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NOTABLE BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 2008-2009



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| E | Adams, D. | <i>I Can Do It Myself!</i> | [self-reliance; bedtime] |
| E | Ahlberg, A. | <i>The Pencil</i> | [drawing; pencils; loneliness] |
| E | Alexander, C. | <i>Lucy and the Bully</i> | [schools; bullies] |
| E | Averbeck, J. | <i>In a Blue Room</i> | [bedtime; mother & child] |
| E | Beaumont, K. | <i>Doggone Dogs!</i> | [stories in rhyme; runaway dogs] |
| E | Bean, J. | <i>At Night</i> | [sleep; night; city life] |
| | | * 2008 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Winner | |
| E | Becker, B. | <i>A Visitor for Bear</i> | [bears; mice; friendship] |
| E | Bee, W. | <i>Beware of the Frog</i> | [frogs; monsters; old age] |
| E | Billingsley, F. | <i>Big Bad Bunny</i> | [mice; mother & child; imagination] |
| E | Blackford, H. | <i>Elephant's Story</i> | [elephants; animal families] |
| E | Brannen, S. | <i>Uncle Bobby's Wedding</i> | [uncles & nieces; same-sex marriage] |
| E | Brown, M. W. | <i>A Child's Good Morning Book</i> [illus. by K. Katz] | [morning] |
| E | Browne, A. | <i>Little Beauty</i> | [gorillas; kittens; friendship] |

E	Coffelt, N.	<i>Fred Stays with Me!</i>	[divorce; dogs; friendship]
* 2008 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book			
E	Cole, H.	<i>Trudy</i>	[farms; goats as pets]
E	Cordsen, C. F.	<i>Market Day</i>	[farmers' markets; cows; stories in rhyme]
fE (SPANISH)	Cumpiano, I.	<i>Quinito, Day and Night</i>	[opposites; Spanish; Hispanic family]
E	Cuyler, M.	<i>Princess Bess Gets Dressed</i>	[princesses; clothing]
E	Cyrus, K.	<i>Tadpole Rex</i>	[tadpoles; frogs; dinosaurs; stories in rhyme]
E	Delessert, E.	<i>Full Color</i>	[colors]
E	Dodd, E.	<i>No Matter What</i>	[elephants; mother & child]
E	Dodd, E.	<i>What Pet to Get?</i>	[pets]
E	Donaldson, J.	<i>Tyrannosaurus Drip</i>	[dinosaurs; stories in rhyme]
E	Dorros, R.	<i>Papa and Me</i>	[Hispanic Americans; fathers & sons]
****2009 Pura Belpre Illustrator Honor Book			
E	Elliott, L.	<i>Hunter's Big Sister</i>	[brothers & sisters]
E	Fleming, D.	<i>Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp</i>	[dogs; camp]
E	Foreman, J.	<i>Say Hello</i>	[dogs; friendship]
E	Fox, M.	Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes	[babies; stories in rhyme]
j811.54 F	Franco, B.	<i>Bees, Snails, and Peacock Tails: Patterns and Shapes . . .</i>	
		<i>Naturally</i>	[patterns & shapes; nature; poetry]
j595.789 F	Frost, H.	<i>Monarch and Milkweed</i>	[life cycle of Monarch butterflies]
E	Geras, A.	<i>Little Ballet Star</i>	[nieces & aunts; ballet]
E	Gershantor, P.	<i>Old House, New House</i>	[moving]

