

# Grades K-2 IMAGINE YOUR STORY

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## Picture Books

### **Bowwow Powwow**

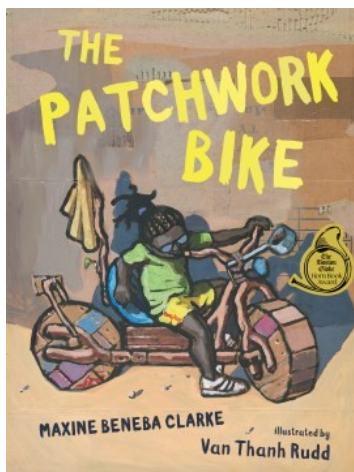
by *Brenda J. Child*

When Wendy Girl attends a powwow, she watches dancers, eats tasty food, and falls asleep under the stars. While asleep Wendy Girl dreams fantastical dreams of magical scenes. AILA, ALA Notable | Lexile: BR160L-425L

### **The Patchwork Bike**

by *Maxine Beneba Clarke*

Readers will follow a child and their brothers as the children use an old milk pot, a used flour sack, and other random items to make the most spectacular bike. | ALA Notable, NCSS  
Lexile: BR160L-425L



### **Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales**

by *Lucy Cousins*

The creator of Maisy brings readers eight classic fairy tales in their own unique style, retaining all of the emotion and humor of the original fairy tales. ALA Notable | Lexile: BR160L-425L

### **Bloom** by *Doreen Cronin*

Banished for the trails of mud and dirt that she can't help but leave behind, the Mud Fairy, Bloom, is nowhere to be found when she's desperately needed by the King and Queen, who live in the glass castle. | Amelia Bloomer Award  
Lexile: 720L

### **The Spiffiest Giant in Town**

by *Julia Donaldson*

George the Giant buys himself a great new set of clothes and looks forward to showing them off. When he encounters a group of animals in need of assistance, George is only happy to help. | CSLP | Lexile: AD600L

### **How to Code a Sandcastle**

by *Josh Funk*

When a girl realized how difficult it may be to build the perfect sandcastle, she decides to break the big task into manageable pieces. | ILA | Lexile: AD530L

### **Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Library** by *Julie Gassman*

Have you ever thought about bringing your dragon to the library? Don't do it! The dragons will cause nothing but trouble. | CSLP  
Lexile: AD560L

### **Julián is a Mermaid**

by *Jessica Love*

When Julián notices three women dressed up, he begins to day dream about dressing up like the ladies. He then dresses up in a mermaid costume of his very own! ILA, ALA Notable | Lexile: 190L

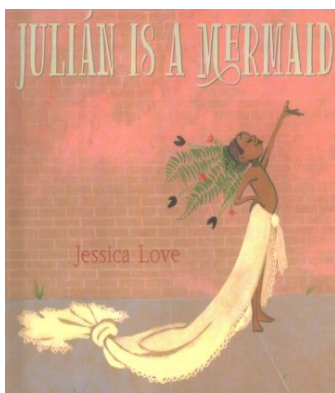
### **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** by *Kevin Noble Maillard*

An intergenerational group of Native Americans gather to make fry bread. Readers learn not only about food, but also about Native communities. | AILA, ALA, CL/R SIG  
Lexile: BR160L-425L

### **Alma and How She Got Her Name**

by *Juana Martinez-Neal*

Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela thinks she has too many names. Alma turns to her dad for answers. | ALA Notable, ILA, NCSS  
Lexile: 490



### **Doña Flor** by *Pat Mora*

As the giant woman of the community, Doña Flor lives a happy life in her quiet Puebla. When a puma comes calling, Doña Flor refuses to let the unwanted creature disturb their world, so she heads out to resolve the problem. | ALA Notable | Lexile: AD650L

### **The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family** by *Ibtihaj Muhammad*

Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab. | Lexile: 500L

### **Perfectly Norman** by *Tom Percival*

Norman was perfectly normal until he grew a pair of wings. Norman loved his new wings, but was very

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### **Mommy's Khimar**

by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

A young Muslim girl spends a busy day wrapped up in her mother's colorful headscarf in this sweet and fanciful picture book. | Booklist Editors Choice, NCSS  
Lexile: AD560L

