Poetry

**The Bell Rang** by James Ransome
A young slave girl witnesses the heartbreak and hopefulness of her family and their plantation community when her brother escapes for freedom.

**Birdie** by Eileen Spinelli
Birdie, coping with the death of her father, learns that change can be painful, but also beautiful.

**Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons** by Laura Purdie Salas
Haiku meets riddles in poems that celebrate the seasons.

**Predator and Prey** by Susannah Buhrman-Deever
See both sides of the story of predators and their prey with poems.

**Sometimes You Fly** by Katherine Applegate
An inspirational tribute to the universal struggles and achievements of childhood.

Graphic Novel

**The Cardboard Kingdom** by Chad Sell
A group of neighborhood children create costumes from cardboard and use their imagination to have adventures.

**Click** by Kayla Miller
When a school variety show leaves Olive without an act to join, she wonders why all of her friends have already formed their own groups without her.

**Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths** by Graham Annable
Peter and Ernesto are sloths. Peter and Ernesto are friends. Peter and Ernesto are nothing alike.

**Tiger vs. Nightmare** by Emily Tetri
Thanks to her friend, Monster, Tiger has nothing but good dreams.

**Urban Legendz** by Paul Downs & Nick Bruno
A motley crew of teenagers must fight to protect Brooklyn when classic urban legends terrorize the city.
**Young Adult Fiction**

**Aurora Rising** by Amie Kaufman  
Tyler, of Aurora Academy, is ready to recruit the squad of his dreams, but he ends up stuck with the dregs nobody else in the academy would touch.

**Call It What You Want** by Bridgid Kemmerer  
Rob and Maegan, both dealing with serious family issues, quickly form a bond that is threatened when Rob plans to repair the damage his father caused.

**The Dark Descent of Elizabeth**

**Frankenstein** by Kiersten White  
Elizabeth is almost thrown into the streets until she is brought to the home of Victor Frankenstein, a boy who has everything—except a friend.

**Illegal** by Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin  
Ebo is alone. He later follows his brother, Kwame, on a hazardous journey to Europe, and a better life.

**Rayne & Delilah's Midnight Matinee** by Jeff Zentner  
Josie and Delia struggle with growing up and growing apart as they face tough decisions about their futures.

**Resistance** by Jennifer Nielson  
Using forged papers, Chaya becomes a courier and travels between the Jewish ghettos of Poland, smuggling food, papers, and even people.

**The Rest of the Story** by Sarah Dessen  
A girl reconnects with a part of her family she hasn’t seen since she was a little girl—and falls in love, all over the course of a magical summer.

**Skyward** by Brandon Sanderson  
Spensa’s dream of becoming a pilot may come true despite her deceased father being labeled a deserter.

**A Very Large Expanse of the Sea** by Tahera Mafi  
The ups and downs of life after 9/11 for a Muslim teenager.

**We Walked the Sky** by Lisa Fielder  
A multigenerational story about two teenagers: Victoria, who joins the circus in 1965, and her granddaughter, Callie, who leaves the circus fifty years later.

**Picture Book**

**Bear Came Along** by Richard T. Morris  
Very different animals take off downstream, but they didn't know they needed one another until thankfully, the river came along.

**Harold & Hog Pretend for Real!** by Dan Santat  
Can Harold and Hog’s friendship survive a game of pretending to be Elephant and Piggie?

**Jasper & Ollie** by Alex Willan  
Jasper, a fox, and Ollie, a sloth, head to the pool on a summer day, each taking their own unique path.

**The Neighbors** by Einat Tsarfati  
As she climbs the seven stories to her own apartment, a little girl imagines what happens behind every door she passes.

**Oliver: The Second-Largest Living Thing on Earth** by Josh Crute  
Oliver wishes he were as popular and important as Sherman, the largest giant sequoia tree, until he discovers it is enough to be part of something big.

**Sign Off** by Stephen Savage  
A wordless picture book that shows what the figures on road signs do when no one is around to see them.

**Skulls!** by Blair Thornburgh  
This smart, skull-positive story celebrates one of the most important bones in your body: the skull!

**SumoKitty** by David Biedrzycki  
Through hard work and perseverance—and with a little help from a big buddy—SumoKitty is born!

**The Very Impatient Caterpillar** by Ross Burach  
A caterpillar learns to be patient while trying to metamorphosize.

**The Wall in the Middle of the Book** by Jon Agee  
A knight who feels secure on his side of the wall that divides his book discovers that his side is not as safe as he thought, and the other side is not as threatening.

**Informational**

**Borrowing Bunnies** by Cynthia Lord  
The story of two adorable foster bunnies who find the perfect home through patience and love.

**Crayon Man** by Natascha Biebow  
The true story of an inventor who found a way to bring the vibrant colors of nature to children—in a box for only a nickel!

**Flower Talk** by Sara Levine  
A cantankerous talking cactus reveals how flowers use different colors to “talk” to various pollinators.

**I’m Trying to Love Math** by Bethany Barton  
A friendly alien introduces readers to the things (and people) that use math in amazing ways, showing that math is a necessary and cool part of our lives!

**Just Ask** by Sonia Sotomayor  
Celebrate the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. When we come across someone who is different from us, but we’re not sure why, all we have to do is Just Ask.

**Just Like Beverly** by Vicki Conrad  
Find out what brought Beverly Cleary from struggling student who found most children’s books dull to world famous author.

**Volcano Dreams** by Janet S. Fox  
Explore the Yellowstone ecosystem while placing the lives of its creatures within the context of geological time.

**Wait, Rest, Pause** by Marcie Flinchum Atkins  
Captivating photos teach young readers about different kinds of dormancy and which animals do what.

**When Sparks Fly** by Kristen Fulton  
In the 1880s, when he was just a kid, Goddard experimented time and again with BAMS!, POPS! and BANGS! with one mission: make his rockets fly!

**The Wonders of Nature** by Ben Hoare  
Discover the wonders of planet Earth and learn about some of the most amazing animals, plants, rocks and minerals, and microscopic life that live here.