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GSE Level 4

**Unit 1 The Gardener's Roses and The Mightiest**

Title — Author

My Notes

Backyard Birding for Kids – Fran Lee

National Geographic Kids Bird Guide of North America – Jonathan Alderfer

A Backyard Flower Garden for Kids – Amie Jane Leavitt

Gary's Garden – Gary Northfield

Mrs. Ackley's Birds – Paige Parker Byard

Beavers: Dam Builders – Lynn George

Beaver Dams – Nancy Furstinger

Frog and Beaver – Simon James

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt – Kate Messner AD 730L



(ELAGSE4RL10, ELAGSE4RI10, ELAGSE4RF4)



Unit 2 Play by the Rules

Title — Author

My Notes

That Rule Doesn't Apply to Me – Julia Cook

Roscoe Riley Rules series – Katherine Applegate

I Hate Rules – Nancy E. Krulik

Chickens May Not Cross the Road and Other Crazy (But True) Laws – Kathie Linz 820L



What If Everybody Did That? – Colleen M. Madden

Miss Nelson is Missing! – Harry Allard 340L



No Rules for Rex! – Daisy Alberto AD560L



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Unit 3 Exchanging Expectations

Title — Author

My Notes

Soo Yun's Book – Sharon Callen

Katie Kazoo Switcharoo: A Whirlwind Vacation – Nancy Krulik

Kids Around the World Celebrate!: The Best Feasts and Festivals from Many Lands – Lynda Jones

Cook!: The Best Foods and Recipes from Many Lands – Arlette M. Bramen

Spain – Elizabeth Kohen

Amazing Pictures and Facts about Spain – Mina Kelly

Everybody Cooks Rice – Norah Dooley AD690L



Thea Stilton and the Spanish Dance Mission – Thea Stilton 620L



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Unit 4 Japanese Calligraphy: Art with Meaning

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>My First Japanese Kanji Book</i> – Eriko Sato	
<i>Kanji Starter 1</i> – Daiki Kusuya	
<i>I Live in Tokyo</i> – Mari Takabayashi	
<i>Meiko and the Fifth Treasure</i> – Eleanor Coerr	
<i>Hands-On Asia</i> – Yvonne Y. Merrill	
<i>My First Hiragana Activity Book</i> – Yuko Green	
<i>The Way of the Sumarai</i> – Geronimo Stilton	
<i>A Kid's Guide to Asian American History</i> – Valerie Petrillo	
<i>The Mystery at Mt. Fuji</i> – Carole Marsh 710L 	
<i>All about Japan: Stories, Songs, Crafts and Games for Kids</i> – Willamarie Moore 860L 	
<i>Little One-Inch and Other Japanese Children's Favorite Stories</i> – Florence Sakade 560L 	
(ELAGSE4RL10, ELAGSE4RI10, ELAGSE4RF4)	

**Unit 5 A Smile on the Chisholm Trail and Drama on the Chisholm Trail**

Title — Author

My Notes

Teddy's Cattle Drive: A Story From History— Marc Simmons

Billy Blackfeet in the Rockies: A Story From History— Marc Simmons

Why Cowboys Sleep with Their Boots On— Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton

Cowboys on the Western Trail: The Cattle Drive Adventures of Josh McNabb and Davy Bartlett— Eric Oatman

Cowboys— Lucille Recht Penner

Cowboy Up— Jake Maddox 250L

Ghost Town at Sundown— Mary Pope Osborne 510L

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Unit 6 Manners Through the Ages and Sandra's Blog: Growing Up in a Small Town

Title — Author My Notes

Spoon— Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Chopsticks— Amy Krouse Rosenthal

No Slurping, No Burping!— Karen Lareau

Table Talk—JuliaCook

Shakes, Cakes, Frosted Flakes: Funny Children's Poems about Table Manners— Leslie C. Halpern

From Hand to Mouth— James Cross Giblin

Food and Eating: Living Long Ago— Felicity Brooks

This Is the Way We Eat Our Food— Laine Falk 510L



How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?— Jane Yolen 490L








What You Never Knew About Fingers, Forks, and Chopsticks— Patricia Lauber 640L



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Unit 7 How the Beauty of Music Came to Earth

