



***The Pumpkin Thief* by Alice Hemming (2026) Ages: 3-6 years old**

Squirrel and Bird are back, and this time there's a mystery in the vegetable patch! Bird's pumpkins keep disappearing, and this time there's EVIDENCE—footprints, peck-marks, a feather! There is a PUMPKIN THIEF!

***Why?* by Adam Rex (2019) Ages: 2-5 years old**

A sweet and appealing tale for anyone familiar with the universal tendency of young children to always ask WHY? When supervillain Doctor X-Ray swoops in threatening to vanquish an innocent crowd, the only one brave enough not to run away is a little girl, who asks him simply, "Why?" He is taken aback—but he answers. She keeps asking. And he keeps answering—until a surprising truth is uncovered, and the villain is thwarted.

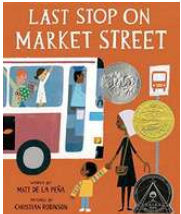
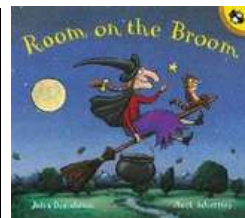


***We are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom (2020) Ages: 3-7 years old**

Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all... When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth. And poison her people's water, one young water protector. Takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.

***Room on a Broom* by Julia Donaldson (2001) Ages: 2-5 years old**

The witch and her cat are happily flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away the witch's hat, then her bow, and then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom. But is there room on the broom for so many friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?

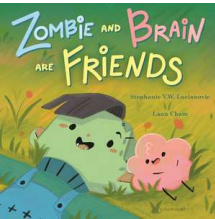
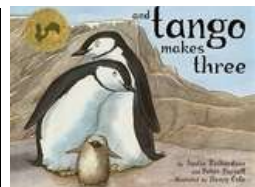


***Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña (2015) Ages: 2-6 years old**

On Sundays, CJ and his nana ride the bus across town to their stop on Market Street. But today, CJ's not happy about it. Today, he's wondering out loud why they have to wait in the rain and why they don't have a car like his other friends. But it's Nana who opens young CJ's eyes and shows him the real beauty in the world around them—the spirit of the bustling city, the music in everyday life, and the magic of their often overlooked neighbors.

***And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson (2005) Ages: 2-6 years old**

At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.

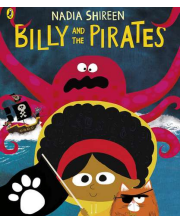


***Zombie and Brain Friends* by Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic (2025) Ages: 4-8 years old**

Zeb comes from a family of farmers-zombie farmers. Each week they pickle, bake, fry, and sell their grain-fed, free-range brains to be enjoyed by the masses. Zeb understands that brains are food, not pets...until one day he comes across the tiniest, pinkest, squishiest brain he ever did see! Can he convince his parents that his brainy bestie is better off as a member of the family than family dinner?

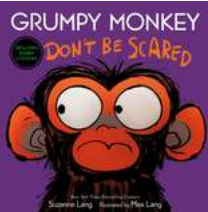
***A Library* by Nikki Giovanni (2022) Ages: 4-8 years old**

In what other place can a child "sail their dreams" and "surf the rainbow" without ever leaving the room? This ode to libraries is a celebration for everyone who loves stories, from seasoned readers to those just learning to love words, and it will have kids and parents alike imagining where their library can take them.



***Billy and the Pirates* by Nadia Shireen (2022) Ages: 3-7 years old**

Ahoy there! It's time to sail the ocean blue with Billy and her trusty feline friend, as they embark on a noble seafaring adventure. Billy and Fatcat find a mysterious message in a bottle at sea. When suddenly something terrible they bump into a pesky pirate and his smelly crew. Oh no! Fortunately for our courageous twosome, they're no strangers to they always have a trick (or treat) up their sleeves.



Grumpy Monkey Don't Be Scared by Suzanne Lang (2023) **Ages: 2-6 years old**

On the spookiest night of the year, Jim Panzee and his jungle friends brave the dark to collect treats. Not only does the jungle look different at night, it sounds different. What's that knock-knock-knock and that HABA HABA HABA? And the smell? PEE-YEW! "Don't be scared," they tell Jim. But then two glowing eyes flash overhead, and looking for treats is almost abandoned.

