

The Bear Ate Your Sandwich
Julia Sarcone-Roach
Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2015
40 Pages

SUMMARY:

The narrator tells the story of how a bear goes on a long journey and happens to eat a sandwich. Did the bear really eat the sandwich?

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear, Lindsay Mattick

Waiting, Kevin Henkes

Goodnight Already!, Jory John

Mother Bruce, Ryan T. Higgins

WEBSITES:

San Diego Zoo Kids, Brown Bear, <http://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/mammals/brown-bear>, is a website designed for an audience of young children giving photos and information bits about brown bears.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytic0U2WAZ4s> is a video featuring Michael Rosen reciting with actions the poem "We're Going on a Bear Hunt."

BOOKTALK:

Bear goes on a wonderful journey and gets lost at the park. Finally, he finds his way home. Read this book to find out if Bear really ate the sandwich.

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The Bear Report

Thyra Heder

Abrams Books, 2015

32 pages

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 the Northern Lights.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Bear Can Dance by Suzanne Bloom

Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World

The Last Polar Bear by Jean Craighead George

Panda and Polar Bear by Matthew Baek

Polar Bears and the Arctic by Mary Pope Osborne

WEBSITES:

National Geographic Kids Polar Bear, <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/polar-bear/#polar-bear-cub-on-mom.jpg> This website features information about polar bears in a kid-friendly format. It has maps, videos, and photos of this popular kind of bear.

Thyra Heder: illustration <http://thyraheder.com/> This is the author/illustrator's website. Go here for more information about Thyra Heder's picture books.

BOOKTALK:

Polar bears.....how interesting can they possibly be? Sophie thinks her research report on polar bears is no fun, until.....suddenly, there is a BEAR in her house! What would YOU DO with a polar bear in your house? Would you take a selfie or maybe hide, or possibly scream??? Sophie does something different. She goes on an adventure with this bear named Olafur. Olafur leads Sophie on an Arctic expedition where she speaks to a whale, sees Olafur's glacier mouse and watches a spectacular light show. Sophie learns that research can actually be a lot of fun! Let's go on that adventure with her, go ahead, read *The Bear Report*.

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Beatrix Potter and Her Paintbox

David McPhail

Henry Holt and Company, 2015

34 pages

SUMMARY:

All her life, Beatrix Potter loved to paint. From a young age, she painted the bunnies, mice, and other pets who populated her family home. These characters later populated her stories, which are beloved the whole world over. With beautiful scenes rich-in-detail, David McPhail transports us to the charming, English countryside, and the wonderful world of Beatrix Potter.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Beatrix Potter, by Charlotte Guillain (biography)

The Tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter

Around the Year, by Tasha Tudor

WEBSITES:

Peter Rabbit, <http://www.peterrabbit.com/about-beatrix-potter/>, gives biographical information about the author/artist, listing of books, games, animations, and more

BOOKTALK:

Have you ever imagined that animals could talk? What do you imagine they would say? Do they have adventures just like you and me? Well... in the author Beatrix Potter's tales, they do! Beatrix created dozens of little books, filled with tiny woodland creatures like mice, rabbits, moles, and ducklings. Through her stories, we get a glimpse into the hearts and homes of some adorable and adventurous little characters. In this biography, you can learn about the talented author and artist, Beatrix Potter, who is sure to spark your imagination and creativity.

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Billy's Booger: A Memoir (sorta)

William Joyce

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015

40 pages (plus 12 pages for Billy's book)

SUMMARY:

A young boy who would rather draw than do math, spell, or gargle finds the perfect outlet for his always-on imagination in this manifesto to creative *joie de vivre*, featuring a book within a book, from the brilliant minds that brought you *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*. Billy loves to draw. He draws on books and on his homework and even on his math tests; he might not get the answer right, but doesn't it look swell sitting in a boat at sea? His teacher doesn't think so, and neither does the principal. However, the librarian has an idea that just might help Billy better direct his illustrative energies: a book-making contest! Billy gets right to work, reading everything he can about meteors, mythology, space travel, and...mucus? His book is going to be about the world's smartest booger, who stays tucked away until needed--say, to solve multiplication problems, or answer questions from the president. Billy's sure his story is a winner, but being a winner doesn't mean you always win.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY. . .

