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**Title:** Fables

**By:** Arnold Lobel

**Winner of the Caldecott Medal**

**Back Cover:** “A pig flying through marshmallow clouds to a marzipan moon? A camel pirouetting through the desert? Where can a reader find such marvelous things but in a fable? Arnold Lobel’s funny and true fables will delight young and old.”

“There is enough cheerful nonsense in Mr. Lobel’s fables to endear any child listener.” – *The New York Times*

“Lobel has come up with a magical addition to an ancient genre of storytelling.” – *Newsweek*

“The most remarkable of the author-illustrator’s 60-plus, bestselling award winners.” – *Publishers Weekly*

**The Fables and Morals**

THE CROCODILE IN THE BEDROOM -*Without a doubt, there is such a thing as too much order.*

THE DUCKS AND THE FOX – *At times, a change of routine can be most healthful.*

KING LION AND THE BEETLE – *It is the high and mighty who have the longest distance to fall.*

THE LOBSTER AND THE CRAB – *Even the taking of small risks will add excitement to life.*

THE HEN AND THE APPLE TREE – *It is always difficult to pose as something that one is not.*

THE BABOON’S UMBRELLA – *Advise from friends is like the weather. Some of it is good; some of it is bad.*

THE FROGS AT THE RAINBOW’S END – *The highest hopes may lead to the greatest disappointments.*

THE BEAR AND THE CROW – *When the need is strong, there are those who will believe anything.*

THE CAT AND HIS VISIONS – *All’s well that ends with a good meal.*

THE OSTRICH IN LOVE – *Love can be its own reward.*

THE CAMEL DANCES – *Satisfaction will come to those who please themselves.*

THE POOR OLD DOG – *Wishes, on their way to coming true, will not be rushed.*

MADAME RHINOCEROS AND HER DRESS – *Nothing is harder to resist than a bit of flattery.*

THE BAD KANGAROO – *A child’s conduct will reflect the ways of his parents.*

THE PIG AT THE CANDY STORE – *A locked door is very likely to discourage* *temptation.*

THE ELEPHANT AND HIS SON – *Knowledge will not always take the place of* *simple observation.*

THE PELICAN AND THE CRANE – *When one is a social failure, the reasons are as* *clear as day.*

THE YOUNG ROOSTER – *A first failure may prepare the way for later success.*

THE HIPPOPOTAMUS AT DINNER – *Too much of anything often leaves one with a* *feeling of regret.*

THE MOUSE AT THE SEASHORE – *All the miles of a hard road are worth a moment of true happiness.*

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**Title:** The Lion & The Mouse

**Illustrated by:** Jerry Pinkney

**The Caldecott Medal**

**Book Jacket:** “Sometimes even the King needs help…and little friends may prove to be great friends. In award-winning artist Jerry Pinkney’s stunningly rendered wordless adaptation of one of Aesop’s most beloved fables, an unlikely pair learn that no act of kindness is ever wasted.”

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**Title:** The Ugly Duckling

**By:** Hans Christian Andersen

**Adapted and Illustrated by:** Jerry Pinkney

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**First Line:** “It was summer, and the pond was alive with the music and color of life.”

**Last Line:** “He rustled his feathers and raised his slender neck aloft, saying with pure joy in his heart, ‘I never dreamed of such peace.’”

**Vocabulary:** harmony, swooped, rustled, secluded, steadily, gazing, taunted, disgrace, brood, fiercely, drooped, dawn, moor, marshy, rushes, floundered, ferns, swamp, glared, wickedly, chasm, cottage, hinge, crookedly, looming, bewilderment, sheepskin, thaw, miserable, rustling, glorious, rustled, aloft



**Title:** The Boy Who Cried Wolf

**Retold by:** B. G. Hennessy

**Illustrated by:** Boris Kulikov

**Book Jacket:** “Nothing ever happens here,” the shepherd thinks. But the bored boy knows what would be exciting: He cries that a wolf is after his sheep, and the townspeople come running. How often can that trick work, though?

 B. G. Hennessy’s retelling of this timeless fable is infused with fanciful whimsy through Boris Kulikov’s hilarious and ingenious illustrations. This tale is sure to leave readers grinning sheepishly.”

**First Line:** “There was once a shepherd.”

**Last Line:** “And the shepherd boy spent the rest of the day looking for his sheep, all by himself.”

**Vocabulary:** shepherd, bored, sheep, tricks, protested, excitement, pasture, wolf, townsfolk, protect, lickety-split

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**Title:** The Blind Men and the Elephant

**Retold by:** Karen Backstein

**Illustrated by:** Annie Mitra

**First Line:** “Long ago and far away, there lived six blind men.”

**Last Line:** “And they all agreed that was the best part of all.”

**Vocabulary:** blind, music, flute, softness, silk, scent, spicy, elephant, palace, guard, garden, side, trunk, ivory tusk, leg, ear, flapped, tail, midday,

**Similes:** “I think an elephant is like a wall.”

“Oh, it is just like a snake.”