E	Good, M.	<i>Reuben and the Balloon</i>	[Amish; hot air balloons; adventure]
E	Gorbachev, V.	<i>Christopher Counting</i>	[rabbits; counting]
E	Gorbachev, V.	<i>Turtle's Penguin Day</i>	[turtles; penguins; school]
E	Graham, B.	<i>How to Heal a Broken Wing</i>	[birds; healing]
ER	Grant, J. A.	<i>Chicken Said, "Cluck!"</i>	[chickens; gardening]
***2009 Geisel Medal Honor Book			
j599.786 G	Guiberson, B. Z.	<i>Ice Bears</i>	[polar bears]
E	Harris, R. H.	<i>The Day Leo Said "I Hate You!"</i>	[mothers & sons; anger]
E	Harris, R. H.	<i>Mail Harry to the Moon!</i>	[new babies; brothers]
E	Harris, R. H.	<i>Maybe a Bear Ate It!</i>	[books; bedtime]
E	Hayes, S.	<i>Dog Day</i>	[school; humor; dog substitute teacher]
E	Henkes, K.	<i>Birds</i>	[birds]
E	Henkes, K.	<i>Old Bear</i>	[bears; seasons; hibernation; spring]
E	Hest, A.	<i>The Dog who Belonged to No One</i>	[dogs; friendship]
EBOARD	Hills, T.	<i>What's Up, Duck? A Book of Opposites</i>	[ducks; opposites]
E	Hines, A. G.	<i>1, 2, Buckle My Shoe</i>	[counting; nursery rhymes]
E	Hobbie, H.	<i>Fanny</i>	[dolls; dollmaking]
E	Holmberg, B.	<i>A Day with Dad</i>	[fathers & sons; divorced parents]
E	Holtei, C.	<i>Nanuk Flies Home</i>	[polar bears; Canadian Arctic]
EBOARD	Horacek, P.	<i>Choo Choo</i>	[trains]
E	Horse, H.	<i>Little Rabbit's New Baby</i>	[rabbits; new babies]
E	Hughes, S.	<i>Alfie and the Big Boys</i>	[older and younger boys]

E	Hughes, T.	<i>My Brother Bert</i>	[hobbies; pets; stories in rhyme]
E	Isadora, R.	<i>Peekaboo Bedtime</i>	[toddlers; bedtime]
j398.2 GRIMM	Isadora, R.	The Twelve Dancing Princesses	
E	Isadora, R.	<i>Uh-Oh!</i>	[toddler behavior; African Americans]
E	Ives, P.	<i>Celestine, Drama Queen</i>	[ducks; stage fright]
E	Jarrett, C.	<i>Arabella Miller's Tiny Caterpillar</i>	[caterpillar to butterfly]
E	Jennings, L.	<i>Little Puppy Lost</i>	[lost puppies; winter]
E	Kimmel, E. A.	<i>Little Britches and the Rattlers</i>	[cowgirls; rattlesnakes]
E	Kimmelman, L.	<i>Everybody Bonjours!</i>	[Paris; stories in rhyme]
E	Klevin, E.	<i>A Carousel Tale</i>	[crocodiles; merry-go-rounds]
E	Kohara, K.	<i>Ghosts in the House!</i>	[ghosts; witches]
E	Lee, S.	<i>Wave</i>	[summer; beach; wordless]
E	Lewis, K.	<i>Seymour and Henry</i>	[ducklings; play; mother & child]
EBOARD	Light, S.	<i>Trucks Go</i>	[truck sounds]
E	Lobel, A.	<i>Hello, Day!</i>	[animal sounds]
E	Lord, J.	<i>Albert the Fix-It Man</i>	[repairing; kindness]
E	Lyon, G. E.	<i>Sleepsong</i>	[bedtime; stories in rhyme; animals]
j582.046 M	Macken, J. E.	<i>Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move</i>	[seeds—dispersal]
E	Manning, M. J.	<i>Kitchen Dance</i>	[Hispanic Americans; family life; bedtime]
cE (CHRISTMAS)			
	Melmed, L. K.	<i>Hurry! Hurry! Have You Heard?</i>	
			[Christmas; birds; animals; stories in rhyme]