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore, William Joyce

Jack Frost (The Guardians of Childhood), William Joyce

The Numberlys, William Joyce

WEBSITES:

Billy's Booger Activity Guide, This web address links you to a pdf guide created for teachers. There are eleven suggestions for use in the classroom.

http://d28hgpr18am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/15422/billy's%20booger%20activity%20guide.pdf

Moon Bot Studios Press Kit, This website for William Joyce and provides videos about the book.

<http://moonbotstudios.com/pr/kits/sheet.php?p=Billy%27s%20Booger>

BOOKTALK:

This inspiring and highly entertaining picture book is about the young William (Billy) Joyce. This book is about Billy's childhood. Children will fall in love with Billy's overactive imagination, unconventional antics, and his determination to march to his own drum beat. It is also a story about Billy's first attempts to write his first book, *Billy's Booger: The Memoir of a Little Green Nose Buddy*. The original fourth grade book is inserted inside the book on manila paper. Billy's story is packed with spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors which adds a certain charm to reading about the super booger that gives Billy amazing super powers in math. Joyce's book carries a very strong message for children not to give up on their dreams and be true to themselves. It also emphasizes that not everyone will like your work (especially teachers and librarians), but that doesn't mean that there isn't an audience out there. There's a great ending to this story, but you'll have to read the book to find out.

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First Grade Dropout

Audrey Vernick
Clarion Books, 2015
32 pages

SUMMARY:

A boy decides he can never return to Lakeview Elementary School after the most embarrassing moment in his life has just happened. He starts to think of ways to avoid his shame: magic or maybe a time machine would help? However, he finally decides he must drop out, of first grade! This is a great book to read with students in helping them deal with embarrassing moments, how to be a good friend, and laugh at yourself.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

What James Said, Liz Rosenburg
First Grade Stinks, Mary Ann Rodman
The Invisible Boy, Trudy Ludwig

WEBSITES:

Audrey Vernick, <http://www.audreyvernick.com> this website is the author's website. Great information about the author and her work.

Teacher Vision, "Friendship Printables" <https://www.teachervision.com/social-groups/printable/72547.html>, this website has several different printables that can be used on a lesson about friendship.

Friendship Activities, <http://www.healthline.com/health/parenting/friendship-activities#2> this website has a list of friendship building games for all different age levels, from preschool through high school.

BOOKTALK:

I can't believe this just happened!!! This is worst thing that has every happened in my life! What am I going to do? Can I find a magic wand? Invent a time machine? I can never go back! What will the kids at school say? Oh no! Here they come now... that settles it.... I will just have to drop out of school. I will just have to be a First Grade Dropout!

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Goodnight Already!

By Jory John

HarperCollins (December 2, 2014)

32 pages

SUMMARY:

Bear and Duck are friends. Duck even has a key to Bear's house. But Duck crosses the line when he constantly disturbs Bear who is trying to sleep. The funny text will engage the very young reader, but the ending will surprise them. This book is colorful and delightful to share as a read-a-loud.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown

The Going-To-Bed Book Board Book, Sandra Boynton

Llama, Llama Red Pajama, Anna Dewdney

Time for Bed, Mem Fox

WEBSITES:

All About Sleep <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/sleep.html>

This website is designed for school-age *kids* to show how they need 10 to 11 hours of sleep each night. It also addresses bedtime problems that can start at an early age for a variety of reasons.

Excessive Sleepiness <https://sleepfoundation.org/excessivesleepiness/content/causes> This website gives several underlying reasons for being sleepy.