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Musicians of the Sun</i> — Gerald McDermott 420L 	
<i>What Did the Aztecs Do for Me?</i> — Elizabeth Raum 910L 	
<i>Those Amazing Musical Instruments!</i> — Genevieve Helsby 870L 	
<i>Strings</i> — Wendy Lynch 530L 	
<i>Song of the Sun: An Aztec Myth</i> — Melinda Lilly	
<i>Blue Frog: The Legend of Chocolate</i> — Diane de Las Casas	
<i>Maya and the Aztec Mythology Rocks!</i> — Michael A. Schuman 1040L 	
<i>Ballplayers and Bonesetters</i> — Laurie Coulter	
<i>The Daily Life of an Aztec Family</i> — Baby Professor	
<i>Drums</i> — Cynthia Amoroso	
<i>Woodwinds</i> —Wendy Lynch	
(ELAGSE4RL10, ELAGSE4RI10, ELAGSE4RF4)	



Unit 8 Volcano Erupts and Extremes in Nature for Kids

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Vacation Under the Volcano</i> — Mary Pope Osborne 410L	
<i>I Wonder Why Volcanoes Blow Their Tops: and Other Questions About Natural Disasters</i> —Rosie Greenwood IG1060L	
<i>Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount St. Helens</i> — Patricia Lauber 830L	
<i>Pompeii: Lost & Found</i> — Mary Pope Osborne 980L	
<i>Pompeii...Buried Alive!</i> — Edith Kunhardt 520L	
<i>Earthquakes and Other Natural Disasters</i> — Harriet Griffey 830L	
<i>I'll Know What to Do: A Kid's Guide to Natural Disasters</i> — Bonnie S. Mark, Ph.D. and Aviva Layton	
<i>Natural Disasters</i> — Madeline Boskey	
<i>Mount St. Helens: The Eruption and Recovery of a Volcano</i> — Rob Carson	
<i>Mountain of Fire</i> — Paul Thomsen	
<i>Hurricanes, Tsunamis, and Other Natural Disasters</i> — Andrew Langley	
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Unit 9 The Trouble with Winning

Title — Author

My Notes

A Bird About to Sing— Laura Nyman Montenegro

How to Write Poems— Joseph Coelho

How to Write, Recite, and Delight in All Kinds of Poetry— Joy N. Hulme

Courage— Bernard Waber

Pool Panic— Jake Maddox 650L



Stage Fright— Ann M. Martin 590L



Up the Creek— Nicholas Oldland AD700L



How to Write a Drama— Megan Kopp 610L



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**Unit 10 Cardboard Bikes and Plastic Bottle Village**

Title — Author




My Notes

Here Comes the Garbage Barge!– Jonah Winter AD670L*Recycle!*– Gail Gibbons AD840L*Choose to Reuse*– Lisa Bullard 520L*Recycled Tires*– Toney Allman 830L*The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle*– Alison Inches*One Plastic Bag*– Miranda Paul
Ada's Violin– Susan Hood*Trash Magic: A Book about Recycling a Plastic Bottle*– Angie Lepetit*Junk Re-Think*– Brian Yanish*The Tree Lady*– H. Joseph Hopkins

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Unit 11 Taming a Tornado

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Pecos Bill Tames a Colossal Cyclone</i> — Eric Braun	
<i>Pecos Bill Invents the 10-Gallon Hat</i> — Kevin Strauss	
<i>American Tall Tales</i> — Mary Pope Osborne	
<i>American Legends and Tall Tales</i> — Steven James Petruccio	
<i>McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm: Three Tall Tales</i> — Sid Fleischman	
<i>Outrageous Women of the American Frontier</i> — Mary Rodd Furbee	
<i>How to Be a Cowboy</i> — Alice Lickens	
<i>Cowboys and the Wild West</i> — Hilarie N. Staton 1040L 	
<i>Tornadoes</i> — Gail Gibbons NC970L 	
<i>Here Comes McBroom!: Three More Tall Tales</i> — Sid Fleischman 680L 	








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**Unit 12 Tasty Tex-Mex**

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>So You Want to Grow a Taco?</i> — Bridget Heos 460L 	
<i>The Tortilla Factory</i> — Gary Paulsen 580L 	
<i>Too Many Tamales</i> — Gary Soto 580L 	
<i>Holey Molé</i> — Caroline McCalister	
<i>The Empanadas that Abuela Made</i> — Diane Gonzales Bertrand	
<i>¡Hola! Jalapeño</i> — Amy Wilson Sanger	
<i>Tia's Tamales</i> — Ana Baca	
<i>Guacamole</i> — Argueta Jorge	
<i>Tamalitos</i> — Argueta Jorge	
<i>Salsa</i> — Argueta Jorge	
<i>Hungry Planet: What the World Eats</i> — Faith D'Aluisio	
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Unit 13 The Circus Comes to Town

