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**Title:** The Three Pigs

**By:** David Wiesner

**Caldecott Medal**

**Book Jacket:**

“Three pigs…

Straw, sticks, bricks…

Huff and puffs…

You probably know the rest.

It’s an old story,

and every time someone tells it

the same thing happens.

But who says it’s supposed to?

Who’s in charge of this story?

Who gets to decide?

Has anyone asked the pigs?

No?

Well, it’s about time someone did.

Here,

thanks to David Wiesner,

is the answer.”

**First Line:** “Once upon a time there were three pigs who went out into the world to seek their fortune.”

**Last Line:** “And they all lived happily ever aft”

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**Title:** The Three Cabritos

**By:** Eric A. Kimmel

**Illustrated by:** Stephen Gilpin

**Book Jacket:**

“Once upon a time three cabritos (young goats) decided to go to a Mexican fiesta. But their mother was worried. She warned them about Chupacabra, the monster who lived beneath the bridge. And sure enough, as the goats crossed the bridge, he jumped out!”

“Say your prayers. I’m going to eat you, “ he told the cabritos. But they were clever. And they knew how to play music – the kind that could make anyone dance, even a monster!”

**First Line:** “Once upon a time three cabritos lived with their mother on a ranch near the Rio Grande.”

**Last Lines:** “But as for me, whenever I cross over the bridge into Mexico, I make sure to carry my harmonica in my pocket. Just in case.”

**Vocabulary:** cabritos, Rio Grande, fiddle, guitar, accordion, fiesta, Mexico, cactus, Buenos dias, tuned, gracias, señor, twirled, leaped, pranced, bulged, groaned, shriveled, punctured, brittle, hooves, harmonica

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**Title:** The Three Little Javelinas

**By:** Susan Lowell

**Illustrated by:** Jim Harris

**Reading Rainbow Book**

**Book Jacket:** “Everyone knows the story of the three little pigs, but now you’re going to meet the three little javelinas (pronounced ha-ve-LEE-nas) – lovable, wild, southwestern cousins of pigs. Living in homes built out of tumbleweeds and saguaro ribs (from the fallen giant cacti), the first tow javelinas are soon running from the hungry coyote, who had hoped to eat them with red chile sauce. And where do they go for shelter? Why, to their wise sister’s house, made strong with adobe bricks. This clever and humorous tale is sure to delight children of all ages, especially those familiar with the Southwest. Dressed in cowboy duds and prepared for life in the rugged desert, these characters are more than any coyote bargained for.”

**First Line:** “Once upon a time, way out in the desert, there were three little javelinas.”

**Last Line:** “And if you ever hear Coyote’s voice, way out in the desert at night…well, you know what he’s remembering!”

**Vocabulary:** desert, javelinas, cactus, hooves, trotted, whirling, whirlwind, tumbleweeds, coyote, invisible, hullabaloo, saguaros, tumbling, palo verde trees, adobe, peeked, raggedy, whisked, sizzle, amazing, cackle, howl

**Hyphenated Words:** chinny-chin-chin, dried-up, brick-maker’s

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**Title:** The Three Billy Goats Gruff

**By:** Paul Galdone

**Back Cover:** “Once upon a time there were three Billy Goats. They wanted to go over the bridge and up the hillside to a fine meadow full of grass and daisies where they could eat and eat and eat, and get fat…But under the bridge lived a Troll who was as mean as he was ugly…”

**First Line:** “Once upon a time there were three Billy Goats.”

**Last Line:** “So snip, snap, snout, this tale’s told out.”

**Vocabulary:** valley, meadow, daisies, bridge, Troll, gobble, creaked, groaned, gobble, hooves, trampled

**Recurring Lines:**

“TRIP, TRAP, TRIP, TRAP!”

“WHO’S THAT TRIPPING OVER MY BRIDGE?”

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**Title:** Goldilocks and The Three Bears

**Retold and illustrated by:** Jan Brett

“A charming new edition of a favorite nursery tale…Perfect to share with individuals or groups, this belongs on everyone’s list.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

“Brett’s paintings are marked by unusual clarity and brightness, but also by humor…This is a delight.” – *Booklist* (starred review)

**First Line:** “Once upon a time there were three bears who lived together in a house of their own in a wood.”

**Last Lines:** “And what happened to Goldilocks afterwards, no one can tell. But the three bears never saw anything more of her.”

