
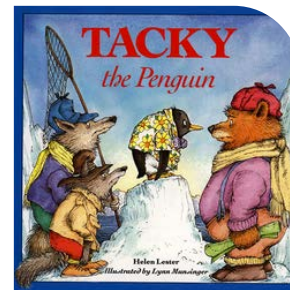
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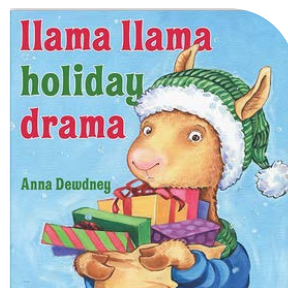
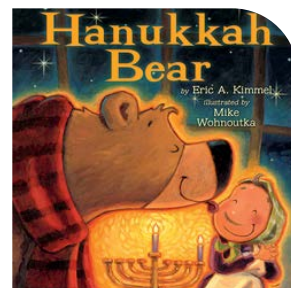
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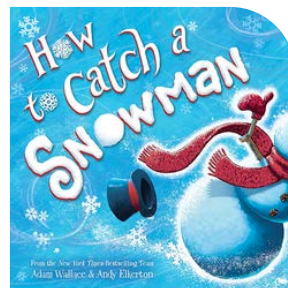
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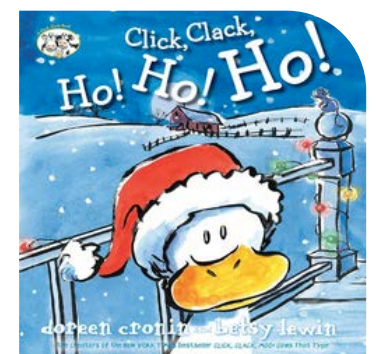
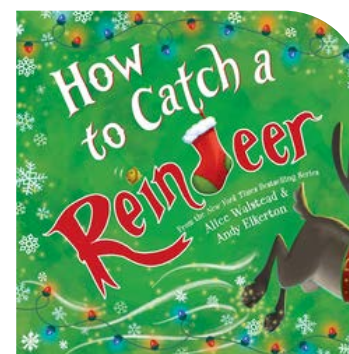
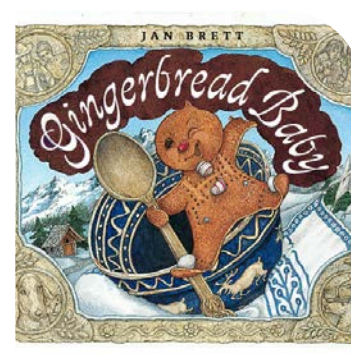
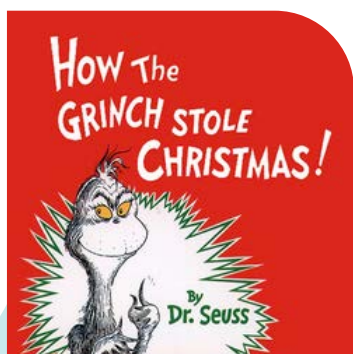
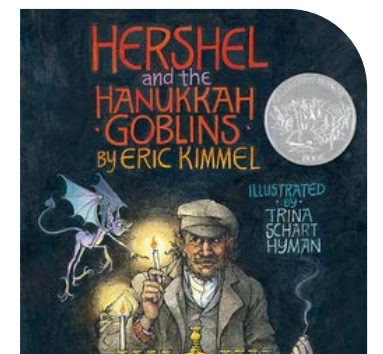
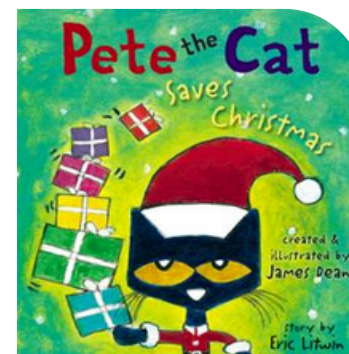
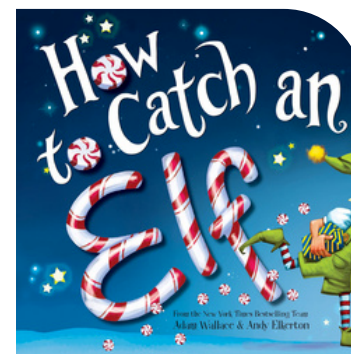
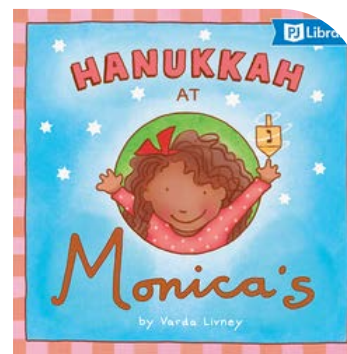
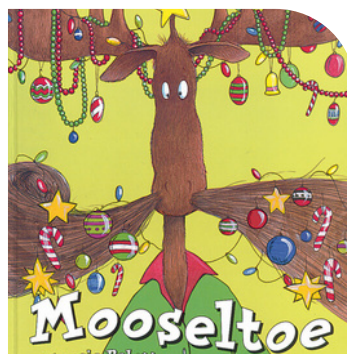
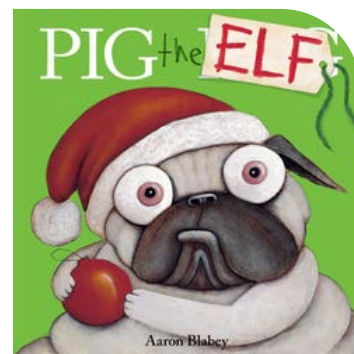
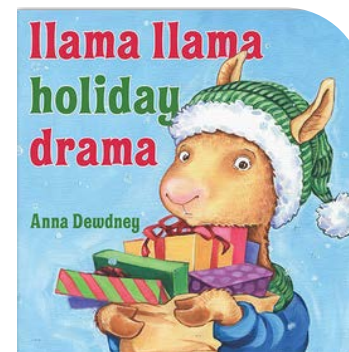
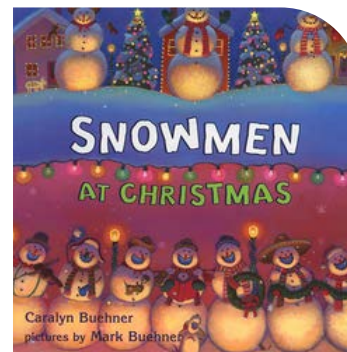
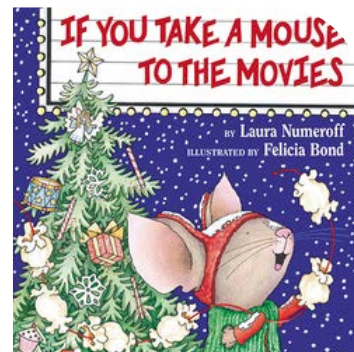
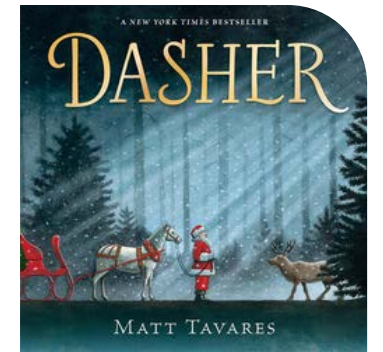
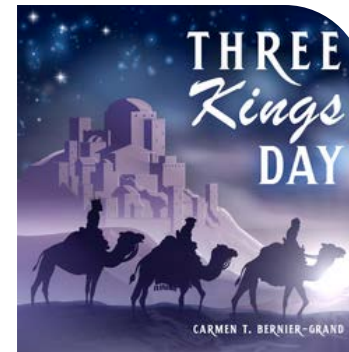
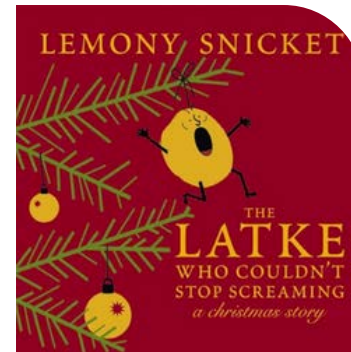
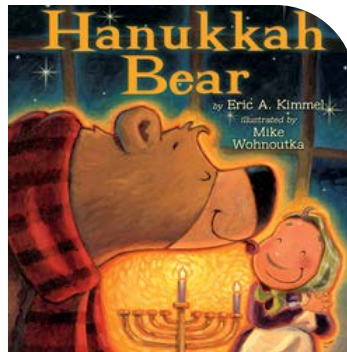
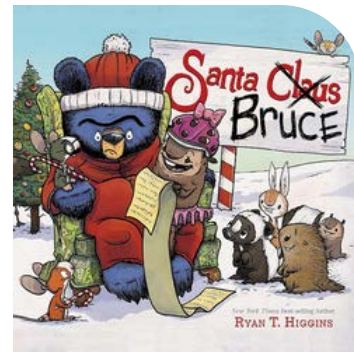
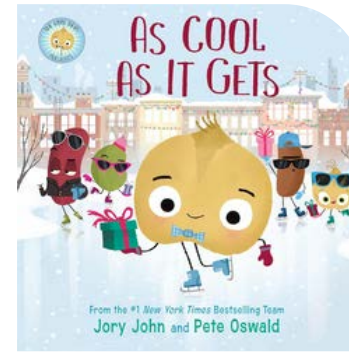
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December Reasons to Read





# winter holiday reads





# Let's read aloud novel effect™ RESOURCES

OUR LITERACY EXPERTS HAVE CREATED READ-ALOUD RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PLAN INTERACTIVE READ-ALOUNDS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER READING.

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### ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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- PLOT TWIST DANCE: Have students dance around the plot twist they found in the story.

Keep this guide handy while you read aloud. It has quick, no-prep strategies that activate background knowledge, engage young readers in critical thinking, and support social interactions while talking about books!

These handy planning sheets help plan a month's word of read-alouds. Just jot the soundscape name & key vocabulary you want to focus on!

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### Reading a repetitive story?

List repeated words on the board. Invite students to generate motions for those repeated words. Each time they hear that word read they make the motion.



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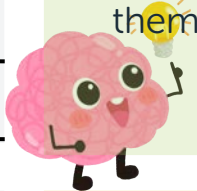
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