E	Metaxas, E.	<i>It's Time to Sleep, My Love</i>	[bedtime; night; stories in rhyme]
E	Milord, S.	<i>If I Could: A Mother's Promise</i>	[mother & child; love]
E	Monroe, C.	<i>Monkey with a Toolbelt</i>	[monkeys; tools]
E	Moore, R.	<i>How Do You Say Good Night?</i>	[bedtime; stories in rhyme]
E	Nakagawa, C.	<i>Who Made This Cake?</i>	[construction vehicles]
E	Newbery, L.	<i>Posy</i>	[kittens; stories in rhyme]
E	Ormerod, J.	<i>Molly and Her Dad</i>	[fathers & daughters; schools]
E	Otoshi, K.	<i>One</i>	[bullying; colors]
E	Pinkwater, D.	<i>Bear's Picture</i>	[artists; bears]
E	Portis, A.	<i>A Penguin Story</i>	[penguins; color; curiosity]
j591.52 P	Prosek, J.	<i>Bird, Butterfly, Eel</i>	[migration; life cycles; birds; butterflies; eels]
E	Ray, J.	<i>The Apple Pip Princess</i>	[princesses; fairy tales]
E	Rickards, L.	<i>Pink!</i>	[penguins; differences]
j398.209 INDIA			
	Rinck, M.	<i>I Feel a Foot!</i>	[animals; elephant; night; imagination]
E	Rockwell, A.	<i>My Preschool</i>	[preschool]
E	Rosoff, M.	<i>Jumpy Jack and Googily</i>	[snails; fears; monsters]
E	Rosoff, M.	<i>Wild Boars Cook</i>	[wild boars; humorous]
E	Rylant, C.	<i>Snow</i>	[winter; snow]
E	Sakai, K.	<i>The Snow Day</i>	[snow; rabbits; mother & child]
E	Schaefer, C. L.	<i>Big Little Monkey</i>	[monkeys; boas]

- E Seeger, L. V. *Dog and Bear: Two's Company* (sequel) [friendship]
- E Seeger, L. V. *One Boy* [counting]
- ***2009 Geisel Medal Honor Book**
- E Shea, B. *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime* [dinosaurs; active toddlers]
- E Shields, G. *The Perfect Bear* [teddy bears; love]
- E Shipton, J. *Baby Baby Blah Blah Blah!* [new babies & big sisters]
- E Staines, B. *All God's Critters* (illus. By K. Nelson) [animals; songs]
- cE (CHRISTMAS)
- Steffensmeier, A. *Millie in the Snow* [cows; winter; Christmas gifts]
- E Stewart, A. *Little by Little* [otters; learning to swim]
- j597.89 S Stewart, D. *How a Tadpole Grows into a Frog* [tadpoles; frogs]
- E Sutton, S. *Roadwork*[construction vehicles; road-building; stories in rhyme]
- E Swanson, S. M. *The House in the Night* [night; light; homes]
- ** 2009 Caldecott Medal Winner**
- E Teckentrup, B. *Grumpy Cat* [cats; loneliness; friendship]
- E Thomas, J. *The Doghouse* [animal friends; fears]
- E Thomas, P. *Red Sled* [winter; fathers & sons; stories in rhyme]
- E Urbanovic, J. *Duck and Cover* [alligators; ducks; humor]
- E Vail, R. *Jibberwillies at Night* [bedtime; fears]
- E Watts, F. *Kisses for Daddy* [bedtime; bears; father & child]
- E Wells, R. *Yoko Writes Her Name* [Japanese Americans; kindergarten]
- E Whiting, S. *The Firefighters* [firefighters; pretending]

ER	Willems, M.	Are You Ready to Play Outside?	[friendship; play; elephants; pigs]
		***2009 Geisel Medal Winner	
ER	Willems, M.	<i>I Love My New Toy!</i>	[friendship; elephants; pigs]
ER	Willems, M.	<i>I Will Surprise My Friend!</i>	[friendship; elephants; pigs]
E	Willems, M.	<i>Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed</i>	[individuality]
E	Wilson, K.	<i>Bear Feels Scared</i>	[bears; fears; friendship; stories in rhyme]
E	Wilson, S.	The Day We Danced in Underpants	[France; royalty; summer]
E	Wormell, C.	George, the Dragon, and the Princess	[mice; dragons]

