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AGES 2–5

CHARACTER BUILDING

Last Stop on Market Street
by MATT DE LA PEÑA
Illustrated by CHRISTIAN ROBINSON

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don’t own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn’t he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them.

G. P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers · Hardcover · 978-0-39925-774-2 · 32 pages · $16.99

The Story of Ferdinand
by MUNRO LEAF
Illustrated by ROBERT LAWSON

A true classic with a timeless message, The Story of Ferdinand has enchanted readers since it was first published in 1936. All the other bulls would run and jump and butt their heads together. But Ferdinand would rather sit and smell the flowers. And he does just that, until the day a bumblebee and some men from the Madrid bullfights give gentle Ferdinand a chance to be the most ferocious star of the corrida—and the most unexpected comic hero.

Viking Books for Young Readers · Hardcover · 978-0-67067-424-4 · 72 pages · $17.99

Lola at the Library
by ANNA MCQUINN
Illustrated by ROSALIND BEARDSHAW

Lola has a big smile on her face. Why? Because it’s Tuesday—and on Tuesdays, Lola and her mommy go to the library. Join Lola in this cozy celebration of books and the people who love them.

Charlesbridge · Paperback · 978-1-58089-142-4 · 32 pages · $6.95

Maple & Willow Together
by LORI NICHOLS

Maple and Willow do everything together. They love playing outside throughout the whole year, welcoming the sun, rain, leaves, and snow. But it’s not always sunshine and rainbows, because sometimes big sisters can be bossy—and sometimes little sisters can be frustrating! And even the best of friends need a break from each other . . . at least until they can no longer bear to be apart.

Nancy Paulsen Books · Hardcover · 978-0-39916-283-1 · 32 pages · $16.99
Daniel Finds a Poem
by MICHA ARCHER

What is poetry? Is it glistening morning dew? Spider thinks so. Is it crisp leaves crunching? That’s what Squirrel says. Maybe poetry’s all of these things, as it is something special for everyone—you just have to take the time to look. The magical thing is that poetry is in everyone, and Daniel is on his way to discovering a poem of his own after spending time with his animal friends. If you look and listen, poetry’s all around you!

The Berenstain Bears Think of Those in Need
by STAN BERENSTAIN and JAN BERENSTAIN

Stuff in the closets, stuff in the drawers, stuff in the attic—too much stuff everywhere! Mama Bear convinces the family that cleaning out the house not only simplifies their cluttered lives, but also benefits those who are in need!

God Gave Us the World
by LISA TAWN BERGREN
Illustrated by LAURA J. BRYANT

As Mama Bear shares with Little Cub the different types of places that God has put the various types of bears, she begins to wonder: Why didn’t God make us all the same? With Mama’s loving guidance, Little Cub is taught to see the vastness of God’s wonderful creation; His abilities as an amazing, inventive Creator; His desire for us to care for our world, and especially the important lesson that every bear has a special place in God’s great, big world.

God Gave Us You
by LISA TAWN BERGREN
Illustrated by LAURA J. BRYANT

When a charming polar bear cub climbs into bed one night, she asks her mama a very important question: “Where did I come from?” Mama bear gently, tenderly, and reassuringly communicates the message loving parents everywhere want their little ones to hear: “We wanted you very, very much, and we are so very glad because God gave us you.”
One Cool Friend
by TONI BUZZEO
Illustrated by DAVID SMALL

On a spontaneous visit to the aquarium, straightlaced and proper Elliot discovers his dream pet: a penguin. When he asks his father if he may have one (please and thank you), his father says yes. Elliot should have realized that Dad was probably thinking of a toy penguin, not a real one... Clever illustrations and a wild surprise ending make this sly, silly tale a kid-pleaser from start to finish.

Dial Books · Hardcover · 978-0-80373-413-5 · 32 pages · $17.99

My Friend Maggie
by HANNAH E. HARRISON

Paula and Maggie have been friends forever. Paula thinks Maggie is the best—until Veronica says otherwise. Suddenly, Paula starts to notice that Maggie is big and uncoordinated, and her clothes are sort of snuggish. Rather than sticking up for Maggie, Paula ignores her old friend and plays with Veronica instead. Luckily, when Veronica turns on Paula, Maggie’s true colors shine through.

