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# CHILDREN'S CHOICES

## 2019 Reading List



## Beginning Readers (Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

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**Alex Latimer. Peachtree.**

Are You My Mother? *Are You My Mother?* is a picture book by Alex Latimer. It is a story about a boy who is looking for his mother. The boy is named Alex and he is looking for his mother who is named Mrs. Latimer. The boy is looking for his mother because he is lost. The boy is looking for his mother because he is lost. The boy is looking for his mother because he is lost.

**Jacob Grant. Bloomsbury Children's Books.**

Are You My Mother? *Are You My Mother?* is a picture book by Jacob Grant. It is a story about a boy who is looking for his mother. The boy is named Jacob and he is looking for his mother who is named Mrs. Grant. The boy is looking for his mother because he is lost. The boy is looking for his mother because he is lost. The boy is looking for his mother because he is lost.

Davina Bell. Ill. Allison Colpoys. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

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Anna Llenas. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

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Bob Shea. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

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Tom Booth. Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

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Anna Kang. Ill. Christopher Weyant. Two Lions/Amazon.

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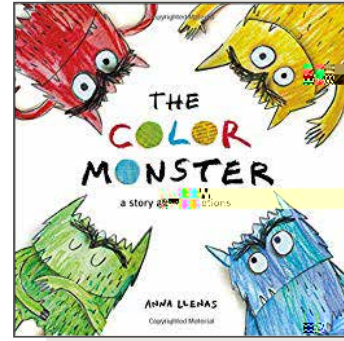
Ethan Long. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

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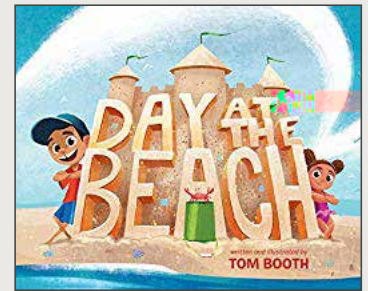
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David Shannon. Blue Sky/Scholastic.

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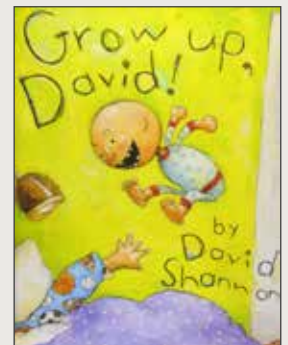
The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions.



Day at the Beach.



Fangsgiving.



Grow Up, David!



Christine Roussey. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

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Naomi Howarth. Lincoln Children's Books/The Quarto Group.

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Trevor Lai. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

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Aaron Blabey. Scholastic Press.

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Tom Angleberger. III. Dan Santat. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

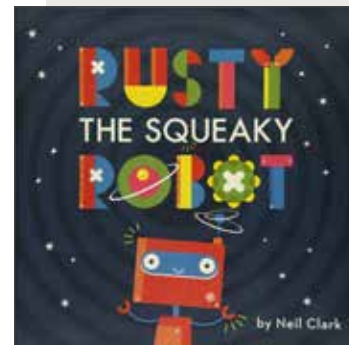
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Kimberly Long Cockroft. III. Mary Grace Corpus. Pelican.

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Neil Clark. Wide Eyed Editions/The Quarto Group.

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**Tom Fletcher. III. Greg Abbott. Random House Books for Young Readers.**

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**Andrew Cangelose. III. Josh Shipley. CubHouse/Lion Forge.**

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**Todd Tarpley. III. Guy Parker-Rees. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.**

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**Steve Antony. Scholastic Press.**

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**Ian McAllister and Nicholas Read. Orca.**

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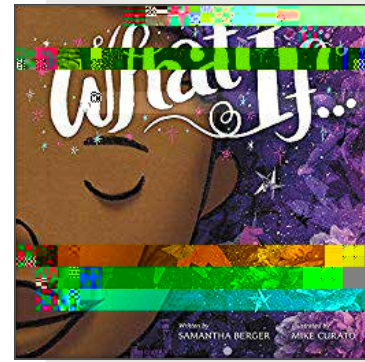
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Samantha Berger. Ill. Mike Curato. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

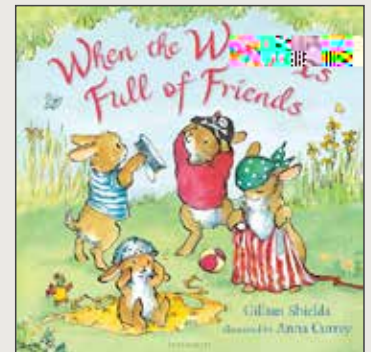
What If...? is a collection of 25 whimsical illustrations by Mike Curato, each depicting a different 'what if' scenario. The illustrations are colorful and imaginative, ranging from a girl with a giant nose to a boy with a giant head.