8 Fun Games to End Bedtime Struggles

<http://www.parenting.com/article/8-fun-games-to-end-bedtime-struggles> Who says bedtime has to be a struggle? With these eight ideas, you can disguise your get-them-to-sleep agenda in a cloak of fun, squeeze in precious family time (even during the week!), and lead everyone from a relaxing evening to sweet dreams.

BOOKTALK:

There is always something or someone that may stand in the way of you and your sleep. Being without sleep can cause you to be very grumpy. In this story, *Goodnight Already!* by Jory John, Bear tries to get sleep but finds it hard to do because of his nagging neighbor Duck. Will Bear ever get any sleep? Will Duck stay awake all night? Very young readers will find the illustrations delightful, the text simple, and the story funny. There is no way children will not want to go to sleep after reading about the adventures of Bear and Duck.

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Grandma in Blue with Red Hat

Written By Scott Menchin

Illustrated By Harry Bliss

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015

32 pages

SUMMARY:

A young boy learns about what makes art special-it's beautiful, different, and makes you feel emotions. He decides that his grandmother also meets that criteria. He tries to donate his grandmother, but the museum curator says they do not accept grandmothers. He, then, decides to have an art show with his grandmother as the featured subject.

SUGGESTED READING DATE: September is Grandparents' Month and Grandparents' Day is also in September.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY. . .

Bridget's Beret by Tom Lichtenheld

Camille and the Sunflowers : a story about Vincent van Gogh by Laurence Anholt.

The Art Lesson by Tommie dePaola

WEBSITES:

Children's Choice Award: Grandma in the Blue with Red Hat

<https://childrenschoiceaward.wikispaces.com/Grandma+in+Blue+with+Red+Hat>

There are two activity packets available to download from the Washington State Children's Choice Award page.

Daumier, Honore: Scholastic Art, <http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3754386>

Scholastic article about the Illustrator's favorite artist

BOOKTALK:

Did you know that art should speak to you? Well, a boy about your age was learning about art in a class and feels that a person in his life has all of the qualities of a great piece of art: his grandma. After his first plan falls through he discovers a way to express his love for his grandmother through art.

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I Don't Want to Be a Frog

Dev Petty

Doubleday Books for Young Readers, 2015

24 pages

SUMMARY:

A young frog has a conversation with his father. He goes through several animals stating that he wants to be a cat, pig, rabbit etc. In the end he realizes the virtues of being a frog.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Ah ha! by Jack Mack

Too Many Frogs by Ann Hassett

I'm Trying to Love Spiders" (It isn't easy.) by Bethany Barton

WEBSITES:

Random House Kids, https://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/IDontWantFrog_Kit_Brochure_WEB.pdf

This website includes pre-reading activities and then offers several activities to complete after reading which involve art and writing. These activities allow students to use events in the story to evaluate their own talents and unique skills. This website also includes a song and link to a You Tube sing-a-long that goes with the book.

BOOKTALK:

This is a humorous story that is enjoyable and lighthearted. A young frog repeatedly asks his father if he could be another animal and the father patiently responds "no" because he is a frog. In the end, the frog realizes that all creatures are made just right for a purpose. Discussions about the uniqueness of each child with his or her own talents and skills will most likely follow the reading of this book. The illustrations are colorful and clearly show the emotions of the little frog and his father.

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I Yam a Donkey!

Cece Bell

Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015

32 pages

SUMMARY:

Hilarity and confusion are the name of the game when a silly donkey and a grammatically persnickety yam cross paths.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

How to Speak Politely and Why, Munro Leaf

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, William Steig

Who's On First, Bud Abbott

WEBSITES:

Cece Bell: A Website About Nuts, Nits, Gnats, Nets, Knots, and Oh Yeah, Cece Bell's Books!

<https://cecebell.wordpress.com/>

Learn about author/illustrator, Cece Bell and her books.

The ESOL Mentor Teacher: I Yam a Donkey!

<https://theesolmentor.wordpress.com/2016/03/23/i-yam-a-donkey-by-cece-bell/>

Fun Reader's Theatre suggestions to use with this book.