Perfectly Norman by Tom Percival (2023) **Ages: 3-6 years old**

Norman had always been perfectly normal... until one day, he grew a pair of wings! Wings are pretty great, but he's worried about what people will think, so Norman covers them up with a big coat. It's not always easy to hide such a big thing – in fact, it's very uncomfortable! Can Norman find the courage to be himself?

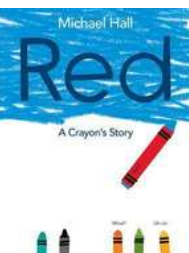


Sophie's Squash by Pat Zietlow Miller (2013) **Ages: 3-6 years old**

On a trip to the farmers' market with her parents, Sophie chooses a squash, but instead of letting her mom cook it, she names it Bernice. From then on, Sophie brings Bernice everywhere, despite her parents' gentle warnings that Bernice will begin to rot. As winter nears, Sophie does start to notice changes... What's a girl to do when the squash she loves is in trouble?

Say Something! by Peter H. Reynolds (2019) **Ages: 3-7 years old**

Each of us, each and every day, have the chance to say something: with our actions, our words, and our voices. Perfect for kid activists everywhere, this timely story reminds readers of the undeniable importance and power of their voice. There are so many ways to tell the world who you are... what you are thinking... and what you believe. And how you'll make it better. The time is now: SAY SOMETHING!

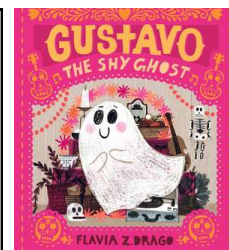


Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall (2015) **Ages: 4-8 years old**

Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, blue. His teacher tries to help him be red (let's draw strawberries!), his mother tries to help him be red by sending him out on a playdate with a yellow classmate (go draw a nice orange!), and the scissors try to help him be red by snipping his label so that he has room to breathe. But Red is miserable. He just can't be red, no matter how hard he tries! Finally, a brand-new friend offers a brand-new perspective, and Red discovers what readers have known all along. He's blue!

Gustavo, the Shy Ghost by Flavia Z. Drago (2020) **Ages: 2-6 years old**

Gustavo is good at doing all sorts of ghostly things: walking through walls, making objects fly, and glowing in the dark. And he loves almost nothing more than playing beautiful music on his violin. But Gustavo is shy, and some things are harder for him to do, like getting in a line to buy eye scream or making friends with other monsters. Whenever he tries getting close to them, he realizes they just can't see him. Now that the Day of the Dead is fast approaching, what can he do to make them notice him and to share with them something he loves?



The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds (2003) **Ages: 4-8 years old**

You're told that, this won't work, but how will you know, if you never try? Sometimes the world feels broken. And problems seem too big to fix. But somehow, we all have the power to make a difference. With a little faith, and maybe the help of a friend, together we can find beauty and create change.

With Lots of Love by Jenny Torres Sanchez (2022) **Ages: 4-8 years old**

Rocio has grown up in Central America, but now she and her family are moving to the United States. Rocio does her best to adjust to a new way of living, but there are many things she misses from her old life - Abuela's cooking, Abuela's pinata creations, Abuela's warm hugs, and of course, Abuela herself most of all. But Abuela finds a way to send Rocio something special just in time for her birthday - a gift wrapped with lots of love - and that fills Rocio to the brim.



Creepy Crayon! by Aaron Reynolds (2022) **Ages: 4-7 years old**

Jasper Rabbit has a problem: he is NOT doing well in school. His spelling tests? Disasters. His math quizzes? Frightening to behold. But one day, he finds a crayon lying in the gutter. Purple. Pointy. Perfect. Somehow...it looked happy to see him. And it wants to help. At first, Jasper is excited. Everything is going great. His spelling is fantastic. His math is stupendous. And best of all, he doesn't have to do ANY work! But then the crayon starts acting weird. It's everywhere, and it wants to do everything. And Jasper must find a way to get rid of it before it takes over his life. The only problem? The creepy crayon will not leave.