HUGGA LOULA
Author: Nancy Dearborn
Illustrator: Huang Junyan
Familius
March 2, 2021
ISBN: 978-1641702713

With the healing power of a hug and an act of kindness, Hugga Loula diffuses all sorts of situations. Featuring colorful illustrations and a charming refrain, Hugga Loula gives us an adorable hero offering care, comfort, and love to a world that needs all three.

THE PERFECT PLAN
Author & Illustrator: Leah Gilbert
Bloomsbury
July 6, 2021
ISBN: 978-1547605262

A gorgeously illustrated picture book about a little girl’s leadership, creative thinking, and perseverance in building the tree fort of her dreams, for fans of Rosie Revere, Engineer and The Curious Garden.

YAY FOR BIG BROTHERS!
Author: Janet Halfmann
Illustrator: Shennens Bersani
Arbordale Publishing
September 10, 2021
ISBN: 978-1643518220

Big brothers are amazing! Did you know that big brothers are important in animal families, too? Find out all the fantastic things they do!

I AM: GOD SHARES HIS NAME
Author: Marlys Honeyman
Illustrator: Becky Fawson
Pauline Books and Media
April 30, 2021
ISBN: 978-0819837509

Long ago, God revealed his name. I AM shares the wonder of God’s name and celebrates his love with the littlest among us.

THE FISHERMEN, THE HORSE, AND THE SEA
Author: Barbara Joosse
Illustrator: Renee Greif
Wisconsin Historical Society Press
August, 2021
ISBN: 978-0870209796

A TRUE WISCONSIN STORY. In 1895, a wicked storm rolls into Port Washington, damaging a schooner and endangering two crewmen. Will Lester Smith (Smith Bros. Fish Shanty), a horse and his family save the day? Detailed back matter. Educational materials available.

JUST BE CLAUS
Author: Barbara Joosse
Illustrator: Kim Barnes
Sleeping Bear Press
August 15, 2021

When Clausie worries that he’s not like the other kids, Grannie tells him his differences make him special. “Just Be Claus!” Grannie is sure Grannie is wrong. But one snow-bound Christmas, it’s Clausie’s differences that save the day!

BE STRONG
(A companion book to BE KIND)
Author: Pat Zietlow Miller
Illustrator: Jen Hill
Roaring Book Press
August 10, 2021
ISBN: 978-1250221117

In BE STRONG — the sequel to the NYT best-selling BE KIND — Tanisha learns that by showing up, speaking up, and never-ever giving up, she can be strong. And that people are the strongest when they work together and trust each other.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A ROCK?
Author: Pat Zietlow Miller
Illustrator: Katie Kath
Sourcebooks
October 12, 2021
ISBN: 978-1728217635

What can you do with a rock? This ode to the endless, creative fun that a child can have with a deceptively simple rock explores that simple, timeless question.

RIVER OF LIGHT
Author: Lisa Gammon Olson
Illustrator: Mauro Magellan
Elfeg Publishing
July 1, 2021
ISBN: 978-1632332981

The dark gloom of the dungeon was all he had ever known. When the bit of chinking in the cellar wall had fallen away, a marvelous stream of brightness spilled in and instantly changed Spider’s life!

TO CARNIVAL! A CELEBRATION IN SAINT LUCIA
Author: Baptiste Paul
Illustrator: Jana Glatt
Barefoot Books
April 3, 2021
ISBN: 978-1646861613

Follow Melba’s adventure from the countryside to the city as she heads to carnival.

BEYOND: DISCOVERIES FROM THE OUTER REACHES OF SPACE
Author: Miranda Paul
Illustrator: Sija Hong
Millbrook Press/Lerner Publishing
April 6, 2021
Picture Book/Poetry
ISBN: 978-1541577565

Journey far beyond our solar system and explore the true marvels of interstellar space in these wonder-filled poems with spectacular illustrations.

RIGHT NOW: REAL KIDS SPEAKING UP FOR CHANGE
Author: Miranda Paul
Illustrator: Bea Jackson
HMH Books
September 7, 2021
ISBN: 978-0593373720

A joyful, inspiring picture book that introduces readers to eleven young people from around the world who didn’t wait until they were grown to speak up about things that matter.

MY SCHOOL STINKS!
Author: Becky Scharnhorst
Illustrator: Julia Patton
Philomel
July 6, 2021
ISBN: 9780593316524

Not even deep breaths and happy thoughts can calm Stuart’s nerves after he finds himself in a new school with classmates who are REAL animals. Told through journal entries, this hilarious back-to-school tale proves friends can come in all shapes, sizes, and species.

CHIRP! CHIPMUNK SINGS FOR A FRIEND
Author: Jamie A. Swenson
Illustrator: Scott Magoon
Simon & Schuster/ Paula Wiseman Books
July 13, 2021
ISBN: 9781534111075

A chipmunk searches for someone to sing along with her in this sweet and funny celebration of true friendship.

WE WANT SNOW: A WINTERY CHANT
Author: Jamie A. Swenson
Illustrator: Emilie Boon
Sleeping Bear Press
September 15, 2021
ISBN: 9781534110755

In this raucous, rhyming plea for snow, a group of youngsters imagines the cold-weather delights they’ll enjoy once winter arrives.
BEND IN THE ROAD
Author: Sara Biren
Amulet Books (ABRAMS)
September 28, 2021
ISBN: 978-1419748738
Teen rock star Gabe returns home to Minnesota after his LA life falls apart and finds himself falling for local farm girl Juniper in this electric YA romance.

MEENA LOST AND FOUND
(Series, Book #3)
Author: Karla Manternach
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
October 12, 2021
ISBN: 978-1338486140
Meena tries to use her beloved trash collection to find a missing cat and keep her best friend from moving away. But what if being a good friend means losing what she loves most?

MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD: Rebels, Reformers, and Revolutionaries Who Changed the World Through Writing
Author: Rochelle Melander
Illustrator: Melina Ontiveros
Beaming Books
July 29, 2021
ISBN: 978-1506466408
Interactive and inspiring, MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD pairs the tales of people whose writing transformed history (and them!) with writing exercises to help young people change their world.

CHEMICAL REACTIONS! WITH 25 SCIENCE PROJECTS FOR KIDS (EXPLORE YOUR WORLD)
Author: Dr. Susan Berk Koch
Nomad Press
October 15, 2021
ISBN: 978-1619309418
Chemical Reactions brings chemistry to life with hands-on, science-minded activities and plenty of text-to-world connections that invite kids ages 7 to 10 to discover the wonderful world of chemical reactions!

CHEMICAL REACTIONS! WITH DR. SEUSS'S LORAX
Author: Miranda Paul
Penguin Random House
September 21, 2021
ISBN: 9780593308394
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