What's the Difference Between a Sweet Potato and a Yam?

<http://www.ncsweetpotatoes.com/sweet-potatoes-101/difference-between-yam-and-sweet-potato/>

From the North Carolina SweetPotato Commission Foundation, this page answers the question they pose as the title of this page.

BOOKTALK:

(wear donkey ears and use a yam as prop, if possible)

I'll bet you all know what I am (a donkey), but do you know what this is (hold up yam)? Well..

what if I told you I yam a donkey? Well that's what the donkey in this book told a very, very

smart yam. That yam, who detests poor grammar was fit to be tied, trying to explain the

donkey's mistake to him. With this book, that is part "Who's on First," part Ameila Bedelia, and

completely hilarious, you'll hee-haw all the way to the end as yam tries to set donkey straight.

When it's all said and done, you might just shake your head and say, "I yam what I yam!"

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I'm Trying to Love Spiders

Bethany Barton

Viking, 2015

32 pages

SUMMARY:

This fresh and funny nonfiction picture book shares lots of fascinating facts about spiders in an entirely captivating way. If *I'm Trying to Love Spiders* doesn't cure your spider phobia, it'll at least make you appreciate how amazing they are...and laugh a lot as you learn about them.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Spinning Spiders, Melvin Berger

Tarantula vs. Scorpion, Jerry Pallotta

Spiders, Seymour Simon

Spidermania: Friends on the Web, Alexandra Siy

WEBSITES:

Easy Science for Kids

<http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-spiders/>

This kid friendly site includes brief facts about spiders, photographs, a video and a Q&A section.

DLTK's KidZone: Spiders

<http://www.kidzone.ws/lw/spiders/index.htm>

This elementary website includes facts, photos, and a video of many species of spiders. It is easy to navigate for young students.

BOOKTALK:

Do you know anyone who is afraid of spiders? Could it possibly be you? If so, this is the book for you (or your scared friends). The narrator of this book is desperately trying to overcome a fear of spiders, but as you will see the battle is real. You will laugh out loud while learning lots of cool facts about arachnids. The illustrations and captions will keep you entertained as you discover a strange truth - nonfiction books can be just as funny as fiction books! Readers of all ages are sure to enjoy this one-of-a-kind spidery adventure with a surprise ending.

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I Will Never Get a Star on Mrs. Benson's Blackboard

Jennifer K. Mann

Candlewick Press, 2015

40 pages

SUMMARY:

Mrs. Benson, Rose's second grade teacher, puts stars on the board for good spelling, neatness, and correct answers. Because Rose is so busy daydreaming and painting, she struggles in class, and worries that she will never be able to earn a star, until she makes an oversized card that reflects her own artistic talents.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Kevin Henkes

First Day Jitters, Julie Danneberg

First Grade Dropout, Audrey Vernick

Franklin is Messy, Paulette Bourgeois

WEBSITES:

Jennifer K. Mann, <http://www.jenniferkmann.com/>, website of **Jennifer K. Mann**-children's book author and illustrator.

Candlewick Press,

<http://candlewick.com/cat.asp?browse=Title&mode=book&isbn=0763692999&pix=y>, information about book, such as summary and awards.

Watch. Connect. Read.: Author-illustrator Jennifer K. Mann,

<http://mrschureads.blogspot.com/2015/05/author-illustrator-jennifer-k-mann.html>, exploring children's literature through book trailers

BOOKTALK:

I Will Never Get a Star on Mrs. Benson's Blackboard is perfect for any students who feels like he just cannot quite get it right in the classroom. It teaches students that while you may struggle in some areas, you can succeed in others. Even though you may not be the best in spelling or neatness, your talents of effort and creativity are star-worthy, too.

