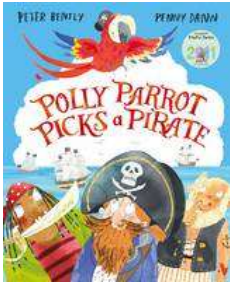


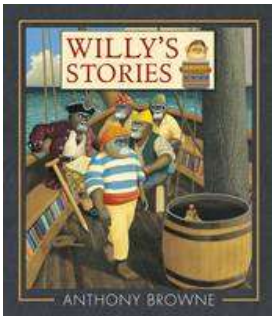
Education Library Service Recommended Picture Books Spring Term 2015



Bently, Peter Polly Parrot Picks a Pirate

Macmillan Pbk £5.99 9780857633354
Interest 5+ Reading age: 7+
age:

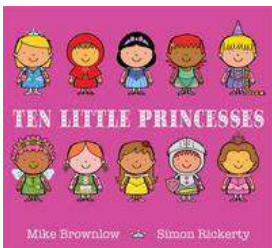
Polly the parrot wants to go to sea with a pirate, but can't find one who is brave enough until she stops a fight between Redbeard and Peg Leg only to discover Redbeard is a girl, who then marries Peg Leg so they sail off together with Polly. Told in rhyme with lively Penny Dann illustrations.



Browne, Anthony Willy's Stories

Walker Hbk £12.99 9781406351613
Books
Interest 7+ Reading age: 8+
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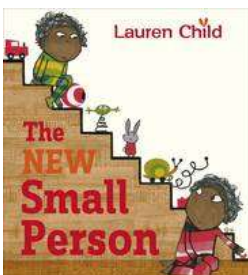
Once a week, Willy walks through an ordinary-looking set of doors and straight into an adventure from classic literature, down a deep, dark rabbit hole or face to face with Captain Hook. On each page the reader is asked "What do you think happened next?". Could be useful literacy tool for class discussion.



Brownlow, Mike Ten Little Princesses

Orchard Hbk £11.99 9780230764828
Books
Interest 4+ Reading age: 6+
age:

Very entertaining counting rhyme about ten princesses dwindling down for various fairy tale reasons, until there is only one left. Good to read aloud with bright illustrations.



Child, Lauren The New Small Person

Puffin Pbk £6.99 9780723293613
Interest 4+ Reading age: 7+
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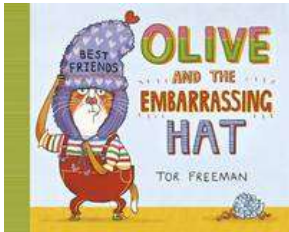
Elmore Green started life as an only child with a room all to himself, and everything in it was his. But one day, everything changes when a new little person is born. Witty and insightful tale of a child adjusting to being the "oldest" with superb typical Lauren Child illustrations.



Cobb, Rebecca The Something

Macmillan Hbk £11.99 9781783701001
Interest 4+ Reading age: 6+
age:

A small child discovers a hole in the garden under the cherry tree. What lives down there? Quirky story about a child's lively imagination, illustrated by the author.



Freeman, Tor Olive and the Embarrassing Hat

Brubaker, Pbk £6.99 9781447273233

Ford & Friends

Interest 5+ Reading age: 7+ age:

Olive is given a special best friend hat by Joe but all their other friends find it funny and so Olive is embarrassed to wear it which makes Joe sad. Olive then finds a way to look even more silly to say sorry.



Gravett, Emily Snow

Macmillan Hbk £10.99 9781781715789 Bear and Hare

Interest 4+ Reading age: 5+ age:

Very simple tale of two friends having fun in the snow. Bear does not enjoy himself until they go sledging at the end. Lovely typical Gravett illustrations.



