Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner (2015) Ages: 2-5 years
Explore the secret realm beneath the dirt that brings the world of nature to life: Follow a young girl and her grandmother on a journey through the year planning, planting, and harvesting their garden—and learn about what's happening in the dirt to help make it all happen. Up in the garden, the world is full of green—leaves and sprouts, growing vegetables, ripening fruit. But down in the dirt exists a busy world—earthworms dig, snakes hunt, skunks burrow—populated by all the creatures that make a garden their home.

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall (2018) Ages: 2-6 years
Watch the days and seasons pass as the wind blows, the fog rolls in, and icebergs drift by. Outside, there is water all around. Inside, the daily life of a lighthouse keeper and his family unfolds as the keeper boils water for tea, lights the lamp'swick, and writes every detail in his logbook.

Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee by Chris Van Dusen (2006) Ages: 2-5 years
With enough lunch for three, Mr. Magee and his dog Dee head out to the sea. But what begins as a fun day in the sun turns a bit bumpy when one playful whale decides to say hello. Soon the crew that once was floating finds themselves flying! How will they get down? Who will come to their rescue? And when will they ever get to eat lunch?

Vincent Can’t Sleep by Barb Rosenstock (2017) Ages: 4-8 years
Vincent can’t sleep... out, out, out he runs! flying through the garden—marigold, geranium, blackberry, raspberry — past the church with its tall steeple, down rolling hills and sandy paths meant for sheep. He dives at last into the velvety, violet heath, snuggles under a blanket of sapphire sky, and looks up, up, up... to visit with the stars. Vincent van Gogh often found himself unable to sleep and wandered under starlit skies. Those nighttime experiences provided the inspiration for many of his paintings, including his most famous, The Starry Night. Van Gogh sold only one painting in his lifetime—but he continued to pursue his unique vision, and ultimately became one of the most beloved artists of all time.

Nosotros Means Us by Paloma Valdivia (2021) Ages: 3-5 years
If I were a sheep, you would be a lamb. If I were a bear, you would be a cub. As a mother holds her toddler, they muse over the way their love would translate if they were different animals. But no matter how they change, they will always be "us." This bilingual story is a timeless ode to the unshakable bond between parent and child.

Not Yeti by Kelly DiPucchio (2021) Ages: 4-8 years
Monsters are loud. And rude. They like to smash things and they always need to be right. But not Yeti. Yeti bakes banana bread and sings to whales and always has a nice word to say. But sometimes you find yourself alone when you're different. And Yeti doesn't know there's a special surprise in store for him.

Real to Me by Minh Lê (2023) Ages: 4-8 years
Others tried to tell me that she wasn’t real, that she was just imaginary. But what did they know? She was real to me. Then one morning... she was gone. What do you do when your imaginary friend goes away? Did you dream up the entire friendship? Maybe... But you miss her laugh, her comfort, and her silly mischief. It all feels so real... you couldn't have just imagined those things, right?
Music for Mister Moon by Philip C. Stead (2019) **Ages: 3-7 years**

A girl named Harriet longs to play her cello alone in her room. But when a noisy owl disrupts her solitude, Harriet throws her teacup out the window in frustration, and accidentally knocks the moon out of the sky. Over the course of an evening, Harriet and the moon become fast friends. Worried that he'll catch a chill, Harriet buys the moon a soft woolen hat, then takes him on a boat ride across a glistening lake, something he's only dreamed of. But can she work up the courage to play her music for the moon?

Noodlepant by Jacob Kramer (2019) **Ages: 4-8 years**

Noodlepant won't let this stand—Noodlepants can't survive on sticks and branches, after all. Determined to do something to push back against an unjust law, she and her friends invent a machine that transforms pens into penne, pillows into ravioli, and radiators into radiatori. With that, the pasta parties are back! But that very night, the kangaroos come bounding through the door... ready to enforce their unjust laws.

As Brave as a Lion by Erika Meza (2023) **Ages: 3-7 years**

No matter how fast I go, or where I end up, my brave lion sticks with me—my lion’s always there! When she and her lion are together, one little girl feels like she can do anything. Whether she’s afraid of the dark, or too shy to speak and in need of finding her voice, her big, bold companion always looks out for her. But one day, the inseparable pair decide to climb the new, dizzyingly high rocket slide at the playground together, and the girl discovers that even lions sometimes get afraid. Can she summon the strength to be his lion when he needs her? Joyful, expressive artwork glowing with bright primary colors brings to life the story of a special bond—and a child’s discovery of unexpected courage.

The Courage of the Little Hummingbird by Leah Henderson (2023) **Ages: 4-8 years**

Across oceans, lands, and skies. In whispers, shouts, and in many different languages The story of the little hummingbird of the Great Forest can always be heard. The story of the little hummingbird has been told around the world in many forms and across many cultures, and is believed to have originated among the Indigenous Quecha people of modern-day Ecuador. In this picture book spin on the globally popular legend, when a disastrous forest fire threatens the Great Forest, the hummingbird must inspire all the animals to work together to save their homes.

The Night Tent by Landis Blair (2023) **Ages: 4-8 years**

Watson is having trouble sleeping. He lies awake at night, doing his best not to think about the lurking, creeping things that might be hiding in his closet or under his bed. But the more he tries, the harder it gets. Then he notices a mysterious light coming from under his covers. When he takes a peek he discovers a beautiful, tented night sky full of twinkling stars. And because he isn’t sleepy, he follows a path the stars show him. It leads him through a forest and onto an adventure that includes friendly creatures and a magical trolley ride to a tiny island with a very tall tower—and finally, sleep.

The Liebrary by Amanda Pearlstein (2023) **Ages: 4-8 years**

Should children learn to drive cars? Are volcanoes bubbling with fondu? And do rhinos make good pets? Mikayla and Drew loved to read and learn new things...but when a new stack of books gives way to facts unlike anything they had ever heard of before, chaos ensues! Soon the children are swimming with alligators, eating candies like vitamins, and getting blasted by their neighbor. Which leads them to wonder...