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**Title:** Scranimals

**Poems by:** Jack Prelutsky

**Pictures by:** Peter Sis

**Back Cover:** “We’re sailing to Scranimal Island – You’re welcome to come along too. On Scranimal Island you will find the fragrant RHINOCEROSE, the cunning BROCCOLIONS, and, if you are very, very quiet, you’ll spot the gentle, shy PANDAFFODIL.

 So put on your pith helmet and join Jack Prelutsky, the nation’s first Children’s Poet Laureate, and two-time Caldecott Honor artist Peter Sis for an adventure you will never forget!”

“The meisters of madcap are at it again.” – ***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

“Poet and illustrator have never done better work.” – ***Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)**

“The verses are peppy, singsongy, and clever. Imaginative and concrete illustrations transform this collection into a unified whole.” – ***The Horn Book***

“Read this aloud so that children can crowd up close and take in the jokes and the fantasy in the glorious images.” – **ALA *Booklist***

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**Title:** Tacky the Penguin

**By:** Helen Lester

**Illustrated by:** Lynn Munsinger

“A rollicking tale that clearly shows that there are advantages to being an individual.” – ***School Library Journal***

“This book is must reading for any kid – or grown-up – who refuses to follow the pack.” – ***Publishers Weekly***

**First Line:** “There once lived a penguin.”

**Last Line:** “Tacky was an odd bird but a very nice bird to have around.”

**Vocabulary:** penguin, companions, hearty, graceful, splashy, cannonballs, chanting, blared, companions, dreadfully, clasped

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**Title:** Outside and Inside Rats and Mice

**By:** Sandra Markle

**First Line:** “There are about three hundred different kinds of rats in the world.”

**Last Line:** “Clearly, rats and mice are special…from the inside out!”

**Vocabulary:** enamel, gnaw, white-footed mouse, cotton rat, nests, grooming, blood, skeleton, muscle, whiskers, detect, urine, weasels, owls, hawks, coyotes, digestion, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, nutrients, oxygen, carbon dioxide, lungs, heart, brain, hibernation, litter, sperm, egg, embryo, colony

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**Title:** Gift Horse A Lakota Story

**By:** S.D. Nelson

**Book Jacket:** “When his father gives him a Gift Horse marking the beginning of his journey to manhood, Flying Cloud names the horse Storm. The two become inseparable: they spend their days riding across the prairie, hunting deer, and roughhousing with the other boys and their horses. But becoming a man means Flying Cloud’s life has also taken a serious turn. He must now learn the ways of his people and what it means to become a Lakota Warrior. One day enemies of the Lakota steal many of the tribe’s horses, including Storm. Flying Cloud joins the rescue party. Will he prove he has the courage to become a true Warrior?

 The bold, colorful illustrations, inspired by the style of the early Plains Indians, bring to live S.D. Nelson’s exciting coming-of-age tale and provide a unique look into the lives of the Lakota.”

**First Line:** “The thing I remember most from my early days is a horse…a Gift Horse.”

**Last Line:** “I can still see the two of us riding across the endless prairies of our youth, like a hailstorm and a flying cloud.”

**Vocabulary:** Cheyenne, trailing, Lakota Warrior, nickered, stamped, hooves, tossed, perked, thunderstorm, blur, hailstones, Wakan Tanka (Great Spirit), thunderbolts, eagle, prairie, wrestled, buffalo, gusting, raging, whinnied, nudged, trudged, blizzard, tipi, beadwork, porcupine quills, bristling, tribe, lodgeskins, antelope, pit, medicine man, turtle shell, hissed, ancient, distant, stampeding, galloping, bundles, pony drags, tribes, spears, dashed, pelted, glare, clutching, whiz, image

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**Title:** The Story of Jumping Mouse A Native American Legend

**Retold and Illustrated by:** John Steptoe

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**An ALA Notable Book**

**Back Cover:** “You will reach the far-off land if you keep hope alive within you.” The words of Magic Frog give courage to the young mouse on his long and perilous journey to reach the wonderful land of legend. He faces many obstacles on his quest and sacrifices much to help others in need. But the mouse’s compassion and faith in himself prove to be a source of great power…and bring him rewards even beyond his dreams.”