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Those Shoes</i> — Maribeth Boelts AD550L 	
<i>The Life of Ty series</i> — Lauren Myracle 540L 	
<i>The Invisible Boy</i> — Trudy Ludwig AD680L 	
<i>The Empty Pot</i> — Demi 630L 	
<i>The Candy Corn Contest</i> — Patricia Reilly Giff 490L 	
<i>The Circus Mystery</i> — Martin Widmark 790L 	
<i>How to Write a News Article</i> — Cecilia Minden 580L 	
<i>Maddi's Fridge</i> — Lois Brandt	
<i>Let's Look at the Circus</i> — Sabine Krawczyk	
<i>Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed</i> — Emily Pearson	

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**Unit 14 Alvin Ailey: A Legacy That Dances On**

Title — Author

My Notes

My Story, My Dance— Lesa Cline-Ransome*Biographies to Read Aloud with Kids*— Rob Reid*Alvin Ailey*— Barbara C. Cruz*Reaching for Dreams*— Susan Kuklin*Ballet Academy*— Lorrie Mack 1070L*Meet the Dancers*— Amy Nathan*Danza!*— Duncan Tonatiuh 980L*Who Was Maria Tallchief?*— Catherine Gourley 740L*Alvin Ailey* — Andrea Davis Pinkney 790L

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**Unit 15 Lessons and Family Strings**

Title — Author

My Notes

Lulu's Piano Lesson— Arlene Alda

Nana Hannah's Piano— Barbara Bottner

Playing from the Heart— Peter H. Reynolds AD680L

Leo's Gift— Susan Blackaby and Joellyn Cicciarelli

The Little Piano Girl— Ann Ingalls and Maryann Macdonald AD690L

88 Instruments— Chris Barton

What in the World Is a Guitar?— Mary Elizabeth Salzmann

Where the Sidewalk Ends— Shel Silverstein NP

A Light in the Attic— Shel Silverstein NP

It's Raining Pigs and Noodles— Jack Prelutsky NP

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Unit 16 International Pillow Fight Day and International Day of Happiness

Title — Author

My Notes

Kids Celebrate! Activities for Special Days Throughout the Year
– Maria Bonfanti Esche and Clare Bonfanti Braham

The Most Amazing Day– Terry Lindsay

How Do They Help? The United Nations– Katie Marsico

The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle– Alison Inches

United Nations: Keeping the Peace– Sean Connally

Around the World in 50 Ways– Lonely Planet Kids

How I Celebrate– Pam Robson

50 Ways to Feel Happy: Fun Activities and Ideas to Build your Happiness Skills
– Vanessa King, Val Payne, and Peter Harper

Growing Up With a Bucket Full of Happiness: Three Rules for a Happier Life– Carol McCloud

The Garden of Happiness– Erika Tamer 590L



This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World
– Matt Lamothe NC620L



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Unit 17 Casey Jones: American Folk Hero

Title — Author My Notes

Casey Jones— Stephen Krensky

Casey Jones— Glen Rounds

Casey Jones— Andrea P. Smith GN500L



American Legends and Tall Tales— Steven James Petruccio

Jackrabbit McCabe and the Electric Telegraph— Lucy Margaret Rozier AD930L



Pecos Bill— Steven Kellogg AD1040L



John Henry: An American Legend— Ezra Jack Keats AD670L



Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch— Anne Isaacs AD970L



All About America: Stagecoaches and Railroads— Sally Senzell Isaacs

Early Railways— Nell B. Dale

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Unit 18 Super Noses

Title — Author My Notes

Nifty Noses Up Close— Melissa Stewart AD510L



Super Sniffers: Dog Detectives on the Job— Dorothy Hinshaw Patent NC1210L



Animal Senses— Pamela Hickman 950L



Smelling Their Prey: Animals with an Amazing Sense of Smell— Kathryn Lay 600L



The Detective Dog— Julia Donaldson 590L



Veterinarian— William David Thomas 700L



Career Ideas for Kids Who Like Animals and Nature— Diane Lindsey Reeves

Rescue Dogs— Kristen Rajczak

I Want to Be a Zookeeper— Dee Phillips

Saint Bernards— Anne Wendorff

Gabe: The Dog Who Sniffs Out Danger— Thea Feldman

People Who Care for Animals— Precious McKenzie

So, You Want to Work with Animals?— J.M. Bedell

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Unit 19 The Shot and Randi's Ride