**Vocabulary:** porridge, peeped, keyhole, latch, steaming, tempting, plump, gruff, cushion, crumpled, wee, peacefully, braids, stared, shrill, tumbled

**Hyphenated Words:** middle-sized



**Title:** The True Story of The 3 Little Pigs! By A. Wolf

**As Told To:** Jon Scieszka

**Illustrated by:** Lane Smith

**From Publisher’s Weekly:**

“Designed with uncommon flair,” said PW, this “gaily newfangled version of the classic tale” takes sides with the villain. Imaginative watercolors eschew realism, further updating the tale.”

**First Line:** “Everybody knows the story of the Three Little Pigs.”

**Last Line:** “But maybe you could loan me a cup of sugar.”

**Vocabulary:** impolite, jazzed, framed

**Similes:** “And right in the middle of the pile of straw was the First Little Pig – dead as a doornail.”

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**Title:** The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

**By:** Eugene Trivizas

**Illustrated by:** Helen Oxenbury

**Back Cover:** “When it comes time for the three little wolves to go out into the world and build themselves a house, their mother warns them to beware of the big bad pig. But the little wolves’ increasingly sturdy dwellings are no match for the persistent porker, who has more up his sleeve than huffing and puffing. It takes a chance encounter with a flamingo pushing a wheelbarrow full of flowers to provide a surprising and satisfying solution to the little wolves’ housing crisis.”

“Among the wittiest fractured fairytales around.” *Publishers Weekly,* starred review

A *Booklist* Editors’ Choice

A *School Library Journal* Best Book

A Parents’ Choice Honor Book

**First Line:** “Once upon a time, there were three cuddly little wolves with soft fur and fluffy tails who lived with their mother.”

**Last Line:** “The pig accepted, and they all lived happily together ever after.”

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**Title:** Pigs

**By:** JoAnn Early Macken

**Weekly Reader Publishing – Animals That Live on the Farm**

**Back Cover:**

“Oink! Oink! Pigs are clever creatures that use their sharp senses will. They sniff out food and dig it up with their snouts. They roll in the mud to stay cool on hot days. Pigs can even learn to do tricks! Say hello to one of the smartest animals on the farm in *Pigs*.

**Table of Contents:**

Little and Big Pigs

Ready to Eat

A Very Clever Animal

Glossary

**Vocabulary:** piglet, snout, sow, wallow

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**Title:** Goats

**By:** JoAnn Early Macken

**Weekly Reader Publishing – Animals That Live on the Farm**

**Back Cover:**

Meh! Meh! Goats are busy on the farm, where they have many jobs. Some goats are raised for their wool, which can be made into clothing. Other goats are kept for their milk. Some goats help carry loads on the farm. In *Goats*, learn all about this useful animal.

**Table of Contents:**

A Different Kind of Kid

Grown-Up Goats

Work and Play

Glossary

**Vocabulary:** herd, kid, wool, yearling

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**Title:** Pigs

**By:** Gail Gibbons

**First Line:** “Many people think pigs are smelly and dirty.”

**Last Line:** “Soon they will grow up to be big, big pigs.”

**Vocabulary:** wild boar, tusk, descended, taming, domesticating, characteristics, snouts, hoofs, wiggly, piglets, gilt, sow, breed, traits, landrace pig, Gloucester old spot pig, duroc pig, Berkshire pig, Tamworth pig, Hapshire pig, Chester White pig, Poland China pig, retrieve, tidy, wallowing, desperate, communicate, grunting, pleasure, woeful, distressed, shrill, squeals, cartilage, pores, scenting, truffles, soybean, sty, pigpen, huts, arks, gilt, farrows, weaning, foraging, livestock, romp

**Hyphenated Words:** bristly-skinned, air-conditioned, one-half

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**Title:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**By:** Eric Carle

**Book Jacket:**

“One sunny Sunday, the little caterpillar was hatched out of a tiny egg. He was very hungry. On Monday, he ate through one apple; on Tuesday, he ate through two pears; on Wednesday, he ate through three plums – and *still* he was hungry. Strikingly bold, colorful pictures and a simple text in large, clear type tell the story of the hungry little caterpillar’s progress through an amazing variety and quantity of foods. Full at last, he made a cocoon around himself and went to sleep, to wake up a few weeks later wonderfully transformed into a butterfly! Brilliantly innovative designer and artist Eric Carle has dramatized the story of one of Nature’s commonest yet loveliest marvels, the metamorphosis of the butterfly, in a picture book to delight as well as instruct the very youngest reader or listener.”

