

H AISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2012

Grade 1 and Grade 2

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adler, David A. ***Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery***. Viking, 2010. At her school's Green Fair, Cam and her friends are learning to keep the earth green when a student's remote controlled car goes missing! Was it stolen? It's up to Cam and her photographic memory to figure it out! *Series*
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Never Race a Runaway Pumpkin***. HarperCollins, 2009. Roscoe is determined to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin in order to win books for his school library and candy for himself, but he is overwhelmed by superstitions, especially about a certain black kitten. *Series*
- Archer, Peggy. ***Name That Dog! Puppy Poems from A to Z***. Dial Books, 2010. A collection of humorously illustrated poems about dogs, their names and their unique personalities.
- Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *Series*
- Beard, Alex. ***The Jungle Grapevine***. Abrams Books, 2009. Reminiscent of *Chicken Little*, this cleverly illustrated book demonstrates how rumors get started and quickly get out of hand.
- Bishop, Nic. ***Nic Bishop Spiders***. Scholastic, 2007. Includes foldout pages, photographs, and text providing basic information about various kinds of spiders.
- Brendler, Carol. ***Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Zany and whimsical drawings bring this story about Winnie, the worm farmer, to life. Winnie needs a new wagon, so she looks for ways to win first prize at the county fair; however, there are no prizes for worm farmers.
- Burleigh, Robert. ***One Giant Leap***. Philomel, 2009. An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969.
- Byars, Betsy. ***Boo's Dinosaur***. Holt, 2006. When young Boo is followed home by a dinosaur that only she can see, it causes a bit of trouble for her older brother, Sammy.
- Chabon, Michael. ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man***. Balzer + Bray 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.
- Chaconas, Dori. ***Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson***. Viking, 2011. Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water. *Series*
- Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. ***Princess K.I.M. and the Lie That Grew***. Whitman, 2009. In an attempt to impress her new classmates, Kim lies about her name and claims that she comes from a royal family, but she gets herself into real trouble after her classmates beg to meet Kim's grandmother--the Queen.
- Collins, Ross. ***Dear Vampa***. Katherine Tegen, 2009. A young vampire writes a letter to his grandfather bemoaning his new neighbors.

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- Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Fly***. Joanna Cotler, 2007. A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.
- Davis, Jill. ***Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer***. Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- Deans, Karen. ***Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson***. Holiday House, 2007. An illustrated biography of the life and achievements of African American tennis player Althea Gibson.
- dePaola, Tomie. ***26 Fairmount Avenue***. Putnam's, 1999. Children's author and illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. Newbery Honor 2000. *Series*
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig***. Candlewick, 2008. Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives and, frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers, they decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case. *Series*
- DiPucchio, Kelly S. ***Grace for President***. Hyperion, 2008. After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes.
- Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. ***Bella & Bean***. Atheneum, 2009. When Bean constantly distracts her while she tries to write, Bella finds her poems taking unexpected and silly twists, until she realizes she has written a lovely, wonderful poem about her best friend.
- English, Karen. ***Nikki & Deja: Election Madness***. Clarion, 2011. Deja, excited by the announcement that Carver School is going to elect its first ever student body president, is confident she can nab the third grade nomination with her best friend Nikki as her campaign manager; but her tendency to rush into things and boss people around alienates Nikki when she needs her the most. *Series*
- Ernst, Lisa Campbell. ***The Gingerbread Girl***. Dutton, 2006. After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie.
- Florian, Douglas. ***Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars***. Harcourt, 2007. A collection of twenty whimsical poems about comets, the stars, moon, and the planets.
- Fucile, Tony. ***Let's Do Nothing!*** Candlewick, 2009. Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have "done it all," decide to do nothing for a while; but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.
- Geras, Adele. ***Little Ballet Star***. Dial Books, 2007. Every little girl dreams of becoming a ballet star and Tilly is no exception. In this story, Tilly visits her Aunt Gina behind-the-scenes of a real ballet. It is Tilly's birthday, and she unexpectedly finds herself performing in front of a live audience.