“Beautifully written and illustrated. The expansive pencil and wash drawings…exquisitely reveal the varieties of terrain through which he journeys.” – *School Library Journal* (starred review)

**First Line:** “Once there was a young mouse who lived in the brush near a great river.”

**Last Line:** “You are now called Eagle, and you will live in the far-off land forever.”

**Text Talk:**

**Tier II:** perilous (p.3) – a dangerous situation

dismay (p.4) – discouraged

gravelly (p.6) – raspy or harsh sounding

**Related Words:** unsafe, dangerous

**Additional Tier II Words:** compassion, scornfully, fragrances, content

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**Title:** Horses

**By:** Seymour Simon

**Book Jacket:** “What animal can…

* Run so fast, its feet don’t’ always touch the ground
* Weigh more than 2,000 pounds
* Sense people’s emotions by their smill
* …and wear shoes?

Why, a horse, of course!”

“Horses are some of the most fascinating – and important- creatures on Earth. In fact, our world would not be the way it is today if not for horses. Horses have carried medieval knights into battle, transported settlers to the American West, and hauled fire engines and buses. They even turned the wheels that provided power for factories! But one of their greatest, most enduring gifts to us is companionship and trust.

 So come along with Seymour Simon, whom the *New York Times* calls “the dean of the [children’s science book] field,” and learn more about these amazing animals – straight from the horse’s mouth!”

**First Line:** “Horses have always been very much a part of human life.”

**Last Line:** “And that’s enough for true horse lovers.”

**Vocabulary:** Ice Age, tamed, herded, Europe, Asia, ancient, Babylonian, Greek, Roman, civilizations, chariots, Genghis Khan, conquered, medieval, Native Americans, ancestor, Hyracotherium (mole beast), Eohippus (dawn horse), Equus (modern-day horse), grinding, foals, mares (female horse), stallion (male horse), filly (young mare), colt (young male), scent, nuzzling, neighing, nickering, snorting, dominant (the leader), hooves, gaits, paces, trot, canter, gallop, stride, bays, palominos, roans, duns, pintos, paints, albinos, skewbalds, piebalds, Arabians, Clydesdales, mustangs, hotbloods, coldbloods, warmbloods, Thoroughbred, racing, steeplechasing, Shire, Canada, polo, barriers, obstacles, dressage, shift, sturdy, Dartmoor, England, feral, Chincoteague, Assateague, feral, swampy, marshlands, France, mustangs, camargue, moors, Sioux, Cheyenne, Comanche, Crow, Pawnee, mounted, buffalo, bareback, Old West, prairie, barges, horsepower, groomed, shelter, companionship

**Expression:** “from a horse’s mouth” which means “from the original source”

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**Title:** Lewis and Clark and Me A Dog’s Tale

**By:** Laurie Myers

**Illustrated by:** Michael Dooling

**IRA Teachers’ Choice**

**Pennsylvania Young Reader’s Choice Award**

**Arizona Young Readers’ Award Nominee**

**Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List**

**Children’s Crown Award Nominee**

“This dog’s-eye view is well done and refreshing…and Dooling’s beautiful oil paintings seem just right, as full of action, beauty, danger, and majesty as the land they portray.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

**Book Jacket:** “In 1803, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set off on a journey to explore the vast territory of the United States west of the Mississippi River. Accompanying Lewis and Clark and their team of explorers through this uncharted wilderness was Lewis’s dog, Seaman.

 This Seaman’s story. From his first meeting with Lewis to being mistaken for a bear by Indians who had never seen such a large dog to his encounters with wild animals both familiar and unfamiliar, Seaman’s tale if filled with the joys of companionship and the tingling excitement of adventure.

 Based on the explorers’ original journals, *Lewis and Clark and Me* is a dog’s recounting of one of the most extraordinary expeditions of all time.”

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**Title:** Dogs

**By:** Seymour Simon

**First Line:** “The domestic dog is the most popular pet in the world.”

**Last Line:** “You will have a lifelong loyal friend and companion.”

**Vocabulary:** domestic, wolves, huge guard mastiffs, wolflike dogs, sheepherding dogs, greyhounds, pointer dogs, Chihuahua, Great Dane, sniffing, German shepherd, bloodhound, watchdog, instinctively, dominant, submissive, growling, whimpering, puppies, litter, saluki, dachshund, pointers, retrievers, muzzles, Labrador, Terrier, Malamutes, huskies, Saint Bernards, Doberman pinschers, rottweilers, bichon fries, Tibetan temples, poodles, Maltese

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**Title:** W is for Woof A Dog Alphabet

