### BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS

**Grade 1**

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#### PICTURE BOOKS/READ-ALOUDS

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<td><strong>MAE AMONG THE STARS</strong></td>
<td>A story inspired by the first African American woman to travel into space.</td>
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<td>Blackall, Sophie</td>
<td><strong>IF YOU COME TO EARTH</strong></td>
<td>What would an alien need to know if they came to Earth?</td>
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<td>Corchin, D.J.</td>
<td><strong>A THOUSAND NO’S</strong></td>
<td>A little girl uses all the NO’s she hears to turn her idea into an even greater one.</td>
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<td>Flett, Julie</td>
<td><strong>BIRDSONG</strong></td>
<td>A celebration of art, nature, and connections across generations.</td>
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<td>Love, Jessica</td>
<td><strong>JULIAN IS A MERMAID</strong></td>
<td>A glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy filled with wonder.</td>
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<td>Oswald, Pete</td>
<td><strong>HIKE</strong></td>
<td>A father and child hike through the mountains where they witness the magic of the wilderness.</td>
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<td>Veissid, Jacqueline</td>
<td><strong>CASPIAN FINDS A FRIEND</strong></td>
<td>A young boy living in a lighthouse sends a message out to sea.</td>
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<td>Zhang, Kat.</td>
<td><strong>AMY WU AND THE PERFECT BAO</strong></td>
<td>Can Amy make the perfect dumpling?</td>
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#### EARLY READERS/CHAPTER BOOKS

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<td><strong>ATTACK OF THE 50-FOOT FLY GUY</strong></td>
<td>When Fly Guy snacks from a radioactive trash can, he grows fifty feet tall!</td>
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<td>Brown, Jeff.</td>
<td><strong>FLAT STANLEY AND THE BEES</strong></td>
<td>When the fun disrupts a beehive, can Stanley’s flatness save the day?</td>
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<td>Dean, Kimberly &amp; James Dean</td>
<td><strong>PETE THE KITTY AND THE UNICORN’S MISSING COLORS</strong></td>
<td>Stevie the Unicorn has somehow lost all the colors in her rainbow tail!</td>
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<td>DiCamillo, Kate.</td>
<td><strong>EUGENIA LINCOLN AND THE UNEXPECTED PACKAGE</strong></td>
<td>Eugenia Lincoln tries to get rid of an unexpected delivery but nothing works!</td>
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<td>Elliott, Rebecca.</td>
<td><strong>EVA AND BABY MO: A BRANCHES BOOK</strong></td>
<td>Eva offers to babysit her little brother so her parents can go to a sky-dancing competition.</td>
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<td>Higgins, Ryan T.</td>
<td><strong>WHAT ABOUT WORMS?!</strong></td>
<td>Tiger unwittingly helps some worms overcome their fear of tigers, but will a wormy hug aid a fearful Tiger?</td>
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<td>Hills, Ted.</td>
<td><strong>DUCK AND GOOSE: A GIFT FOR GOOSE</strong></td>
<td>Duck has a very nice gift for Goose, and the perfect box to put it in.</td>
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<td>Lerner, Jarrett.</td>
<td><strong>GEEGER THE ROBOT GOES TO SCHOOL</strong></td>
<td>It’s Geeger the Robots first day of school...with humans!</td>
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*Title is one in a series
May, Kyla. **PUG BLASTS OFF***
A pug named Bub needs to stand up to Nutz the squirrel and make things right after Bub accidentally ruins his owner’s rocket project.

Morris, J.E. **FLUBBY IS NOT A GOOD PET***
A large sleepy cat refuses to do the things that other pets do.

Pilkey, Dave. **A FRIEND FOR DRAGON***
Lonely Dragon does everything with this new friend: scary stories, telling jokes, and midnight snacks. But when his friend looks ill, he shows what it is to be a true friend.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **UNI’S FIRST SLEEPOVER***
It’s Uni’s first sleepover! Will she be able to keep up with the other unicorns?

Scotton, Rob. **SPLAT CAT AND THE LEMONADE STAND***
Splat Cat is selling lemonade to buy a ticket to the water park, but when a competitor opens up across the street, he needs to figure out how to beat his rival.

Thomas, Jan. **MY FRIENDS MAKE ME HAPPY***
What is the mysterious thing that starts with the letter F that makes Sheep so happy?

Yolen, Jane. **INTERRUPTING COW***
Cow spends the day looking for audiences to tell his favorite joke to, but not everyone is a fan.

**INFORMATIONAL BOOKS**

Arnold, Tedd. **FLY GUY PRESENTS MONSTER TRUCKS***
Learn all about monster trucks!

Brantley-Newton, Vanessa. **JUST LIKE ME***
A collection of poetry celebrating girls.

Calkhoven, Laurie. **MISTY COPELAND***
An introduction to the first African-American woman to become a principal ballerina.

Chin, Jason. **YOUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE***
Find out how BIG the universe really is!

Cordell, Matthew. **HELLO NEIGHBOR! THE KIND AND CARING WORLD OF MISTER ROGERS***
Fred Rogers believed in kindness, caring, and making friends with our neighbors.

Dennis, Elizabeth. **SHARKS CAN’T SMILE!***
Fun facts about sharks.

Fleming, Candance. **HONEYBEE***
An eye-opening look at the life of the honeybee.

Gibbons, Gail. **MIGRATION***
Explore the many reasons why animals migrate.

Hubbard, Rita Lorraine. **THE OLDEST STUDENT: HOW MARY WALKER LEARNED TO READ***
Imagine learning to read at the age of 116!

Maillard, Kevin Noble. **FRY BREAD: A NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY STORY***
A multigenerational Native American family make fry bread together and reflect on their heritage and the history of Native American people.

Teckentrup, Britta. **LOOK AT THE WEATHER***
A lyrical look at how incredible weather is, from sun and rain, to sunsets and clouds.

**GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR EARLY READERS**

Clanton, Ben. **NARWHAL’S OTTER FRIEND***
Will Jelly lose Narwhal to their new friend Otty?

Cathon. **POPPY & SAM AND THE LEAF THIEF***
Somebody has nibbled Mr. Basil’s leaves and Poppy & Sam set out to find the thief.

Pizzoli, Greg. **BALONEY AND FRIENDS***
Baloney performs questionable magic, braves the swimming pool and gives support to a friend!

Shaskan, Stephen. **PIZZA AND TACO: WHO’S THE BEST?***
Pizza and Taco might be best friends, but they want to know which one of them is the best.

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