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The Little Shop of Monsters

R.L. Stine

Little, Brown and Company, 2015

34 pages

SUMMARY:

Two children stroll through the little shop of monsters and come face to face with Stinky, Sleeper-Peeper and other creepy monsters until an unexpected twist at the end.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Fright Club, Ethan Long

I Dare You! Nicole Maubert

I Will Chomp You!, Jory John

The Monster Next Door, David Soman

Worst in Show, William Bee

WEBSITES:

The Little Shop of Monsters Book Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfeCWtIX4Rs>
This link takes you to the publisher's trailer for this book on You Tube.

The Little Shop of Monsters Website: <http://www.thelittleshopofmonsters.com>

This website includes the book trailer, author and illustrator information, and downloads.

BOOKTALK:

Are you afraid of monsters? Have you ever visited a Monster Shop? Join two children as they enter the little shop of monsters and meet creepy monsters in all forms! Will they be able to escape the shop? Will they buy a monster of their own? Would you? Read *The Little Shop of Monsters* to find out and be surprised by the twist at the end!

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Marilyn's Monster

Michelle Knudsen

Candlewick Press, 2015

40 pages

SUMMARY:

Marilyn was the only kid without a monster. Her monster was supposed to find her, but after waiting some time she decides to take matters into her own hands. Setting out to find her monster she discovers that she's been right all along and proves her brother wrong!

IF YOU LIKE THIS BOOK, TRY...

Love Monster, Rachel Bright

The Adventures of Beekle, Dan Santat

Your Alien, Tammi Sauer

WEBSITES:

Michelle Knudsen, <http://www.michelleknudsen.com/index.htm>, author's website which includes biography, books, editing/coaching and information on school visits.

Michelle Knudsen reads "Marilyn's Monster,"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38zCZCqG06M>, video of the author reading her book at the Gaithersburg Book Festival available through You Tube.

BOOKTALK:

Monsters. It's the latest thing and everybody has one. Well, almost everyone. Marilyn's monster still hasn't found her yet. She tries being the best she can be in the hopes of enticing her monster to come to her, but no luck! Frustrated, Marilyn sets out to find her monster on her own. Will she find her monster? Someone else's? Or will she stay lonely and monster-less?

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Mother Bruce
Ryan T. Higgins
Disney-Hyperion, 2015
48 pages

SUMMARY:

Bruce the bear leads a quiet, orderly life. He is particular about his food (organic), his friends (none), and is a determined grouch. That is, until his dinner plans go way off quack—I mean, track. After a slight cooking mishap, Bruce’s dinner eggs become noisy goslings. Bruce tries to return the goslings to their nest, but his unfortunate dinner episode follows him home. There is little that Bruce can do to reclaim his comfortable existence. Like a goose to open water, Bruce’s new babies are sticking around.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Hotel Bruce, by Ryan T. Higgins
I Love You Already!, by Jory John
Goodnight Already!, by Jory John
Wolfie the Bunny, by Ame Dyckman

WEBSITES:

12 Remarkable Interspecies Relationships That Prove Adoption Isn’t Just For Humans
<https://www.thedodo.com/12-remarkable-interspecies-rel-523336558.html> Stories and photos of animals adopting animals of a different species

Mother Bruce, <http://www.unleashingreaders.com/?p=9586> a blog that features reviews, activities, and discussion questions for this story.

Picturebooking Podcast of Ryan Higgins,
<http://www.allthewonders.com/podcasts/ryan-t-higgins-picturebooking-episode-41/> Interview with the author of this book where he describes how he was inspired to be an illustrator.

BOOKTALK:

Bruce the bear likes to keep to himself. That, and eat eggs. When his hard-boiled goose eggs turn out to be real, live goslings though, he starts to lose his appetite. 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?

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Night Animals
Gianna Marino
Viking/Penguin, 2015
32 p.

SUMMARY:

Possum is trying to hide from Night Animals and the sounds they make. His fear catches on as his friends begin to run, but they all realize soon enough that they ARE Night Animals themselves.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY....

The Pigeon Needs a Bath, Mo Willems

Badger's Fancy Meal, Keiko Kasza

Creepy Carrots, Aaron Reynolds

WEBSITES:

Gianna Marino, <http://www.giannamarino.com/> Homepage for author, illustrator, artist Gianna Marino. Includes artwork, booklists, bio and more.