**First Line:** “In the light of the moon a little egg lay on a leaf.”

**Last Line:** “Then he nibbled a hole in the cocoon, pushed his way out and…he was a beautiful butterfly!”

**What the caterpillar ate each day of the week:**

**Monday** – One Apple

**Tuesday** – Two Pears

**Wednesday** – Three Plums

**Thursday** – Four Strawberries

**Friday** – Five Oranges

**Saturday** – One Piece of Chocolate Cake, One Ice-Cream Cone, One Pickle, One Slice of Swiss Cheese, One Slice of Salami, One Lollipop, One Piece of Cherry Pie, One Sausage, One Cupcake, One Slice of Watermelon

**Sunday** – One Nice Green Leaf

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**Title:** Our Animal Friends At Maple Hill Farm

**By:** Alice and Martin Provensen

**A *New York Times* Outstanding Book of the Year**

**Back Cover:**

“Who lives at Maple Hill Farm? Two dogs, five horses, a pig, some geese, lots of chickens, a few cows, a few goats, several sheep, and four special cats – these are the animals at Maple Hill Farm. With simple text that is both affectionate and wry, and irresistible illustrations that burst with personality, Alice and Martin Provensen bring their barnyard friends to life for the delight of animal lovers both young and old.”

“There’s lots to learn and look at here – cats, dogs, horses, pigs, their names and personalities – all satisfying, like a weekend at the farm.” *The New York Times Book Review,* Outstanding Books of the Year

**First Line: “**WHO LIVES AT MAPLE HILL FARM?”

**Last Line:** The animals that were…the animals that are…and the animals that will be…bring joy, laughter, and life to the lies of the people who live in a house that needs painting, at the end of a road full of holes…. MAPLE HILL FARM.”

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**Title:** Beatrice’s Goat

**By:** Page McBrier

**Illustrated by:** Lori Lohstoeter

**With an afterword by Hillary Rodham Clinton**

*“Beatrice’s Goat* is a heartwarming reminder that families, wherever they live, can change their lives for the better.” – from the afterword by Hillary Rodham Clinton

“Uplifting.” – *Publishers Weekly*

“The well-crafted text and richly colored realistic paintings…bring alive the realities of daily life in an eastern African village and the enormous impact of small gifts.” – *Booklist*

**First Line:** “If you were to visit the small African village of Kisinga in the rolling hills of western Uganda, and if you were to take a left at the crossroads and follow a narrow dirt path between two tall banana groves, you would come to the home of a girl named Beatrice.”

**Last Line:** “Then Beatrice kissed Mugisa on the soft part of her nose, close to where her chin hairs curled just so, and started off to school.”

**Vocabulary:** crossroads, banana groves, furniture, coarse, butting, knobby, tend, grind, cassava flour, market, jackfruit trees, pretending, yearned, sums, slate chalkboard, worn, uniform, charcoal, tugged, patiently, politely, pastures, shed, declared, lashed, fibers, pigeon trees, sleek, mango, shyly, inspecting, stooping, porridge, spy, purse, gasped, disbelief, attend, jumper, steel, rustle

**Hyphenated Words:** brown-and-white

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**Title:** Zin! Zin! Zin! a Violin

**By:** Lloyd Moss

**Illustrated by:** Marjorie Priceman

“A delight for music classes as well as a great introduction to the concert hall, this title will surely be met with applause.” – **School Library Journal, starred review**

[Priceman’s] flamboyant, quick renderings make the instruments come alive, fitting hand in glove with the zippy verse.” – **Kirkus Reviews, pointered review**

“So plentiful praise to this finely matched pair/Whose pictures and words show unusual flair.” - **Publishers Weekly, starred review**

“Neatly done, with flair and joy and a fine ending, Zin! Zin! Zin! a Violin is a book from which music issues forth as clearly as from any music box.” – **The New York** **Times Book Review**

“Superb in both concept and execution, this title is a sound addition to any collection.” – **Booklist, boxed review**

**An ALA Notable Children’s Book**

**A School Library Journal Best Book**

**A New York Times Best Illustrated Book**

**First Line:** “With mournful moan and silken tone, Itself alone comes ONE TROMBONE.”

**Last Line:** “And that would give us great delight Before we say a late good night.”

**Vocabulary:** mournful, moan, silken, tone, trombone, gliding, sliding, solo, trumpet, swinging, duo, French horn, valves, oiled, brassy, loops, coiled, trio, mellow, cello, extended, bows, quartet, soaring, violin, stroking, quintet, flute, slender, silver, sliver, sextet, steely, click, breezy, slick, clarinet, septet, gleeful, bleating, sobbing, pleading, throbbing, octet, bassoon, nonet, harp, descends, chamber, orchestra, oboe, harp, poised, soar, reeds, implore, galore, adore, concerts, bowed, encore

**Hyphenated Words:** a-shiver, double-reeding, good-bye

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**Title:** Ten Apples Up On Top!

