





*If You Plant a Seed.* By Kadir Nelson. Illus. by the author. HarperCollins/Balzer + Bray. A rabbit and mouse wait patiently for the seeds they planted to grow into delicious vegetables. When some birds want part of the harvest, everyone learns being kind is the most fruitful way to be.

*Last Stop on Market Street.* By Matt de la Peña. Illus. by Christian Robinson. Putnam. CJ's journey with his Nana is not just a simple bus ride; it is a multi-sensory experience through which he discovers that beautiful music, nature, and people surround him. (*Newbery Medal Book & Caldecott Honor Book*)

*Lenny & Lucy.* By Philip C. Stead. Illus. by Erin E. Stead. Roaring Book/Neal Porter. Homemade

*My Tata's Remedies = Los remedios de mi tata.* By Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford. Illus. by Antonio Castro L. Cinco Puntos. Aaron learns first hand from his grandfather (Tata), who cares for family, friends, and neighbors, the significance of healing with a tender touch of wisdom and medicinal herbs. (*Belpré Illustrator Honor Book*)

*A Pig, a Fox, and a Box.* By Jonathan Fenske. Illus. by the author. Penguin. In three humorous stories, not-so-clever Fox comes out the worst for wear when he uses a box to play tricks on his friend Pig. (*Geisel Honor Book*)

*Piper Green and the Fairy Tree.* By Ellen Potter. Illus. by Qin Leng. Knopf. Piper Green's life is rich with family, friends, kittens, and magic. She meets her challenges head on and shows her spirit in everything she does.

*The Popcorn Astronauts: And Other Biteable Rhymes.* By Deborah Ruddell. Illus. by Joan Rankin. Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry. Sink your teeth into a delicious collection of poetry for all seasons, complete with imaginative watercolor illustrations that bring the whimsy to life.

*The Princess and the Pony.* By Kate Beaton. Illus. by the author. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine. Princess Pinecone wants a proper warrior's horse for her birthday. The round, short, flatulent one she gets instead is not what she had in mind, but she learns it can be a secret weapon.

*Raindrops Roll.* By April Pulley Sayre. Illus. by the author. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane. Beautifully detailed, up-close photos of the natural world demonstrate the wonder of raindrops as they splatter, drip, roll, and more.

*Red.* By Jan De Kinder. Illus. by the author. Tr. by Laura Watkinson. Eerdmans. A girl and her friends laugh when a classmate blushes on the playground. When one student takes the teasing too far, the girl must make a critical decision.

*Roger Is Reading a Book.* By Koen Van Biesen. Illus. by the author. Tr. by Laura Watkinson. Eerdmans. Cinematic art and text illuminate exuberant Emily, whose loud hobbies interrupt Roger as he tries to peacefully read his book.

*Sidewalk Flowers.* By JonArno Lawson. Illus. by Sydney Smith. Greenwood. A little girl collects wildflowers while her distracted father pays little attention. In a wordless homage to the importance of small things, each flower becomes a gift, transforming the giver and the recipient.

*The Skunk.* By Mac Barnett. Illus. by Patrick McDonnell. Roaring Brook. What is a man to do when a skunk appears on his doorstep? Readers follow the man and skunk on a quirky, humorous adventure.

*Special Delivery*

*Supertruck*. By Stephen Savage. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter. When a blizzard comes to town, an unassuming garbage truck secretly trades his glasses for a powerful snowplow and becomes the heroic "Supertruck." (*Geisel Honor Book*)

*Woodpecker Wham!* By April Pulley Sayre. Illus. by Steve Jenkins. Holt. Enter the world of woodpeckers and enjoy a bird's-eye view of their everyday life. A variety of woodpecker species fly through these beautifully illustrated pages.

*Written and Drawn by Henrietta.* By Liniers. Illus. by the author. Tr. by the author. TOON. Henrietta is writing and illustrating a story about a three-headed monster. Liniers' thin-lined, expressive cartoons, complete with Henrietta's crayon-thick scrawls, track her joyful creation of a scary and funny adventure. (*Batchelder Honor Book*)

*28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World.* By Charles R. Smith Jr. Illus. by Shane W. Evans. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter. From the shooting of Crispus Attucks to the inauguration of President Barack Obama, 28 moments in Black history are celebrated through poetry, prose, and vivid illustrations.

