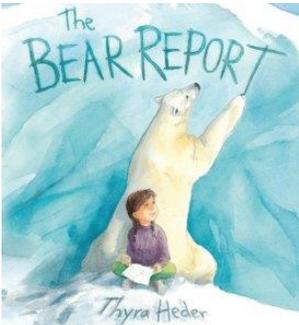


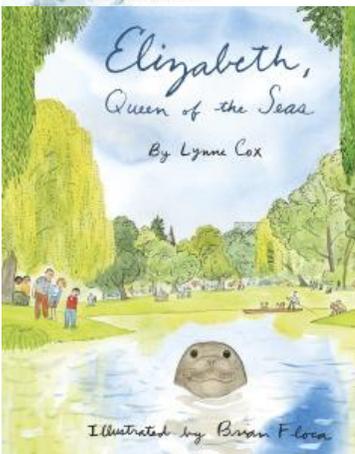
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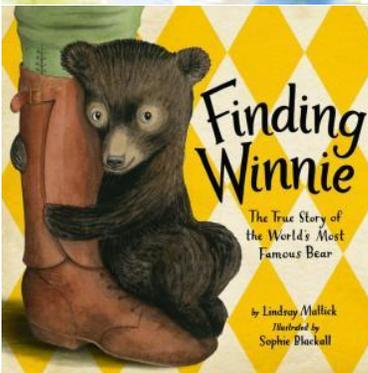
The Bear Report by Thyra Heder Level I

Summary: Sophie is uninterested in writing a research report on polar bears until a polar bear named Olafur swoops her away to the Arctic, where she learns all about the playful bear's habits and habitat, from glacier mice to Northern Lights.



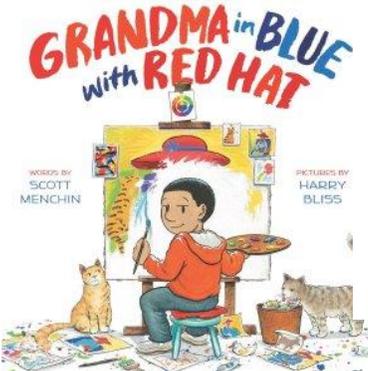
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox Level Q

Summary: Here is the incredible story of Elizabeth, a real-life elephant seal who made her home in the Avon River in Christchurch, New Zealand. When Elizabeth decides to stretch out across a two-lane road, the citizens worry she might get hurt or cause traffic accidents, so a group of volunteers tows her out to sea. But Elizabeth swims all the way back to Christchurch. The volunteers catch her again and again, but, still, Elizabeth finds her way back home.



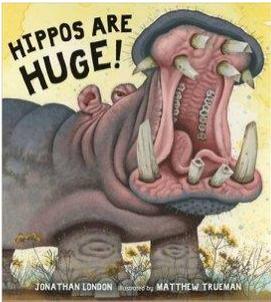
Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick Level O-P

Summary: A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.



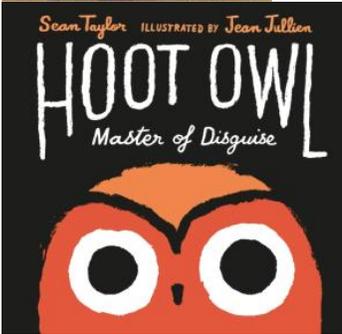
Grandma in Blue with Red Hat by Scott Menchin Level L

Summary: After his teacher says that anything can be in an art exhibition, and his fellow students give many reasons why something might belong in a museum, a child offers his special grandmother as an exhibit but when the curator cites a rule against accepting grandmas, the child has a better



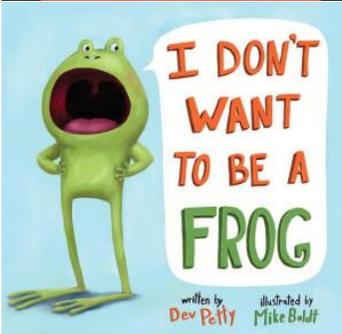
Hippos are HUGE! by Jonathan London Level N

Summary: Hippos may make you laugh, but watch out! An acclaimed naturalist takes an exuberant look at these massive, swift, and super dangerous animals.