“Why, an elephant is as sharp as a spear!”

“He thought it was as round and firm as a tree.”

“It’s just like a fan!”

“An elephant is like a rope,” he thought.”

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**Title:** The Tortoise and the Hare

**An Aesop Fable adapted and illustrated by:** Janet Stevens

**A Reading Rainbow Book**

**First Line:** “Once upon a time, there was a tortoise and a hare.”

**Last Line:** “Tortoise smiled as his friends carried him on their shoulders. He had learned an important lesson: HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE BRING REWARD.”

**Vocabulary:** tortoise, hare, flashy, rude, quickly, tease, slow, garden, flowers, winter, teased, disappoint, rooster, gym, raccoon, healthy, frog, jogging, gong, bolted, sipped, munched, slowpoke, victory, bowlegged, reptile, tornado, measly, perseverance

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**Title:** Town Mouse Country Mouse

**Illustrated by:** Jan Brett

**Back Cover:** “There’s no place like home. A story filled with suspense and humor, the classic tale of a town mouse and country takes a new twist in the imaginative and talented hands of Jan Brett. She introduces two engaging mouse couples eager to get away from their everyday lives. But when they agree to swap homes, they find unexpected adventures around every corner. Lush country scenes alternate with the elegant details of a fine Victorian townhouse to make a sumptuous and stunning picture book.”

“This playful retelling is certain to become a favorite.” – *Booklist*

“A truly delightful book.” *– Children’s Book Review Service*

**First Line:** “One morning, the town mouse woke up shivering from a dream about the kitchen cat who prowled the house.”

**Last Line:** “I’ve always wanted to try the simple life in the country!”

**Vocabulary:** shivering, prowled, vacation, countryside, peaceful, blackberries, picnic, tree-stump, exhausted, searching, avoiding, owl, pantry, tingle, peered, nibble, delicious, bargain, tiptoed, sumptuous, sooty, meadow, leaking, drenched, balance, eye-catching, stroll, acorns, hickory nuts, , discouraged, spied, glistening, hustle and bustle, morsel, blue cheese, pine, trembling, enormous, furry, winced, crumpled, perils, riverbank, churn, otter, hedgehog, underbrush, quaked, glowering, terrifying, shrieked, frantically, fleeing, terror, distance, musty, collided, bruised, gingerly

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**Title:** The Little Red Hen

**Illustrated by:** Paul Galdone

**First Line:** “Once upon a time a cat and a dog and a mouse and a little red hen all lived together in a cozy little house.”

**Last Line:** “After that, whenever there was work to be done, the little red hen had three very eager helpers.”

**Back Cover:** “Once Upon a Time “Not I, “ said the cat. “Not I, said the dog. “Not I,” said the mouse. Who will help the little red hen as she toils about the house all day? With its familiar refrain, timeless tale of vindication, and colorful, humorous artwork by Paul Galdone, this edition of the classic folk tale is perfect for sharing.

 Paul Goldone was born in Budapest in 1907. He is the winner of a Caldecott Honor and has illustrated more than three hundred books in his lifetime, many of which are classic retellings like this one.”

**Vocabulary:** cozy, couch, porch, snooze, fireside, housework, raked, mowed, hoed, wheat, watered, mill, delicious, strolled, back porch, scampered, crumb, eager

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**Title:** Seven Blind Mice

**By:** Ed Young

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**Back Cover:** “It’s a snake, “ says Green Mouse. “It’s a fan!” cries Orange Mouse. “It’s a spear,” proclaims Yellow Mouse. One by one, six different-colored blind mice investigate the strange Something by the pond. And one by one, they come back with a different theory. It’s only when the seventh mouse goes out – and explores the complete Something – that the mice see the whole truth.”

“Immensely appealing.” – *The Horn Book,* starred review

“Exquisitely crafted: a simple, gracefully honed test, an appealing story, and outstanding illustrations and design- all add up to a perfect book.” – *Kirkus Reviews,* pointer review.

**First Line:** “One day seven blind mice were surprised to find a strange Something by their pond.”

**Last Line (and also the moral to this story):** “Knowing in part may make a fine tale, but wisdom comes from seeing the whole.”