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Salt in His Shoes</i> — Deloris Jordan with Roslyn M. Jordan 630L	
<i>My First Book of Hockey</i> — The Editors of Sports Illustrated 550L	
<i>Flight School</i> — Lita Judge AD490L	
<i>Stephen Curry: Never Give Up</i> — Stephen Herman	
<i>Babe Didrikson Zaharias: All Around Athlete</i> — Jane Sutcliffe	
<i>Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn</i> — John C. Maxwell	
<i>Jesse Owens: Young Record Breaker</i> — M.M. Eboch	
<i>EllRay Jakes Stands Tall</i> — Sally Warner	
<i>Being Your Best at Basketball</i> — Nel Yomtov	
<i>BBall Basics for Kids</i> — Coach Bobby Kaplan	
<i>My First Book of Lacrosse</i> — The Editors of Sports Illustrated	
<i>Everything Kids' Soccer Book</i> — Deborah W. Crisfield	
<i>Taekwondo for Kids</i> — Y.H. Park	
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**Unit 20 Relieved Rescue**

Title — Author My Notes

Camels– Jennifer Zeiger 900L



Amazing Animals: Camels– Kate Riggs 500L



Is a Camel a Mammal?– Tish Rabe 620L



How the Camel Got Its Hump– Rudyard Kipling 420L



Camel Caravan– Bethany Roberts

Ronnie and the Texas Camel– Vera Cooper Mullins

Army Camels: Texas Ships of the Desert– Doris Fisher

Exiled: Memoirs of a Camel– Kathleen Karr

Valley of the Giant Skeletons– Geronimo Stilton

Hairy Hezakah– Dick King-Smith

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Skill-Based Literature Level 4

Vocabulary





Title — Author	My Notes
<i>One Smart Cookie</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal	
<i>The Great Dictionary Caper</i> – Judy Sierra	
<i>The Pond</i> – Nicola Davies	
<i>Big Words for Little Geniuses</i> – Susan and James Patterson	
<i>The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus</i> – Jen Bryant 590L	
<i>You Nest Here With Me</i> – Jane Yolen and Heidi E.Y. Stemple AD 520L	
<i>Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World</i> – Elizabeth Rusch 840L	
<i>Ebenezer Has a Word for Everything</i> – Chelsea H. Rowe AD 510L	
<i>The Hueys in What's the Opposite?</i> – Oliver Jeffers AD 270L	
<i>Snapsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book!)</i> – Julie Falatko AD 560L	
<i>The King Who Rained</i> – Fred Gwynne AD 440L	

Predictions












Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Turnip</i> – Jan Brett AD610L	
<i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> – Drew Daywalt AD 730L	
<i>Chester's Way</i> – Kevin Henkes 570L	
<i>What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?</i> – Steve Jenkins & Robin Page 510L	
<i>Elmer and Rose</i> – David McKee AD 540L	
<i>Enemy Pie</i> – Derek Munson AD 550L	
<i>Doctor De Soto</i> – William Steig AD 560L	
<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i> – William Steig AD 780L	
<i>Ruby the Copycat</i> – Peggy Rathmann 500L	
<i>Mailing May</i> – Michael O. Tunnell AD770L	
<i>Widget</i> – Lyn Rossiter McFarland 350L	
<i>The Stray Dog</i> – Marc Simont	









Connections

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Louisa May's Battle: How the Civil War Led to Little Women</i> – Kathleen Krull 1040L 	
<i>Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee!</i> – Andrea J. Loney 970L 	
<i>Dorothea Lange: The Photographer Who Found the Faces of the Depression</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford NC 1030L 	
<i>Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire</i> – Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville 	
<i>Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery</i> – Sandra Neil Wallace 660L 	


Inference and Synthesis

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Walk with Me</i> – Jairo Buitrago AD 490L 	
<i>Mr. Wuffles!</i> – David Wiesner NP 	
<i>How Do Dinosaurs Stay Safe?</i> – Jane Yolen AD 480L 	
<i>Wolf in the Snow</i> – Matthew Cordell	
<i>Imaginary Fred</i> – Eoin Colfer NC760L 	
<i>The Favorite Daughter</i> – Allen Say 510L 	
<i>My Lucky Day</i> – Keiko Kasza AD 490L 	
<i>We Found a Hat</i> – Jon Klassen 280L 	
<i>A Well-Mannered Young Wolf</i> – Jean Leroy 510L 	
<i>Accident!</i> – Andrea Tsurumi AD 270L 	
<i>After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again</i> – Dan Santat AD 550L 	
<i>The Memory Coat</i> – Elvira Woodruff AD 860L 	

Details and Key Ideas


Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Prehistoric Actual Size</i> – Steve Jenkins IG 890L 	
<i>Lesser Spotted Animals</i> – Martin Brown 870L 	
<i>Trombone Shorty</i> – Troy Trombone Shorty Andrews 760L 	
<i>Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History</i> – Walter Dean Myers 	
<i>Joltin' Joe DiMaggio</i> – Jonah Winter 720L 	
<i>Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington</i> – Jabari Asim NC 650L 	



