

2019-2020 SSYRA Jr. Annotated Book List



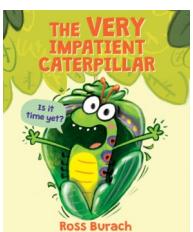
The Princess and The Pit Stop by Tom Angelberger, illustrated by Dan Santat

During a pit stop, the princess discovers she is in last place of her fairy tale race. Not one to give up, her revved up racing skills have her passing characters like the tortoise and the hare and all the wicked witches. Can she come from behind and win?



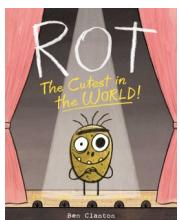
Melia and Jo by Billy Aronson, illustrated by Jennifer Oxley

Melia's scientific creations just aren't quite right. Then she meets Jo, her new friend with an artistic spirit. First, Melia thinks Jo is too creative to be her inventing partner, but when you add the arts to sciences, something magical happens!



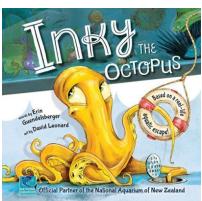
The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach.

With a nod to a certain classic picture book, the magical process of metamorphosis is explored from the point-of-view of a hilariously clueless caterpillar who literally just can't wait to be a butterfly!



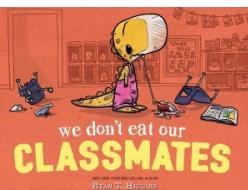
Rot: The Cutest in the World by Ben Clanton

For a mutant potato, Rot has so much self-confidence that he enters "The Cutest In The World Contest." Then he meets the other contestants who are all adorable. When Rot decides he should just be himself, his inner beauty shines...but is it enough for the judges?



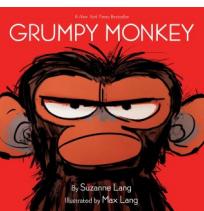
Inky the Octopus by Erin Guendelsberger, illustrated by David Leonard

Based on a true story, an aquarium octopus dreams of being free to live in the sea. With rhyming text and bright, colorful illustrations, you'll root for Inky to escape to the ocean!



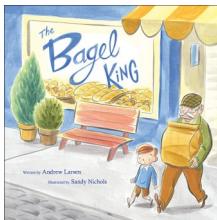
We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins

It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all.



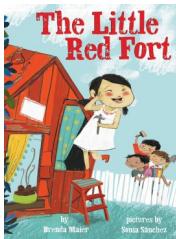
Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang, illustrated by Max Lang

After Jim Panzee wakes up on the wrong side of the tree, nothing seems right. His jungle friends suggest he is grumpy and try to help him cheer up, which just makes things worse. In the end, Jim and friends discover it is okay to feel all the feelings you have.



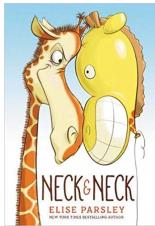
***The Bagel King* by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Sandy Nichols**

Eli could count on Zaida to bring bagels over every Sunday morning. But one Sunday, Zaida didn't come. This meant Eli had no bagels. And neither did Zaida's friends, who had been receiving their own weekly deliveries from Zaida. Will they all go hungry for bagels on Sunday? Or is there something Eli can do?



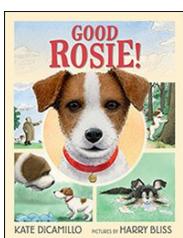
***The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia Sanchez**

Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. One day, she finds some old boards and decides to build something. She invites her brothers to help, but they just laugh and tell her she doesn't know how to build. When she creates a dazzling fort that they all want to play in, it is Ruby who has the last laugh.



***Neck & Neck* by Elise Parsley**

Leopold the giraffe is a star at the zoo until one day he sees a Leopold balloon and becomes jealous of the attention it steals from him. He thinks of clever ways to get rid of these inflated imposters, but his guilt overwhelms him when a little boy loses his balloon.



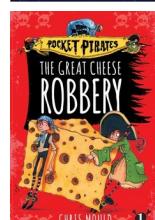
***Good Rosie!* By Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Harry Bliss.**

Rosie is a shy and lonely dog. When George, her owner tries to help her make friends at the dog park, Rosie does not care for the dogs she meets. But when she comes to the rescue of a roughed up pup, she rethinks the possibility of friendship.



***Stealing the Sword* by Wendy, Mass illustrated by Oriol Vidal**

After Chase and Ava find an old suitcase filled with strange objects. After touching one, they find themselves jumping back in time to King Arthur's castle! They meet the king's wizard Merlin and soon discover they have an important job to do: they must save the king!



***The Great Cheese Robbery* by Chris Mould**

Arrrr! Get ready for the pocket pirates, tiny pirates whose cat is stolen by evil mice. In order to get their cat back, they must get some cheese from the freezing Fridge. Can they survive the cold and save their feline friend?



***The New Kid* by A.I. Newton, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar**

It's not easy to be the new kid at school, especially when you're an alien. Luckily, Zeke fits right in, and makes new friends except for Harris. Harris knows a lot about aliens and is going to prove to everyone that Zeke is not who he says he is.



***Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!* By Kara West, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez**

Mia is a normal eight year old girl until she discovers that she is a superhero! But can she learn to balance her regular life and keep her identity a secret, all while learning to be a superhero?