**Vocabulary:** pillar, snake, spear, cliff, fan, rope, elephant

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**Title:** Inch by Inch The Garden Song

**By:** David Mallett

**Pictures by:** Ora Eitan

**Back Cover:** “Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow! Here are all the words and music of INCH BY INCH: *The Garden Song,* just right for the smallest of growing children to enjoy. Accompanied by Ora Eitan’s bold, expressive illustrations, this very special rendition of David Mallett’s classiv folk song celebrates nature in all its bounty.”

“Delightful illustrations.” – *School Library Journal*

“Playful, forthright, and happy…a terrific gift for a young gardener.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

**Lyrics:**

Inch by inch, row by row,

gonna make this garden grow.

All it takes is a rake and a how

and a piece of fertile ground.

Inch by inch, row by row,

someone bless these seeds I sow.

Someone warm them from below

till the rain comes tumblin’ down.

Pullin’ weeds and pickin’ stones,

we are made of dreams and bones.

Feel the need to grow my own

‘cause the time is close at hand.

Grain for grain, sun and rain,

find my way in nature’s chain.

Tune my body and my brain

to the music from the land.

Plant your rows straight and long,

temper them with prayer and song.

Mother Earth will make you strong

if you give her love and care.

Old crow watching hungrily

from his perch in yonder tree.

In my garden I’m as free

as that feathered thief up there.

Inch by inch, row by row,

gonna make this garden grow.

All it takes is a rake and a hoe

and a piece of fertile ground.

Inch by inch, row by row,

someone bless these seeds I sow.

Someone warm them from below

till the rain comes tumblin’ down.

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**Title:** Inch by Inch

**By:** Leo Lionni

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**Back Cover:** “Can a song be measured? Meet a winning, winsome inchworm, proud of his ability to measure anything under the sun, from a robin’s tail to a toucan’s beak. When a hungry nightingale threatens to eat him for breakfast unless he can measure her song, the inchworm calls on his craft and skill to creatively solve the dilemma.”

“The lovely colors, the sharp definition of cutouts against white space, the rhythm of the composition, and the simplicity of the whole make a handsome and appropriate book to give pleasure to little children and their elders.” – *The Horn Book*

**First Line:** “One day a hungry robin saw an inchworm, green as an emerald, sitting on a twig.”

**Last Line:** “He measured and measured…Inch by Inch…until he inched out of sight.”

**Vocabulary:** emerald, gobble, measure, inches, flamingo, toucan, heron, pheasant, hummingbird, nightingale

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**Title:** Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse

**By:** Leo Lionnie

“A delicate fantasy about the friendship between a real and a mechanical mouse, illustrated with bold, sumptuous collages.” – *The New York Times*

**First Line:** “Help! Help! A mouse!”

**Last Line:** “And there they dance until dawn.”

**Vocabulary:** cuddle, woolly, envy, pebblepath, vain, pantry, precious, rustled, baseboard, dawn

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**Title:** Swimmy

**By:** Leo Lionni

**Caldecott Honor Book**

“An exquisite picture book. A little fish, the one survivor of a school of fish swallowed by a tuna, devises a plan to camouflage himself and his new companions.” – *School Library Journal,* Starred

**First Line:** “A happy school of little fish lived in a corner of the sea somewhere.”

**Last Line:** “And so they swam in the cool morning water and in the midday sun and chased the big fish away.”

**Vocabulary:** mussel, tuna, swift, fierce, darting, escaped, marvel, medusa, lobster, medusa, invisible, eel, sea anemones, swaying

**Similes:** “Only one of them was as black as a mussel shell.”

“he saw a medusa made of rainbow jelly…a lobster, who walked about lie a water-moving machine…strange fish, pulled by an invisible thread…a forest of seaweeds growing from sugar-candy rocks…an eel whose tail was almost too far away to remember…and sea anemones, who looked like pink palm trees swaying in the wind.”

“We are going to swim all together like the biggest fish in the sea!”

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**Title:** At Home

**Written by:** Claire Llewellyn

**Illustrated by:** Mike Gordon

**Back Cover:** “Most of the time, your home is safe. But keep an eye open for danger. Young children need to understand the different ways to keep safe when they’re at home – whether using electricity, handling hot things, or taking medicine. With humorous artwork and simple text, this book also contains notes for teachers and parents to help them use the book most effectively.”

**First Line:** “Home is where you play your favorite games.”

**Last Line:** “Then, before you know it, you’ll be taking care of other people, too!”

**Vocabulary:** slipped, sharp, hot/fire/matches, plugs, wires, switch, electricity, electrical, socket, cleaners, medicines, accidents, danger, risky, safe

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**Title:** My Light

**By:** Molly Bang

**Book Jacket:** “The Sun! When you see the city lights at night, they look like stars have fallen down to earth. Those lights ARE starlight – my light. Listen to my story.”

