#### By the Authors and Illustrators

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## UNIT 1

Mora, Pat. The Rainbow Tulip. Viking, 1999. A Mexican-American girl experiences being different when she wears a tulip costume with all the colors of the rainbow to a May Day parade.

ON LEVEL



Rylant, Cynthia. Poppleton. The Blue **Sky Press, 1997.** Poppleton the pig reads a library book about an adventure and then helps a sick friend get better.

Heap, Sue. Four Friends in the Garden.

Candlewick Press, 2004. Mary Clare

and her three animal friends have an

Moss, Marissa. In America. Dutton,

enjoyable day in the garden chasing a

ON LEVEL

butterfly.

APPROACHING

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Ziefert, Harriet. 39 Uses for a Friend. **Putnam, 2001.** Endearing illustrations combine with just one or two words on a page to show the meaning of friendship.

APPROACHING

Mavor, Salley. You and Me: Poems of Friendship. Orchard Books, 1997. This book has a collection of poems about friendship by well-known authors.

ON LEVEL

BEYOND

1994. Walter's grandfather tells him the story of how he came to the United States as a young boy. ON LEVEL

Brown, Laurie Krasny and Marc Brown. How to Be a Friend. Little, Brown, 1998. Dinosaurs discuss what characteristics friends should have.

BEYOND

Baker, Roberta. Lizard Walinsky. Little, Brown, 2004. Elizabeth, who calls herself Lizard, finds a friend with whom she can share her unique interests.

**Rylant, Cynthia.** *The Relatives Came.* **Aladdin, 1993.** Simple text and beautiful illustrations describe what it is like for one family when their distant relatives arrive for a reunion and vacation.

**Ancona, George.** *Let's Dance.* **HarperCollins, 1998.** Simple text and photographs describe dances from all over the world.

ON LEVEL

Schaefer, Lola. Arrowhawk. Illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska. Henry Holt, 2004. Based on a true story, this book is about a hawk's survival after it was struck by a poacher's arrow.

ON LEVEL

Heo, Yumi. Father's Rubber Shoes. Orchard Books, 1993. Yungsu misses his homeland of Korea until he makes some new friends in the United States.

APPROACHING

ON LEVEL

Fox, Mem. A Bedtime Story. Mondo, 1996. Polly and her friend Bed Rabbit have many books, but since they don't read yet, Polly's parents read the bedtime story.

APPROACHING

Marshall, James. *George and Martha: Tons of Fun*. Houghton Mifflin, 1986.

This collection of five short stories about hippo friends George and Martha describe how friendship involves give and take.

ON LEVEL

**Rylant, Cynthia.** *Poppleton and Friends.* **Scholastic, 1997.** Poppleton shows he is a good friend and goes to the library in this appealing independent reader.

ON LEVEL

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie. *Mama Elizabeti*. Lee & Low Books, 2000.

A Tanzanian girl experiences the responsibility involved in taking care of her younger brother.

ON LEVEL

Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge and the Funny Lunch. Aladdin, 2004. Every Mother's Day Henry and his dad make Henry's mother lunch. What will they make this year?

ON LEVEL

Clark, Jane and Charles Fuge. Gilbert the Great. Sterling, 2005. After a remora fish has to go away, Gilbert, a shark, thinks he will never find as good a friend again.

BEYOND

lijima, Geneva Cobb. *The Way We Do It in Japan*. Albert Whitman, 2002.

A young boy has to get used to a very different lifestyle when he moves to Japan with his family.

**BEYOND** 

**Schlein, Miriam.** *The Story About Me.* **Albert Whitman, 2004.** A grandmother tells her granddaughter the story of how everyone in the family was eagerly waiting for her to be born.

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## UNIT 2

Smith, Patricia. Janna and the Kings. Illustrated by Aaron Boyd. Lee & Low, 2003. An African-American girl looks forward to Saturdays, which she spends with her grandfather.

ON LEVEL



Mora, Pat. Doña Flor. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Dragonfly Books, 2005.

This tall tale is about a kind-hearted giant woman who tries to save her puebla from a dangerous puma.

ON LEVEL

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Huneck, Stephen. Sally Goes to the Vet. Harry N. Abrams, 2004. Sally, the family dog, gets injured playing chase in the yard and has to be rushed to the vet.

APPROACHING

Liebman, Dan. I Want to Be a Nurse. Firefly Books, 2001. Male and female nurses from all cultures and backgrounds are featured in this easy-to-read introduction to nursing.

ON LEVEL

Armstrong, Jennifer. Magnus at the Fire. Simon & Schuster, 2005. Magnus is a horse who helps firefighters get to the fire. This book has stunning illustrations.

BEYOND

Winters, Kay. My Teacher for President. **Dutton, 2004.** A second-grader writes a television station to tell them why his teacher should be President.

APPROACHING

Wellington, Monica. Firefighter Frank. Dutton, 2002. All of the events in a typical day at the firehouse are described with very appealing illustrations.

ON LEVEL

Bartone, Elisa. Peppe the Lamplighter. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1993.

After coming to the United States, Peppe takes a job lighting lamps in his neighborhood.

**Demi.** *Firebird.* **Henry Holt, 1994.** This adaptation of a well-known Russian folktale describes what happens when a young boy discovers the legendary firebird. The story features Demi's extraordinary illustrations.

Demi. *The Hungry Coat: A Tale from Turkey*. Margaret K. McElderry, 2004.

This humorous Turkish folktale, with finely drawn illustrations, tells of a wise man who teaches his friends a lesson about manners.

