

Picture This

2008 Convention

Compiled by WSRA's Children's Literature Committee
***Books to be discussed in this session**

***17 Things I Am Not Allowed to Do Anymore.** Offill, Jenny (2006).

A young girl lists the seventeen things she is not allowed to do anymore, including not being able to make ice after freezing a fly in one of the cubes. Grades K-3.

The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter Z. Martin, Steve and Chast, Roz (2007).

The book presents a rhyming couplet featuring each letter of the alphabet. Grades PreK-1.

Angelina's Island. Winter, Jeanette (2007).

Every day, Angelina dreams of her home in Jamaica and imagines she is there, until her mother finds a wonderful way to convince her that New York is now their home. Grades PreK-2.

Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See? Martin, Bill (2007) illus. Carle, Eric.

North America is filled with thousands of species of wildlife. This book features ten of these. Grades PreK-2.

***Ballerina Dreams.** Thompson, Lauren (2007) illus. Estrin, James.

A true story, five determined little girls and one dedicated teacher make their dream of wanting to be ballerinas and dance onstage come true, in spite of their cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities. Grades PreK-3.

***Beauty and the Beaks.** Auch, Mary Jane and Herm (2007).

When Lance, a very pretentious turkey, arrives on the farm and boasts that he is the only bird invited to a special feast, no hen is impressed, but when Beauty learns that Lance is the main course, she convinces the others to save him. Grades K-4.

***Beetle Bop.** Fleming, Denise (2007).

Beetles come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors, and Denise Fleming makes many of these available to us. Grades K-3.

***The Boy Who Was Raised by Librarians.** Morris, Carla (2007).

Melvin discovers that the public library is the place where he can find just about anything – including three librarians who help in his quest for knowledge. Grades K-3.

Bye-Bye Big, Bad Bullybug! Emberley, Ed (2007).

The very scary Bullybug gets his due when the small bugs join together. Grades K-2.

Cherry Pie Charlie and More Poems for Children. Tully, Sandra M. (2007)

Step into the world of poetry – the music of sounds, the rhythm of language, and the joy of painting pictures with words. Children love to read, recite and listen to these poems written especially for them. Grades K-6.

***Chicky Chicky Chook Chook.** MacLennan, Cathy (2007).

Chicks, kitties and buzzy bees enjoy a sunshiny day, but as they begin to snooze in the shade, a storm arrives, making them icky chickies, soggy moggies and dizzy buzzers. Grades PreK-1.

Cowlick! Ditchfield, Christin (2007) illus. Beardshaw, Rosalind.

A playful explanation for the bed head that afflicts little boys. Grades PreK-2.

Dadblamed Union Army Cow. Fletcher, Susan (2007) illus. Root, Kimberly Bulcken.

Based on a true story from the Civil War, this lively illustrated tale tells of one persistent cow and her adventures when she follows her owner south into battle. Grades K-3.

Deep in the Swamp. Bateman, Donna L (2007) illus. Lies, Brian.

Rhyme along with the Okefenokee Swamp creatures and learn interesting flora and fauna facts. Grades K-4.

***Diary of a Fly.** Cronin, Doreen (2007).

A young fly realizes, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about mastering flight school and getting along with 327 brothers and sisters, and she discovers that heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Grades K-3.

Dino Pets. Piourde, Lynn (2007) illus. Kendall, Gideon.

This is a great book to get children of all ages interested in dinosaurs. Grades 1-5.

Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories. Seeger, Laura Vaccaro (2007).

Three easy-to-read stories reveal the close friendship between dog and bear. Grades K-2.

***Dogku.** Clements, Andrew (2007) illus. Bowers, Tim.

A tale in haiku of one adorable dog. Grades K-3.

Dragon of the Red Dawn. Osborne, Mary Pope (2007) illus. Murdocca, Sal.

In this book from the Magic Tree House series, Jack and Annie take off for Ancient Japan in the 1600's. The book gives a wonderful account of the culture, folk tales and historic facts of early Japan. Grades K-4.

Duck at the Door. Urbanovic, Jackie (2007).

When the other ducks migrate south for the winter, Max stays behind and quickly regrets it, but he finds a place at a comfy home with other pets. Grades K-3.

***The End.** LaRochelle, David (2007) illus. Egielski, Richard.

When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events involving a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant and a handsome knight. Grades PreK-3.

***Fancy Nancy and Posh Puppy.** O'Connor, Jane (2007) illus. Preiss-Glasser, Robin.

Fancy Nancy discovers that an everyday puppy can be more fun than a posh puppy. Grades K-3.