### **This Book is Gray**

by Lindsay Ward

Gray is never included, he's not even in the rainbow. Gray has decided to make up a great story about a kitten, a wolf, and a hippo in a world where everything and everyone is gray! However, the primary colors begin to show up, and cause some upset. Lexile: 550L



### **The Day You Began**

by Jacqueline Woodson

Children compare themselves to the others around them. Once they are able to set aside their nerves and uncertainties, they realize that what they have in common is more important than their differences. ALA Notable, ILA | Lexile: AD980L

## Early Readers

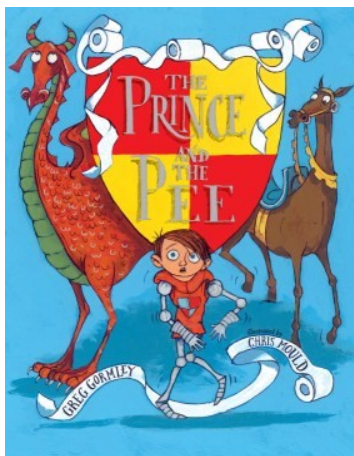
### **A Friend for Dragon** by Dav Pilkey

Lonely, Dragon has made a new friend! When Dragons friend appears to be sick, Dragon demonstrates what it means to be a true friend. | Lexile: 460L

### **Bo's Magical New Friend**

by Rebecca Elliott

In this new Unicorn Diaries series, Bo is a Unicorn with the power to grant wishes. But the one thing Bo wishes for more than anything, is a new friend. | Lexile: 540L



## Retellings

### **The Princess and the Pit Stop**

by Tom Angleberger

When a Princess learns from her Fairy Godmother that she is in last place in a car race against such fairy tale notables as Humpty Dumpty, the Three Bears, and Rumpelstiltskin, she boldly rebuffs defeat and steps on the gas. | ILA  
Lexile: AD630L

### **Sword in the Stove**

by Frank Dormer

Two knights have their dinner plans derailed as they discover various objects in their stove. | CSLP | Lexile: AD260L

### **La Princesa and the Pea**

by Susan Middleton Elya

When El Príncipe meets a girl, he knows that she's the one for him, but his mother disagrees. The queen has a test to see if the girl is truly worthy. ALA Notable, NCTE | Lexile: AD530L

### **The Prince and the Pee** by Greg Gormley

Prince Freddie is off to save the castle from a ferocious dragon, but then, he realizes that he really, really, really, needs to pee. But what scary ogres, damsels in distress, and impossibly long lines for the only bathroom in the forest! | CSLP  
Lexile: AD530L

### **Interstellar Cinderella**

by Deborah Underwood

In this outer space adaptation of the fairy tale in rhyme, Cinderella dreams of becoming a spaceship mechanic. | Amelia Bloomer Award  
Lexile: AD630L

### **Rapunzel** by Bethan Woollvin

A wicked witch has Rapunzel trapped in a tower, but Rapunzel isn't afraid, she has a plan. | Lexile: AD700L

Many of the listed books were recognized as exemplary books by one or more of the following organizations: *American Library Association* (ALA), *Children's Literature & Reading and Special Interest Group* (CL/R SIG), *Collaborative Summer Library Program* (CSLP), *American Indian Library Association* (AILA), *International Literacy Association* (ILA), *National Council for the Social Studies* (NCSS), *National Council of Teachers of English* (NCTE), *National Council of Teachers of Mathematics* (NCTM), *National Science Teachers Association* (NSTA), *American Association of the Advancement of Science* (AAAS), *United States Board on Books for Young People* (USBBY). Other awards as noted.



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## Graphic Novels

### **Noodleheads See the Future** by Ted Arnold

Mac and Mac are absolutely certain Mom will bake them a cake if they gather some firewood for her.

