

## MINNESOTA HIGHLIGHTS 2011

Books received by the Center for Children and Young Adult Books written and/or illustrated by Minnesota authors and illustrators

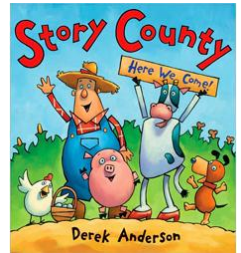
### AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS

Anderson, Derek

*Story County Here We Come!*

Scholastic

Farmer, Chicken, Dog, Pig and Cow work together to build a farm. When they're finished, they fall asleep to Chicken's bedtime story about the five friends who made a farm.

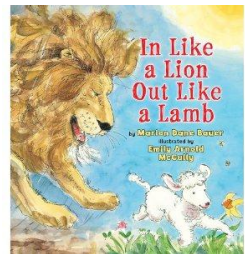


Bauer, Marion Dane

*In Like a Lion Out Like a Lamb*

Holiday House

The early March lion rattles windows, tromps mud across the floor, and howls and growls until the day the air warms, the trees bud and lion sneezes out the lamb of spring.

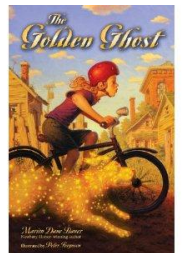


Bauer, Marion Dane

*The Golden Ghost*

Random House

Why is Delsie the only one who can see the strange golden dog that lives in the abandoned house near the old mill?



Bauer, Marion Dane

*The Very Little Princess: Rose's Story*

Random House

Rose is a careless girl and not the best choice to be responsible for a 3 ¼ inch porcelain princess. She insists, however, that she can keep the doll safe, a decision that becomes much harder when Regina comes to life.



Brezenoff, Steve

*Brooklyn, Burning*

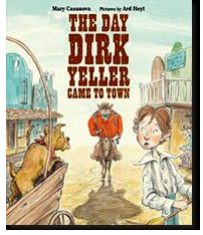
Lerner

Thrown away by parents and living on the street, Kid finds a surrogate family in his friends and experiences first love and loss, all against the backdrop of author Steve Brezenoff's beloved Brooklyn.



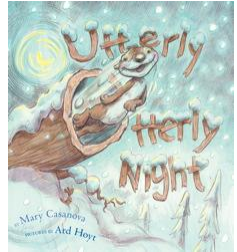
**Casanova, Mary**  
***The Day Dirk Yeller Came to Town***  
Farrar Straus Giroux

When Dirk Yeller comes to town with fingers “a-itchin’ and a twitchin,’” wound-up and looking for something but not knowing what, the townsfolk are scared. Not young Sam, however, who knows exactly where to take the outlaw to calm him down: the library.



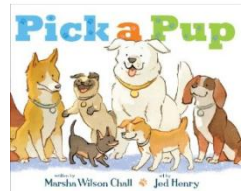
**Casanova, Mary**  
***Utterly Otterly Night***  
Simon & Schuster

In this sequel to *Utterly Otterly Day*, Little Otter and his family head outside to play in the moonlit night, finding both fun and danger.



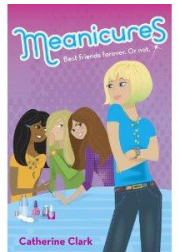
**Chall, Marsha Wilson**  
***Pick a Pup***  
Simon and Schuster

Today is the day Sam gets to pick a puppy from the animal shelter, but with all the different types of pups, how will he decide which one to take home?



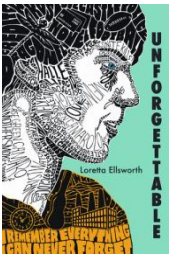
**Clark, Catherine**  
***Meanicures***  
Egmont

Seventh grade finds Madison, Taylor and Olivia the target of former friends and current mean girls Cassidy, Alexis and Kayley. After attempting to break their connection to the mean girls, Madison, Taylor and Olivia turn mean themselves. It's only by reaching out to their former friends that the girls can set things right.