**Written by:** Ruth Strother

**Illustrated by:** Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen

**A –** American Kennel Club

**B –** Behavior

**C –** Constellations

**D –** Domestication

**E –** Eyes and Ears

**F –** Fun

**G –** Grooming

**H –** Herding

**I –** Iditarod

**J –** Junior Showmanship

**K –** K-9 Police Dogs

**L –** Love

**M –** Mixed Breeds

**N –** New Dog

**O –** Obedience

**P –** Puppies

**Q –** Quest

**R –** Rescue Dogs

**S –** Strays and Shelters

**T –** Therapy Dogs

**U –** Urban Dogs

**V –** Veterinarian

**W –** Working Dogs

**X –** Xolo

**Y –** Yip, Yap, Yelp, Yowl

**Z –** Zigzag Zoomies

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**Title:** H is for Horse An Equestrian Alphabet

**Written by:** Mike Ulmer

**Illustrated by:** Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen

**Text Talk**

**Tier II:** apparatus (p.8) – tools or equipment made for a specific task

Essential (P. G) – completely necessary

Prestigious (p. K) – highly respected or esteemed

**Related Words:** device, required, necessary, distinguished, famed

**Additional Tier II Words:** instrumental, massacre, denotes, domestication, lateral

**A –** Arabs, Akhai-Tekes, Andalusians

**B –** Bit

**C –** clatter, Cavalry, Canada, Comanche

**D –** Direction

**E –** Ears

**F –** Farriers

**G –** Ground

**H –** Herd

**I –** In harness

**J –** Judges

**K –** Kit

**L –** Lessons

**M –** Manure

**N –** None, Northern Dancer

**O –** Overo, Overall

**P –** Pony Club

**Q –** Quarter Horses

**R –** Rein

**S –** Stars, Saddles, Snip

**T –** Trot

**U –** Unity

**V –** Vets

**W –** Water

**X –** X

**Y –** Yearling

**Z –** Z’s

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**Title:** Edward Lear The Complete Verse and Other Nonsense

**Edited by:** Vivien Noakes

**Back Cover:**

“‘How pleasant to know Mr. Lear!’

 Who has written such volumes of stuff!

Some think him ill-tempered and queer,

 But a few think him pleasant enough.”

“The Owl and the Pussy-cat,” “The Jumblies,” “The Scroobious Pip,” and countless limericks: the absurd and whimsical verses of Edward Lear have enchanted generations of readers, children and adults alike. This delightful collection, the most comprehensive ever compiled of his work, presents all of Lear’s verse and other nonsense writings, including stories, letters, and illustrated alphabets, as well as previously unpublished material. Featuring Lear’s own line drawings throughout, this volume reveals a complex man of ample talents, achievements, and influence – and is teeming with timeless nonsense.”

“NONSENSE IS THE BREATH OF MY NOSTRILS.” – Edward Lear

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**Title:** Every Living Thing

**By:** Cynthia Rylant

**Decorations by:** S.D. Schindler

**Back Cover:** “Here are twelve deeply moving short stories from the perceptive pen of Cynthia Rylant. Each captures the moment when someone’s life changes – when an animal causes a human being to see things in a different way, and, perhaps, changes his life.”

“Rylant’s deliberate, straightforward style hides a quiet intensity unusual in such short pieces.” – *School Library Journal*

“The emotions these stories convey are not simplistic or treacly, but instead are direct and powerful, an impressive feat. Rylant has another winner on her hand.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

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**Slower That the Rest**

**First Line:** “Leo was the first one to spot the turtle, so he was the one who got to keep it.”

**Last Line:** “And for the first time in a long time, Leo felt *fast.”*

**Vocabulary:** jerked, grumbled, sympathetic, squealed, horrifying, grateful, radishes, declared, adored, entertained, congenial, frantically, midair, imitating, Smokey the Bear, windowsill, radiator, geraniums, mumbled, gasped, possessed, assembled, gymnasium, drifted, hobbled, beckoning, plaque, presentation, blushed

**Retired**

**First Line:** “Her name was Miss Phala Cutcheon and she used to be a schoolteacher.”

**Last Line:** “Then, on Christmas Eve of that same year, a large group of young carolers came to sing in front of Miss Cutcheon’s house; and they were bearing gifts of dog biscuits and sweet fruit.”

**Vocabulary:** retired, considered, collie, beloved, delicate, pace, romping, asthmador, wheezing, creak, mummy, tomb, shuffle, perking, sizzling, aromas, dinette, sipping, brisk, pace, prick, burst, pealing, chain link, intruders, stroked, carolers

**Boar Out There**

**First Line:** “Everyone in Glen Morgan knew there was a wild boar in the woods over by the Miller farm.”

**Last Line:** “But mostly she is sorry that he lives in fear of bluejays and little girls, when everyone ion Glen Morgan lives in fear of him.”

