

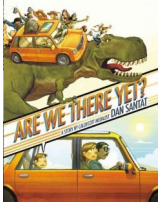


### ***The Journey***

**Sanna, Francesca**

**Location: Kids Illustrated Fiction Sanna**

What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope.



### ***Are We There Yet?***

**Santat, Dan**

**Location: Picture Book Santat**

A boy goes on a long car ride to visit his grandmother and discovers time moves faster or slower depending on how bored he is.



### ***Before Morning***

**Sidman, Joyce**

**Location: Picture Book Winter Sidman**

Let snow fall overnight and change the world before morning, making it "slow and delightful and white."

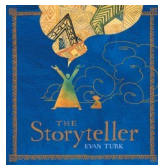


### ***Ideas Are All Around***

**Stead, Philip Christian**

**Location: Picture Book Stead**

In search of writing ideas, an author takes a walk with his dog around the neighborhood.

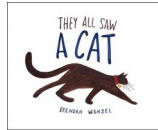


### ***The Storyteller***

**Turk, Evan**

**Location: Kids Illustrated Fiction Turk**

In a time of drought in the Kingdom of Morocco, a storyteller and a boy weave a tale to thwart a Djinn and his sandstorm from destroying their city.

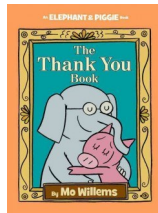


### ***They All Saw a Cat***

**Wenzel, Brendan**

**Location: Picture Book Wenzel**

In simple, rhythmic prose and stylized pictures, a cat walks through the world, and all the other creatures see and acknowledge the cat.

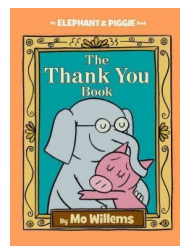


### ***The Thank You Book***

**Willems, Mo**

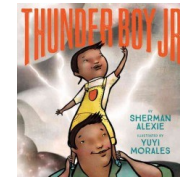
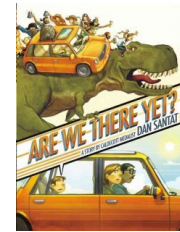
**Location: Picture Book Willems**

Piggie is determined to thank everyone she knows, but Gerald thinks she will forget someone important.



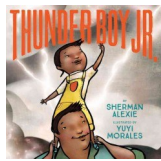
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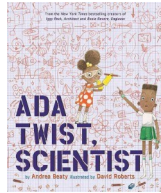


### ***Thunder Boy Jr.***

**Alexie, Sherman**

**Location: Picture Book Alexie**

Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name . . . one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name.

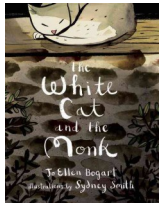


### ***Ada Twist, Scientist***

**Beaty, Andrea**

**Location: Picture Book Beaty**

Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

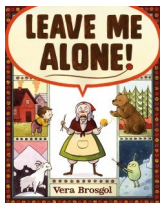


### ***The White Cat and the Monk: A Retelling of the Poem "Pangur Bán"***

**Bogart, Jo Ellen**

**Location: Picture Book Tales White**

A monk leads a simple life. He studies his books late into the evening and searches for truth in their pages. His cat, Pangur, leads a simple life, too, chasing prey in the darkness. As night turns to dawn, Pangur leads his companion to the truth he's been seeking.



### ***Leave Me Alone!***

**Brosgol, Vera**

**Location: Picture Book Brosgol**

Grandmother wants so badly to be left alone to finish the knitting for her grandchildren that she leaves her tiny home and her big family to journey to the moon and beyond to find peace and quiet to finish her knitting.

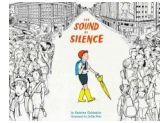


### ***The Night Gardener***

**Fan, Terry**

**Location: Picture Book Fan**

Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.



### ***The Sound of Silence***

**Goldsaito, Katrina**

**Location: Picture Book Goldsaito**

Yoshio delights in the everyday sounds of Tokyo, but when a musician tells him that her favorite sound is ma, the Japanese word for silence, Yoshio sets out to hear this sound for himself among the hustle and bustle of the city. Includes information on the Japanese concept of ma.

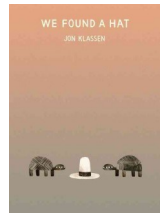


### ***A Child of Books***

**Jeffers, Oliver**

**Location: Picture Book Jeffers**

A young reader introduces a boy to the many imaginative worlds that books bring to life.

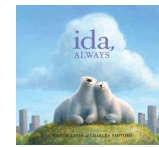


### ***We Found a Hat***

**Klassen, Jon**

**Location: Picture Book Klassen**

Two turtles find a hat that looks good on both of them, but, with fairness in mind, they decide to leave it be, until night falls and one of the turtles changes its mind.



### ***Ida, Always***

**Levis, Caron**

**Location: Picture Book Levis**

A polar bear grieves over the loss of his companion, based on the real-life Gus and Ida of New York's Central Park Zoo.



### ***School's First Day of School***

**Rex, Adam**

**Location: Picture Book School Rex**

It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself .



### ***This Is Not a Picture Book***

**Ruzzier, Sergio**

**Location: Picture Book Ruzzier**

Duck finds a book and is surprised to discover that there are books with words and no pictures — and that even without pictures a book can interest and excite you.