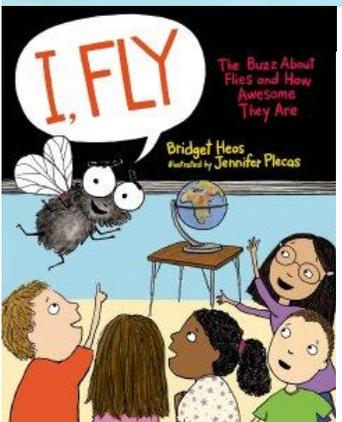
Hoot Owl: Master of Disguise by Sean Taylor Level J

Summary: Hoot Owl, a master of disguise, tries to camouflage himself so he can catch his dinner, but when his prey keeps escaping, he disguises himself as a waiter and catches a pizza instead.



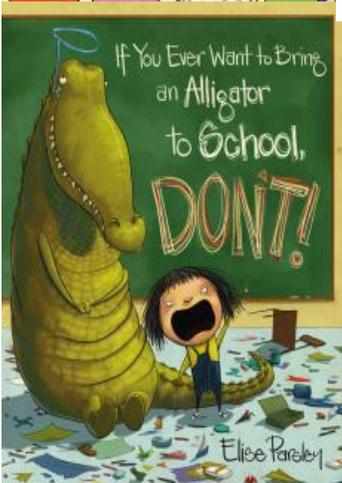
I Don't Want to be a Frog by Dev Petty Level I

Summary: A frog who yearns to be any animal that is cute and warm discovers that being wet, slimy, and full of bugs has its advantages.



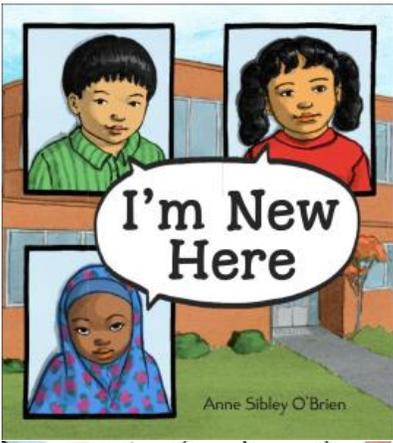
I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are
by Bridget Heos Level O

Summary: Fly is fed up with everyone studying butterflies. Flies are so much cooler! In an unforgettably fun, fact-filled presentation, this lovable (and highly partisan) narrator promotes his species to a sometimes engrossed, sometimes grossed-out, class of kids.



If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!
by Elise Parsley Level Q

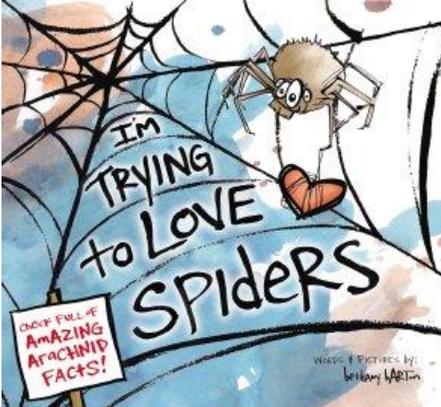
Summary: If your teacher tells you to bring something from nature for show-and-tell, she does *not* want you to bring an alligator! But nothing will stop Magnolia, who's determined to have the best show-and-tell of all--until her reptilian rascalion starts getting her into some major trouble. Now it's up to Magnolia to find a way to send this troublemaker home--but what could *possibly* scare an alligator away?