Fox. Banks, Kate (2007) illus. Hallensleben, Georg.

A baby fox anticipates the time when he can go out alone, but first his parents must teach him the ways of the wilderness. Grades PreK-1.

***Fred Stays With Me.** Coffelt, Nancy (2007) illus. Tusa, Tricia.

A child describes how she lives sometimes with her mother and sometimes with her father, but her dog is her constant companion. Grades K-3.

***Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella.** Fleischman, Paul (2007) illus. Paschkis, Julie.

The author draws from a variety of folk traditions to put together this version of Cinderella, including elements from Mexico, Iran, Korea, Russia, Appalachia, and more. Grades K-4.

A Good Day. Henkes, Kevin (2007).

A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome minor setbacks to have a very good day. Grades K-2.

***Greedy Apostrophe: A Cautionary Tale.** Carr, Jan (2007) illus. Long, Ethan.

Greedy apostrophe runs all over town inserting himself in places where he does not belong and causing great confusion. Grades 1-4.

***Heat Wave.** Spinelli, Eileen (2007).

Abigail, Ralphie, and the other citizens of Lumberville struggle to endure a week-long heat wave. Grades K-2.

***Help!: A Story of Friendship.** Keller, Holly (2007).

Mouse hears a rumor that snakes do not like mice and while trying to avoid his former friend, Snake, he falls into a hole from which neither Hedgehog, Squirrel, nor Rabbit can help him out. Grades PreK-3.

Henry's Freedom Box. Levine, Ellen (2007) illus. Nelson, Kadir.

A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia. Grades 2-5.

Hey, You!: Poems to Skyscrapers, Mosquitoes, and Other Fun Things. Janeczko, Paul B. (2007).

Use these poems selected by Paul Janeczko to get imaginations started. Grades 2-5.

Hiromi's Hands. Barasch, Lynne (2007).

A biography of Hiromi Suzuki, a Japanese-American girl who, with her father's guidance, defies tradition and trains to become a sushi chef at her family's restaurant in New York City. Grades K-3.

***How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?** McNamara, Margaret (2007) illus. Karas, G. Brian.

A versatile and sincere story that will teach math and science concepts while it models kind behavior. Grades 1-3.

I Don't Like to Read. Carlson, Nancy (2007).

Henry the mouse likes everything about the first grade except reading, but with some extra help at school and home, he is delightfully surprised. Grades PreK-2.

I Saw an Ant in the Parking Lot. Prince, Joshua (2007) illus. Parmintuan, Macky.

The parking lot matron fears that she is about to witness disaster as a minivan and an ant converge on the same spot. Grades K-3.

The Impossible Patriotism Project. Skeers, Linda (2007) illus. Hoyt, Ard.

Caleb has a hard time coming up with a way to symbolize patriotism for President's Day until he realizes that his dad, who is away from home in the military, is what patriotism is all about. Grades K-3.

In My Backyard. Ruurs, Margriet (2007) illus. Broda, Ron.

From the singing of little wrens in the springtime to hummingbirds sipping nectar in summer, from bats catching insects in fall to mice building cozy nests in winter, there are backyard animals and nature to celebrate throughout the seasons. Grades K-4.

***The Incredible Book Eating Boy.** Jeffers, Oliver (2006) .

Henry loves to eat books, until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring. Grades PreK-3.

***Leaving the Nest.** Gerstein, Mordicai (2007).

The lives of a baby joybird, a young girl, a kitten and a small squirrel intersect as they venture out into the world. Grades PreK-1.

Little Night. Morales, Yuyi (2007).

At the end of a long day, Mother Sky helps her playful daughter, Little Night, to get ready for bed. Grades PreK-1.

The Magic Rabbit. Cate, Annette LeBlanc (2007).

While performing one day, Bunny becomes separated from his best friend, Ray the magician, and has to search for him in the big city. Grades PreK-2.

Mahalia Mouse Goes to College. Lithgow, John (2007).

Sent by her parents to find food, Mahalia Mouse finds herself trapped in a backpack and transported to a physics classroom at Harvard University, where she discovers an aptitude for science. Grades 1-3.

Math Fables Too. Tang, Greg (2007).

Another wonderful book that combines science and math in a creative way. Strong vocabulary is also used throughout the book to encourage vocabulary growth. Grades K-3.

Maybelle in the Soup. Speck, Katie (2007) illus. Ratz de Tagyos, Paul.

When Mr. and Mrs. Peabody invite guests to dinner, Maybelle, the cockroach who lives under their refrigerator, ignores the warnings of Henry the flea to be sensible and ends up “splashing” into a big adventure. Grades 2-5.

