BOOKS

ALMA AND HER FAMILY / ALMA Y SU FAMILIA
BY JUANA MARTINEZ-NEAL
CANDLEWICK, 2023
ISBN: 9780763693626
In this bilingual (Spanish and English) board book, Alma expresses love for her family members with a kiss, a squeeze, a song, and more.

ANZU THE GREAT LISTENER
BY BENSON SHUM
ROARING BROOK, 2023
ISBN: 9781250776136
Anzu, a kind and loving kaiju who is also struggling with anxiety, learns the importance of patience and empathy.

BIG KIDS NO EVERYTHING
BY WEDNESDAY KIRWAN
LITTLE SIMON, 2023
ISBN: 9781666932417
Sometimes a "NO" can become a "yes." Kids will have fun exploring different scenarios that are NOT, with all the nuances in between. A great book to explore with kids and help them find their voice.

BUFFALO FLUFFALO
BY BESS KALB, ILLUSTRATED BY ERIN KRAAN
RANDOM HOUSE STUDIO, 2024
ISBN: 9780593564530
Buffalo Fluffalo sure likes to act tough(alo), but a rainstorm shows his true colors in this sweet, rhyming story with beautiful illustrations.

CELEBRATIONS
BY BROOK SITGRAVES TURNER
LITTLE FEMINIST PRESS, 2022
ISBN: 9781734182484
This board book offers a window into the many ways people experience holidays and celebrations, told through real photographs of diverse families.

HOW TO COUNT TO ONE: (AND DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT BIGGER NUMBERS!)
BY CASPAR SALMON, ILLUSTRATED BY MATT HUNT
NOSY CROW, 2023
ISBN: 979887770246
A tricky, silly picture book about counting to one—and only to one.

IN BETWEEN
BY APRIL PULLEY SAYRE, ILLUSTRATED BY APRIL PULLEY SAYRE AND JEFF SAYRE
BEACH LANE, 2023
ISBN: 9781534487819
Beautiful close-up photography and spare poems highlight that even animals have awkward stages and need to be patient as they grow up.

IN THE NIGHT GARDEN
BY CARIN BERGER
NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2023
ISBN: 9780823449866
The dark really is not so scary.

LOOK UP HIGH! THINGS THAT FLY
BY VICTORIA ALLENBY
PAJAMA PRESS, 2023
ISBN: 9781772782905
In this big/little concept book, large photos of various aircraft—from toy planes to water bombers to the space station—are paired with patterned rhyming text and suggested activities.

MILO WALKING
BY JAMES HOWE, ILLUSTRATED BY SAKIKA KIKUCHI
ABRAMS, 2023
ISBN: 9781419755520
Milo and his mother go for a walk on a summer day, and then he goes home to write a story about it. Or are we reading the story he wrote? A beautiful book about observing and loving the world around us.

MISTER KITTY IS LOST!
BY GREG PIZZOLI
LITTLE, BROWN, 2023
ISBN: 9780316056540
This interactive book uses colors and numbers to help preschoolers find the beloved Mister Kitty.

THE NATURE JOURNAL: A BACKYARD ADVENTURE
BY SAVANNAH ALLEN
VIKING, 2023
ISBN: 9780593524930
A boy enjoys foraging in his backyard and creating scrapbooks of his findings, yet he misses his dad’s company while his dad works. After a trip to the attic, he learns that his dad loves nature, too.

ODD BIRDS: MEET NATURE’S WEIRDEST FLOCK
BY LAURA GEHL, ILLUSTRATED BY GARETH LUCAS
ABRAMS APPLESEED, 2022
ISBN: 9781419742231
Young readers are introduced to interesting birds through beautiful illustrations and simple text. Back matter includes photographs of each bird and more interesting facts. Perfect for any budding ornithologist!
ONCE UPON A BOOK
BY GRACE LIN AND KATE MESSNER, ILLUSTRATED BY GRACE LIN
LITTLE, BROWN, 2023
ISBN: 9780316541077
Bored on a snowy day, Alice travels through the pages of her book on a magical adventure that reveals the power of reading.

OUR DRAGON
BY MEM FOX, ILLUSTRATED BY LINDA DAVICK
BEACH LANE, 2023
ISBN: 9781534453333
Two loving and patient parents teach a young dragon to control his fire-breathing, even though accidents can happen.

PLOOF
BY BEN CLANTON AND ANDY CHOU MUSSER
TUNDRA, 2023
ISBN: 9781774881927
Ploof is a cloud with a lot of personality! Young kids will feel like they have a new friend after interacting with Ploof so thoroughly throughout the book.

RAFA COUNTS ON PAPÁ
BY JOE CEPEDA
LITTLE, BROWN, 2022
ISBN: 9780316540896
A boy and his father love to measure things together. How high can the dog jump? How tall is the sandwich? But how do you measure love? A beautiful story of a father and son spending time together.

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SIMON AND THE BETTER BONE
BY COREY R. TABOR
BALZER + BRAY, 2023
ISBN: 9780063275553
This book opens from the top, not the left, in order to accurately portray how difficult life can be when you are a dog.

SUMMER IS FOR COUSINS
BY RAJANI LAROCCA, ILLUSTRATED BY ABHI ALWAR
ABRAMS, 2023
ISBN: 9781419757334
Ravi loves spending vacations by the lake with his cousins, particularly older cousin Dhruv, who shares his love of a special ice cream flavor.

WOMBAT
BY PHILIP BUNTING
CHARLESBRIDGE, 2023
ISBN: 9781623543914
"Wombat. Twobats. Threebats. Morebats" is the beginning of this delightfully designed book. There are more complex representations, too, such as a wombat holding a musical triangle and the word dingbat written in a dingbat font, to amuse grown-ups reading this aloud.

DIGITAL
NATURE NUGGETS
https://pbslearningmedia.org/collection/nature-nuggets/
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SESAME FOR FAMILIES
https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/
Excellent resources, activities, videos, printables, and tips for family conversations and learning are presented on this website from Sesame Workshop. Available in English and Spanish.