National Geographic Kids, <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> Thorough website for kids to learn more about animals, nocturnal or not.

Green Kid Crafts, <http://www.greenkidcrafts.com/6-nocturnal-animal-crafts/> Project ideas for kids to make nocturnal animals, with step-by-step instructions and pictures.

BOOKTALK:

Are you afraid of the dark? What if it's really dark at night and you hear a sound, like, "Hoooo hoooo" or "Arooooooo?" Well Possum and his friends hear those sounds, and they are running scared in this hilarious book, only to find out that they might be the Night Animals themselves, and that others might be running from them!

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One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia

By Miranda Paul

Millbrook Press (February 1, 2015)

32 pages

SUMMARY:

Plastic bags are a problem in the city of Gambia, but one woman's desire for change helped to revolutionize the course of history. Along with her friends, Isatou Ceesay collected these plastic bags that covered the city and recycled them to make purses, which are sold. Although they are called many unkind names, Isatou refuses to let this stop her and her friends from making their community better.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

The Red Bicycle: The Extraordinary Story of One Ordinary Bicycle (CitizenKid), Jude Isabella

Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya, Donna Jo Napoli

Four Feet, Two Sandals, Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed

Seeds of Change: Wangari's Gift to the World, Jen Cullerton Johnson

WEBSITES:

Queen of Recycling in the Gambia <http://oneplasticbag.com/>

This website celebrates a creative solution to a real-world problem by sharing the life of Isatou Ceesay named "Queen of Recycling in The Gambia" and the many issues dealing with climate change and heroes.

Kids Environment, Kids Health <https://kids.niehs.nih.gov/>

Three great ways kids can eliminate waste and protect their environment!

BOOKTALK:

Have you ever wanted to change a harmful, nasty, or down right wrong situation? Most of the time, problems are just too great to tackle. In this nonfiction book *One Plastic Bag* by Miranda Paul, a Gambian woman disliked what she saw and sought to change it. Pollution was the problem. Plastic bags were littered all over the city of Gambia. Instead of making excuses or talking about how people were making their city look bad, Isatou Ceesay decided to get with friends to make a change. Recycling took a different turn in this city. Children will love her courage and adults will appreciate her drive. No amount of name calling discouraged this woman and her mission. Not only did she beautify the city of Gambia, Isatou earned more than just a name for herself. Find out what else she earned by reading this woman's journey to dealing with climate change.

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Simon's New Bed
Christian Trimmer
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015
32 pages

SUMMARY:

A humorous picture book about a dog's new bed being taken over by a cat.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

The Two Bobbies, Kirby Larson

Houndsley and Katina, James Howe

Dog vs. Cat, Chris Gall

Hondo and Fabian, Peter McCarty

Dogs, Emily Gravett

WEBSITES:

Author Christian Trimmer - Trimmer Tales - <http://www.christiantrimmer.com> this is the author's website that features his blog.

To find out how you can help out dogs who do not have a home, look up your local Humane Society (Google "ASPCA")

<http://www.greenvillehumane.com/>

<http://humanesc.org/>

<https://www.charlestonanimalsociety.org/>

Curious George's Fair Shares Game - <http://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/dogs/> This game features Curious George dividing out treats to dogs so everyone get "his" fair share.

The Sharing Song by Raffi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpB3mEXO6rk> This YouTube video features dogs while Raffi sings about sharing

BOOKTALK:

Simon the dog can't wait to try out his new bed, but Miss Adora Belle the cat beats him to it! How will he get her to leave? Will he ever get to nap in his own bed?

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We Forgot Brock!

