

**February, 2008; WSRA Presentation**  
**Can Picture Books Develop Deeper Thinking?**  
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Author/Illustrator</b>	<b>Themes/Big Ideas</b>
Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!	Mo Willems	Little books/Big Ideas Readers have a role teamwork
Officer Buckle and Gloria Yo! Yes	Peggy Rathmann Chris Raschka	Friendship themes Subtext/emotions Punctuation/expression
More Than Anything Else	Marie Bradby/Soentpiet	Biography, inner drive Historic context
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat Something from Nothing Grandfather's Journey; Tea with Milk; Tree of Cranes	Simms Taback Phoebe Gilman Say, Allen	Patterns, cultures memory writing
The Three Pigs	David Weisner	Time, changes, cultures decision-making Characters take on life of their own
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs The Popcorn Book Mrs. Wishy Washy Awful Ogre's Awful Day Rapunzel Swamp Angel Wheels on the Bus Carl's Christmas Good Dog Carl Yours Truly, Goldilocks Beware the Storybook Wolves	Tomi DePaolo Joy Cowley Jack Prelutsky/Paul Zelinsky Paul Zelinsky Paul Zelinsky Paul Zelinsky Alexandra Day Alexandra Day Alma Flor Ada/ Leslie Tryon Lauren Child	Story in a story Parallel text Determination Humor, relationships
Black and White Baseball Saved Us	David Macaulay Mochizuki, Ken/Lee, Dom	action/sequence, humor action/sequence, humor Underlying character Characters come to life in real world
Home of the Brave	Say, Allen	Meaning/visual/text Prejudice, racial oppression, resilience, Prejudice, racial oppression, resilience
Let the Celebration Begin		Prejudice, racial oppression, resilience
Freedom Train The Wagon	Reinold, Faith Toni Johnston	Escape, heritage Life of a slave, movement to future View of slavery
Nettie's Trip South Minty	Ann Turner Pinkney	Freedom, escape, determination, bravery
Martin's Big Words		History, inner strength, bravery, conviction, sacrifice
Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King /	Pinkney, Brian	History, inner strength, bravery, conviction, sacrifice
Paddle to the Sea	Holling, Holling C.	Adventures, dreams, curiosity, fate
Magical Hands Thundercake	Polacco, Patricia	Secrets, friendship Fear, family traditions, trust, inner strength
Tops and Bottoms	Janet Stevens	Industry vs. laziness, insight and vocabulary nuance

**Author/Illustrator resources:**

**Meet the Author video series American School Publishers 1-800-843-8855**  
**Eric Carle, Picture writer**  
**Meet Leo Lionni**  
**Meet the Caldecott Illustrator, Jerry Pinkney**  
**Meet Jack Prelutsky**

**Who's Dr. Seuss? Meet Ted Geisel**

**Harcourt Brace Video Author Series;**

**Get to Know Lynne Cherry**

**Get to Know Lois Ehlert**

**Biography Today:Artist series**

**Omnigraphics**