I'm New Here by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Level I

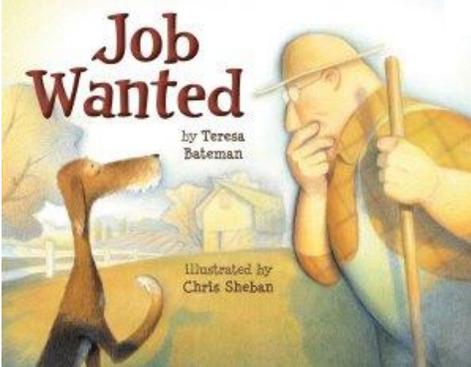
Summary: Maria is from Guatemala, Jin is from Korea, and Fatima is from Somalia. All three are new to their American elementary school, and each has trouble speaking, writing, and sharing ideas in English. Through self-determination and with encouragement from their peers and teachers, the students learn to feel confident and comfortable in their new school without losing a sense of their home country, language, and identity.



I'm Trying to Love Spiders by Bethany Barton

Level J

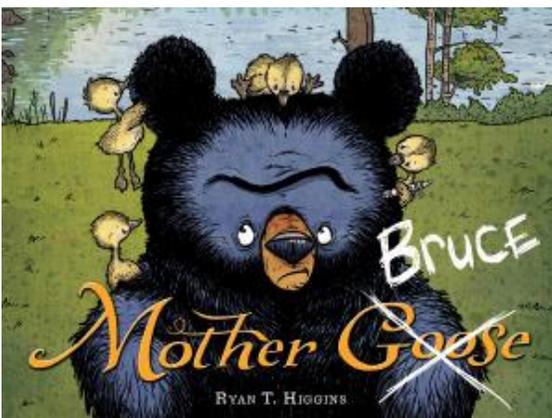
Summary: *I'm Trying to Love Spiders* will help you see these arachnids in a whole new light, from their awesomely excessive eight eyes, to the seventy-five pounds of bugs a spider can eat in a single year! And you're sure to feel better knowing you have a better chance of being struck by lightning than being fatally bit by a spider. Comforting, right? No? Either way, there's heaps more information in here to help you forget your fears . . . or at least laugh a lot!



Job Wanted by Teresa Bateman

Level L

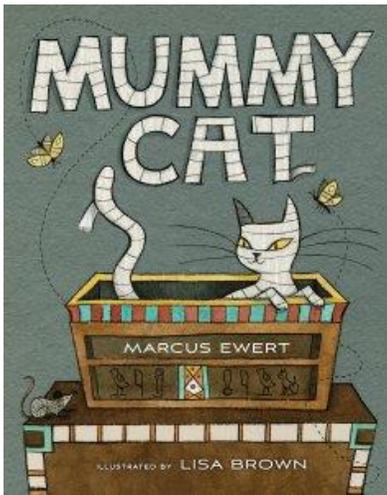
Summary: A sorry-looking hound plods up to a farmer to ask for a job. Dogs just eat and don't give anything back, the farmer gripes. Most animals would be on their way, but this old dog dreams up new tricks to get his way.



Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

Level M

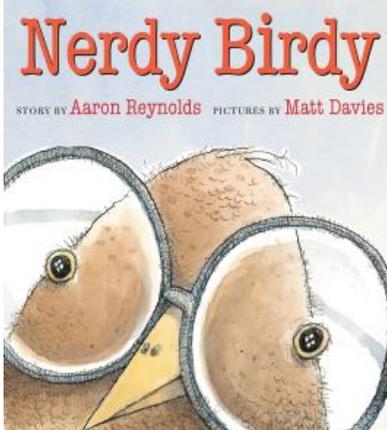
Summary: Bruce the bear likes to keep to himself. That, and eat eggs. But when his hard-boiled goose eggs turn out to be real, live goslings, he starts to lose his appetite. And even worse, the goslings are convinced he's their mother. Bruce tries to get the geese to go south, but he can't seem to rid himself of his new companions. What's a bear to do?



