

Sunshine State Young Readers JR Books SSYRA Jr 2024-2025 List



Awesome Orange Birthday: A Branches Book (The Party Diaries #1) by Mitali Banerjee Ruths Priya is excited to plan her aunty's birthday party. She will donate the money she makes to help the cutest endangered animal on the planet, the quokka! But the party is this Saturday! With so many items on her to-do list, can she get it all done in time? Priya sends out handmade invitations, makes DIY decorations, and sets an orange-only snacks menu -- including pumpkin samosas! Will Priya's very first party be a success?



Carina Felina by Carmen Agra Deedy

In this Cuban retelling of a classic folktale, Carmen Agra Deedy and Henry Cole merge their talents to create a wickedly funny and inspiring picture book that proves the smallest of creatures can sometimes possess the most surprising strength!



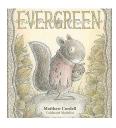
Don't Eat Bees: Life Lessons from Chip the Dog by Dev Petty

Are you a dog in need of advice? Fear not: Chip the dog is ON IT in this super-silly guide to living your best canine life. Chip is seven; he knows things. Like what to eat (important papers, the fancy bird the humans cooked for the fancy dinner, Grandpa's teeth), and what not to eat (bees). He won't get those mixed up, will he?



The Duck Never Blinks by Alex Latimer That duck doesn't blink. Even if you look away then look back real quick. Even if you tell it a really funny joke!

Perfect for fans of interactive stories like Do Not Lick This Book and Duck! Rabbit!, The Duck Never Blinks will have kids and adults alike bawling with laughter as they spend time with this one very sly duck.



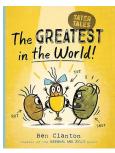
Evergreen by Matthew Cordell

Evergreen the squirrel is afraid of many things: thunder, hawks, and the dark paths of Buckthorn Forest. But when her mother tasks Evergreen with delivering soup to her sick Granny Oak, the little squirrel must face her fears and make the journey. Along the way, Evergreen is met by other forest dwellers - some want to help her, but some want her mother's delicious soup! It's up to Evergreen to stay the course, and those who help her will surprise and delight young readers.



Got Your Nose by Alan Katz

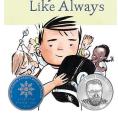
This hilarious new picture book by New York Times bestselling author Alan Katz and Unicorns Are the Worst creator Alex Willan imagines what happens when a good-natured game of "got your nose" goes too far—and one little girl's nose runs free. Becky loves Grandpa Max. When he visits, they have a lot of fun together. But when Grandpa Max pulls his favorite prank on Becky, he accidentally takes her nose—for real!



Greatest in the World by Ben Clanton

Rot is a mutant potato who wakes up feeling great, maybe even...the greatest in the world! But that only makes Rot's brother Snot the grumpiest in the world. The only solution? An epic contest to prove who is the greatest once and for all, judged by the only impartial party they can find—their small fry little sister, Tot.

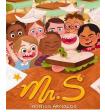
Two spud siblings face off in a series of epic challenges in this first "delightful laugh-on-every-page" (Booklist) installment of a hilariously silly graphic novel chapter book series from the bestselling creator of the Narwhal and Jelly books.



Henry,

Henry, Like Always: Book 1 by Jenn Bailey

Join Henry as he navigates the ups and downs of marker missiles, stomach volcanoes, and days that feel a little too orange. From the creators of the Schneider Family Honor-winning picture book A Friend for Henry, this warmly funny book starring a child on the autism spectrum is a reassuring read for school-bound kids of all stripes.



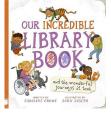
Mr. S: A First Day of School Book by Monica Arnaldo

Prepare for plenty of giggles as a kindergarten class arrives for their first day of school but can't find their teacher—only a delicious-looking sandwich and the words "Mr. S" scribbled on the chalkboard. Chaos ensues as the kids argue whether the sandwich must be their teacher. A comical first-day-of-school book of mayhem and chaos by Monica Arnaldo, perfect for fans of Miss Nelson Is Missing.



My Pet Feet by Josh Funk

A little girl wakes up one day to find that R, a vital piece of the alphabet, has vanished! Suddenly, she has pet feet instead of a ferret. Flocks of cows replace crows flying in the sky. Giant shoes (not shores!) live on the sandy beaches of her town. What could have happened to the eighteenth letter of the alphabet? Did it get lost—or stolen? One way or another, the town needs to be saved!



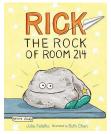
Our Incredible Library Book (and the wonderful journeys it took) by Caroline Crowe The story of one incredible library book and all the children who've borrowed it. Fun, rhyming text from Caroline Crowe and bright, joyful illustrations from New York Times-bestseller John Joseph celebrate a love of books and libraries. Readers will pore over the clever details - hot chocolate rings, a hastily taped page and an accidental splash.



Out of the Blue by Robert Tregoning

In a very blue house, on a very blue street, in his very blue bedroom, sits a little boy who's feeling very blue. He has a secret: he loves the color yellow. And in a world where only blue is allowed, he knows in his heart that loving a different color must be bad.

Can the boy find the courage to share his true self with his dad? Can the world see the benefits of letting everyone love any color they want to?



Rick the Rock of Room 214 by Julie Falatko

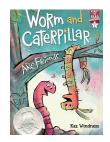
Rick is a rock. For as long as he can remember, he's lived on the Nature Finds shelf in Room 214 alongside an acorn, some moss, and a piece of bark. One day, the teacher shows the class what rocks do outdoors, and Rick is captivated. Exploding out of volcanos? Plunging off cliffs? Now Rick's determined to get outside—after all, he's a rock, and rocks are made for adventure. But when Rick does make his way into the great outdoors, he finds it's not quite what he imagined—and that sometimes the greatest adventure of all is being a friend.



We Are Going to Be Pals! by Mark Teague

In a not-so-simple symbiotic friendship between two pals, Egret does his best to teach Rhino about how to be a friend. Friends eat together, have fun together, and help each other out, right? But they also respect boundaries, recognize their differences, and compromise (sometimes).

When Egret ends up in a sticky situation, it's Rhino to the rescue as this unlikely pair realizes that communication and kindness are the key to any friendship.



Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends: Ready-to-Read Graphics Level 1 by Kaz Windness This heartwarming and affirming Level 1 Ready-to-Read Graphics book celebrates the beauty of true friendship!

Worm and Caterpillar are friends—best friends. Worm loves how they are just alike, but Caterpillar has a feeling there is a big change coming. Then Caterpillar disappears for a while and comes back as Butterfly. Will Butterfly and Worm still be friends?.

Available at www.itzbooks.com