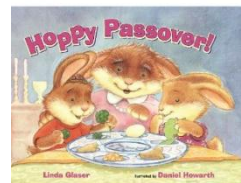
**Ellsworth, Loretta**  
***Unforgettable***  
Bloomsbury

Baxter's mother moves him to the Iron Range of Minnesota so they can leave their past behind. All Baxter wants to do is be like everyone else, but with his photographic memory, it's a struggle to fit in.



**Glaser, Linda**  
***Hoppy Passover!***  
Albert Whitman

Rabbits Violet and Simon celebrate Passover at their grandparents' house. They eat traditional foods, leave a glass of wine for the prophet Elijah, play games and sing.

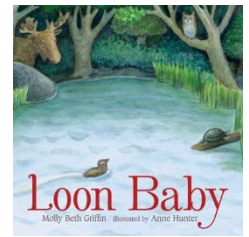


**Griffin, Molly Beth**

***Loon Baby***

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Baby loon has to wait alone on the “little round lake in the great north woods” while his mother dives under the water to search for food.



**Hall, Michael**

***The Perfect Square***

HarperCollins

The perfectly happy square is cut, torn, punched full of holes, shredded, crumpled and shattered and discovers that it can be happy transformed into something new.

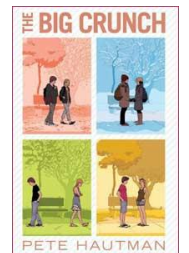


**Hautman, Pete**

***The Big Crunch***

Scholastic

At her sixth school in four years, Jen meets Wes. It's her first love, but then she discovers that she has to move once again.

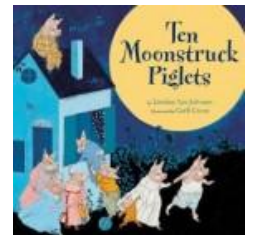


**Johnson, Lindsay**

***Ten Moonstruck Piglets***

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Ten moon struck piglets sneak out at night while their mama's asleep. It's great fun until the moon hides behind a cloud, the piglets get scared and mama has to come rescue them.

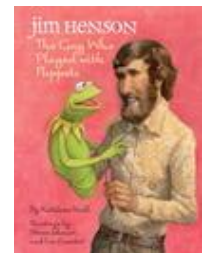


**Johnson, Steve and Lou Fancher, illustrators**

***Jim Henson: The Guy Who Played with Puppets***, by Kathleen Krull

Random House

Growing up, Jim had a big imagination and wanted to make people laugh. As creator of the muppets and the beloved characters on Sesame Street, he had the chance to fulfill those dreams.



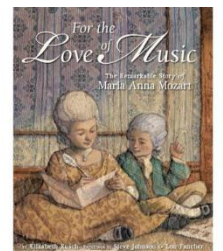
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***For the Love of Music: The Remarkable Story of Maria Anna Mozart***, by Elizabeth

Rusch

Random House

Maria was a musical prodigy and the earliest inspiration for her younger brother, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

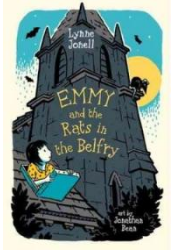


**Jonell, Lynne**

***Emmy and the Rats in the Belfry***

Henry Holt

Emmy Addison, the girl who can talk to rodents, is back in this third book of the series. This time Emmy is staying with her aunts in Schenectady and hoping for some peace and quiet. Unfortunately, her former nanny and nemesis Miss Barny has other ideas.



**Lichtenheld, Tom**

***Cloudette***

Tom Lichtenheld

Mostly Cloudette didn't mind being a little cloud, but sometimes she wished she could contribute to huge storms, water crops and make rivers flow. When she gets blown to a new neighborhood and sees a chance to help another, Cloudette discovers that even little clouds can do important things.

