

Inferring

Location	Title	Author	Theme
	<p>A Day's Work</p> <p>When Francisco, a young Mexican American boy, tries to help his grandfather find work, he discovers that even though the old man cannot speak English, he has something even more valuable to teach Francisco.</p>	Eve Bunting	
	<p>A Gathering of Garter Snakes</p> <p>Text and photographs depict the physical characteristics, behavior, and life cycle of the red-sided garter snake.</p>	Bianca Lavies	
	<p>Alexander Who Use to be Rich Last Sunday</p> <p>Although Alexander and his money are quickly parted, he comes to realize all the things that can be done with a dollar.</p>	Judith Viorst	
	<p>All I See</p> <p>A child paints with an artist friend who sees and paints only whales.</p>	Cynthia Rylant	
	<p>Alvin Ailey</p> <p>Describes the life, dancing, and choreography of Alvin Ailey, who created his own modern dance company to explore the black experience.</p>	A. Pinkney	
	<p>Amos and Boris</p> <p>Befriended by a whale as he is drowning in the ocean, a mouse gets a chance to reciprocate years later in an equally unlikely situation.</p>	William Steig	
	<p>Anna Banana and Me</p> <p>Anna Banana's fearlessness inspires a playmate to face his own fears.</p>	Erik L. Blegvad	
	<p>Autumn Across America</p> <p>Describes the signs of autumn that are seen in different parts of the United States, such as leaves changing color, migration of birds and insects, harvesting of crops, and changes in weather.</p>	Seymour Simon	Inferring (Vocab)

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	<p>Ben's Dream</p> <p>On a terrifically rainy day, Ben has a dream in which he and his house float by the monuments of the world, half submerged in flood water.</p>	Chris Van Allsburg	
	<p>Big Al</p> <p>A big, ugly fish has trouble making the friends he longs for because of his appearance--until the day his scary appearance saves them all from a fisherman's net.</p>	Andrew Clements	
	<p>Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring</p> <p>Two skeptical city boys set out to find spring, which they've heard is "just around the corner.</p>	Lucille Clifton	
	<p>Carl Goes Shopping</p> <p>While his mistress shops, Carl, a large dog, and the baby in his care explore the department store quite thoroughly and have a wonderful time.</p>	Alexandra Day	
	<p>Charlie Anderson</p> <p>A cat comes out of the night to steal the hearts of two sisters who look forward to his sleeping on their beds, until one day Charlie doesn't come home and they learn a surprising secret about him.</p>	Barbara Abercrombie	
	<p>Charlie the Caterpillar</p> <p>A caterpillar is rejected by various groups of animals, until he achieves his beautiful wings and is able to befriend a similarly unhappy caterpillar.</p>	Dom DeLuise	
	<p>Chato's Kitchen</p> <p>To get the "ratoncitos," little mice, who have moved into the barrio to come to his house, Chato the cat prepares all kinds of good food: fajitas, frijoles, salsa, enchiladas, and more.</p>	Gary Soto	
	<p>Cinder Edna</p> <p>Cinderella and Cinder Edna, who live with cruel stepmothers and stepsisters, have different approaches to life; and, although each ends up with the prince of her dreams, one is a great deal happier than the other.</p>	Ellen Jackson	

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	<p>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</p> <p>A bunch of literate cows go on strike after Farmer Brown refuses to give in to their typed demands of electric blankets when the barn gets too cold.</p>	Doreen Cronin	
	<p>Corduroy</p> <p>A toy bear who wants a pocket for himself searches for one in a Laundromat.</p>	Don Freeman	
	<p>Creatures of Earth, Sea, and Sky (Pomes)</p>	Georgia Heard	
	<p>Dancing in the Wings</p> <p>Sassy tries out for a summer dance festival in Washington, D.C., despite the other girls' taunts that she is much too tall.</p>	Debbie Allen	
	<p>Dandelions</p> <p>Zoe and her family find strength in each other as they make a new home in the Nebraska territory.</p>	Eve Bunting	
	<p>Dr. Mr. Henshaw</p> <p>In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.</p>	Beverly Cleary	
	<p>Duckat</p> <p>Mabel makes friends with a very odd duck who thinks he's a cat.</p>	Gaelyn Gordon	
	<p>Encounter</p> <p>A Taino Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492.</p>	Jane Yolen	
	<p>Fables</p> <p>Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich.</p>	Arnold Lobel	
	<p>Fireflies</p> <p>A young boy is proud of having caught a jar full of fireflies, which seems to him like owning a piece of moonlight, but as the light begins to dim he realizes he must set the insects free or they will die.</p>	Julie Brinckloe	

