

Virginia Reader's Choice
Primary Selections 2011-2012

Otis Loren Long

Philomel Books@2009

ISBN 0399252487

Otis is a special tractor who befriends the little calf in the stall next door. But, a big new yellow tractor comes to replace Otis who is relegated to the field behind the barn. When trouble comes, Otis comes to the rescue.

Harry and Horsie Katie Van Camp

Balzer & Bray @ 2009

ISBN 0061755982

An out-of-this-world adventure, a boy named Harry who takes off in his rocket ship to find his best friend, Horsie. This story is about imagination and the power of friendship with wonderful retro-comic illustrations.

We Are In A Book! Mo Willems

Hyperion @ 2010

ISBN 1585363197

Gerald and Piggie are together again, and this time, in a book! A delightful story that will enchant beginning readers and encourage them to reread the book!

The Odd Egg Emily Gravett

MacMillan Children's Books @2010

ISBN 0230531350

All the birds have an egg, except Duck. He finds a very special egg with a big surprise. Emily Gravett presents a very humorous picture book that will engage any age.

Testing the Ice Sharon Robinson

Scholastic@2009

ISBN 0545052513

This true story about Jackie Robinson provides a testament to his bravery as his daughter recounts memories of his career and family life. Children will identify with his courage as he tests the ice for safety even though he cannot swim.

A Isn't for Fox Wendy Ulmer

Sleeping Bear Press @2007

ISBN 1585363197

By first giving non-examples in this rhyming text, Ulmer sets the stage for deeper thinking about the examples provided for each letter of the alphabet.

What Pet to Get Emma Dodd

Scholastic@ 2008

ISBN 0545035702

Jack's mother says he can choose a pet, but he has difficulty deciding what pet to get. He considers all sorts of choices and on the last page reveals Jack's final choice—a big surprise!

Machines Go to Work William Low

Henry Holt@ 2009

ISBN 0805087591

This interactive look at equipment is rich in vocabulary with quality illustrations that portray how each piece of equipment is used.

The Big Elephant in the Room Lane Smith

Hyperion@ 2009

ISBN 1423116674

In this clever wordplay book, Lane Smith shows just how BIG a problem a simple misunderstanding can become.

How Rocket Learned to Read Tad Hills

Schwartz and Wade @2010

ISBN 0375858994

All Rocket wants to do are dog things...chasing leaves, chewing sticks, and napping, until he meets a bird who is determined to teach him to read. She returns each day, hangs an alphabet banner from the trees, and reads stories aloud. When she stops at an enticing part, Rocket is overcome by curiosity to find out more. He takes class from the bird and begins spelling everything in sight.