From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World – James Rumford 680L 


The Tree Lady – H. Joseph Hopkins 760L 

Luna & Me: The True Story of a Girl Who Lived in a Tree to Save a Forest
– Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw 

Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School – Janet Halfmann 950L 

Danza!: Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México – Duncan Tonatiuh 980L 

Can an Aardvark Bark? – Melissa Stewart 720L 

Dangerous Jane – Suzanne Slade 770L 

Retelling, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing (Literary)


Title — Author My Notes

Sometimes You Fly – Katherine Applegate

TEK: The Modern Cave Boy – Patrick McDonnell

Creepy Pair of Underwear! – Aaron Reynolds AD 470L 

The Tea Party in the Woods – Akiko Miyakoshi AD 460L 


Nugget & Fang: Friends Forever—or Snack Time? – Tammi Sauer 480L 

Windblown – Édouard Manceau AD 430L 

Boom Snot Twitty – Doreen Cronin

Duck on a Tractor – David Shannon AD 570L 

Telephone – Mac Barnett

If You Give a Mouse a Brownie – Laura Numeroff AD 480L 


The Great Puppy Invasion – Alastair Heim AD 520L 

Fireflies! – Julie Brinckloe AD 550L 

Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday – Judith Viorst AD 570L 

Retelling, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing (Informational)

Title — Author My Notes

This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World
– Matt Lamothe NC 620L 

Becoming Babe Ruth – Matt Tavares AD 810L 

What Makes A Monster?: Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures – Jess Keating NC 

How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild – Katherine Roy NC 1310L 

Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist– Jess Keating 730L 



Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion – Chris Barton 990L



Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines: Designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial– Jeanne Walker Harvey 800L



One Proud Penny – Randy Siegel AD 960L



Over and Under the Pond – Kate Messner AD 660L



Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis – Jabari Asim 670L



Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions – Chris Barton 820L



Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life – Ashley Bryan 730L



I am Gandhi – Brad Meltzer 560L



Imagine That! How Dr. Seuss Wrote The Cat in the Hat – Judy Sierra

Theme

Title — Author

My Notes

Not Quite Narwhal – Jessie Sima AD 590L



This Is Not My Hat – Jon Klassen AD 340L



Alma and How She Got Her Name – Juana Martinez-Neal

That's Me Loving You – Amy Krouse Rosenthal

The OK Book – Amy Krouse Rosenthal

How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends? – Jane Yolen AD 470L



Waiting Is Not Easy! – Mo Willems 250L



Big Cat, Little Cat – Elisha Cooper AD 370L



Wordy Birdy – Tammi Sauer

Each Kindness – Jacqueline Woodson AD 530L



Stellaluna – Jannell Cannon AD 550L



How Chipmunk Got Tiny Feet: Native American Animal Origin Stories – Gerald Hausman

Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream
– Deloris Jordan with Roslyn M. Jordan 630L



The Invisible Boy – Trudy Ludwig AD 680L



More Than Anything Else – Marie Bradby 570L



One Green Apple – Eve Bunting 450L



The Empty Pot – Demi 630L




The Legendary Miss Lena Horne – Carole Boston Weatherford 1010L



The Night Gardener – The Fan Brothers AD 570L












Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor
– Robert Burleigh 750L 

Character

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>An A From Miss Keller</i> – Patricia Polacco 700L 	
<i>Chopsticks</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal AD 500L 	
<i>The Mermaid</i> – Jan Brett AD 540L 	
<i>The Digger and the Flower</i> – Joseph Kuefler	
<i>The Day the Crayons Came Home</i> – Drew Daywalt AD 550L 	
<i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i> – Derrick Barnes 700L 	
<i>Mary Had a Little Glam</i> – Tammi Sauer AD 560L 	
<i>Bloom</i> – Doreen Cronin 720L 	
<i>It Is Not Time for Sleeping</i> – Lisa Graff AD 500L 	
<i>The Dot</i> – Peter H. Reynolds AD 500L 	
<i>Lemonade in Winter: A Book About Two Kids Counting Money</i> – Emily Jenkins AD 480L 	
<i>Love, Triangle</i> – Marcie Colleen	
<i>Rapunzel</i> – Bethan Woolvin 620L 	
<i>Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna the Very First Chicken</i> – Douglas Rees	
<i>Twinderella, A Fractioned Fairy Tale</i> – Corey Rosen Schwartz AD 580L 	
<i>Sarabella's Thinking Cap</i> – Judy Schachner AD 670L 	
<i>Sam, the Most Scaredy-Cat Kid in the Whole World</i> – Mo Willems 440L 	