What If...? by Samantha Berger, illustrated by Mike Curato.

Gillian Shields. Ill. Anna Currey. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

When the World Is Full of Friends is a colorful illustration of a group of animals, including a dog, a cat, and a rabbit, playing together in a field. The scene is bright and cheerful, with a warm, golden light.



When the World Is Full of Friends. by Gillian Shields, illustrated by Anna Currey.

## Young Readers (Grades 3-4, Ages 8-10)

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Jim Gigliotti. Bearport.

Back to the Future: The Classic Illustrated Storybook is a collection of 25 whimsical illustrations by Mike Curato, each depicting a different 'what if' scenario. The illustrations are colorful and imaginative, ranging from a girl with a giant nose to a boy with a giant head.

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Robert Zemeckis and Bob Gale. Ill. Kim Smith. Quirk.

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Back to the Future: The Classic Illustrated Storybook. by Robert Zemeckis and Bob Gale, illustrated by Kim Smith.

Ruth Owen. Bearport.

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Bruno Mars. I Am on Fire.



Deadly Spider Bite! [View this title on Amazon](#)

Joanne Mattern. Capstone Young Readers.

Edventurers is a series of nonfiction books for young readers that focus on various animals and their unique characteristics. The book 'Deadly Spider Bite!' is part of this series and provides information about spiders and their potential dangers to humans.

Ying Chang Compestine. III. David Roberts. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

This book is a collection of illustrations and text that explore the world of insects and their fascinating behaviors. It is designed to be both educational and entertaining for young readers.



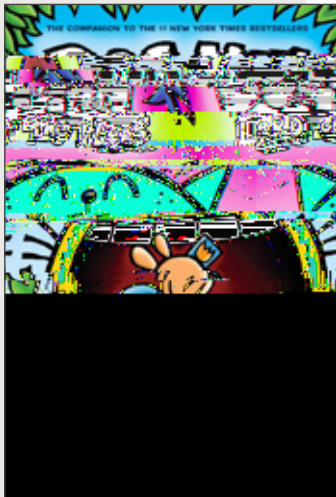
Kevin Blake. Bearport.

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Joyce Markovics. Bearport.

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Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas. [View this title on Amazon](#)

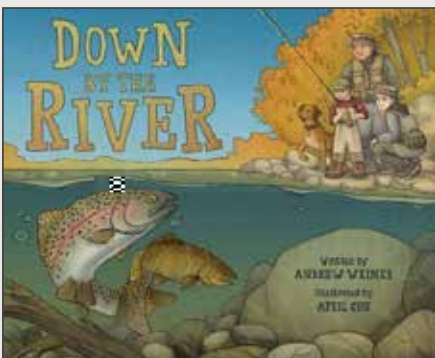
Dav Pilkey. Graphix/Scholastic.

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Andrew Weiner. III. April Chu. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

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Down by the River. [View this title on Amazon](#)







How to Sell Your Family to the Aliens. | <https://www.bloomsbury.com/9781616200000/>

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Paul Noth. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

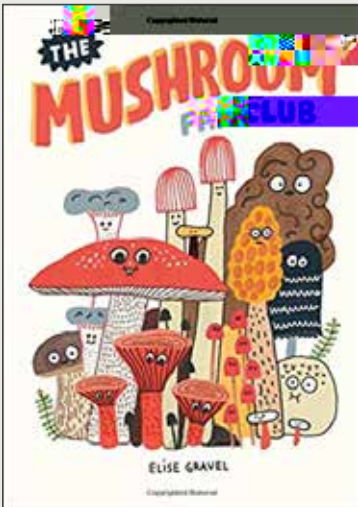
How to Sell Your Family to the Aliens is a hilarious and thought-provoking book by Paul Noth. It tells the story of a boy who is kidnapped by aliens and taken to their planet. The boy is forced to sell his family to the aliens in order to be able to see them again. The book is a great example of how to use humor to explore serious issues.

Jim Gigliotti. Bearport.

Jim Gigliotti's book is a collection of stories that are both funny and touching. The stories are set in a world where the rules are different and the characters are unique. The book is a great read for anyone who enjoys a good story.

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Jennifer Keats Curtis. III. Phyllis Saroff. Arbordale.

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The Mushroom Fan Club. | <https://www.illustrationart.com/author/elise-gravel/>

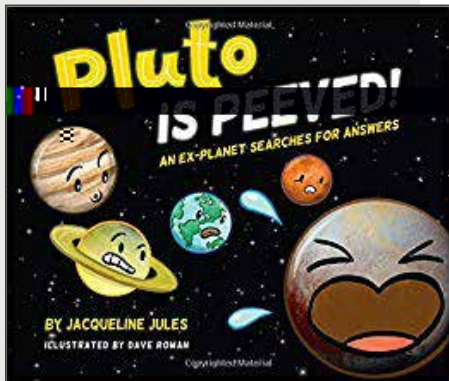
Elise Gravel. Enfant/Drawn & Quarterly.