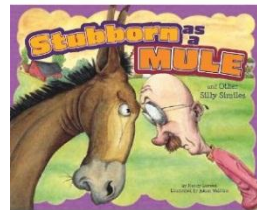


**Loewen, Nancy**

***Stubborn as a Mule and Other Silly Similes***

Capstone

In this exploration of similes, Mr. Moe is bald as an egg and thin as a rail. With lines moving at a snail's pace and thunder as loud as thunder, Mr. Moe's having a difficult day until he sees his granddaughter. Now, he's happy as a lark.



**McGhee, Alison**

***Making a Friend***

Simon & Schuster

A young boy makes a snowman, who becomes a cherished friend. After the snowman melts, the boy misses his friend. The snowman becomes part of the rain, the ocean, the fog and the frost, until the next winter when the boy can make the snowman once again.

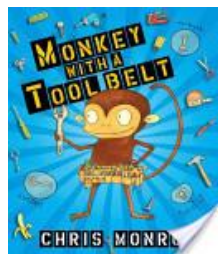


**Monroe, Chris**

***Monkey with a Tool Belt***

Lerner

Chico is a monkey with a tool belt, which comes in handy after he's kidnaped by the evil organ grinder from the circus. A drill, a tape measure and even a kazoo are put to good use as Chico plans his escape.

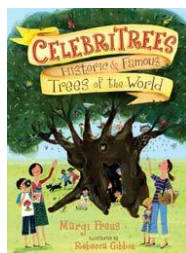


**Preus, Margi**

***Celebritrees: Historic and Famous Trees of the World***

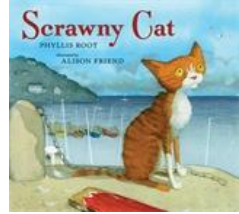
Henry Holt

A look at fourteen famous trees, from the Bristlecone Pine known as Methuselah that has seen more than 1.75 million sunrises to the Moon trees, grown from seeds that travelled to the space and back on Apollo 14.



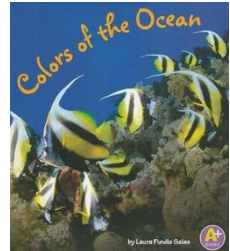
**Root, Phyllis**  
***Scrawny Cat***  
Candlewick

He knows his name isn't "Get Out of Here," but that's what everyone calls Scrawny cat when he tries to find food or a warm place to sleep. After he jumps in a dinghy to get out of the rain, Scrawny can finds himself with a new home and a new person to belong to.



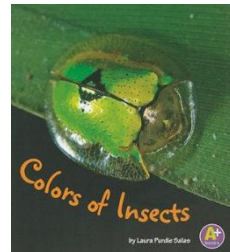
**Salas, Laura Purdie**  
***Colors of the Ocean***  
Capstone

Pink coral, purple and red sea cucumbers and green kelp: these are some of the colors of the ocean that you can find hidden beneath the blue waves.



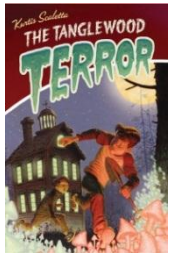
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***Colors of Insects***  
Capstone

This book explores the wide variety of colors found in the insect world, whether bright or dull, metallic or matte. Bugs even come in pink.



**Scaletta, Kurtis**  
***The Tanglewood Terror***  
Random House

When the town of Tanglewood, Maine is in danger of being overrun by a glowing fungus, 13 year-old Eric, his brother Brian and boarding school runaway Mandy race to solve the mystery and save the town.



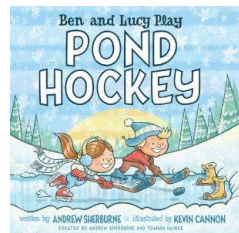
**Schmatz, Pat**  
***Bluefish***  
Candlewick

New student Travis is quiet, quick to anger, and hiding the fact that he can't read. Classmate Velveeta is loud, flamboyant, and carrying secrets of her own. Each reeling from the loss of a loved one, they need to learn to trust one another so they can both heal and move forward.