NOTABLE BOOKS FOR THE PRIMARY GRADES

E	Ahlberg, A.	<i>The Baby in the Hat</i>	[19 th century; seafaring life]
jGRAPHIC 398.2 A	Alley, Z. B.	There's Wolf at the Door: Five Classic Tales	[wolves; humor; folklore]
E	Amato, M.	<i>The Chicken of the Family</i>	[sisters; chickens; farms]
j323.4 W	Amnesty International Staff	<i>We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures</i>	[human rights]
E	Aston, D.	<i>The Moon Over Star</i>	[African Americans; astronauts]
j398.209 RUSSIA VASILISA		****2009 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book	
	Barber, A.	<i>The Frog Bride</i>	[Russian folklore]
j597.89 B	Bishop, N.	<i>Nic Bishop Frogs</i>	[frogs]
		* 2008 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book	
E	Blue, R.	<i>Ron's Big Mission</i>	[racism; libraries; astronauts]
E	Blumenthal, D.	<i>Black Diamond & Blake</i>	[race horses; prisons]
E	Broyles, A.	Priscilla and the Hollyhocks	[slavery; Cherokee Trail of Tears]
E	Bunting, E.	<i>Walking to School</i>	[Northern Ireland; prejudice]
j594.3 C	Campbell, S. C.	<i>Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator</i>	[snails]
		***2009 Geisel Medal Honor Book	
E (BRAILLE)	Cottin, M.	<i>The Black Book of Colors</i>	[colors; braille]
E	Crow, K.	<i>Cool Daddy Rat</i>	[rats; musicians; stories in rhyme]
jGRAPHIC	Davis, E.	<i>Stinky</i>	[swamp monsters]

*****2009 Geisel Medal Honor Book**
 E DiCamillo, K. *Louise, The Adventures of a Chicken* [chickens; adventure]
 E Drummond, A. *Tin Lizzie* [automobiles; Henry Ford]
 E Fern, T. E. *Buffalo Music* [Texas, 1800's]
 E Fern, T. E. *Pippo the Fool* [Florence, Italy; architects]
 E Fleischman, P. *The Birthday Tree* [fairytale]
 j398.209 FRANCE CINDERELLA
 Fleischman, P. *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide "Cinderella"*
 [folklore collection]
 E Frazee, M. *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*
 [vacations; friendship; grandparents]
*** 2008 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book**
****2009 Caldecott Medal Honor Book**
 j Friedman, L. *Angel Girl* [Holocaust]
 E Gall, C. *There's Nothing to Do on Mars* [moving; Mars]
 ER George, J. C. *Goose and Duck* [geese; ducks; humor]
 fE Gonzalez, L. *The Storyteller's Candle/La Velita de los Cuentos*
 [Hispanic Americans; librarians & libraries]
******2009 Pura Belpre Author & Illustrator Honor Book**
 E Gourley, R. *Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You a Pie: A Story About
 Edna Lewis* [African Americans; cooking]
 j523.112 G Grady, M. *Stardust From Space* [Solar System; stars]
 E Grey, M. *Traction Man Meets Turbodog* [toys; robots]
 j811.008 H *Hamsters, Shells, and Spelling Bees: School Poems.* Ed. by L. B. Hopkins
 E (KEATS) Harrington, J. N. *Roberto Walks Home* [brothers; anger; Latinos]
 E Haseley, D. *Twenty Heartbeats* [artists ; horses ; painting]
 E Hegamin, T. C. *Most Loved in All the World* [slavery; Underground Railroad]
 E Hesse, K. *Spuds* [brothers & sisters; poverty]
 E Hole, S. *Garmann's Summer* [fears; first day of school]
 E Hopkinson, D. *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek* [Abraham Lincoln ; friendship]
 E Hughes, L. *The Negro Speaks of Rivers* [poetry; African American; rivers]
 E Ichikawa, S. *Come Fly with Me* [toys; adventure; Paris]
 j398.2 GRIMM FISHERMAN
 Isadora, R. *The Fisherman and His Wife* [folklore]
 E Jenkins, E. *Skunkdog* [dogs; skunks]
 j591.5 J Jenkins, S. *How Many Ways Can You Catch a Fly?* [animals]
 j599.88 J Jenkins, M. *Ape* [apes]
 E Johnson, D. B. *Henry's Night* [nighttime walks]
 E Johnson, S. T. *A is for Art: An Abstract Alphabet* [ABCs]
 E Keller, L. *The Scrambled States of America Talent Show* [US geography]
 jB ROOSEVELT, A.
 Kerley, B. *What to Do About Alice* [biographies; Presidential daughters]
*** 2008 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book**
******2009 Sibert Medal Honor Book**
 jB CLINTON Krull, K. *Hillary Rodham Clinton: Dreams Taking Flight* [biography]