**Vocabulary:** splintery, twirl, blade, boar, thorns, briars, glide, spear, Dodge, tingle, teaberry, linger, hooves, shivered, nostrils, glistened, astonishingly, rigid, bristling, snorted, bolted

**Papa’s Parrot**

**First Line:** “Though his father was fat and merely owned a candy and nut shop, Harry Tillian liked his papa.”

**Last Line:** “Then he left to go visit his papa.”

**Vocabulary:** bins, parrot, afford, maple clusters, ignored, embarrassed, stroll, blubbery, ambulance, caramels, peppermints, jawbreakers, toffee creams, strawberry kisses, mumbled, resumed, clung, perch, furnace

**A Pet**

**First Line:** “The year she was ten, Emmanuella – Emma for short – Begged so hard for a Christmas pet that her parents finally relented and gave her the next best thing: a goldfish.”

**Last Line:** “Her parents watched her from a window, inside the house.”

**Vocabulary:** relented, viola, debate, aquarium, ruefully, serenely, reflections, gravel, astronomers, fond, lolled, colliding, gulps, shabby, wobbled, loll

**Spaghetti**

**First Line:** “It was evening, and people sat outside, talking quietly among themselves.”

**Last Line:** “So he stood up, with Spaghetti under his chin, and went inside to show his kitten where they would live together.”

**Vocabulary:** stoop, rotting, crumbling, hasty, glittering, peering, dusk, tingled, wobbling

**Drying Out**

**First Line:** “Jack Mitchell had fought in a war, run a gas station, preached the gospel on the side and raised two boys.”

**Last Line:** “Next week, sunflower seeds.”

**Vocabulary:** huddled, mementos, veterans, generals, plaques, misery, dawn, sill, haunches, radiator, gnawing, furiously, sniffed, windowpane, intently, corncobs, torture, draped

**Stray**

**First Line:** “In January, a puppy wandered onto the property of Mr. Amos Lacey and his wife, Mamie, and their daughter, Doris.”

**Last Line:** “Well,” he said, “are you going to feed it or not?”

**Vocabulary:** icicles, eaves, drifts, fluffed, comic, abandoned, shivering, cinderblock, timidly, trudged, grudgingly, shepherd, glanced, plowed, distress, starvation

**Planting Things**

**First Line:** “Mr. Willis was a man who enjoyed planting things.”

**Last Line:** “He was a man who enjoyed planting things.”

**Vocabulary:** zinnias, onions, eggplants, spinach, Swedish ivy, tended, puttered, mosquitoes, crickets, katydids, plucking, bonnets, cautious, chores, propping, statue, squawking, beaming, commending, scolding, gaping

**A Bad Road for Cats**

**First Line:** ‘Louie! Louis! Where are you?”

**Last Line:** “She put the gift in a paper bag, and, on her way to the grocery one day, she dropped the bag in front of the boy’s yellow house.”

**Vocabulary:** Shell station, striding, fiery, mutt, Mack truck, Cherokee, Route 6, diesel, disdain, loom, weaving, wool, blazed, stalked, veterinarian, mended, misery, stunned, skeins, smudges, pleading, protest, clutched, puckering, fiercely, tilted, desperation, jerked, cradled, clenched, rage

**Safe**

**First Line:** “When Denny visited his uncle in Maine, he came upon the cows one night and that changed him.”

**Last Line:** “And when he did feel afraid, he shut his eyes tight and walked across the yard in Maine to the cows.”

**Vocabulary:** Ohio, playwright, Maine, spruce trees, frankly, nuclear war, fallout shelter, granola bar, shattered, solemnly, wobbled, muzzle

**Shells**

**First Line:** “You *hate* living here.”

**Last Line:** “The crab, finished with the old home that no longer fit, was coming out of his shell.”

**Vocabulary:** dully, gawked, condominium, Detroit, residents, fiercely, loyal, Old Spice, talc, prejudiced, hermit crab, crescent roll, poked, peering, intrude, companion, rim, craned, stock, dramatic, bangle, linoleum, inherit, stupor, phenomenon, scuba diver, overwhelmed, embraced, solemnly, trembled, clanked

**Title:** Superhero Pets True Tales of Animal Heroes

**By:** Joanne Mattern

**Back Cover:** “People can be heroes, but did you know that pets and other animals have saved human lives? Have you heard the Amazing True Stories of…

\*Tommy, the cat who dialed 911 to save his owner’s life?

\*The dolphin who saved a surfer by fighting off an attacking shark?

\*Tripod, the disabled dog who saved the lives of his entire family from a deadly fire?

You will never forget these incredible true stories of superhero pets.”

