

New Picture Books in January:

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New in Activities & Learning

- ***Pete for President!***, by Daisy Alberto. Pete and Joey are best friends, until they both run for class president!
- ***No Money? No Problem!***, by Lori Haskins. Amy is dying to buy the latest, greatest video game, but with only 52 cents to her name, she decides she'd better start bartering.
- ***The Shelf Elf***, by Jackie Mims Hopkins. Learn all about proper library etiquette with the shelf elf!
- ***Sam the Chef***, by Felicity Brooks. Follow clay-mation figure Sam during a typical day at the restaurant.
- ***Skyscrapers***, by Seymour Simon. Learn all about tall buildings, including how they're built.
- ***City Signs***, by Zoran Milich. Check out the different signs you see around the city and its environs.
- ***Seven Spunky Monkeys***, by Jackie French Koller. One by one, seven monkeys who go out to have a good time wind up falling in love.
- ***Pilobolus: The Human Alphabet***, by John Kane. Contortionists twist their bodies into the alphabet, and accompanying "illustrations." B is butterfly. See if you can figure out the rest.



New in Animals

- ***Hank and Fergus***, by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund. Hank's best friend is Fergus, his imaginary dog. Then Cooper moves in next door. Can Hank have two best friends?
- ***Sneakers, the Seaside Cat***, by Margaret Wise Brown. Sneakers discovers crabs, shrimps, seagulls, and other wonders at the seaside.
- ***Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole***, by Wong Herbert Yee. Mouse and her downstairs neighbor, Mole, discover that when they help each other, daily tasks are much easier.
- ***The Invisible Mistakecase***, by Charise Mericle Harper. After telling her friend "big pink baby", Charlotte, a young alligator, feels terrible until her grandpa tells her about a way to learn from her mistakes.
- ***Prehistoric Actual Size***, by Steve Jenkins. In this "actual size" look at the prehistoric world of awe-inspiring creatures.
- ***Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation***, by Mark Teague. Dog detective LaRue is thrown in jail for the kidnapping of the Hibbins' cats and sets out to prove his innocence (Animals)
- ***Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School***, by Mark Teague. When Mrs. LaRue sends Ike to obedience school, he feels hurt and rejected so he decides to escape. (Animals)

New in Easy Read

- ***I Spy a Scary Monster***, by Jean Marzollo. A beginning reading book full of picture riddles. (Easy Rd 1)
- ***Trouble at the Krusty Krab***, by Steven Banks. Sponge Bob saves the day when a customer finds no cheese (oh no!) on his crab burger. (Easy Rd 2)

- ***Batman: Double Trouble***, by Dan Slott. Batman squares off against Two-Face. (Easy Rd 3)
- ***Space Travelers***, by Seymour Simon. Learn about the different people who have traveled through space. (Easy Rd 3)
- ***Babe Ruth Saves Baseball***, by Frank Murphy. When Americans lost faith in baseball, Babe Ruth stepped in to restore that faith and SAVE baseball. (Easy Rd 3)
- ***Peanuts: Make a Trade, Charlie Brown!***, by Charles M. Schulz. When Charlie Brown decides that Lucy doesn't have the skills to make it as a left fielder, he tries to trade her. (Easy Rd 3)
- ***Sir Small and the Sea Monster***, by Jane O'Connor. Can Sir Small save the Queen's son? (Easy Rd 2)

New in Fairy Tales

Carolinda Clatter, by Mordicai Gerstein. Carolinda wakes the sad giant and is sent to put him back to sleep.

The Bake Shop Ghost, by Jacqueline K. Ogburn. After Cora Lee Merriweather dies, she continues to haunt the bake shop in which she baked her luscious cakes. She scares away a number of bakers until Annie Washington buys her shop.

Big Momma Makes the World, by Phyllis Root. With a baby on her hip, Big Momma asks for light and dark, sea and sky, creepers and crawlers, and lots of folks to trade stories with on the porch. A creation myth like no other.

New in Kids & Things

- ***A Picnic in October***, by Eve Bunting. Tony's family has a picnic on Liberty Island to celebrate Lady Liberty's birthday.