**First Line:** “When you see the city lights at night, they look like stars have fallen down to earth.”

**Last Line:** “Then, like the starlight from which it came, it fades back into space.”

**Vocabulary:** starlight, sun, golden star, radiance, light, warm, clouds, energy, streams, rivers, dam, flow, whish, tunnels, turbines, whoosh, generators, copper wires, electricity, pulsing, shine, swish, swoosh, crunch, roar, coal, steam, solar cells, electrons, switch, fluorescent, gas, transformed, illuminates

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**Title:** Georgia O’Keeffe Getting To Know The World’s Greatest Artists

**Written and Illustrated by:** Mike Venezia

**Back Cover:** “Author/Illustrator Mike Venezia has been getting to know the world’s greatest artists for as long as he can remember.

 A graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Mike believes the best way to introduce children to art and artists is through *fun.* If children can look at art in a fun way, and think of artists as *real* people, the exciting world of art will be open to them for the rest of their lives.

 Mike lives in a Chicago suburb with his wife, Jeannine, and children, Michael Anthony and Elizabeth Ann.

 Like Georgia O’Keeffe, Mike searches near his home for objects in their natural surroundings as subject matter for his paintings.”

(The work on the back cover is titled *Prairie Beyond the Estates of Rushing Creek Manor at Fox Ridge Glen.”)*

**First Line:** “Georgia O’Keeffe was born on her family’s large Wisconsin farm in 1887.”

**Last Line:** “She often found beauty in things that most people would ignore or never even notice, and was able to show that beauty in her paintings.”

**Georgia O’Keeffe Art in this Book:**

A Portrait

Petunia

Cow’s Skull with Calico Roses

Sky Above Clouds IV

White Shell with Red

Blue and Green Music

Dead Rabbit with Copper Pot

Evening Star, No. V

Red Canna

Morning Glory with Black

Georgia O’Keeffe: A Portrait – Head by Alfred Stieglitz, 1918

East River from the 30th Story of the Shelton Hotel

New York, Night

Grey Hills

Ranches Church

From the Plains I

Photo by Philippe Halsman, 1948

Black Cross, New Mexico

Pelvis with the Distance

Pattern of Leaves



**Title:** Manners

**By:** Aliki

**Back Cover:** “Thank you, please! Manners are about feelings. Good manners make you nice. They make others want to be with you. At the dinner table or a birthday party, or even building a sand castle at the beach, your manners show how much you care.”

“Readers will revel in the sheer fun of it all and will surely gain personal insights.” – *School Library Journal* (starred review)

“Presented with such generous good humor that few children will feel preached at.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

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**Title:** A Weed is a Flower The Life of George Washington Carver

**Written and Illustrated by:** Aliki

**First Line:** “When George Washington Carver was born, he had many things against him.”

**Last Line:** “George Washington Carver, with his goodness and devotion, helped not only his own people, but all peoples of the world.”

**Vocabulary:** despair, devoted, Missouri, slaves, snatched, bundle, saddle, Kansas, scrubbed, discouraged, Iowa, laundry, earnest, bursting, agriculture, experimented, Tuskegee Institute, livelihood, laboratory, linoleum, peanuts, sweet potatoes, Alabama, scientists, sums, tended, honored, bulged, greenhouse, Alabama, devotion

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**Title:** Yo! Yes?

**By:** Chris Raschka

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**Back Cover:** “Making friends is as easy as YO! YES! YOW! Two kids meet on a street. “Yo!” says one. “Yes?” says the other. And so begins a conversation that turns strangers into friends. With vibrant illustrations, Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka’s rhythmic read-aloud is a celebration of differences – and how it just takes a few words to overcome them.”

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**Title:** What is Electricity?

**By:** Lisa Trumbauer

**Back Cover:** “This Rookie Read-About Science book introduces young readers to electricity. Colorful photos and simple text encourage children to read on their own as they learn about the mysterious energy that they use every day.”

**Vocabulary:** batteries, cable, computer, lightning, power plant, spark

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**Title:** George Washington Carver

**By:** Lynea Bowdish

**Back Cover:** “This Rookie Biography teaches young readers about George Washington Carver, a scientist and botanist. Young readers will learn how he helped farmers in the South by implementing crop diversification and discovered hundreds of uses for peanuts and sweet potatoes.”

**Vocabulary:** cotton, George Washington Carver, research, national monument, sweet potato, Tuskegee Institute

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**Title:** Thomas Alva Edison

**By:** Wil Mara

**Back Cover:** “This Rookie Biography teaches young readers about Thomas Alva Edison, the famed inventor. Learn how he invented many things, such as the light bulb and phonograph.”

**Vocabulary:** inventor, phonograph, power plant, scientists, telegraph