Plot

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Mr. Wayne's Masterpiece</i> – Patricia Polacco	
<i>Fiona's Lace</i> – Patricia Polacco AD 740L 	
<i>Remembering Vera</i> – Patricia Polacco AD 780L 	
<i>Battle Bunny</i> – Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett AD540L 	
<i>Robinson</i> – Peter Sís AD 520L 	
<i>No Kimchi For Me!</i> – Aram Kim AD 310L 	
<i>Creepy Carrots!</i> – Aaron Reynolds AD 490L 	
<i>Boy + Bot</i> – Ame Dyckman AD380L 	



The Other Side – Jacqueline Woodson AD 490L



The Hard-Times Jar – Ethel Footman Smothers AD 600L



Just a Dream – Chris Van Allsburg 550L



Bad Boys – Margie Palatini AD530L



The Plot Chickens – Mary Jane Auch AD 540L



Jack's Worry – Sam Zuppardi

Also an Octopus – Maggie Tokuda-Hall

Setting

Title — Author

My Notes

The Road Home – Katie Cotton

On A Magical Do-Nothing Day – Beatrice Alemagna

A Thirst For Home: A Story of Water across the World – Christine Ieronimo 610L



The Bear and the Piano – David Litchfield AD 620L



This is Our Baby, Born Today – Varsha Bajaj AD 530L



A Different Pond – Bao Phi 620L



I'm Gonna Climb a Mountain in My Patent Leather Shoes – Marilyn Singer

Love – Matt de la Peña

Owl Moon – Jane Yolen 550L



Before Morning – Joyce Sidman

Tucky Jo and Little Heart – Patricia Polacco AD 670L



Thunder Cake – Patricia Polacco 630L



Poetry

Title — Author

My Notes

Put Your Eyes Up Here And Other School Poems – Kalli Dakos NP



Once Inside the Library – Barbara A. Huff

The Free and the Brave: A Collection of Poems About The United States
– Compiled and Annotated by Patricia M. Stockland 910L



Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings – Douglas Florian NP



Someone Used My Toothbrush! and Other Bathroom Poems – Carol Diggory Shields


It's Snowing! It's Snowing!: Winter Poems – Jack Prelutsky

Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo (Poems) – Linda Sue Park 650L






One Minute till Bedtime: 60-Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep – Kenn Nesbitt


Flutter & Hum: Animal Poems/Aleteo y Zumbido: Poemas de Animales
– Julie Paschkis BR 60L 

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph – Roxane Orgill

When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons – Julie Fogliano NP 

Poetry for Young People: Robert Frost – Edited by Gary D. Schmidt NP 

Poetry for Young People: Emily Dickinson – Edited by Frances Schoonmaker Bolin NP 

Poetry for Young People: Walt Whitman – Edited by Jonathan Levin NP 

Drama

Title — Author

My Notes

Readers' Theater: Tall Tales – Retold by Maureen Gerard, Ph.D.

12 Fabulously Funny Fairy Tale Plays – Justin McCory Martin

Much Ado About Nothing for Kids – Lois Burdett

A Midsummer Night's Dream for Kids – Louis Burdett

Hamlet for Kids– Louis Burdett

25 Just-Right Plays for Emergent Readers – Carol Pugliano-Martin

20 Great Plays for Children – Edited by Coleman A. Jennings

Greek Myth Plays – Carol Pugliano-Martin

10-Minute Plays for Kids (Applause Acting) – Lawrence Harbison

The Tempest for Kids – Louis Burdett NP 

Arthur's Thanksgiving – Marc Brown 560L 

Informational Texts: Central Ideas, Supporting Evidence, and Organizational Patterns

Title — Author


My Notes


Flying Solo: How Ruth Elder Soared into America's Heart – Julie Cummins

In the Middle of Fall – Kevin Henkes 390L 

The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist
– Cynthia Levinson 720L 

Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code – Laurie Wallmark 730L 

Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm
– Sue Macy AD980L 

A Home for Mr. Emerson – Barbara Kerley 830L 



<i>Caroline's Comets: A True Story</i> – Emily Arnold McCully AD 800L	
<i>I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark</i> – Debbie Levy 710L	
<i>The Hole Story of the Doughnut</i> – Pat Miller AD900L	
<i>Jubilee!: One Man's Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace</i> – Alicia Potter 610L	
<i>Penguin Day: A Family Story</i> – Nic Bishop 480L	
<i>Hidden Figures</i> – Margot Lee Shetterly 980L	
<i>Plants Can't Sit Still</i> – Rebecca E. Hirsch AD 510	
<i>How We Learned the Earth Is Round</i> – Patricia Lauber 550L	
<i>Fire! Fire!</i> – Gail Gibbons 660L	