**Sherburne, Andrew**  
***Ben and Lucy Play Pond Hockey***  
Beaver's Pond Press

Ben and Lucy participate in the time-honored Minnesota winter tradition of playing pond hockey with friends.

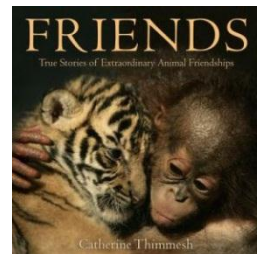


**Thimmesh, Catherine**

***Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships***

Houghton Mifflin

An orangutan and a stray cat. A pig and a lion cub. An owl and a basset hound. This book is a celebration of the friendships that have developed in the most unusual of places and among the most unlikely of pairs.

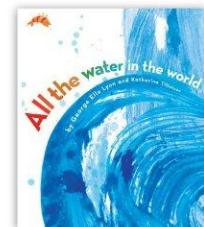


**Tillotson, Katherine**, illustrator

***All the Water in the World***, by George Ella Lyon

Simon & Schuster

A look at water, from the hose to pools to the air and to rain, where it falls back to earth and helps things grow.



**Urdahl, Catherine**

***Polka-dot Fixes Kindergarten***

Charlesbridge

Grandpa usually fixes everything, but it's Polka-Dot's first day of kindergarten and Grandpa won't be there. The fix-it kit she brings to school just makes things worse, until Polka-Dot is able to help a classmate in trouble.



**Ursu, Anne**

***Breadcrumbs***

HarperCollins

Hazel and Jack are best friends, until the day a piece of evil glass lands in Jack's eye, his heart is frozen and a witch takes him to her ice palace. It's up to Hazel to venture into the woods and try to rescue him.



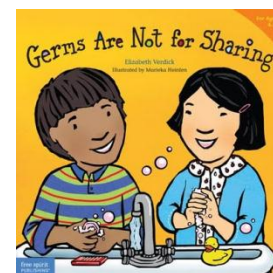
**Verdick, Elizabeth**, author

**Heinlen, Marieka**, illustrator

***Germs are Not for Sharing / Los germen no son para compartir***

Free Spirit Press

Germs are tiny and cannot be seen, but they can make you sick. Discover how germs can be spread, and how they can be stopped. Bilingual: English / Spanish.



**Verdick, Elizabeth**, author

**Heinlen, Marieka**, illustrator

***On-the-Go Time***

Free Sprit Press

This board books helps parents and toddlers navigate the steps of the sometime difficult task of running errands, including getting ready (going to the bathroom, getting snacks, dressing for outside) and expectations on the go (including car seat use and inside voices.)

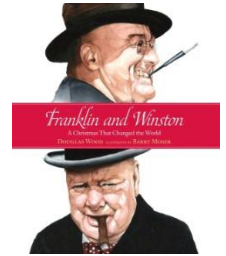


**Wood, Douglas**

***Franklin and Winston: A Christmas That Changed the World***

Candlewick

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill travelled to America to spend Christmas with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the White House. Out of this visit emerged a strong friendship and the greatest military alliance in history.

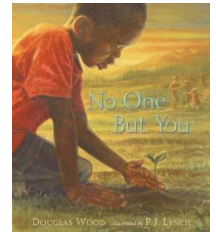


**Wood, Douglas**

***No One But You***

Candlewick

No one but you can experience the treasures of nature firsthand, through your fingers, toes, eyes, ears, nose and tongue.



**Ylvisaker, Anne**

***The Luck of the Buttons***

Candlewick

In the small town of Goodhue, Iowa, in 1929, the Buttons are an unlucky family and they like it that way. However, twelve year old Tugs Buttons' unlikely friendship with the popular Aggie Millhouse may change all that.