Dial Books · Hardcover · 978-0-52542-916-6 · 40 pages · $17.99

I Was So Mad
by MERCER MAYER

Mercer Mayer’s Little Critter is having quite the grumpy day in this classic, funny, and heartwarming book. Whether he’s cranky on the slide or stubborn in the sandbox, both parents and children alike will relate to this beloved story. A perfect way to teach children about their emotions!

Random House Books for Young Readers · Paperback · 978-0-307-11939-1 · 24 pages · $3.99

When God Made You
by MATTHEW PAUL TURNER
Illustrated by DAVID CATROW

Through playful, charming rhyme and vivid, fantastical illustrations, When God Made You inspires young readers to learn about their own special gifts and how they fit into God’s divine plan as they grow, explore, and begin to create for themselves.

WaterBrook · Hardcover · 978-1-60142-918-6 · 48 pages · $11.99
Better Than You
by TRUDY LUDWIG
Illustrated by ADAM GUSTAVSON

Jake's bragging is really starting to get to his neighbor Tyler. Tyler can't show Jake a basketball move, a school assignment, or a new toy without Jake saying he can do better. Tyler starts to feel bad about himself. Is Jake really better than him at everything? Or is Jake the one with the problem? With the help of his uncle Kevin, Tyler begins to understand that Jake's bragging has nothing to do with Tyler's own abilities and that puffing yourself up leaves little room for friends.

The Invisible Boy
by TRUDY LUDWIG
Illustrated by PATRICE BARTON

Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party . . . until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine.

Wonder
by R. J. PALACIO

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting fifth grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can’t get past Auggie’s extraordinary face. Wonder, the #1 New York Times bestseller that inspired the Choose Kind movement, is a portrait of one community’s struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

We’re All Wonders
Now younger readers can meet Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, and his dog Daisy. Palacio shows readers what it’s like to live in Auggie’s world—a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he’s not always seen that way. It’s the perfect way for families and educators to talk about empathy and kindness with young children.
AGES 0–3

Baby Loves Aerospace Engineering!
by RUTH SPIRO
Illustrated by IRENE CHAN

Accurate enough to satisfy an expert yet simple enough for baby, this book explores flight—from birds to planes and rockets—and ties it all to baby's world. Beautiful, visually stimulating illustrations complement age-appropriate language to encourage baby's sense of wonder.

Charlesbridge · Board · 978-1-58089-541-5 · 20 pages · $8.95

Baby Loves Quarks!
by RUTH SPIRO
Illustrated by IRENE CHAN

Using engaging illustrations and simple, easy-to-understand explanations, this book explores the basics of particle physics and chemistry—quarks, protons, neutrons, atoms, and molecules—in a way that is stimulating and relevant for even the youngest of children.

Charlesbridge · Board · 978-1-58089-540-8 · 20 pages · $8.95

AGES 2–5

Goodnight, Numbers
by DANICA MCKELLAR
Illustrated by ALICIA PADRÓN

Goodnight Numbers teaches children the numbers one to ten in an accessible way, and helps them recognize that numbers appear around us every day. This New York Times bestseller is a must-read book for children beginning to learn the basics of counting and number recognition by saying goodnight to the objects around them.

Crown Books for Young Readers · Hardcover · 978-1-101-93378-7 · 32 pages · $16.99

Ten Magic Butterflies
by DANICA MCKELLAR
Illustrated by JENNIFER BRICKING

Join ten flower friends for a night of excitement that mixes a little math with a lot of magic. As each flower turns into a butterfly, children will discover different ways to group numbers to create ten, an essential building block of math, all while watching each flower's dream come true.

Crown Books for Young Readers · Hardcover · 978-1-101-93382-4 · 40 pages · $17.99
National Geographic Readers: 
BUZZ, BEE!
by JENNIFER SZYMANSKI

Buzz! Learn all about honey bees in this pre-reader from National Geographic Kids. Through text features such as a vocabulary tree and a wrap-up activity, kids will be introduced to new words and concepts—helping them expand their understanding of the world.