Me and My Dad. Ritchie, Alison (2007) illus. Edgson, Alison.

Little Bear and his dad do wonderful things together. Grades K-3.

Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf. Sierra, Judy (2007) illus. Seibold, J. Otto.

When B.B. Wolf, who now lives in the Villain Villa Retirement Residence, is invited to the library for a storybook tea, he is careful to follow the advice of his crocodile friend and impresses everyone with how polite he can be. Grades PreK-3.

My Dadima Wears a Sari. Sheth, Kashmira (2007).

Two young sisters raised in America learn about the beauty and art of wearing a sari from their wise Indian grandmother. Grades 1-3.

***My Dog Is as Smelly as Dirty Socks: and Other Funny Family Portraits.** Piven, Hanoch (2007).

A young girl draws a family portrait, then makes it more accurate by adding common objects to show aspects of each member’s personality, such as her father’s playfulness, her mother’s sweetness, and her brother’s strength. Grades 2-4.

Nobody Notices Minerva. Kirwan, Wednesday (2007).

When Minerva wakes up in a bad mood and nobody notices, she spends an entire day behaving badly until some loving advice from her dad turns things around. Grades K-3.

On Meadowview Street. Cole, Henry (2007).

Upon moving to a new house, young Caroline and her parents encourage wildflowers to grow and birds and animals to stay in their yard, which soon has the whole suburban street living up to its name. Grades K-2.

Oscar and the Mooncats. Raymond, Lynda Gene (2007) illus. Ceccoli, Nicoletta.

Feeling more than a little wild, Oscar the cat leaps from one high spot to another until he lands on the moon, where he plays with the mooncats until his boy begins to call and he must find a way back home or risk becoming a mooncat himself. Grades PreK-3.

Out of the Ballpark. Rodriquez, Alex (2007) illus. Morrison, Frank.

This book by a Yankee star features the familiar story of a young boy who achieves his ballpark dreams through hard work and determination. Grades 1-3.

Over In The Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme. Berkes, Marinanne (2007) illus. Canyon, Jeanette.

A counting and singing approach for young children to learn and appreciate the animals of the tropical rainforest. Grades PreK-3.

***Papa and the Pioneer Quilt.** Van Leeuwen, Jean and Rebecca Bond (2007).

As her family travels by wagon train to Oregon, a young girl gathers scraps of cloth so that she can make a quilt. Includes historical note. Grades K-3.

***Parrotfish and Sunken Ships: Exploring a Tropical Reef.** Arnosky, Jim (2007).

This engrossing nonfiction picture book will capture the interest of the youngest child with its informative narrative and engaging art. Grades K-3.

***The Perfect Nest.** Friend, Catherine (2007) illus. Manders, John.

Jack the cat is building the perfect nest to attract the perfect chicken, who will lay the perfect egg, which will make Jack the perfect omelet. He gets more than he bargained for when a chicken is not the only animal who shows up. Grades K-2.

Pest Fest. Durango, Julia (2007) illus. Cyrus, Kurt.

Be our guest at the fest where the test is to find which pest is the best. (A wonderful addition to a unit of insects.) Grades K-3.

***Pictures from Our Vacation.** Perkins, Lynne Rae (2007).

Given a camera that takes and prints tiny pictures just before leaving for the family farm, a young girl records a vacation that gets off to a slow start, but winds up being a family reunion filled with good memories. Grades 2-5.

Pirates Don't Change Diapers. Long, Melinda (2007) illus. Shannon, David.

Jeremy Jacob is visited by his old pirate friends while he is babysitting his baby sister. We find that pirates don't make very good babysitters. Grades PreK-3.

***The Pledge of Allegiance.** Pearl, Norman (2007).

Part of the American Symbols series, the book contains information about writing and reciting the Pledge, as well as flag facts and a glossary. Grades K-3.

Princess Justina Albertina: A Cautionary Tale. Davidson, Ellen Dee (2007) illus. Chezworth, Michael.

A spoiled, demanding young princess who sends her nanny to the far corners of the world in search of the perfect pet finally gets exactly what she deserves. Grades PreK-2.

Princess Pigsty. Funke, Cornelia (2007) illus. Meyer, Kerstin.

Princess Isabella is tired of being pampered, and she rebels. Grades K-2.

Rufus the Scrub Does Not Wear a Tutu. McEwan, Jamie (2007) illus. Margeson, John.

Rufus finds himself involved in both the football team and a ballet class and must endure teasing from his friends. Grades 2-3.

The Scallywags. Melling, David (2007).

