

ISABELLE'S LIST

YOUR CURATED CHILDREN'S LITERATURE RESOURCE

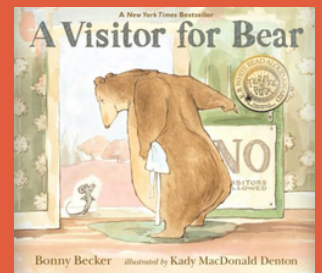
Fall 2022



● ***A Visitor for Bear***

Bonny Becker (Author) & Kady MacDonald Denton (Illustrator)

One of the best read-alouds about friendship. I will consider this book a *classic*.



● ***What is Love?***

Mac Barnett (Author) & Carson Ellis (Illustrator)

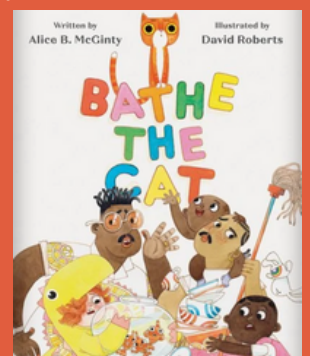
Full of metaphors & beautiful illustrations. Poses the question for us all, "What is love to you?"



● ***Bathe the Cat***

Alice B. McGinty (Author) & David Roberts (Illustrator)

Laugh out loud with this mischievous cat and sweet family. I love all of David Roberts' work!

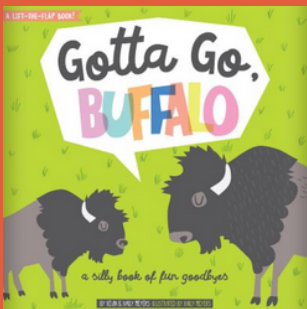


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Gotta Go, Buffalo

Haily Meyers & Kevin Meyers

This book is full of silly ways to say "goodbye." A perfect one for toddlers.



No Pants

Jacob Grant

No Pants brings out a smile for all & so many giggles (best sound ever). I also appreciate that it's appropriate.



I am Quiet

Andie Powers (Author) & Betsy Petersen (Illustrator)

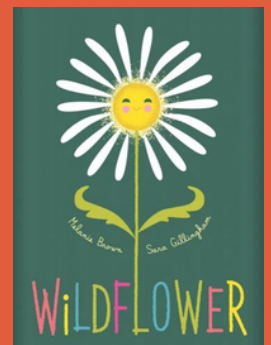
Emile may be quiet on the outside, but inside his imagination runs wild. Important use of "quiet," instead of "shy."



Wildflower

Melanie Brown (Author) & Sara Gillingham (Illustrator)

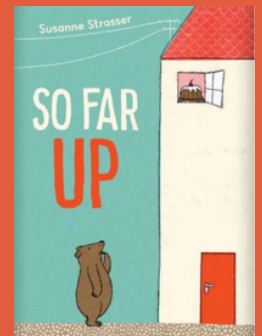
What a wonderful story to teach little ones about self-compassion & self-confidence.



So Far Up

Susanne Strasse

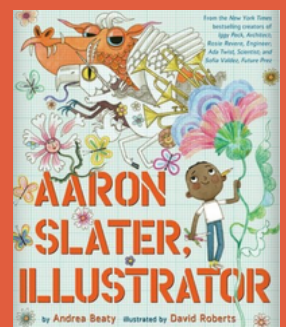
It's important to teach little ones about directionality (up, down, near, far). *So Far Up* does it in the most playful, fun way. An instant favorite.



Aaron Slater, Illustrator

Andrea Beaty (Author) & David Roberts (Illustrator)

The Questioners does it again with this new release! Aaron discovers that dyslexia does not define him; he's a gifted communicator through his art. Based on a true story.



Have you experienced the MAGIC?




I believe something very magical can happen when a good book is read, especially when that moment is shared with a little one.

The most important magical moment is the bonding that occurs when reading together. Babies undergo immense brain development, growth, and neuron pruning in the first two years of life. The brain, social, emotional, and cognitive development of infants depends on a loving bond or attachment with a primary caregiver, usually a parent.

You have the influential role of loving nurture in a child's emotional, social, and cognitive development. Reading with a child is one of the easiest ways to nurture this development! Parenting is, therefore, more important than we could ever have imagined.

"Isabelle, how do you feel when we read to you?"

"It feels like kind, gentle; kind to people. I feel happier, joyful, good inside. Feels magical in my body. Reading helps me."



QUALITY

The best children's books capture imaginations, foster a love of reading, and stay with readers long past childhood.

There's a variety of questions that I explore when selecting books for Isabelle's List:

Are the illustrations beautiful and captivating? Is there an illustration so alluring that I feel compelled to cut it out and have it framed?

Do the pictures leave an impression just as much or even more than the words?

Is the theme one I want to remember or teach children? Does the message, words, prose, or rhyme reveal a message that exudes grace, kindness, or other positive virtues?

Do the pictures and words invoke our imagination? Transport us to a magical world?

Do we feel better after reading it? Does it invoke wonder and awe? Does the message evolve and change us for the better?

Do we want to read it over and over again? Does it reveal another meaning each time it's read?

Do I feel compelled to share it? Want to give it to others as a gift?

“There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favorite book.”

-Marcel Proust



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