Carter Goodrich

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2015

42 pages

SUMMARY:

Phillip and Brock are best friends, although everyone else thinks Brock is imaginary. When Phillip gets tired out at the Big Fair while Brock is still having fun, they are separated and it will take a very special twosome to bring them back together again.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Dory and the Real True Friend, Abby Hanlon

Imaginary Fred, Eion Colfer

Pingo, Brandon Mull

When a Dragon Moves In, Jodi Moore

Dream Friends, You Byun

WEBSITES:

MC Baker, <http://mcbakervt.com/project/we-forgot-brock/>, This page features two craft lesson plans to coordinate with this book

Crayola, <http://www.crayola.com/crafts/imaginary-friend-craft/>, here are directions to make an imaginary friend

PBS Kids, http://www.pbs.org/parents/arthur/activities/acts/imaginary_friends.html, here is a short lesson plan on the subject of imaginary friends

BOOKTALK:

We all need friends, don't we? Even if they're imaginary, they're still friends. Phillip and Brock are best friends. Everyone can see Phillip, but only Phillip can see Brock. A night at the Big Fair is all fun and games until Phillip gets sleepy, heads home, and forgets Brock! Brock misses Phillip. And Phillip misses Brock. Will they reunite? With the help of another pair of pals, they just might. Because even imaginary friends get lost sometimes, finding them is part of the adventure.

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When Otis Courted Mama

Kathi Appelt

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015

31 p.

SUMMARY:

Cardell enjoys his perfectly good life with his daddy on one side of the desert, who can make fantastic jalapeno flapjacks, and his mama on the other side, who is the master hunter and artist. His life is mostly wonderful, until Otis comes to town to court his mama. Cardell thinks for sure that his mama is going to give Otis the boot, but when she doesn't, he has to learn how to accept and love this new member of his blended desert family.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

The Three Armadillies Tuff, by Jackie Mims Hopkins

Marcel, by Eda Akultun

Little Burro, by Jim Arnosky

WEBSITES:

Kathi Appelt, <http://www.kathiappelt.com/home/> The home page for Kathi Appelt, complete with book lists, summaries, activities and biographical information.

Jill McElmurry, <http://www.jillmcelmurry.com/> The home page for illustrator Jill McElmurry, including her list of work, and biographical information.

Little Parachutes, <http://www.littleparachutes.com/> A thorough website that categorizes and summarizes picture books that help children with family changes and challenging situations during the growing-up years.

BOOKTALK:

Has anyone new ever come into your family before? How did you feel about this new person? This is a story of Cardell, who has a perfectly happy life, living with his daddy sometimes, and living with his mama the rest of the time. He loves having her all to himself, until a new coyote named Otis comes along to be his mama's boyfriend. Will Cardell like him? Will Mama say "adios" to this guy, the same way she did with the last two suitors? Or is Otis here in the family to stay? Read to find out!

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Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh

By Sally M. Walker Illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss
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SUMMARY:

Army Veterinarian Harry Colebourn finds a bear for sale in a very unlikely place: a train station! Harry names the bear Winnipeg and she joins him at military training camp in Quebec. When Harry and his fellow soldiers must go to England Winnie joins them. But when Harry gets sent to battle in France, can Winnie go with him?

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY ...

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear, Lindsay Mattick
Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah, Laurie Ann Thompson
Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey, Loree Griffin Burns
Gravity, Jason Chin

WEBSITES:

Sally M Walker, <http://www.sallymwalker.com/winnie.html> On Author's Website, this is the link to her page on this book

Winnie the Pooh Pictures, Information & Fun, <http://www.just-pooh.com/> This website is filled with information about Winnie-the-Pooh, the character. It has history, stories, and activities.

Education World, http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/books-celebrate-winnie-pooh-day.shtml Here is a list of the five original Winnie the Pooh stories by A. A. Milne with summaries of these stories

BOOKTALK:

What would you do if you saw a bear for sale? With only moments before his train left, Army Veterinarian Harry Colebourn made a quick decision to purchase Winnipeg the Bear, a decision that would change his entire life. Winnipeg, whose name was quickly shortened to Winnie, quickly became Harry's best friend. But is a battlefield the right place for a bear? What will happen to Winnie? Find out in *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh*.

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