

**Wonderful Words: What's New in Children's Literature Pre-K to Grade 2?**  
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**Playing with Letters, Words, & Numbers**

- Banks, Kate. *Max's Words*. Illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Farrar, 2006.
- Budde, Nadia. *One Two Three Me*. Illustrated by Jeremy Fitzkee. Viking, 2006.
- Cleary, Brian P. *Rhyme & PUNishment: Adventures in Wordplay*. Illustrated by J.P. Sandy. Learner, 2006.
- Cleary, Brian P. *A Lime, a Mime, a Pool of Slime: More About Nouns*. Illustrated by Brian Gable. Learner, 2006.
- Clements, Andrew. *A Million Dots*. Illustrated by Mike Reed. Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- Coffelt, Nancy. *Pug in a Truck*. Houghton Mifflin, 2006.
- Donaldson, Julia. *One Ted Falls out of Bed*. Illustrated by Anna Currey. Henry Holt, 2006.
- Larios, Julie. *Yellow Elephant: A Bright Bestiary*. Illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Harcourt, 2006.
- McLeod, Bob. *SuperHero ABC*. HarperCollins, 2006.
- McMullen, Kate. *I'm Dirty!* Illustrated by Jim McMullen. HarperCollins, 2006.
- Prelutsky, Jack. *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant: And Other Poems*. Illustrated by Carin Berger. HarperCollins, 2006.
- Reiser, Lynn. *Hardworking Puppies*. Harcourt, 2006.
- Shulman, Mark. *Mom and Dad are Palindromes*. Illustrated by Adam McCauley. Chronicle, 2006.
- Sobel, June. *Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC*. Illustrated by Henry Cole. Harcourt, 2006.
- Wells, Rosemary. *Max's ABC*. Viking, 2006.

**Friends Forever**

- Barrows, Annie. *Ivy + Bean*. Illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Chronicle, 2006.
- Chodos-Irvine, Margaret. *Best Best Friends*. Harcourt, 2006.
- Haas, Irene. *Bess and Bella*. McElderry, 2006.
- Hillenbrand, Jane. *What a Treasure!* Illustrated by Ill Hillenbrand. Holiday, 2006.
- Könnecke, Ole. *Anthony and the Girls*. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2006.
- Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. *Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways*. Candlewick, 2006. (Theodore Seuss Geisel Award for beginning-reader books)
- Ries, Lori. *Aggie and Ben: Three Stories*. Illustrated by Frank W. Dormer. Charlesbridge, 2006.
- Robberecht, Thierry. *Sam is Never Scared*. Illustrated by Phillippe Goossens. Clarion, 2006.
- Sakai, K. *Emily's Balloon*. Chronicle, 2006.

**Overcoming Challenges**

- Aruego, Jose & Ariane Dewey, *The Last Laugh*. Dial, 2006.
- Browne, Anthony. *Silly Billy*. Candlewick, 2006.
- Bunting, Eve. *One Green Apple*. Illustrated by Ted Lewin. Clarion, 2006.
- Busse, Sarah Martin & Jacquelin Briggs Martin. *Banjo Granny*. Illustrated by Barry Root. Houghton Mifflin, 2006.
- Fleming, Denise. *The Cow Who Clucked*. Holt, 2006.
- Fox, Mem. *A Particular Cow*. Illustrated by Terry Denton. Harcourt, 2006.
- Goode, Diane. *The Most Perfect Spot*. HarperCollins, 2006.
- Hopkinson, Deborah & James E. Ransome. *Sky Boys: How They built the Empire State Building*. Random House, 2006.
- Landström, Lena. *Boo and Baa have Company*. Illustrated by Olof Landström. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2006.
- Sendak, Maurice. *Mommy?* Scenario by Arthur Yorinks. Paper Engineering by Matthew Reinhart. Scholastic, 2006.
- Winter, Jeanette. *Mama: A True Story, in Which a Baby Hippo Loses His Mama during a Tsunami, but Finds a New Home, and a New Mama*. Harcourt, 2006.

### **Life's Lessons**

- Arnosky, Jim. *Grandfather Buffalo*. Putnam, 2006.
- Child, Lauren. *But Excuse Me That Is My Book*. Dial, 2006.
- Cunnane, Kelly. *For You are a Kenyan Child*. Illustrated by Ana Juan. Atheneum, 2006.
- Falconer, Ian. *Olivia Forms a Band*. Atheneum, 2006.
- Frazee, Marla. *Walk on! A Guide for Babies of All Ages*. Harcourt, 2006. All ages.
- George, Lindsay Barrett. *In the Garden: Who's Been Here?* Greenwillow, 2006.
- Henkes, Kevin. *Lilly's Big Day*. Greenwillow, 2006.
- Horacek, Peter. *Silly Suzy Goose*. Candlewick, 2006.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. *Cookies: Bite-size Life Lessons*. Illustrated by Jane Dyer. HarperCollins, 2006.
- Shannon, David. *Good Boy, Fergus!* Scholastic, 2006.
- Willems, Mo. *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!* Hyperion, 2006.
- Young, Ed. *My Mei Mei*. Philomel, 2006.

### **Getting to Know You**

- Kennedy, Edward M. *My Senator and Me: A Dog's Eye View of Washington D.C.* Illustrated by David Small. Scholastic, 2006.
- Krensky, Stephen. *Hanukkah at Valley Forge*. Illustrated by Greg Harlin. Dutton, 2006.
- McCully, Emily Arnold. *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2006.
- Schubert, Leda. *Ballet of the Elephants*. Illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker. Roaring Book Press, 2006.
- Smith, Lane. *John, Paul, George & Ben*. Hyperion, 2006.
- Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Hyperion, 2006.
- Winter, Jonah. *Dizzy*. Illustrated by Sean Qualls. Scholastic, 2006.

### **Telling Tales**

- Gravett, Emily. *Wolves*. Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- Grey, Mini. *The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon*. Knopf, 2006.
- Hennessy, B. G. *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. Illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- Isaacs, Anne. *Pancakes for Supper!* Illustrated by Mark Teague. Scholastic, 2006.
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Peggony-Po: A Whale of a Tale*. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Hyperion, 2006.
- Pinkney, Jerry. *The Little Red Hen*. Dial, 2006.

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- Cooper, Elisha. *Beach*. Scholastic, 2006.
- Cronin, Doreen. *Dooby Dooby Moo*. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Simon & Shuster, 2006.
- Donaldson, Julia. *Charlie Cook's Favorite Book*. Illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Dial, 2006.
- Himmelman, John. *Chickens to the Rescue*. Holt, 2006.
- Lehman, Barbara. *Museum Trip*. Houghton, 2006.
- Ljungkvist, Laura. *Follow the Line*. Penguin, 2006.
- Mahy, Margaret. *Down the Back of the Chair*. Illustrated by Polly Dunbar. Clarion, 2006.
- Manushkin, Fran. *The Shivers in the Fridge*. Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Dutton, 2006.
- McCarty, Peter. *Moon Plane*. Holt, 2006.
- von Buhler, Cynthia. *The Cat Who Wouldn't Come Inside*. Houghton Mifflin, 2006.
- Shulevitz, Uri. *So Sleepy Story*. Farrar, 2006.
- Wiesner, David. *Flotsam*. Clarion, 2006. (Caldecott Winner)