Mummy Cat by Marcus Ewert

Level M

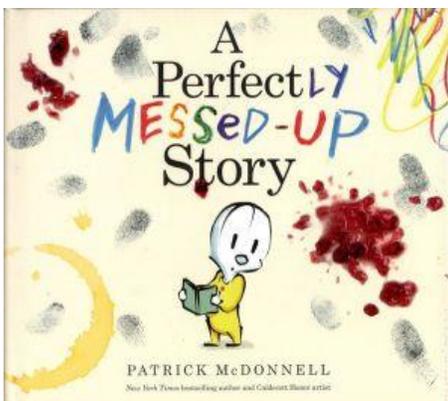
Summary: Mummy Cat prowls his pyramid home, longing for his beloved owner. As he roams the tomb, lavish murals above his head display scenes of the cat with his young Egyptian queen. Hidden hieroglyphs deepen the tale and are explained in an author's note.



Nerdy Birdy Aaron Reynolds

Level N

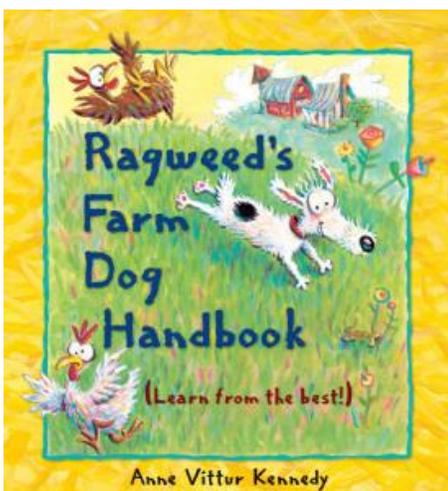
Summary: Nerdy Birdy likes reading, video games, and reading about video games, which immediately disqualifies him for membership in the cool crowd. One thing is clear: being a nerdy birdy is a lonely lifestyle. When he's at his lowest point, Nerdy Birdy meets a flock just like him. He has friends and discovers that there are far more nerdy birdies than cool birdies in the sky.



A Perfectly Messed-Up Story by Patrick McDonnell

Level J

Summary: Louie becomes angry when the story in which he appears is ruined by messes from jelly, peanut butter, and other things that do not belong in books.

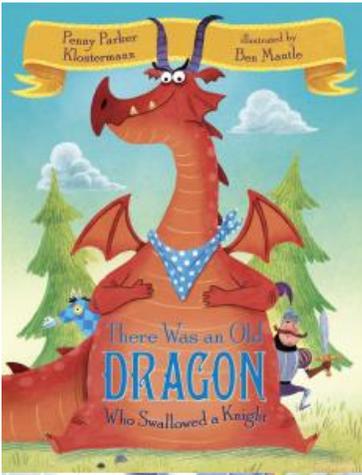


Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook

Level L

by Anne V. Kennedy

Summary: This tongue-in-cheek primer on how to be a good farm dog—and how ignoring the rules may result in a biscuit—is a guaranteed treat.



There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight

Level M

by Penny Klostermann

Summary: We all know that "there was an old lady" who swallowed lots of things. Now meet the old dragon who swallows pretty much an entire kingdom! Will he ever learn a little moderation?

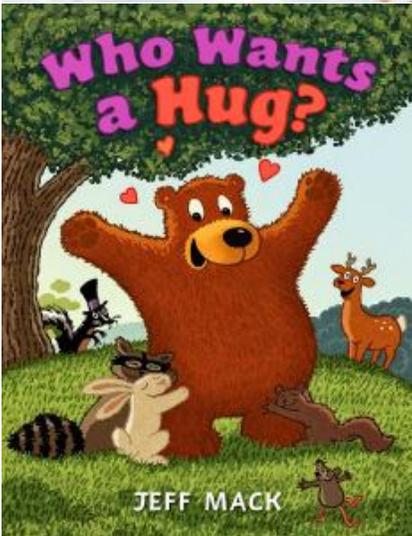


What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night: A Very Messy Adventure

by Refe Tuma

Level M

Summary: You might have noticed weird things happening in your house. Unexplainable messes. Food all over the kitchen floor. Who could the culprits be? Dinosaurs!



Who Wants a Hug? by Jeff Mack

Level I

Summary: Everyone likes Bear except grouchy Skunk, who devises a plan to make Bear stop being happy and hugging others.