National Geographic Children's Books · Paperback · 978-1-4263-2780-3 · 24 pages · $3.99

National Geographic Kids 
Look and Learn: BIRDS
by NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS

In this engaging board book, young readers will meet birds of all colors, shapes, and sizes. Look and Learn books introduce the subject on one spread and then show it in real-life context on the next, using simple, age-appropriate language paired with colorful photos.

National Geographic Children's Books · Board · 978-1-4263-2843-5 · 24 pages · $6.99

Sir Cumference and the Off-the-Charts Dessert
by CINDY NEUSCHWANDER
Illustrated by WAYNE GEEHAN

Sir Cumference and Lady Di of Ameter are in a pickle. The castle cook is sick and the Harvest Faire is coming up—who will make the special dessert for this annual event? They come up with a solution: hold a contest and let the townspeople choose the dessert to be served at the faire. When the bakers’ methods of tracking their votes fail, they learn to use pie charts and bar graphs to select the best dessert of all.

Charlesbridge · Paperback · 978-1-57091-199-6 · 32 pages · $7.95

Up! Up! Up! Skyscraper
by ANASTASIA SUEN
Illustrated by RYAN O'ROURKE

Snappy rhymes invite young readers to watch workers dig, pour, pound, and bolt a skyscraper into existence. Simple yet satisfying sidebars provide further information about each step in the construction process. Perfect for preschoolers and all those who dig diggers.

Charlesbridge · Hardcover · 978-1-58089-710-5 · 32 pages · $16.99
AGES 6–9

The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts
by MAJA SÄFSTRÖM

Did you know that an octopus has three hearts? Or that ostriches can’t walk backward? These and many more fascinating and surprising facts about the animal kingdom are illustrated with whimsical detail in this charming collection.

Ten Speed Press · Hardcover · 978-1-60774-832-8 · 120 pages · $14.99

AGES 8–12

Girls Who Code: The Friendship Code
by STACIA DEUTSCH
Foreword by RESHMA SAUJANI

Lucy can’t wait to get started with the new coding club at school. But her excitement turns to disappointment when she’s put into a work group with girls she barely knows. Suddenly, Lucy begins to get cryptic coding messages and needs some help translating them. She soon discovers that coding—and friendship—takes time, dedication, and some laughs!

Penguin Workshop · Hardcover · 978-0-39954-251-0 · 144 pages · $12.99

Girls Who Code
by RESHMA SAUJANI

Since 2012, the organization Girls Who Code has taught computing skills to and inspired over 40,000 girls across America. Now its founder wants to inspire you to be a girl who codes! Bursting with games, artwork, explanations of coding principles, and real-life stories of women working in the industry, this nonfiction book shows what a huge role computer science plays in our lives.

Viking Books for Young Readers · Hardcover · 978-0-42528-753-8 · 176 pages · $17.99

JavaScript for Kids
by NICK MORGAN

JavaScript for Kids teaches programming essentials through, step-by-step examples and illustrations. Kids will learn how to: create functions to organize and reuse code; write and modify HTML to create dynamic web pages; and program real user-controlled games.

No Starch Press · Paperback · 978-1-59327-408-5 · 336 Pages · $34.95
Mouse Scouts
by SARAH DILLARD

Meet Violet, Tigerlily, Hyacinth, Petunia, Junebug, and Cricket, six new Mouse Scouts who are trustworthy and strong, thrifty and brave . . . and destined to be friends to the end! Earning their first badge—planting a vegetable garden—is hard work. Will the troop drive unwanted pests from the garden and earn their Sow It and Grow It badge?

Yearling · Paperback · 978-0-385-75602-0 · 128 pages · $6.99

MVP #1: The Gold Medal Mess
by DAVID A. KELLY
Illustrated by SCOTT BRUNDAGE

Five friends are ready for their school’s Olympics field day. There will be relay races, archery contests, and more! But not everyone wants to play fair—someone is trying to ruin the events! Can the kids in the Most Valuable Player club solve the mystery, save the Olympics, and take home the gold?