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	<p>Fly Away Home</p> <p>A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal and trying not to be noticed, is given hope when he sees a trapped bird find its freedom.</p>	Even Bunting	
	<p>For the Good of the Earth and Sun (Poems)</p>	Georgia Heard	
	<p>Frank and Ernest on the Road</p> <p><i>No Review Available</i></p>	Alexandra Day	
	<p>Frank and Ernest</p> <p>An elephant and a bear take over a diner and find out about responsibility and food language.</p>	Alexandra Day	
	<p>Frank and Ernest Play Ball</p> <p>With the help of a baseball dictionary so they can learn the necessary language, an elephant and a bear take over the management of a baseball team.</p>	Alexandra Day	
	<p>Free Fall</p> <p>A young boy dreams of daring adventures in the company of imaginary creatures inspired by the things surrounding his bed.</p>	David Wiesner	
	<p>George and Martha</p> <p>Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses.</p>	James Marshall	
	<p>George and Martha Encore</p> <p>In five brief episodes two hippopotamuses reinforce their friendship.</p>	James Marshall	
	<p>George and Martha Rise and Shine</p> <p>Five brief episodes about two friends, George and Martha, who happen to be hippopotamuses.</p>	James Marshall	
	<p>Gettin' Through Tuesday</p> <p>Since money is tight on Thursdays, the day before his mother's payday, Andre is upset when he realizes that his report card and the promised celebration for making the honor roll will come on a Thursday.</p>	Melrose Cooper	

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	<p>Going Home</p> <p>Although a Mexican family comes to the United States to work as farm laborers so that their children will have opportunities, the parents still consider Mexico their home.</p>	Eve Bunting	
	<p>Good Dog Carl</p> <p>Lively and unusual things happen when Carl the dog is left in charge of the baby.</p>	Alexandra Day	
	<p>Grandfather Twilight</p> <p>Each evening Grandfather Twilight opens a chest, removes a pearl from a long string, and calls his dog for an evening stroll. As he walks, the sunset flows behind him like a beautiful robe, while in his hand the pearl grows larger. When he reaches the sea, he releases the pearl to the sky where it shines on the water below.</p>	Barbara Berger	
	<p>Grandpa's Face</p> <p>Seeing her beloved grandfather making a mean face while he rehearses for one of his plays, Tamika becomes afraid that someday she will lose his love and he will make that mean face at her.</p>	Eloise Greenfield	
	<p>Hattie and the Fox</p> <p>Hattie, a big black hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other barnyard animals.</p>	Mem Fox	
	<p>Hot Air Henry</p> <p>A sassy Siamese cat stows away on a hot air balloon and ends up taking a fur-raising flight across the mountains.</p>	Mary Calhoun	
	<p>How Many Days to America</p> <p>Refugees from a Caribbean island embark on a dangerous boat trip to America where they have a special reason to celebrate Thanksgiving.</p>	Eve Bunting	
	<p>If You Listen</p> <p>A mother reassures her little girl there is a way to know that someone far away loves you.</p>	Charlotte Zolotow	
	<p>In a Small, Small Pond</p> <p>Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.</p>	Denise Fleming	

