

Books Mentioned at the First Grade Transition Breakfast April 2, 2009

Nonfiction

598.9 S

Schulman, Janet. Pale Male : citizen hawk of New York City. 1st ed. New York : Knopf, c2008.
Recounts the true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities and bird watchers, tourists, and residents admire the bird and his nest, built on a Fifth Avenue apartment building.

599.63 H



Hatkoff, Isabella. Owen and Mzee : the true story of a remarkable friendship. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, c2006.

808.88



Free to be-- you and me. Special 35th anniversary ed. Philadelphia, PA : RP Kids, c2008.
A number of stories, poems, and songs which demonstrate that people can choose to do or be whatever they desire.

811 F



Florian, Douglas. Lizards, frogs, and polliwogs : poems and paintings. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt, c2001.
A collection of humorous poems about such reptiles and amphibians as the glass frog, the gecko, and the rattlesnake.

B MORGAN



Mannis, Celeste Davidson. Julia Morgan built a castle. New York : Viking, 2006.
An illustrated account of the life of Julia Morgan, the first woman to graduate with a certificate of architecture from the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, discussing her career in California, with a focus on her years of work as architect of the Hearst Castle.

Picture Books

E HOPKINSON



Hopkinson, Deborah. Abe Lincoln crosses a creek : a tall, thin tale (introducing his forgotten frontier friend). 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2008.
In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher.

E MCCARTHY



McCarthy, Meghan. Seabiscuit : the wonder horse. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2008.
Seabiscuit, a funny looking horse with a losing streak, is bought and given a second chance by Charles Howard, and after new training and a loving jockey, Seabiscuit starts winning more races, but must prepare to run against War Admiral, the top racehorse in the country.

E SWEET

Sweet, Melissa. Tupelo rides the rails. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2008.
A dog named Tupelo sets off with her sock toy, Mr. Bones, to find the right place to call home, looking to the stars for guidance.

Fiction

F ATWATER



Atwater, Richard. Mr. Popper's penguins. Boston : Little, Brown and Co., 1988, c1938.
The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

F BLUME



Blume, Judy. Tales of a fourth grade nothing. New York, N.Y. : Dell Pub., 1991, c1972.
Peter, who is tired of having to keep mischievous two-year-old Fudge out of trouble, discovers that his pet turtle is missing.

F DAHL



Dahl, Roald. Esio Trot. 1st American ed. New York, N.Y., U.S.A. : Viking, 1990.
Shy Mr. Hoppy devises a plan to win the heart of his true love by teaching her a spell to make her tortoise grow bigger.

F DAHL

Dahl, Roald. George's marvelous medicine. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Knopf : , 1982, c1981.
George decides that his grumpy, selfish old grandmother must be a witch and concocts some marvelous medicine to take care of her.

F JENKINS



Jenkins, Emily, 1967-. Toys go out : being the adventures of a knowledgeable stingray, a toughy little buffalo, and someone called Plastic. 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2006.
In the backpack, where it is very dark -- The serious problem of Plastic-ness -- The terrifying bigness of the washing machine -- The possible shark -- How Lumphy got on the big high bed and lost something rather good-looking -- It is difficult to find the right birthday present. Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

F KING-SMITH



King-Smith, Dick. Lady Lollipop. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2001, c2000.
A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

F LINDGREN



Lindgren, Astrid, 1907-2002. Pippi Longstocking. Newly translated and illustrated ed. New York : Viking, 2007.
Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.

F MCDONALD

McDonald, Megan. The Hinky Pink : an old tale. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2008.



Anabel, a talented seamstress, is delighted to be summoned to the Great Castle of Firenze to create a special dress for Princess Isabella Caramella Gorgonzola, but becomes discouraged when her efforts are continually subverted by an unseen sprite.

F SELDEN

Selden, George, 1929-. The cricket in Times Square. New York, : Ariel Books, [1960].

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

F TAYLOR

Taylor, Sydney, 1904-. All-of-a-kind family. Chicago : Follett Publishing, 1951.

The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century.