FARM BOOTS
Author: Lis L. Detlefsen  
Illustrator: Renée Kurilla  
Feeding Minds Press  
March 21, 2023  
ISBN: 9781643436692

Follow a diverse cast of farming families as they work and play in boots, all year long. Whether it’s springtime puddle-splashing, riding at the summer fair, or herding sheep into the barn in winter, there’s a type of boot for every kind of weather and activity.

THE SHELL BOX
Author: Kathy Groth  
Illustrator: Renée Kurilla  
Beaver Pond Press  
January 3, 2023  
ISBN: 9781643436692

When Tyna joins Gramma for their annual shell hunting on the ocean, she shares with Gramma her best friend, Emily, is sad because she’s never been to the ocean. Together they come up with a secret plan to bring the ocean to Emily. The Shell Box includes a cut-away shell guide for some common shells found along the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico.

MRS. WIGGLES AND THE NUMBERS
Author + Illustrator: Lisa Konkol  
Baa Baa Books, LLC  
February 1, 2023  
ISBN: 9781954809161

Mrs. Wiggles and the Numbers is a rhyming book with bright, bold illustrations and a twist. Mrs. Wiggles has a lively class of numbers that introduces children to counting and the importance of being kind to everyone. Perfect for reading aloud, children will repeat the playful poem without even realizing they’ve learned numbers.

A GIRL CAN BUILD ANYTHING
Authors: Pat Zietlow Miller  
and E.E. Charlton-Trujillo  
Illustrator: Keisha Morris  
Viking Books for Young Readers  
April 18, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593463741

Have you ever dreamed of building something? Maybe something little—like a birdhouse? Or something big—like a skyscraper? If you can envision it, you can build it! This book is a playful celebration of all the different ways girls can make things. This empowering ode to self-expression will inspire readers to jump up and start building.

LUPE LOPEZ: READING ROCK STAR
Authors: Pat Zietlow Miller  
and E.E. Charlton-Trujillo  
Illustrator: Joe Cepeda  
Candlewick  
June 23, 2023  
ISBN: 9781362609556

Learning to read is kind of a big deal, and Lupe Lopez has a lot to learn—in her own feisty way—to reach her goal of becoming a Reading Rock Star. Leave it to Lupe to prove that the best she feels when she taps her pencil isn’t so very different from words and sentences—and that a real rock star is someone who doesn’t give up.

HOW TO GET YOUR OCTOPUS TO SCHOOL
Author: Becky Schamhurst  
Illustrator: Jaclyn Sinquett  
Flamingo Books  
May 16, 2023  
ISBN: 9780993205238

This humorous back-to-school picture book shows readers how to safely deliver their shy octopus to his first day of school, thwarting camouflage, ink, and all eight tentacles along the way.

EVERY LITTLE SEED
Author: Cynthia Schumert  
Illustrator: Elisa Paganielli  
Sleeping Bear Press  
March 2023  
ISBN: 9781534112698

Told through rhyming text, three generations of gardeners work together to bring a backyard garden to full bloom—from planting, to caretaking, to harvesting next year’s seeds.

MAMA IN CONGRESS:
Rashida Tlaib’s Journey to Washington
Authors: Rashida Tlaib, Miranda Paul  
Illustrator: Adam Tlaib  
Clarion Books  
September 20, 2022  
ISBN: 9780593868343

An inspiring picture book that tells the story of Rashida Tlaib, one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress, and her family. Perfect for readers of books that celebrate trailblazing women and social activists as well as those looking for an introduction to civic engagement and how government works.

EVERY DAY’S A HOLIDAY:
Winnie’s Birthday Countdown
Author: Stef Wade  
Illustrator: Husna Aghniya  
Running Press Kids/Hachette  
January 3, 2023  
ISBN: 9780764278187

All kids ask a lot of questions, but Winnie is stuck on one in particular: “Is it my birthday yet?” To show her the excitement in other days, Winnie’s mom introduces her to holidays from all around the world. They celebrate everything from National Popcorn Day to Lost Sock Memorial Day!

TREASURE IN A FIELD:
Book I - The Fullness Of Time
Author: J. Ellis Blaise  
Illustrator: Drazenka Kimpel  
Orange Hat Publishing  
March 2023  
ISBN: 9781643790985

In the Driftless Area of Wisconsin, a quiet teen girl struggles to accept her mother’s death while also trying to date the new girl in town, but she’s about to lose both love and the only place she calls home. To save them, she must learn when to listen and when to speak up, when to let go and when to hold on. Young adult novel in verse.

TENACIOUS:
15 Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes
Author: Patty Cineros Prevo  
Illustrator: Dion MBD (Dionisius Mehaga Bangun Djayasaputra)  
Lee & Low Books  
June 27, 2023  
ISBN: 9780823450404

Go on an incredible journey with fifteen disabled athletes. These competitors have won gold medals, set world records, climbed mountain peaks, claimed national championships, and many more extraordinary achievements. Get to know them in Tenacious! Lee & Low Books New Voices Honor Award

EVERY DAY’S A HOLIDAY:
The Star That Always Stays
Author: Anna Rose Johnson  
Holiday House  
July 12, 2022  
ISBN: 9780399549329

When fourteen-year-old Norvia moves from the country to the city in 1924, she has to contend with a new school, a first crush, and a blended family, but she also must keep secret her parents’ divorce and her Ojibwe heritage.

TEAM MEENA
Author: Karla Manternach  
Illustrator: Mina Price  
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers  
January 17, 2023  
ISBN: 9781665993929

Meena doesn’t want a new friend—especially not her bossy teammate, Lin. But can she and her best friend stay close now that they live far apart?