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**Title:** The Black Stallion

**By:** Walter Farley

**Back Cover:** “Alec Ramsay is the sole survivor of a devastating shipwreck. Trapped on a desert island, Alec finds that his only companion is a horse, beautiful, unbroken, and savage…a horse whose beauty matches his wild spirit.

 This first classic story of the Black Stallion, full of action, excitement, and suspense, has set the pace for horse stories for sixty years…and continues to leave its rivals in the dust.”

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**First Line:** “The tramp steamer *Drake* plowed away from the coast of India and pushed its blunt prow into the Arabian Sea, homeward bound.”

**Last Line:** “He rubbed the Black’s nose, and then led the huge stallion through the crowd – back to his victory oats.”

**Chapter 1 Homeward Bound**

**Vocabulary:** India, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, jute, New York City, eerie, missionary, surveyed, inscription, descended, gruff, lad, Bombay, monotonously, Red Sea, tropic, mercilessly, barren, scorching, port, milling, gangplank, crest, arched, savagely, ruthless, stallion, halter, turban, tersely, snorted, plunged, stern, laden, cargo, clambered, shrill, imprisoned, inert, Suez, Mediterranean, pricked, mane

**Chapter 2 The Storm**

**Vocabulary:** Alexandria, Bengasi, Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, Rock of Gibraltar, Portugal, Cape Finisterre, Spain, England, endurance, elated, lurched, illuminated, bureau, staggering, void, corridor, careening, diminished, manning, babbling, snorted, plunged, swerved, halter, depths, slacken, taut, dawn, horizon, reef, shattered, staggered, shallow, whirled, thrust, outflung, caressed, parched

**Chapter 3 The Island**

**Vocabulary:** attempted, wearily, trembled, battered, desperately, abruptly, vegetation, sand dune, crest, circumference, barren, scattered, prone, shrill, seek, plunged, stride, doused, pricked, trotted, edible, boulders, vast, cantering, vanished, driftwood, adjoining, hoisted, grimly, plank, surveyed, perspiration, staff, cove, glistened, improvised, spear, churned, reflection, cast, shrill, pierced, whirled, whirlpool, ignite, sturdy, famished, diminishing, envying, barren, carragheen, descent, intently, sustain

**Chapter 4 The Wildest of All Wild Creatures**

**Vocabulary:** obtain, hollow, piercing, venomous, dazed, instant, savage, soothingly, stroke, munching, gelatinous, delicacy, smoldered, fitful, slumber, consciousness, strides, clung, swerved, diminishing, ravine, blurred, gully, instinctively, mounted, loping, canter, fury, marveling, horsemanship, peering, intense, pricking, stoked, enveloped, barren, fuel, devouring, gritted, plunge, crest, incredulous, brogue

**Chapter 5 Rescue**

**Vocabulary:** disheveled, remnants, raging, conquest, dazed, freighter, South America, Rio de Janeiro, stumbled, stunned, pricked, tremendous, soothingly, descended, hesitatingly, coaxed, doffed, pranced, waging, pistons, cargo, hoist, query, trod, striving, churned, taut, ascending, hoist, searing, wearily, crinkling, gnarled, lassoes, bedlam

**Chapter 6 King of the Herd**

**Vocabulary:** radiogram, cabling, bedlam, currycomb, uncanny, delegated, gangplank, halter, cargo, Ireland, shrilled, suburbs, instinctive, clashed, savagely, mingled, supremacy, majestically, antiseptic

**Chapter 7 Home**

**Vocabulary:** cot, destined, gingerly, gale, lurched, staggered, torrent, queasy, spry, trouser, porthole, Statue of Liberty, radiogram, pier, spectators, plank, contrast, plump, astonished, genuinely, hastily, persistence

**Chapter 8 Napoleon**

**Vocabulary:** clamored, blazing, tourists, acquainted, boarder, bowlegged, strides, hinges, earmarks, yarn, banister, disguise, shrill, robe, sprinted, beseechingly, plunged, hastily, commotion

**Chapter 9 Escape**

**Vocabulary:** rumpus, accustom, frisky, pep, huckster, spectator, spirited, cantered, strides, slackened, loping, trophies, scrapbook, Kentucky Derby, astride, stocky, bridle, saddle, drone, stuttered, breakneck, slackening, taut

**Chapter 10 The Search**

**Vocabulary:** vest, accelerator, lurched, fairway, squishing, hastened, caddying, instinct, staccato, woodpecker, hunch, burrs, riot, aroma, griddle cakes, fumbled, interfere