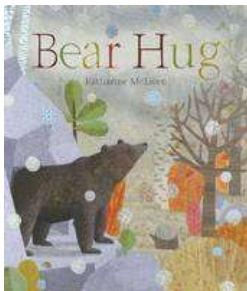
Kelly, Mij Friendly Day

Hachette Pbk £6.99 9780340981283

Interest 5 Reading age: 5

age:

A mouse tricks a cat to stop being eaten by telling him that it is "friendly day". This spreads around the animal kingdom until Bear hears but tells everyone there is no such thing which causes great sadness, until cat has a plan. Tale told in rhyme with beautiful detailed Charles Fuge illustrations.



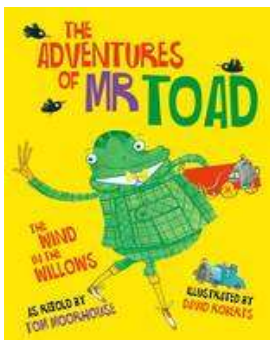
McEwen, Katherine Bear Hug

Templar Pbk £6.99 9781447223436

Interest 4+ Reading age: 6+

age:

A bear is using the skills his parents taught him to make preparations for his first winter alone. He then meets his mate and both hibernate in his cosy cave and emerge together in Spring with a cub, and the cycle begins again. Pleasant tale with muted illustrations about seasons and lifecycles.



Moorhouse, T The Adventures of Mr Toad

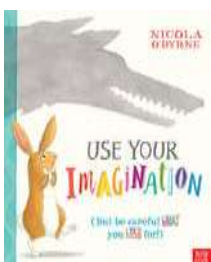
Oxford Hbk £9.99 9781405021616

University Press

Interest 6+ Reading age: 7+

age:

Kenneth Grahame's classic tale "Wind in the willows" very simply retold with colourful illustrations which add to the humour of Toad's adventures. Includes rhymes by Mr Toad which add to it's appeal for younger readers.



O'Byrne, Nicola Use Your Imagination

Nosy Hbk £10.99 9780857631190

Crow

Interest 5+ Reading age: 6+

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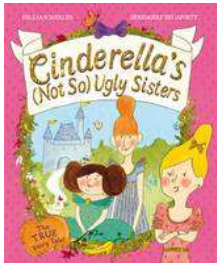
A fantastically funny story about how a rabbit outwits a wild wolf and learns to be the hero of his own story. Features pull-outs and simple bold illustrations. Looks at the structure of a story which teachers may find particularly useful.



Puttock, Simon Mouse's First Night at Moonlight School

Nosy Pbk £6.99 9781408330104
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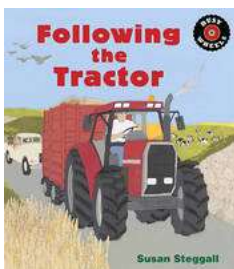
It is mouse's first night at Miss Moon's Moonlight school but she is so shy she hides behind the curtains. Everyone then plays hide-and-seek and agrees mouse is the best at hiding so she overcomes her shyness.



Shields, Gillian Cinderella's (Not So) Ugly Sisters

Macmillan Hbk £11.99 9781848773639
Interest 5+ Reading age: 6+
age:

An alternative version of Cinderella. The ugly sisters are very nice, but their step sister is nasty. She turns the townspeople against them and marries Prince Smarming, who is also not very nice. The ugly sisters find happiness, but Ella is so cross and dissatisfied, she looks really ugly.



Steggall, Susan Following the Tractor

Frances Hbk £11.99 9781847804891
Lincoln
Interest 4+ Reading age: 7+
age:

Book following the seasons on a farm and the jobs the tractor does through the year to help crops grow. Repetitive text and usual bold bright illustrations.



Symons, Ruth What's in Your Pocket?

QED Hbk £10.99 9780192738677
Interest 4+ Reading age: 6+
age:

Josh the kangaroo can't sleep in his mother's pouch any more because there is a surprise in it. He goes to ask various animals what the surprise could be, until he is shown his new baby brother. Pleasant tale about gaining a new sibling set in the Australian outback.

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