*Adam and Thomas.* By Aharon Appelfeld. Illus. by Philippe Dumas. Tr. by Jeffrey M. Green. Seven Stories/Triangle Square. In the last months of World War II, two Jewish boys are taken from the Ghetto by their mothers to the forest of the Eastern Front and told to wait for their return. The boys forge a strong friendship, learning from one another and helping others escape through the woods. (*Batchelder Honor Book*)

*Adventures with Waffles.* By Maria Parr. Illus. by Kate Forrester. Tr. by Guy Puzey. Candlewick. Whether sledding with chickens or boating with cows, there's never a dull moment when neighbors Lena and Trille are together. The Norwegian village comes alive in this tale of family, friendship, and adventure.

*Blackbird Fly.* By Erin Entrada Kelly. HarperCollins/Greenwillow. Eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American, faces bullying, parental conflicts, fickle friends, and a lack of self-confidence with the help of a Beatles cassette, new friends, and the determination to play the guitar.

*The Blackthorn Key.* By Kevin Sands. Aladdin. In 1665 London, Christopher, an apothecary's apprentice, and his best friend Tom attempt to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult. They follow a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward a powerful secret.

*Echo.* By Pam Muñoz Ryan. Scholastic. This original fairytale intertwines with historical fiction to explore music and its power to save, heal, and set free. (*Newbery Honor Book*)

*Enormous Smallness: A Story of E. E. Cummings.* By Matthew Burgess. Illus. by Kris Di Giacomo. Enchanted LimMMri Key





*Stella by Starlight.* By Sharon M. Draper. Atheneum. In 1932 North Carolina, Stella feels the effects of a Klan cross burning, segregation, voter registration, and a major house fire in a story of change in a close-knit community.

*Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America.* By Susan Campbell Bartoletti. illus. HMH. Known as a carrier of the deadly typhoid fever, Mary Mallon was also a victim of civil rights violations and overly harsh treatment. Her nuanced biography reveals the true complexity of her infamous case.

*Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower.* By Greg Pizzoli. Illus. by the author. Penguin/Viking. At the turn of the twentieth century, Czechoslovakian Robert Miller became a con artist. Calling himself Vic, he started with small schemes, working his way toward selling the Eiffel Tower.

*Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer.* By Kelly Jones. Illus. by Katie Kath. Knopf. Told primarily in letters, a series of humorous events kicks off when Sophie discovers chickens with astonishing abilities after her family inherits her great uncle's farm.

*The War That Saved My Life.* By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Penguin/Dial. Bradley's powerful plot, remarkably drawn characters, and sparse language are outstanding components of this novel about courage, community, and conviction. (*Newbery Honor Book*)

*Baba Yaga's Assistant.* By Marika McCoola. Illus. by Emily Carroll. Candlewick. Using skills learned from her beloved grandma, Masha must pass a series of tests to become a witch's assistant and get her annoying stepsister home safely. Graphic panels magically blend the contemporary with the traditional.

*The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club.* By Phillip Hoose. illus. Farrar. This is a true World War II story of Danish teens who became resistance fighters while most adults in their country reacted passively to the Nazi takeover. Hoose weaves Pedersen's words into an adventurous narrative about the young heroes. (*Sibert Honor Book*)

*Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls Are Used in War.* By Jessica Dee Humphreys and Michel Chikwanine. Illus. by Claudia Dávila. Kids Can. Chikwanine chronicles the harrowing tale of his



*The Seventh Most Important Thing.* By Shelley Pearsall. Knopf. After throwing a brick at the Junk Man'



Older, Daniel José. *Shadowshaper*. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books. Sierra Santiago was amped on her summer of painting murals and hanging with friends, before noticing the murals were fading faster than normal. Another street artist named Robbie is the only one who can help her to unlock this mystery.

Reynolds, Jason. *The Boy in the Black Suit*. Atheneum. To deal with his mother's passing, Matt accepts a job at the local funeral home. Matt meets Lovey at her grandmother's funeral. The two of them share a bond that will help them both to move past their own respective losses.

Ruby, Laura. *Bone Gap*. Harper/Balzer and Bray. In a small town full of strange happenings, Finn is determined to uncover the mystery of Roza's disappearance.

Shabazz, Ilyasah and Kekla Magoon. *X: A Novel*. Candlewick. This fictionalized account of Malcolm X's teen years poignantly presents the young man's struggles with identity, racism, and crime.

Shusterman, Neal. *Challenger Deep*. HarperTeen. As Caden descends into mental illness, his visions of a descent into the deep waters of a trench take over.

Silvera, Adam. *More Happy than Not*. Soho Teen. After enduring his father's suicide, his own suicide