**Chapter 11 Partners**

**Vocabulary:** chatted, frisking, barrier, staggered, vainly, whinnied, registered, jockey, skimp, spectators, pricked, swerved, pedigree, sheepishly, tutelage, withers, gleamed, overcast, perilously, fidgety, glisten, shied, gingerly, vapor, swerved

**Chapter 12 Training Begins**

**Vocabulary:** sprinter, authoritative, cinch, clenched, contrary, girth, feverishly, swerving, boost, jarred, slacken, skyscrapers

**Chapter 13 Night Ride**

**Vocabulary:** skittishly, thoroughbred, idolized, content, bejabbers, stirrups, veteran, vividly, swayed, obligingly, acquired, hobbyhorse, clamored, clenched, iodine

**Chapter 14 Cyclone and Sun Raider**

**Vocabulary:** bolted, momentum, landscape, blur, endurance, plodding, wheezed, ponderously, jowls, wistfully, turf, astound, Preakness, Belmont, prophesying, retaliated, merits, irony, skeptical

**Chapter 15 The Mystery Horse**

**Vocabulary:** quizzically, savagely, shindig, crest, fleet, clattering, bulging swayed, brusquely, admission, circulating, supremacy, ridiculing, aroused, hullabaloo, astride, proceeds, charity, delirious, composed

**Chapter 16 Preparation**

**Vocabulary:** faltering, stammering, hunch, stupendous, intently, proceeds, swarmed, accustomed, blotted, corker, stride, docile

**Chapter 17 Chicago**

**Vocabulary:** laden, shied, cot, temperamental, sneered, stocky, cocky, mingled, tense, savage, streamlined

**Chapter 18 The Match Race**

**Vocabulary:** avenues, stewardess, temperamental, publicity, stunt, spectators, jammed, gag, slickest, paddock, draped, concealed, boosted, bugle, grandstand, vantage, perched, sports commentator, commotion, plunging, striking, contradiction, savage, deliberately, churning, homestretch, surging, burr, hysteria, spurt, plunged, enabled, veterinary, clamoring, superficial, avalanche, emblematic, supremacy, pleas, draped, throng, souvenir

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**Title:** Because of Winn-Dixie

**By:** Kate Dicamillo

**Newberry Honor Book**

**A *New York Times* Bestseller**

**A Book Sense Book of the Year**

 **Back Cover:** “When ten-year-old India Opal Buloni moves to Naomi, Florida, with her father, she doesn’t know what to expect – least of all that she’ll adopt Winn-Dixie, a dog she names after the supermarket where they meet. With such an unusually friendly dog at her side, Opal soon finds herself making more than a few unusual friends. And soon, Opal and her father realize – with a little help from Winn-Dixie, of course – that while they’ve both tasted a bit of melancholy in their lives, they still have a whole lot to be thankful for.”

“Poignant and delicately told.” – ***The New York Times Book Review***

“Opal will win readers over just as quickly as Winn-Dixie wins her over.” – ***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

“A well-crafted tale of sweetness, sorrow, and hope. And it’s funny, too. A real gem.” – ***Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)**

**First Line:** “My name is India Opal Buloni, and last summer my daddy, the preacher, sent me to the store for a box of macaroni-and-cheese, some white rice, and two tomatoes and I came back with a dog.”

**Last Line:** “And I listened careful, so I could learn it right.”

**Chapter 1**

**Vocabulary:** produce, skidded, display, pound, hollered, trotting, cashiers

**Chapter 2**

**Vocabulary:** missionary, India, limping, exception, Yorkie, fluttered

**Chapter 3**

**Vocabulary:** insulted, wiggled, orphans, Florida, twitched, intended, sermon, muttering, handsome, nudge

**Chapter 4**

**Vocabulary:** constellations, microscope, memorized

**Chapter 5**

**Vocabulary:** motto, pews, congregation, ignore, wailed, potluck, skidding, squishing, retriever, applauded

**Chapter 6**

**Vocabulary:** trembling, embarrassed, snuffled, properly, knuckle, gerbils, stroked, drooped, drool

**Chapter 7**

**Vocabulary:** identical, hollered, moss, crinkly, floppy, thumped, rely

**Chapter 8**

**Vocabulary:** palmetto trees, mosquitoes, prideful, peculiar, intends, wrinkled, *War and Peace, Johnny Tremain*

**Chapter 9**

**Vocabulary:** leash, collar, combination, expensive, installment, irritating, trustworthy, howl, cocked, croaked, knuckle