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	<p>In the Tall, Tall Grass</p> <p>Rhymed text (crunch, munch, caterpillars lunch) presents a toddler's view of creatures found in the grass from lunchtime till nightfall, such as bees, ants, and moles.</p>	Denise Fleming	
	<p>Jim and the Beanstalk</p> <p>The Giant has become elderly, and young Jim must measure him for glasses and other aids.</p>	Raymond Briggs	
	<p>Jumanji</p> <p>Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.</p>	Chris Van Allsburg	
	<p>June 29, 1999</p> <p>While her third-grade classmates are sprouting seeds in paper cups, Becky has a more ambitious, innovative science project in mind.</p>	David Wiesner	
	<p>Loop the Loop</p> <p>A young girl and an old woman form a friendship that lasts even after the woman enters a nursing home.</p>	Barbara Dugan	
	<p>Love You Forever</p> <p>Describes the relationship of a mother and child as the child grows into a man and has a baby of his own.</p>	Robert Munsch	
	<p>Lunch</p> <p>A very hungry mouse eats a large lunch comprised of colorful foods.</p>	Denise Fleming	
	<p>Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman</p> <p>Young Harriet Tubman, whose childhood name was Minty, dreams of escaping slavery on the Brodas plantation in the late 1820s</p>	Alan Schroeder	
	<p>Miss Rumphius</p> <p>As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.</p>	Barbara Cooney	

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	Mother, Earth, Father Sky Poems of our planet.	Jane Yolen	
	No David! A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.	David Shannon	
	No Moon, No Milk! Martha the cow refuses to give milk until she can visit the moon like her great-great-grandmother before her, the Cow Who Jumped Over the Moon.	Chris Babcock	
	Noisy Nora Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention	Rosemary Wells	
	Oliver Button is a Sissy A little boy must come to terms with being teased and ostracized because he'd rather read books, paint pictures, and tap-dance than participate in sports.	Tomie DePaola	
	Owen Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy	Kevin Henkes	
	Peppe, the Lamplighter Peppe's father is upset when he learns that Peppe has taken a job lighting the gas street lamps in his New York City neighborhood.	Elisa Bartone	
	Piggie Pie Gritch the witch flies to Old MacDonald's farm for some pigs to make a piggie pie, but when she arrives she can't find a single porker.	Margie Palatini	
	Possom Magic When Grandma Poss's magic turns Hush invisible, the two possums take a culinary tour of Australia to find the food that will make her visible once more.	Mem Fox	
	Purple, Green, and Yellow Brigid is on the trail of the ultimate felt marker.	Robert Munsch	

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	<p>Rainbow Fish</p> <p>The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.</p>	<p>Marcus Pfister</p>	
	<p>Rose Blanche</p> <p>In wartime Germany, Rose Blanche witnesses the mistreatment of a little boy, and follows the truck that takes him to a camp. Secretly, Rose Blanche brings him and other children food.</p>	<p>Roberto Innocenti</p>	
	<p>See the Ocean</p> <p>Driving through mountain fog to the beach, two young brothers compete to see who will catch the first glimpse of the ocean, but it is their blind sister Nellie who senses it first.</p>	<p>Estelle Condra</p>	
	<p>Seven Blind Mice</p> <p>Retells in verse the Indian fable of the blind men discovering different parts of an elephant and arguing about its appearance. The illustrations depict the blind arguers as mice.</p>	<p>Ed Young</p>	
	<p>Shoes from Grandpa</p> <p>In a cumulative rhyme, family members describe the clothes they intend to give Jessie to go with her shoes from Grandpa</p>	<p>Mem Fox</p>	
	<p>Shortcut</p> <p>Visual clues provide answers to the mysterious interrelationship of a series of brief stories.</p>	<p>David Macaulay</p>	
	<p>Something Beautiful</p> <p>When she goes looking for "something beautiful" in her city neighborhood, a young girl finds beauty in many different forms.</p>	<p>Sharon D. Wyeth</p>	
	<p>Spinky Sulks</p> <p>Spinky sulks on a grand scale, thoroughly rejecting his family's loving attempts at reconciliation until a rainstorm forces him to reconsider.</p>	<p>William Steig</p>	
	<p>Squids Will Be Squids</p> <p>Contemporary fables with tongue-in-cheek morals address such topics as homework, curfews, and television commercials.</p>	<p>Jon Scieszka</p>	