Persuasive/Argumentative Texts

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>I Really Like Slop!</i> – Mo Willems 190L	
<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!</i> – Mo Willems AD 470L	
<i>I Wanna New Room</i> – Karen Kaufman Orloff AD 540L	
<i>I Wanna Iguana</i> – Karen Kaufman Orloff AD 580L	
<i>My Brother Dan's Delicious</i> – Steven L. Layne AD 970L	
<i>Can I Bring Woolly to the Library, Ms. Reeder?</i> – Lois G. Grambling NC 830L	
<i>Can I Bring Saber to New York City, Ms. Mayor?</i> – Lois G. Grambling AD 620L	
<i>Hey, Little Ant</i> – Phillip and Hannah Hoose NP	
<i>Earrings!</i> – Judith Viorst 470L	
<i>Trust Me, Jack's Beanstalk Stinks!: The Story of Jack and the Beanstalk as Told by the Giant</i> – Eric Braun 520L	
<i>Animals should definitely not wear clothing.</i> – Judi Barrett NP	
<i>Never Take a Shark to the Dentist: (and other things not to do)</i> – Judi Barrett AD 290L	

Author's Purpose/Message and Text Structure (Literary)

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Dear Girl,</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Paris Rosenthal AD 480L	
<i>Lionheart</i> – Richard Collingridge AD 450L	
<i>Aberdeen</i> – Stacey Previn AD 500L	
<i>The Night World</i> – Mordicai Gerstein AD 430L	
<i>The Only Child</i> – Guojing NP	



Waiting – Kevin Henkes 440L



Toys Meet Snow – Emily Jenkins AD 500L



Sidewalk Flowers – JonArno Lawson

Thank You and Good Night – Patrick McDonnell AD 480L



Mighty, Mighty Construction Site – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 710L



Author's Purpose and Text Structure (Informational)

Title — Author

My Notes

The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps – Jeanette Winter AD 630L



14 Cows for America – Carmen Agra Deedy AD 540L



Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay – Susan Hood 820L



Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing
– Dean Robbins 630L



Mae Among the Stars – Roda Ahmed

Becoming Bach – Tom Leonard

Soldier Song: A True Story of the Civil War – Debbie Levy

Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World – Susan Hood

Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotton – Laura Veirs 580L



Be A King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You – Carole Boston Weatherford 360L



Let the Children March – Monica Clark-Robinson 650L



My Journey to the Stars – Scott Kelly 680L



Danger! Volcanoes – Seymour Simon 790L



Print and Graphic Features

Title — Author

My Notes

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 610L



The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art
– Barb Rosenstock AD630L



The Book With No Pictures – B.J. Novak 490L



Big Machines: The Story of Virginia Lee Burton – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 640L



A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars – Seth Fishman

Grand Canyon – Jason Chin 1000L



The Ferris Wheel: The Story of Inventor George Ferris – Betsy Harvey Kraft 770L
















<i>Bone by Bone: Comparing Animal Skeletons</i> – Sara Levine 580L	
<i>Mama Africa!: How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song</i> – Kathryn Erskine 630L	
<i>Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear</i> – Lindsay Mattick 590L	
<i>Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille</i> – Jen Bryant 590L	
<i>Papa Is a Poet: A Story About Robert Frost</i> – Natalie S. Bober AD 1010L	
<i>Apples</i> – Gail Gibbons 650L	
<i>Zita the Spacegirl</i> – Ben Hatke GN310L	
<i>Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute</i> – Jarrett J. Krosoczka GN520L	
<i>Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles</i> – Frank Cammuso GN 250L	
<i>Dragonbreath</i> – Ursula Vernon 700L	
<i>Squish No. 1: Super Amoeba</i> – Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm GN 520L	