Lexile: GN400L

### **Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt**

by Ben Clanton

Happy-go-lucky Narwhal and nonsense Jelly fish find their inner super heroes in the three new under-the-sea adventures. | CSLP

Lexile: GN510L

### **Where's Halmoni?** By Julie Kim

Two children pay a visit to their grandmother only to discover she's not home. As they search for her, they crawl through a window and discover a fantastical world. | Capitol Choices Award

Lexile: GN320L

## Nonfiction

### **Fly Guy Presents Castles**

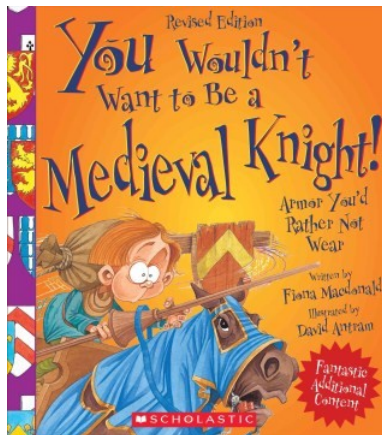
by Tedd Arnold

Fly Guy and Buzz learn all about castles, from drawbridges to dungeons. | Lexile: 680L

### **Forest Has a Song: Poems**

by Amy Ludwig Vanderwater

Explore a variety of poems that invite young readers to explore the outdoors every season. | Lexile: NP



### **John Ronald's Dragon: The Story of J. R. R. Tolkien** by Caroline McAlister

The author presents a picture book biography of the creator of "The Hobbit," relating how he imagined dragons as a boy when life got difficult, and how he manifested them in his writing as an adult. | NCSS

Lexile: IG425L-570L

### **You Wouldn't Want to Be a Medieval Knight**

by Fiona MacDonald

Become the main character and experience the gory, dark side of life throughout the middle ages. | CSLP | Lexile: IG910L

## Folklore

### **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Tall Tales to Read Together** by Mary Ann Hoberman

Readers will relish these new twists on familiar folklore characters, including Johnny Appleseed, Annie Oakley, Paul Bunyan, John Henry, and many more! | CSLP | Lexile: NP

### **Cactus Soup** by Eric Kimmel

When a troop of hungry soldiers stop in a town during the Mexican revolution, they charm the townspeople into helping them make cactus soup! | Lexile: AD580L

## Favorite Authors

Byron Barton  
Margaret Wise Brown  
Anthony Browne  
Eric Carle  
Donald Crews  
Tomie de Paola

P.D. Eastman  
Ed Emberley  
Mem Fox  
Ezra Jack Keats  
Jon Klassen  
James Marshall

Robert McCloskey  
Jon Muth  
Jerry Pinkney  
Peggy Rathmann  
Maurice Sendak  
Dr. Seuss

Davis Shannon  
Williams Steig  
David Wiesner  
Mo Willems  
Karma Wilson  
Jacqueline Woodson

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## Classics and Popular Titles

### **Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang

Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed. | ALA Lexile: NP500L

### **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers, until the weather takes a turn for the worse. | Lexile: AD730L

### **Goodnight Moon**

by Margaret Wise Brown

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air. | Lexile AD360L

### **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?** by Eric Carle

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them. | Lexile AD200L

### **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin

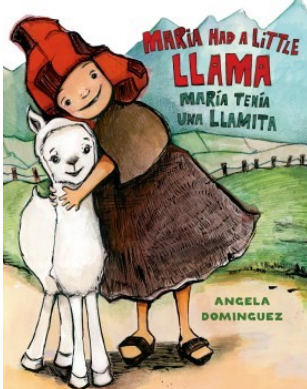
When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. | ALA | Lexile: AD470L

### **Maria Had a Little Llama/María Tenía una Llamita** by Angela Dominguez

In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme set in Peru, Maria takes her llama to school one day. | ALA | Lexile: AD530L

### **Abuela** by Arthur Dorros

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of new York City. | ALA | Lexile: 510L



### **Harold and the Purple Crayon**

by Crockett Johnson

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon. | Lexile AD490L

### **George and Martha** by James Marshall

This popular book relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses. | ALA Lexile: AD530L

### **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**

by Bill Martin

An Alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. | ALA | Lexile: AD530L

### **Make Way for Ducklings**

by Robert McCloskey

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. ALA Lexile: AD710L

### **Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures** by Cynthia Rylant

Feeling lonely, Henry, who lives in a house on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big named Mudge. Lexile: 460L

### **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what *really* happened when he tangled with the three little pigs. | ALA | Lexile: AD510L

### **Caps for Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina

A band of mischievous monkeys steal every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. | Lexile: AD480L

### **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**

by Mo Willems

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place. | ALA Lexile: 280L