**By:** Dr. Seuss

**Illustrated by:** Roy McKie

**First Line:** “One apple up on top!”

**Last Line:** “We will not let them fall.”

**Rhyming Words:**

You/too

See/three

More/four

Hop/top

Tree/me

Two/you

Stop/top

Top/drop/mop

Fun/one

You/too

Eight/skate

Drink/think

Then/ten

Fall/all/hall

Down/town

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**Title:** Can You Count Ten Toes? Count to 10 in 10 Different Languages

**By:** Lezlie Evans

**Illustrated by:** Denis Roche

**Back Cover:**

Learn to count to 10 in these 10 languages:

Japanese, Russian, Korean, Zulu, French, Hindi, Tagalog, Hebrew, Spanish, Chinese

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**Title:** Pancakes for Breakfast

**By: Tomie DePaola**

**A Wordless Picture Book**

“This wordless picture book follows the trials of a little old lady who attempts to make pancakes for her breakfast. The optimistic determination of the woman and the gentle humor of the illustrations make this an appealing book for the very young.” – **School Library Journal**

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**Title:** Horrible Harry Bugs the Three Bears

**By:** Suzy Kline

**Pictures by:** Frank Remkiewicz

**Back Cover:**

“Ewww, bugs! Horrible Harry has always loved insects. And recently, he’s discovered a new favorite: earwigs! When he tries to tell his friends, only Song Lee will listen. So when Miss Mackle assigns groups in Room 3B to act out different fairy tales, Harry sees an opportunity to teach the class about his favorite bug. He rewrites the classic “Goldilocks and the Three Bears,” and his version of the story has everyone in Room 3B paying attention. But will they think his play is hilarious…or horrible?”

“Kline writes in an upbeat and humorous style that will appeal to beginning as well as reluctant readers.” – *School Library Journal* on *Horrible Harry Takes the Cake*

**Chapter 1: Digging for Edward**

**Vocabulary:**

horrible, leaning, shrugged, tunnel, vacant, scolded, chanting, glen, earwig, pincers, gross, roadrunner, cringed, shuffled, corralled, declared, skit, complicated, emperor, long johns, strutted, royalty, groaned, grimly, giggled, twisting, braids, costumes, beetle, sketch, squeezed, complain, muffled, animated, permission, observe, abdomen, thorax, impressed, scenery, cast, wink

**Hyphenated Words:** jump-rope, fairy-tale, third-grade, show-and-tell

**Similes:** “Edward was dead as a doornail when I found him,” he said.

“The guy is naked as a jay and walks in a parade.”

**Chapter 2: Bugs and the Royal Dessert**

**Vocabulary:** cafeteria, gasped, neon sign, blurted, greeted, chuckled, sparkly, donated, suitable, royalty, kings, queens, round table, dessert, snickers, slurped, linen, miserable, aphids, interrupted, petit fours, delicacy, reaction, labeled, sigh, strolled

**Hyphenated Words:** eighty-eight, bow-legged

**Chapter 3: The Earwig Scare!**

**Vocabulary:** important, skits, laminating, fractured, whopper, beamed, groaned, dangling, jiff, groaned, hunched, squatting, burrow, hatch, mural, costumes, curtains, couch, leaned, extraordinary, squirt, myth, compost piles,

**Hyphenated Words:** seventy-five, no-brainer, rolled-up, living-room

**Chapter 4: The Goldilocks Worm-Off**

**Vocabulary:** sprinkle, mound, patted, palm, delicious, plopped, rusty, narrator, dedicated

**Hyphenated Words:** worm-off, bake-offs

**Chapter 5: “Goldilocks and the Three Bugs”**

**Vocabulary:** playwright, bow, mural, log cabin, windowsill, flashed, beamed, audience, scrumptious, stage managers, scooted, mushy, critter, hunched, squatted, grub, gobble, marched, lumbered, intruder, deserved, cheered, script, bravo, kickball diamond, fielding pitcher, shortstop

**Hyphenated Words:** yum-yum, tum-tum, buggy-wuggy

**Similes:** “Ida stopped standing like a statue.”