**Chapter 10**

**Vocabulary:** produce, whiskers

**Chapter 11**

**Vocabulary:** whining, whimpering, barreling, pathological, terrorized

**Chapter 12**

**Vocabulary:** guitar, croaked, slithering, snake charmer, blushed, croaking, criminal, knuckle, porch

**Chapter 13**

**Vocabulary:** routine, cooped, ignorant, roundabout

**Chapter 14**

**Vocabulary:** imitated, criminal, harsh, nudged, trotted

**Chapter 15**

**Vocabulary:** dandelion, *Gone with the Wind,* Civil War, faint, dramatic

**Chapter 16**

**Vocabulary:** Fort Sumter, shrugged, enlisted, abiding, vermin, exist, Virginia, Georgia, Yankees, typhoid fever, battlefield

**Chapter 17**

**Vocabulary:** manufactured, lozenges, sniffed, fortune

**Chapter 18**

**Vocabulary:** invented, peculiar, melancholy, snuffed, apologize, tragedies, idle

**Chapter 19**

**Vocabulary:** squawked

**Chapter 20**

**Vocabulary:** hem, aching

**Chapter 21**

**Vocabulary:** frilly, crepe paper, fancy, fairyland, shimmery, wobble, swayed, screechy

**Chapter 22**

**Vocabulary:** shuffled, complicated, croaked

**Chapter 23**

**Vocabulary:** teeter, downpour, wad

**Chapter 24**

**Vocabulary:** drizzle, snuffly

**Chapter 25**

**Vocabulary:** plumb, convinced, potions, exist, myths, burglar, wheezed, hymns

**Chapter 26**

**Vocabulary:** strummed, blooming

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**Title:** Poppy

**By:** Avi

**Illustrated by:** Brain Floca

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**Back Cover:** “The gray house mice need a hero. At the very edge of Dimwood Forest stands an old charred oak. A great horned owl, Mr. Ocax, waits there. With his piercing gaze, he surveys the lands he calls his own, watching for the creatures he considers his subjects. None dares disobey him, until the night a courageous deer mouse named Poppy boldly defies him, only to find herself in terrible danger. To lead her family to a better life, will Poppy battle Mr. Ocax to the end?”

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**First Line:** “A thin crescent moon, high in the sky, shed faint white light over Dimwood Forest.”

**Last Line:** “Poppy, laughing, ran after him.”

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**Chapter 1 Mr. Ocax**

**Vocabulary:** crescent, fragrance, veiled, utterly, charred, ebony, enabled, piercing, surveyed, skittered, swiveling, savory, vole, orchard, profoundly, annoyed, ponderosa, saplings, clack, savory, dangled, hazelnut, murmured, consequences, talons, perched, timid, ragweed, tensely, dormouse, sneered, scoffed, snare, fluted, brazen, plunged, grappling, clamping, vise, leisurely, talon

**Chapter 2 Poppy Remembers**

**Vocabulary:** winced, ghastliness, dainty, intact, lectured, sternest, stout, elegantly, protruding, flicking, irritating, persistence, weasels, stoats, displayed, portrait, gruesome, spikes, snarling, gasped, dread, barbed, quills, trample, concluded, gobble, porcupine, precisely, verify, devilishly, sly, vicious, persevered, ruffian, sacrifice, prowl, quills, briskly, presumed, indignant, grammatical, opposed, stalked, agitation, vowed

**Chapter 3 Poppy Alone**

**Vocabulary:** glanced, horizon, dwelling, abandoned, spied, crevice, wedge, whiff, neglected, pellet, clacked, crevice, squirmed, hints, haven, exposed, straddled, logical, awkward, pistons, calculated, plummeted, surged, careening, swerve, catapulted, splat, swiveled, prey, vanished, seething, impudent, lair, avenge, notions, retreated, hastily, agitated, scampered, collapse

**Chapter 4 The Emergency Meeting**

**Vocabulary:** lopsided, parlor, thimble, accustomed, decency, courtesy, crisis, stammered, tribute, current, residence, abundant, maintained, delegation, formality, revulsion, severely, insignificant, sacrifice, scurried, dignity, brethren, wavered, gargle, intoned, proper, formalities, agitation, bursting, tragedies, venturing, trickled

**Chapter 5 Leaving Gray House**

**Vocabulary:** plaid, entryway, emerged, compliments, flattery, twitching, sacrificed, protested, confessed, ironic, humble, natty, nuzzle, scampered, surveyed, solemn, deputation, multitude, banner, surrender, vanished, obstructions, visibility, shattered, joshing, contradict, drizzle, deluge, trudged, tense, planks, reassurance