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- Gibbons, Gail. **Gorillas**. Holiday House, 2011. An illustrated introduction to gorillas, describing their physical characteristics, behaviors, diets, and other related topics.
- Gibson, Amy. **Around the World on Eighty Legs**. Scholastic, 2011. An illustrated collection of poems that provides information about animals around the world.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Flying Feet**. Wendy Lamb, 2011. Charlie has always lived in his big brother's shadow, so when the Zigzag center organizes a Come as a Character day, Charlie hopes it will be his chance to shine as he shows off his latest invention. *Series*
- Grogan, John. **Bad Dog, Marley!** HarperCollins, 2007. Marley, a rambunctious puppy, causes lots of trouble in his new home and feels very sad about it. He then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household.
- Harper, Jessica. **Uh-Oh, Cleo**. Putnam's, 2008. What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into Stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house. *Series*
- Henkes, Kevin. **My Garden**. Greenwillow, 2010. After helping her mother in the garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden which would include jelly bean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes as big as beach balls.
- Hicks, Betty. **Goof-Off Goalie**. Roaring Brook, 2008. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off; but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. *Series*
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together**. Little, Brown, 2004. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices and designed especially for young children and adults to read together. *Series*
- Hort, Lenny. **Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved**. Holt, 2006. While much is known about dinosaur anatomy, behavior, and habitat, the author points out the many mysteries that remain to be answered about these extinct creatures.
- Howe, James. **Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk**. Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *Series*
- Jacobson, Jennifer. **Andy Shane: Hero at Last!** Candlewick, 2010. Andy wants two things very much . . . to win the contest for the best decorated bicycle in the "Home Sweet Home parade" and to be a hero; but his best friend Dolores stands in the way of at least one goal.
- Johnston, Tony. **Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea: A Fairly Fabricated Story of a Pair of Pants**. Harcourt, 2011. Re-tells, in tall-tale fashion, how Levi Strauss went to California during the Gold Rush, saw the need for a sturdier kind of pants, and invented jeans.

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- Kaczman, James. ***Lucky Monkey, Unlucky Monkey***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. While Ed the monkey has the most wonderful day imaginable, Ted the monkey faces everything from bad weather to being chased by wild animals and an angry troll.
- Kaplan, Michael. ***Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake***. Dial Books, 2011. From her first bite, young Betty Bunny likes chocolate cake so much that she claims she will marry it one day, and she has trouble learning to wait patiently until she can have her next taste.
- Keating, Frank. ***Theodore***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt that imagines the president looking back on his life, describing his childhood, his youthful journeys throughout the world, his experiences as a leader, and the value he placed on knowledge, adventure, originality, and integrity.
- Keller, Laurie. ***Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners***. Holt, 2007. Mr. Rabbit is worried that he might not get along with his new neighbors. A wise owl gives him the advice "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you" and proceeds to explain what this means.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time***. Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.
- Krensky, Stephen. ***Milo the Really Big Bunny***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A misfit bunny finds out that the characteristic that makes him different helps the Easter Bunny save the day.
- Labatt, Mary. ***Sam Gets Lost***. Kids Can Press, 2004. Sam's fun trip downtown turns scary after he hops out of the car and gets lost in the city. *Series*
- LaMarche, Jim. ***Lost and Found: Three Dog Stories***. Chronicle Books, 2009. A compilation of three short stories that indeed prove there is a powerful connection between dogs and children.
- Larson, Kirby and Mary Nethery. ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival***. Walker, 2008. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***Poodle and Hound***. Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of--or possibly because of--their differences. *Series*
- Leedy, Loreen. ***Missing Math: A Number Mystery***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. A numerical mystery ensues when the numbers all over town suddenly disappear, bringing a halt to everyday activities.
- Lester, Helen. ***Tacky Goes to Camp***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true. *Series*

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- Lies, Brian. ***Bats at the Ballgame.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Two teams of bats enjoy a nighttime game of baseball. Cheering the home team are the bat fans enjoying the snacks of "mothdogs" and the like.
- Lin, Grace. ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!*** Little, Brown, 2010. Ling and Ting are identical twins who people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.
- Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends.*** First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Lyon, George Ella. ***All the Water in the World.*** Atheneum, 2011. An illustrated explanation of the water cycle, showing how water rises to the clouds and is rained back down again to be used by plants, people, and every living thing.
- MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. ***Once I Ate a Pie.*** Joanna Cotler, 2006. Fourteen free-verse poems and beautiful oil paintings capture the personality of each dog in these examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.
- Marshall, James. ***Fox On the Job.*** Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- McDermott, Gerald. ***Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon.*** Harcourt, 2001. All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who, jealous because he cannot sing, tricks Jabuti into riding on his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Daisy Jane, Best-Ever Flower-Girl!*** Random House, 2007. Daisy Jane, who is thrilled to be the flower girl at her babysitter's wedding, helps save the day when a storm threatens the festivities.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown.*** Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for "Unsatisfactory") in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*
- McElligott, Matthew. ***The Lion's Share.*** Walker, 2009. Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but she is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.
- McKissack, Patricia and Onawumi Jean Moss. ***Precious and the Boo Hag.*** Atheneum, 2005. Home alone with a stomach ache while the family works in the fields, a young girl faces up to the horrifying Boo Hag that her brother warned her about.
- McNulty, Faith. ***If You Decide to Go to the Moon.*** Scholastic, 2005. This book tells you how to get to the moon, what to do after you land, and, most importantly, how to get back home.
- Munro, Roxie. ***Hatch!*** Marshall Cavendish, 2011. Presents illustrations of various eggs with related clues, prompting readers to guess which type of bird laid the eggs.