The Scallywags do not know how to behave and annoy all the other animals. On one occasion, when they really overdo it, they need to find a way to keep from losing all their friends. Grades K-3.

***The Secret Life of Walter Kitty.** Hicks, Barbara Jean (2007).

Walter, an ordinary house cat, fantasizes about the daring adventures of his alter ego, Fang. Grades K-3.

A Seed is Sleepy. Aston, Dianna Hutts (2007) illus. Long, Sylvia.

Poetic in voice and elegant in design, the book introduces children to an intriguing array of seed and plant facts. Grades PreK-4.

Sleeping Bear: The Legend. Lewis, Anne Margaret (2007) illus. Grant, Sarah.

This is a beautifully illustrated book about an old legend. Grades 2-4.

Slugs in Love. Pearson, Susan (2006) illus. O'Malley, Kevin.

Marylou and Herbie, two garden slugs, write love poems in slime to one another but have troubles actually meeting. Grades K-2.

Smelly Bill. Postgate, Daniel (2007).

Bill the dog loves smelly things but Great Aunt Bleach may put an end to his disgusting ways. Grades PreK-3.

Someday. McGhee, Alison (2007) illus. Reynolds, Peter.

In beautiful words, the author takes her daughter from birth to the day when she will be a mother, and later, old. Grades PreK-2.

Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson: Against the Odds. Burleigh, Robert (2007) illus. Wimmer, Mike.

A one sentence story of Jackie Robinson and the World Series of 1955 including biographical notes. Grades 1-4.

The Story of the Little Mole Who Went in Search of Whodunit. Holzwarth, Werner and Erlbruch, Wolf (2007).

When Little Mole tries to find out who pooped on his head, the other animals show him how they poop. Grades K-3.

The Talented Clementine. Pennypacker, Sara (2007) illus. Frazee, Marla.

Follow the antics of third grader, Clementine, as the night of the big "Talent-palooza" draws closer. Grades 2-5.

Ted, Bo and Diz: The First Adventure. Chapman, Jason (2007).

Three friends go to the beach where they encounter a family of polar bears and a seal adrift on a bed of ice. Grades K-3.

***Thank You Bear.** Foley, Greg (2007).

Little Bear finds a box and thinks it will make a wonderful gift for Mouse, but Little Bear's friends pooh-pooh the idea. When Mouse comes along, he loves the box. Grades PreK-3.

***That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown.** Cowell, Cressida (2007) illus. Layton, Neal.

When the naughty queen Gloriana steals Emily's rabbit, she sets out to get him back and show the queen how to love a special toy of her own. Grades PreK-2.

***The Three Snow Bears.** Brett, Jan (2007).

The Goldilocks story takes a fine twist in the land of the Inuits and animals of the Arctic. Grades PreK-3.

Tippy-Tippy-Tippy, Hide! Fleming, Candace (2007) illus. Karas, G. Brian.

Having worked all summer at keeping bunnies out of his garden, Mr. McGreely looks forward to a peaceful winter, if only he can keep those naughty bunnies from invading his home. Grades PreK-3.

Toy Boat. de Seve, Randall (2007) illus. Long, Loren.

A toy boat gets separated from his owner and has an adventure on the high seas. Grades PreK-2.

***The Twelve Days of Christmas in Wisconsin.** Kono, Erin Eitter (2007).

For twelve days, Jake sends his cousin Emma a gift representing Wisconsin, because she is going to visit him there. Grades K-3.

Wag a Tail. Ehlert, Lois (2007).

Assorted graduates of the Bow Wow School meet at a farmers market and a dog park, where most of them remember their obedience training. Grades PreK-2.

When Dinosaurs Came with Everything. Broach, Elise (2007) illus. Small, David.

Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers. Grades PreK-1.

Why Do I Have to Eat Off the Floor? Homsey, Chris (2007) illus. Perkins, Gwyn.

Murphy, the dog, asks his young girl owner many typical questions children ask their parents. Grades K-3.

The Wishing Club: A Story about Fractions. Napoli, Donna Jo (2007) illus. Currey, Anna.

When four siblings wish on a star, each gets only a fraction of what he or she wanted, but when they combine their wishes, they just might get a whole new pet. Grades K-3.

***Wolf! Wolf!** Rocco, John (2007).

One day a hungry old wolf hears a shepherd boy call "Wolf!" Could it be that the boy is inviting him over for lunch? This is a hilarious retelling of a classic fable. Grades K-2.

Wow School. Neubecker, Robert (2007).

Izzy, who lives on the mountain, is introduced to a whole new world of books, art, music and students when she starts a school. Grades PreK-2.