**Chapter 6 Standing Before Mr. Ocax**

**Vocabulary:** shielded, ghastly, mound, sneering, jolted, flexing, snarl, jaunty, clacked, cascaded, fumbled, prodded, gingerly, nudged, queasy, averting, generosity, compassion, petition, exasperation, swiveled, shrilly, denied, urgent, skedaddle, vicious, refusal, retrieved, resigned, sagging, trudged, clenched

**Chapter 7 Home Again**

**Vocabulary:** forage, calamity, milling, halt, eager, onlookers, averted, retreated, pelted, gesture, torrent, confessed, absurd, glare, isolated, rye, ravenously, crocheted, doily, trickled, burden, flustered

**Chapter 8 Poppy and Papa**

**Vocabulary:** inquiries, fraction, curtain, whimpering, gloomiest, doomed, swished, dismay, appealed, piteously, snarled, ventured, enable, assumed, refusal, mingled, hostility, nuzzle

**Chapter 9 On Her Way**

**Vocabulary:** camouflage, delicate, warblers, flitted, succulent, dandelion, graceful, drift, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire, enraptured, glide, effortlessly, plucked, flexed, elegantly, effrontery, meek, coincidence, conspiracy, towering, tranquility, fluttered, alternate, whisked, whirligig, pummeled, frazzled, gust, ebbing, turbulent, summoned, ricocheted, gasping, evaporated, vanished, charred

**Chapter 10 Dimwood Forest**

**Vocabulary:** desperately, plunged, peered, seeped, huckleberry, juniper, emerald, ferns, massive, pillar, hovering, dense, immensely, isolated, smothered, scurry, slithery, vividly, composure, embedded, hollow, talons, clenched, perish, encrusted, clutch, insecure, tension, fungus, cannonade, musky, lolling, barricaded

**Chapter 11 Erethizon Dorsatum**

**Vocabulary:** obscure, murk, slouching, grizzled, ponderously, waddle, stench, snarled, tradition, whine, scornfully, aggressive, weasel, mauler, snarled, waddle, clutched, quills, stammered, bellowed, despite, ponderous, disposed, prickly, predicament, carnage, braying, hullabaloo, nitwit, devoured, hideously, loomed

**Chapter 12 What Poppy Learns**

**Vocabulary:** staggered, implored, genuine, bewilderment, torture, nauseates, revolts, vegetarian, bellowed, sputtering, astonishment, prickly, admiration, exhaustion

**Chapter 13 Early Morning**

**Vocabulary:** slumber, sheen, canopy, transforming, velvet, mingled, delicious, forbidding, luxuriant, paradise, acorn, brooding, thudding, elation, pondered, threshold, talons, swiveled, evasively, snorted, bellowed, glimpse, timidly, jutted, carcass, clenched, heroine

**Chapter 14 On the Way to New House**

**Vocabulary:** swaying, snare, tangles, weasels, ferret, haste, bounded, enticing, eddied, phantom, venomously, vanished, trundled, sarcastically, maggot, dense, intensified, distract, dilapidated, tasseled, plunged, fallow, scoured, profusion, marvel, vulnerable, drooling, resemblance, jutted

**Chapter 15 Alone Again**

**Vocabulary:** luscious, waddle, trance, peevishly, irritation, flounced, barbs, arsenal, ferocious

**Chapter 16 The Truth at Last**

**Vocabulary:** vague, tomcat, dignity, snatch, saunter, casually, squinting, emerged, momentarily, threshold, strutted, clucking, pecking, baffled, perplexed, irony, heap, contentment, foliage

**Chapter 17 A Surprising Conversation**

**Vocabulary:** luxuriating, plumpest, fascination, vowed, spied, kneaded, tension, ruffled, sulking, marvel, jubilation, humiliate, hunched, peered, giddy, suppressing, hostile, timid, plunged

**Chapter 18 The Battle**

**Vocabulary:** swift, descent, compromise, darting, halt, clumsily, towering, snickered, taunt, rage, blunder, momentary, flourished, slash, feint, nimbly, infuriate, bewildered, extended, seizing, pricked, reeled, viciously, thrust, jabbed, flailed, flexed, excruciating, dangled, impeded, surged, convulsively, skimming, groggy, plummeted, ignominiously, tufts

**Chapter 19 The Return**

**Vocabulary:** triumphant, weariness, mottled, tuft, sash, lingering, wanly, methodically, lush, laden, contemplate, abandoned, snag, loomed, roisterous, ossified, forage, insufficient

**Chapter 20 A New Beginning**

**Vocabulary:** frail, affix, forbidden

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**Title:** It’s Raining Cats and Dogs Making Sense of Animal Phrases

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