E Lachmenmeyer, N. *The Origami Master* [origami; Japanese folktale-like story]
E Leedy, L. *Crazy Like a Fox: A Simile Story* [similies]
jB LI Li, C. *Dancing to Freedom: The True Story of Mao's Last Dancer*
[China; ballet dancers]
E McClintock, B. *Adele & Simon in America* [travels; brothers & sisters; aunts]
j McDonald, M. *The Hinky Pink* [fairy tales; tricksters]
j398.309 AFRICAN AMERICAN
McGill, A. *Way Up and Over Everything* [African American folklore]
j599.25 M Markle, S. *Finding Home* [koala protection]
j595.7 M Miller, L. *This is Your Life Cycle* [insects; humor]
j398.2 ANDERSEN
Mitchell, S. *The Ugly Duckling* (illus. by S. Johnson & L. Fancher)
[swans; folklore]
E Monroe, C. *Monkey with a Tool Belt* [monkeys; building]
E Morales, Y. *Just In Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book*
[tricksters; ABC; birthdays; ghosts]
****2009 Pura Belpre Illustrator Award Winner
j954.91 M Mortenson, G. *Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg & Three Cups of Tea*
[charity; Pakistan; schools]
jB MAATHAI Nivola, C. A. *Planting the Trees of Kenya* [trees; Kenya; environment]
j232.9 (JESUS)
Paterson, K. *The Light of the World: The Life of Jesus for Children*
E Perkins, L. R. *The Cardboard Piano* [friendship; music]
j323.4 P Pinkney, A. D. *Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation*
[African Americans; race relations]
E Pinkwater, D. *Bear's Picture* (rev. ed.) [bears; artists]
E Prelutsky, J. *Awful Ogre Running Wild* [ogres; poetry]
cE (CHRISTMAS)
Ray, M. L. *Christmas Farm* [Christmas trees]
E Recorvits, H. *Yoon and the Jade Bracelet*
[Korean-Americans; friendship; bullies]
E Reibstein, M. *Wabi Sabi* [Japan; haiku; cats]
E Reynolds, A. *Metal Man* [African Americans; metal sculptors]
j599.638 R Rumford, J. *Chee-Lin: A Giraffe's Journey* [giraffes]
E Rumford, J. *Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad* [children & war; Middle East]
E Saint-Lot, K. N. *Amadi's Snowman* [books & reading; Nigeria]
E Schrock, J. W. *Give a Goat* [giving; Heifer Project]
j598.944 S Schulman, J. *Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City* [hawk protection]
E Shulevitz, U. *How I Learned Geography* [refugees; imagination; geography]
** 2009 Caldecott Medal Honor Book
E Shore, D. Z. *This is the Feast* [Pilgrims; Thanksgiving]
E Slate, J. *I Want to be Free* [slavery; escape; stories in rhyme]
j221.92 (SOLOMON)
Smith, C. *One City, Two Brothers* [folklore, Jewish; Jerusalem]
E Smith, L. *Madam President* [women presidents; humor]

E	Spinelli, E.	<i>The Best Story</i>	[writing contest]
jB STANTON	Stone, T. L.	<i>Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote</i>	[voting rights for women]
E	Swain, G.	<i>Riding to Washington</i>	[1963 Civil Rights March]
E	Sweet, M.	<i>Tupelo Rides the Rails</i>	[dogs; trains; adventure]
j811.54 T	Thomas, J. C.	<i>The Blacker the Berry</i>	[African Americans; poetry]
****2009 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Medal			
E	Walker, S. M.	<i>The Vowel Family: A Tale of Lost Letters</i>	[word games; vowels]
jB COLTRANE	Weatherford, C. B.	<i>Before John was a Jazz Giant</i>	[biography; jazz]
****2009 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book			
E	Wells, R.	<i>Yoko Writes Her Name</i>	[Kindergarten; teasing; writing]
E	Yolen, J.	<i>Naming Liberty</i>	[Jewish immigration; Statue of Liberty]
j617.6 Z	Ziefert, H.	<i>A B C Dentist: Healthy Teeth from a to Z</i>	[dental health]

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