- ***Oliver's Must-Do List***, by Susan Taylor Brown. Oliver wants his mom to play, but she has too much work to do.
- ***Testing Miss Malarky***, by Judy Finchler. Although the teachers, principal and parents say The Test is not important, their actions tell another story. A humorous look at standardized testing!
- ***Me, All Alone at the End of the World***, by M. T. Anderson. A boy enjoys living by himself at the end of the world until Mr. Shimmer builds an amusement park there.

New in Foreign

The Good Lion, by Beryl Markham. Young Beryl and a "tame" lion called Paddy come together for adventures.

Wake Up, World!: A Day in the Life of Children Around the World, by Beatrice Hollyer. Hollyer follows a number of children from different countries as they go about their daily lives.

The Shanghai Messenger, by Andrea Cheng. Xiao Mei visits relatives in China. At first battling homesickness, Xiao Mei soon ventures out on her own, discovering the excitement of a different way of life.

New in History

- ***The Cats in Krasinski Square***, by Karen Hesse. Two young sisters risk their lives to save the lives of those in the Warsaw Ghetto. Learn how the cats are the heroes!

- ***City of Snow***, by Linda Oatman High. A young girl and her family struggle to survive in New York City during the Great Blizzard of 1888.

New in Holidays

- ***Four Friends at Christmas***, by Tomie dePaola. Mr. Frog is usually asleep at Christmas, but this year his friends make sure he has a good holiday.
- ***Rudolph Shines Again***, by Robert L. May. Rudolph's nose loses its shine, and he feels sorry for himself until he becomes involved in the search for two baby rabbits.

New in Indians

Native American Life series: Discover the houses in which American Indians lived. ***In this series*** (Indians):

- ***Igloos***, by June Preszler.
- ***Pueblos***, by June Preszler.
- ***Wickiups***, by June Preszler.
- ***Longhouses***, by Karen Bush Gibson.
- ***Plank Houses***, by Karen Bush Gibson.
- ***Tepees***, by June Preszler.

The Northwest Indians: Daily Life in the 1700's, by Judy Monroe. Discover how Indians adapted to and thrived in the damp climate and lush forests of the Northwest. (Indians)

New in Poetry

The Pelican Chorus and Other Nonsense, by Edward Lear. Lear includes illustrated versions of the Owl and the Pussycat, the Emperors New Clothes, and the Pelican Chorus.

New in Religion

- ***Magid Fasts for Ramadan***, by Mary Matthews. Eight-year-old Magid wants to fast during the month of Ramadan like the rest of his family.
- ***Angels, Angels Everywhere***, by Tomie dePaola. You'll find an angel for every occasion in this picture book.

New in Science

- ***1001 Bugs to Spot***, by Emma Helbrough. Use your powers of observation to find bugs in their natural habitats.
- ***Giraffes***, by Jill Kalz. Lookout towers: Step into the wild, exotic world of giraffes, examining where these long-necked animals live, what they eat, when their young are born, and how they are built for survival.
- ***Koalas***, by Mary Hoff. Australian furballs: Step into the wild, leafy world of koalas, examining where these furry animals live, what they eat, when their young are born, and how they are built for survival.
- ***Swans***, by Mary Hoff. Beautiful birds: Step into the wild, watery world of swans, examining where these graceful animals live, what they eat, when their young are born, and how they are built for survival.
- ***Mouse in a Meadow***, by John Himmelman. Discover the natural wonders in a simple meadow!
- ***The Glow-in-the-Dark book of Human Skeletons***, by Michael Novak. Learn fascinating facts about your skeleton; then turn off the lights and watch the different skeletons glow in the dark.

New in Famous People

- ***Amelia Earhart: Adventure in the Sky***, by Francene Sabin. Read about the famous female pilot's childhood!
- ***Daniel Boone: Frontier Adventures***, by Keith Brandt. Read about the famous frontiersman's childhood!
- ***Robert Louis Stevenson: Young Storyteller***, by Francene Sabin. Read about the author's childhood! He wrote *Treasure Island* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.
- ***Andrew Jackson: Frontier Patriot***, by Louis Sabin. Read about the famous president's childhood!



New in Board Books

Mammals at your Fingertips, by Judy Nayer. Learn fascinating facts about the mammals that live in different environments including grasslands, mountains, and polar regions.