Random House Books for Young Readers · Paperback
978-0-553-51319-6 · 128 pages · $4.99

Commander in Cheese #1: The Big Move
by LINDSEY LEAVITT
Illustrated by A. G. FORD

If you are a mouse, then you might know about Ava and Dean Squeakerton. They are kind of famous, for mice. That’s because Ava and Dean and the rest of their family live in the White House. This series is sure to thrill readers who love tiny details and big fun. Bonus back matter is filled with tons of cool facts about presidents, the White House, and U.S. history.

Random House Books for Young Readers · Paperback
978-1-101-93112-7 · 112 pages · $4.99

Louise Trapeze Is Totally 100% Fearless
by MICOL OSTOW
Illustrated by BRIGETTE BARRAGER

Tomorrow Louise Trapeze officially turns seven. Seven is old enough to fly on the real flying trapeze. The big one. The one way high up in the sky, that makes her stomach flip-flop at the very sight . . . Uh-oh! Could it be that Louise is not 100% fearless after all? Might she actually—gulp—be afraid of heights . . . ?

Random House Books for Young Readers · Paperback
978-0-553-49742-7 · 128 pages · $5.99
AGES 6–9

A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author
by RON ROY
Illustrated by JOHN STEVEN GURNEY

For twenty years, chapter book readers have collected clues with Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose—and have become hooked on mysteries and reading. In The Absent Author, Dink’s favorite author has promised that the only way he won’t come to Green Lawn for a book signing is if he’s kidnapped. And he doesn’t show up! Could he really have been kidnapped?

Random House Books for Young Readers · Paperback
978-0-679-88168-1 · 96 pages · $4.99

Nate the Great
by MARJORIE WEINMAN SHARMAT
Illustrated by MARC SIMONT

Join the world’s greatest detective, Nate the Great, as he solves the mystery of the lost picture! Perfect for beginning readers and the Common Core, this long-running chapter book series will encourage children to problem-solve with Nate, using logical thinking to solve mysteries.

Yearling · Paperback · 978-0-440-46126-5 · 80 pages · $5.99

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AGES 3–7

THE ORDINARY PEOPLE CHANGE THE WORLD SERIES
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by LEE J. AMES

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Alexander Graham Bell Answers the Call
by MARY ANN FRASER

Well before Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, Aleck (as his family called him) was a curious boy, interested in how and why he was able to hear the world all around him. This in-depth look at the life and inspiration of the brilliant man who invented the telephone is sure to fire up the imaginations of young readers who question why and how things work.

Charlesbridge · Hardcover · 978-1-58089-721-1 · 32 pages · $16.99
AGES 6–9

A Poem for Peter
by ANDREA DAVIS PINKNEY
Illustrated by STEVE JOHNSON and LOU FANCHER

For more than two decades, Ezra Jack Keats had kept pinned to his wall photographs of an adorable African American child. The boy morphed into Peter, a boy in a red snowsuit, out enjoying the snow; the book became The Snowy Day, winner of the Caldecott Medal, the first mainstream book to feature an African American child. Andrea Davis Pinkney’s lyrical narrative tells the inspiring story of a boy who pursued a dream, and who inspired generations of other dreamers.

Viking Books for Young Readers · Hardcover · 978-0-42528-768-2 · 60 pages · $18.99

AGES 8–12

WHO HQ SERIES

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112 pages · $5.99
The First Year of Homeschooling Your Child
by LINDA DOBSON

Today, many parents recognize that their child’s school options are limited, inadequate, or even dangerous, and an increasing number are turning to homeschooling. But where do you start and how do you ensure the highest-quality educational experience, especially in that pivotal first year? This comprehensive guide will help you determine the appropriate first steps, build your own educational philosophy, and discover the best ways to cater to your child’s specific learning style.

Three Rivers Press · Trade Paperback · 978-0-7615-2788-6 · 360 pages · $19.00

The Creative Family Manifesto
by AMANDA BLAKE SOULE

When you learn to awaken your family’s creativity, wonderful things will happen: you’ll make meaningful connections with your children in large and small ways; your children will more often engage in their own creative discoveries; and your family will embrace new ways to relax, play, and grow together. This book embraces a whole new way of living that will engage your children’s imagination, celebrate their achievements, and help you to express love and gratitude for each other as a family.

Shambhala · Trade Paperback · 978-1-61180-503-1 · 176 pages · $14.95

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