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- Negron, Ray. ***The Greatest Story Never Told: The Babe and Jackie.*** HarperCollins, 2008. Two young boys who are sick in the hospital decide they do not want to be roommates because of their differences; but when they travel back in time and meet Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson, they change their minds.
- Nevius, Carol. ***Baseball Hour.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2008. All baseball players will enjoy the rhythmic rhyming of this story and photo-like illustrations of children practicing baseball in an effort to build a winning team and, ultimately, a circle of friends.
- Numeroff, Laura and Nate Evans. ***The Jellybeans and the Big Camp Kickoff.*** Abrams Books, 2011. When four friends with different talents and abilities go to summer camp together, they use their strengths to make camp fun for all. *Series*
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia's First Field Trip.*** Greenwillow, 2011. Amelia Bedelia goes with her class to visit a farm, where her literal-mindedness causes confusion along with some laughs.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. A collection of haiku poetry for boys that features poems about tree climbing, kite flying, and other related topics.
- Recorvits, Helen. ***Yoon and the Jade Bracelet.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Although she really would have liked a jump rope for her birthday, Yoon is happy to receive a Korean picture book and a jade bracelet passed down from her grandmother; and when she wears the bracelet to school it seems as if her wish for a jump rope and a friend is about to come true.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot.*** Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.
- Ries, Lori. ***Aggie gets lost.*** Charlesbridge, 2011. Ben is heartbroken when his puppy Aggie goes missing while the two are playing fetch in the park, but he is determined to find his pet. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club.*** Simon Spotlight, 2011. Annie and Henry join the summer reading club at the library, and they vow to be "Book Bugs" for life. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover.*** Simon & Schuster, 2006. Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck.*** Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*
- Sauer, Tammi. ***Chicken Dance.*** Sterling, 2009. Marge and Lola set out to get tickets to the Elvis Poultry concert by winning a farmyard talent contest. What transpires is hilarious!

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- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Army Ant Parade***. Holt, 2002. The animals in the forest prepare for the army ants to swarm over the ground in a thick stream, searching for food.
- Schachner, Judy. ***Skippyjon Jones Class Action***. Dutton, 2011. Skippyjon Jones, the Siamese cat that thinks he is a Chihuahua dog, is determined to attend dog obedience school. *Series*
- Schulman, Janet. ***Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. Recounts the true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City, who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities as bird watchers, tourists, and residents admire the bird and his nest which is built on a Fifth Avenue apartment building.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Robot Zot!*** Simon & Schuster, 2009. Big and bright robots advance and defeat their way through a wonderful yet familiar place.
- Scotton, Rob. ***Splat the Cat***. HarperCollins, 2008. Splat the Cat is nervous about his first day at cat school, but once he arrives he realizes he had nothing to worry about.
- Shannon, David. ***Too Many Toys***. Blue Sky Press, 2008. After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away; but he realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club***. Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*
- Silverman, Erica. ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies***. Harcourt, 2010. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls. *Series*
- Spinelli, Eileen. ***The Best Story***. Dial Books, 2008. When a contest at the local library offers a prize for the best story, a girl tries to write one using her family's suggestions, but her story does not seem right until she listens to her heart.
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble***. First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! Caldecott Medal 1970
- Talbott, Hudson. ***United Tweets of America***. Putnam's, 2008. A collection of detailed illustrations of state birds from all fifty United States.
- Tavares, Matt. ***Mudball***. Candlewick, 2005. During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oyler has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history.
- Thomas, Shelley Moore. ***A Cold Winter's Good Knight***. Dutton, 2008. The Good Knight must remind three little dragons to mind their manners when they arrive at the castle on the night of a fancy ball. *Series*

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- Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth***. Dial Books, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. *Series*
- Watkins, Angela Farris. ***My Uncle Martin's Words for America***. Abrams Books, 2011. Using words and phrases from Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, his niece explains the importance of his message and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement.
- Willems, Mo. ***Edwina: The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct***. Hyperion, 2006. Edwina the friendly neighborhood dinosaur, friend to children and grown-ups alike, finds a foe in young Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie, who insists that she is extinct.
- Winter, Jeanette. ***The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps***. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. This picture book biography of Jane Goodall traces her life from her childhood passion for observing the natural world to her famous studies of chimpanzees in the wild.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates***. Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Pecan Pie Baby***. Putnam's, 2011. Gia's mother is expecting a baby. While everyone else is excited, Gia worries that the "ding-dang baby" is going to change everything.
- Yee, Wong Herbert. ***Mouse and Mole: A Winter Wonderland***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Best friends Mouse and Mole enjoy playing in the snow with Sno-Mouse and Sno-Mole, two more best friends. *Series*
- Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. ***Did Dinosaurs Have Feathers?*** HarperCollins, 2004. This book discusses the discovery and analysis of Archaeopteryx, a feathered dinosaur, which may have been an ancestor of modern birds.
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