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E. Merwin. Bearport.

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Pluto Is Peeved! An Ex-Planet Searches for Answers. | <https://www.seagrass.com/9781558534000/>

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Jacqueline Jules. III. Dave Roman. Seagrass/The Quarto Group.

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**Kevin Blake. Bearport.**

Kevin Blake's Bearport is a collection of stories that are both funny and touching. The stories are set in a small town and are about the lives of the people who live there. The stories are written in a simple, straightforward style that is easy to read and understand. The stories are also very relatable and will resonate with many readers.

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**Wendy Hunt. III. Muti. Wide Eyed Editions/The Quarto Group.**

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**Peter Brown. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.**

Peter Brown's The Wild Robot is a story about a robot who is stranded on a remote island. The robot must learn to survive on its own and eventually befriend the animals on the island. The story is written in a simple, straightforward style that is easy to read and understand. The story is also very relatable and will resonate with many readers.

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**Dave Scheidt and Scot McMahon. CubHouse/Lion Forge.**

Dave Scheidt and Scot McMahon's CubHouse/Lion Forge is a collection of stories that are both funny and touching. The stories are set in a small town and are about the lives of the people who live there. The stories are written in a simple, straightforward style that is easy to read and understand. The stories are also very relatable and will resonate with many readers.

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Stewart Foster. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

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Eunice Moyle and Sabrina Moyle. Walter Foster Jr./The Quarto Group.

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Vera Brosgol. First Second/Macmillan Children's

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**Kate Messner. Bloomsbury Children's Books.**

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**Cynthia Kadohata. III. Maurizio Zorat. Atheneum Books For Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.**

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**Ian Flynn. III. Tracy Yardley. Archie Comics.**

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**Rachel Renée Russell. Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.**

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**Elena Delle Donne. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.**

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Jewell Parker Rhodes. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Mike Lupica. Philomel/Penguin Books for Young Readers.

When a boy's father is killed in a car accident, he is left with a mother who is too busy to care for him. He is sent to live with his grandparents, who are also struggling with their own problems. The boy's life is a series of hardships and struggles.

Justin Wagner and Warren Wucinich. Oni.

A young boy is sent to live with his grandparents after his mother dies. He is a mischievous and energetic child who causes a lot of trouble for his grandparents. The story is a humorous and heartwarming tale of a boy's life.

Terri Libenson. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins Children's Books.

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Amy Makechnie. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/  
Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Makechnie's illustrations are simple and elegant, using a limited color palette of blues, greens, and yellows. The characters are drawn with clean lines and a sense of movement, capturing the essence of the story's action.

Gordon Korman. Scholastic Press.

Korman's writing is fast-paced and engaging, with a focus on action and suspense. The story is told from a first-person perspective, which adds to the immediacy of the experience.

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Am I Yours?

Bear's Scare. I

Be Our Guest!

Bye Bye Pesky Fly.

Captain Starfish.

The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions.

Crash, Splash, or Moo S(p)-10.2e Be Bbra

The Boy, the Bird & the Coffin Maker.

Breakout.

Checked.

Cosmo: Vol. 1.

Dork Diaries 13: Tales From a Not-So-Happy Birthday.

Elle of the Ball.

Endling #1: The Last.

Ghost Boys. I

\*Grenade.

\*Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race.

It Wasn't Me.

Kid Normal.

Love, Penelope. I

No Slam Dunk.

\*Pizzasaurus Rex. I

\*Positively Izzy.

Science Comics: Robots and Drones: Past, Present, and Future.

To learn more about the Children's Choices project, including how to participate and to access previous years' reading lists, please visit [literacyworldwide.org/choices](http://literacyworldwide.org/choices).

## About the Children's Book Council

The Children's Book Council (CBC) is the nonprofit trade association for children's book publishers in North America. The CBC offers children's publishers, from smaller independent presses to large international houses, the opportunity to work together on issues of importance to the industry at large, including educational programming, diversity in employment and books, and literacy advocacy. For more information, visit [cbcbooks.org](http://cbcbooks.org).

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**Thank you to the 2018–2019 ILA Children's Choices cochairs, team leaders, and review teams.**

**Project cochairs: Michele Owen, Bryant, AR, and Amy Vessel, Ruston, LA**

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**Stan Steiner (team leader), Boise, ID, and Karen Gabino (trainee), Tucson, AZ**

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## AREA 2

**Terrilyn Lebel Cheney (team leader), Saco, ME**

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