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	<p>Stellaluna</p> <p>After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.</p>	Janell Cannon	
	<p>Story of Jumping Mouse, The</p> <p>The gifts of Magic Frog and his own hopeful and unselfish spirit bring Jumping Mouse finally to the Far-Off Land where no mouse goes hungry.</p>	John Steptoe	
	<p>Swimmy</p> <p>A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.</p>	Leo Lionni	
	<p>Teammates</p> <p>Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.</p>	Peter Golenbock	
	<p>The Empty Pot</p> <p>When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty</p>	Demi	
	<p>The Garden of Abdul Gasazi</p> <p>When the dog he is caring for runs away from Alan into the forbidden garden of a retired dog-hating magician, a spell seems to be cast over the contrary dog.</p>	Chris Van Allsburg	
	<p>The Island of Skog</p> <p>To escape the dangers of urban life, Jenny and her friends sail away to an island, only to be faced with a new problem--its single inhabitant--the Skog.</p>	Steven Kellog	
	<p>The Jellybean Principal</p> <p>Jim, Ellen, and Judy see their friendship threatened when their uncontrollable fighting in school gets them in trouble with the principal.</p>	Catherine McMorro	

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	<p>The Lily Cupboard</p> <p>Miriam, a young Jewish girl, is forced to leave her parents and hide with strangers in the country during the German occupation of Holland.</p>	Shulamith Openheim	
	<p>The Memory String</p> <p>While still grieving for her mother and unable to accept her stepmother, a girl clings to the memories represented by forty-three buttons on a string.</p>	Eve Bunting	
	<p>The Rag Coat</p> <p>Minna proudly wears her new coat made of clothing scraps to school, where the other children laugh at her until she tells them the stories behind the scraps.</p>	Lauren Mills	
	<p>The Royal Bee</p>	Frances Park	
	<p>The Snowy Day</p> <p>The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.</p>	Ezra Jack Keats	
	<p>The Stranger</p> <p>The enigmatic origins of the stranger Farmer Bailey hits with his truck and brings home to recuperate seem to have a mysterious relation to the changing season.</p>	Chris Van Allsburg	
	<p>The Tale of Mandarin Ducks</p>	K. Paterson	
	<p>The Wall</p> <p>A Boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict</p>	Eve Bunting	
	<p>The Wednesday Surprise</p> <p>On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read.</p>	Even Bunting	
	<p>The Wreck of the Zephyr</p> <p>A story of a boy and his boat, the Zephyr. His sailboat sails the night sky with the stars in pictures so vivid that the reader can almost hear the wind in the sails.</p>	Chris Van Allsburg	

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	<p>This is the Key to the Kingdom</p> <p>A child finds a key and goes on a magical trip away from her squalid inner-city environment.</p>	Diane W. Allison	
	<p>Tight Times</p> <p>A small boy, not allowed to have a dog because times are tight, finds a starving kitten in a trashcan on the same day his father loses his job.</p>	Barbara S. Hazen	
	<p>Time for Bed</p> <p>As darkness falls parents everywhere try to get their children ready for sleep.</p>	Mem Fox	
	<p>Timothy Goes to School</p> <p>Timothy is very excited about starting school-until he meets Claude. Claude sits next to him, and he wears all the right clothes, says all the right things, and garners all the praise from his teacher and classmates. Timothy is feeling down, until he meets a girl who's having the same problem with her seatmate.</p>	Rosemary Wells	
	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.</p>	David Wiesner	
	<p>Two Bad Ants</p> <p>When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.</p>	Chris Van Allsburg	
	<p>Watch Out for the Chicken Feet in Your Soup</p> <p>Embarrassed to introduce his friend to his old-fashioned Italian grandmother, a young boy gains a new appreciation of her when he finds how well she and his friend get along.</p>	Tomie DePaola	
	<p>Where Are You Going, Manyoni?</p> <p>A child living near the Limpopo River in Zimbabwe encounters several wild animals on her way to school.</p>	Catherine Stock	
South Columbus Library	<p>Whitewash</p> <p>A young African-American girl is traumatized when a gang attacks her and her brother on their way home from school and spray-paints her face white. Based on a true story.</p>	Ntzoake Shange	Predicting

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	<p>Zathura</p> <p>Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.</p>	Chris Van Allsburg	
	<p>Zoom Broom</p> <p>When her broom breaks down, Gritch the Witch visits a foxy salesman in search of a new Zoom Broom but ends up with something unexpected.</p>	Margie Palatini	