Imagery, Literal and Figurative Language, and Sound Devices












Title — Author	My Notes
<i>They Say Blue</i> – Jillian Tamaki	
<i>I Wish You More</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal AD280L	
<i>When Spring Comes</i> – Kevin Henkes 500L	
<i>Listen to My Trumpet!</i> – Mo Willems	
<i>Pink Is For Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals</i> – Jess Keating NC1040L	
<i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> – Matt de la Peña AD610L	
<i>The Most Magnificent Thing</i> – Ashley Spires AD380L	
<i>You Never Heard of Willie Mays?!</i> – Jonah Winter 850L	
<i>Yellow Time</i> – Lauren Stringer 580L	
<i>Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine</i> – Heather Lang AD700L	
<i>Lighter than Air: Sophie Blanchard, the First Woman Pilot</i> – Matthew Clark Smith	
<i>Long-Armed Ludy and the First Women's Olympics</i> – Jean L.S. Patrick 650L	
<i>Betty's Burgled Bakery: An Alliteration Adventure</i> – Travis Nichols GN480L	
<i>In a Pickle: And Other Funny Idioms</i> – Marvin Terban 780L	
<i>You're Toast and Other Metaphors We Adore</i> – Nancy Loewen 530L	
<i>Click, Clack, Surprise!</i> – Doreen Cronin AD400L	



Literary Devices, including Point of View

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<i>Exclamation Mark</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal 360L 	
<i>The Pigeon Needs a Bath!</i> – Mo Willems AD 350L 	
<i>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</i> – Doreen Cronin AD 470L 	
<i>They All Saw a Cat</i> – Brendan Wenzel AD 310L 	
<i>City Shapes</i> – Diana Murray AD 930L 	
<i>Lenny & Lucy</i> – Philip C. Stead AD 630L 	
<i>The Dog That Nino Didn't Have</i> – Edward van de Vendel AD 470L 	
<i>This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration</i> – Jacqueline Woodson AD 790L 	
<i>Leave Me Alone!</i> – Vera Brosgol	
<i>Steam Train, Dream Train</i> – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 610L 	
<i>A Leaf Can Be . . .</i> – Laura Purdie Salas AD 260L 	
<i>School's First Day of School</i> – Adam Rex 580L 	
<i>The Hickory Chair</i> – Lisa Rowe Fraustino AD 850L 	
<i>Voices in the Park</i> – Anthony Browne 560L 	

Author's Use of Language and Voice

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>A Dark, Dark Cave</i> – Eric Hoffman AD 320L 	
<i>Hensel and Gretel: Ninja Chicks</i> – Corey Rosen Schwartz and Rebecca J. Gomez AD700L 	
<i>Chicken in Space</i> – Adam Lehrhaupt AD 370L 	
<i>One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree</i> – Daniel Bernstrom AD 570L 	
<i>Hoot and Peep</i> – Lita Judge AD 490L 	
<i>The Princess and the Pony</i> – Kate Beaton AD 530L 	
<i>This Bridge Will Not Be Gray</i> – Dave Eggers 720L 	
<i>The Bossier Baby</i> – Marla Frazee AD 510L 	
<i>Du Iz Tak?</i> – Carson Ellis	
<i>Ideas Are All Around</i> – Philip C. Stead AD600L 	
<i>Nighty-Night, Cooper</i> – Laura Numeroff	
<i>The Journey</i> – Francesca Sanna AD630L 	
<i>Jazz Age Josephine</i> – Jonah Winter NC600L 	



Muhammad Ali: Champion of the World – Jonah Winter AD860L



Saving Sweetness – Diane Stanley AD820L





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BR	A book with a Lexile measure of OL or below is coded BR for Beginning Reader. These books are appropriate for emergent readers. Often BR books are not used for independent reading, but are read aloud by an adult to or with the child.
NC	These NC Non-Conforming books have a Lexile measure markedly higher than is typical for the intended audience or designated developmental level of the book. The NC code is useful when matching high-ability readers with a book that is still at an appropriate developmental level.
AD	Picture books often get an AD or Adult Directed code. They are usually read to a child, rather than a child reading them independently. Although seemingly easy reading, some picture books actually have pretty high Lexile measures, and could present a challenging independent reading experience to an age-appropriate reader. Initially, an adult may want to read the book along with a child.
IG	Books that consist of short, stand-alone pieces of text like in an encyclopedia or glossary are given an IG code for Illustrated Guide. Usually nonfiction, IG books are often used as a reference resource rather than read in their entirety like a storybook. The IG code does not have anything to do with reading levels, but instead conveys an idea of the kind of book and what the book typically will be used for in the classroom or library
HL	Librarians, teachers, and booksellers sometimes refer to young adult books written at low levels as high-low books. HL books are useful when matching older (grade 7 and beyond) struggling or reluctant readers with books about age-appropriate topics and issues written at elementary-school reading levels.
GN	Graphic novels and comic books get a GN code. Text appears primarily in voice or thought bubbles integrated into comic book-style illustrations. The impact of the pictures on reading comprehension is not captured in the Lexile measure of a graphic novel.
NP	Non-Prose