BEYOND

**Parks, Rosa, and Haskins, Jim. I Am** *Rosa Parks.* **Puffin, 1999.** This easy-to-read beginning chapter book is a brief autobiography of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus boycott.

BEYOND

**Sis, Peter.** *Fire Truck.* **Greenwillow Books, 1998.** Matt loves fire trucks so much that one day he turns into one and becomes a hero in the community.

Flanagan, Alice K. Ask Nurse Pfaff, She'll Help You! Children's Press, 1998.

Written in simple text, this photo-essay depicts a nurse caring for her patients at a hospital.

APPROACHING

Gorman, Jacqueline Laks. *Doctor*.

Weekly Reader Early Learning

Library, 2002. This book explains what doctors do.

APPROACHING

Flanagan, Alice K. *Dr. Kanner, Dentist With a Smile*. Children's Press, 1997.

This is a simply written photo-essay about the work of a dentist, cleaning and caring for the teeth of his patients.

ON LEVEL

BEYOND

APPROACHING

**Woodworth, Viki.** *Daisy the Firecow.* **Boyds Mills Press, 2001.** A cow with a sense of adventure decides to apply for a job at a fire station.

ON LEVEL

Desimini, Lisa. Policeman Lou and Policewoman Sue. Blue Sky Press, 2003. Policeman Lou and Policewoman Sue go through the day helping people in their town stay safe.

ON LEVEL

Casey, Patricia. One Day at Wood Green Animal Shelter. Candlewick Press, 2001. Wood Green Animal Shelter is a busy place where many sick or abandoned animals get care.

BEYOND

**Gibbons, Gail.** Say Woof! The Day of a Country Veterinarian. Simon & Schuster, 1992. This is an informative nonfiction book about the day of a country vet.

**BEYOND** 

Winkleman, Katherine K. Firehouse. Walker, 1994. Details of firehouse equipment and structure are given in text and drawings of actual firehouses.

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## UNIT 3

Wyeth, Sharon Dennis. Something Beautiful. Doubleday, 1998. A young girl wishes for beauty in her life and polls her neighbors to discover what they think is beautiful.

ON LEVEL



Tello, Jerry. Let's Read About César *Chávez.* **Scholastic, 2004.** This simple chapter book biography will inform children about the life and work of this labor leader and civil rights activist.

Tryon, Leslie. Albert's Play. Atheneum,

children put their efforts together to put

on the play "The Owl and the Pussy-Cat."

**1992.** Albert and his crew of animal

BEYOND

APPROACHING

### Related to the Theme (spans 3+ grade levels)

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Brown, Marc. Arthur Writes a Story. **Little, Brown, 1996.** Arthur's homework assignment is to write a story, but he changes it each time his friends offer

Lester, Helen. Author: A True Story. **Houghton Mifflin/Walter Lorraine Books, 1997.** This brief autobiography of an author's life and how she writes includes cartoon illustrations.

ON LEVEL

**BEYOND** 

Cox, Judy. My Family Plays Music. Holiday House, 2003. A family with a talent for playing a variety of instruments enjoys getting together to celebrate.

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Rylant, Cynthia. Mr. Putter & Tabby

Write the Book. Harcourt, 2004. Mr. Putter decides to write a mystery book, but it turns out to be more difficult than he thought.

ON LEVEL

Bunting, Eve. My Special Day at Third Street School. Boyds Mills Press, 2004.

A children's book author visits a school and everyone has a good time.

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Worm.*HarperCollins, 2003. This entertaining picture book will delight readers with one young worm's views and descriptions of his life and family.

**ON LEVEL** 

**Cronin, Doreen.** *Duck for President.* **Simon & Schuster, 2004.** Duck is tired of doing his chores and decides to hold an election to replace Farmer Brown.

Wells, Rosemary. Yoko's Paper Cranes.

ON LEVEL

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Hello Ocean*. Charlesbridge Publishing, 2001.

This rhyming picture book depicts the pleasures of a day at the ocean.

APPROACHING

**Isadora, Rachel.** *Not Just Tutus.* **Putnam, 2003.** Brief humorous poems capture all of the anticipation, anxiety, and hard work involved in a dance performance.

APPROACHING

**Hyperion, 2001.** Yoko decides to make paper cranes and send them to her grandmother, who still lives in Japan. **APPROACHING** 

**Isadora, Rachel.** *Lili at Ballet.* **Putnam, 1993.** Lili loves to dance; when she's in ballet class she acts out all of the roles she wishes she had.

APPROACHING

Schneider, Christine M. Saxophone Sam and His Snazzy Jazz Band. Walker, 2002. Drew and his sister try to find the source of the music they hear; written in rhyme.

ON LEVEL

**Brown, Marc.** *Arthur's Thanksgiving.* **Scholastic, 1983.** Arthur discovers that directing the Thanksgiving class play is more difficult than he thought.

ON LEVEL

Parish, Herman. *Bravo, Amelia Bedelia!* Greenwillow Books, 1997.

Amelia Bedelia creates havoc at a school concert in her usual way.

**ON LEVEL** 

Ajmera, Maya, and John D. Ivanko. To Be An Artist. Charlesbridge Publishing, 2004. This beautiful photo-essay depicts the various ways to express oneself creatively.

BEYOND

Millman, Isaac. Moses Goes to a Concert. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1998. Moses and his hearing-impaired classmates go to a concert where they meet percussionists who are also deaf.

**BEYOND** 

**Rylant, Cynthia.** *Best Wishes.* **Richard C. Owen, 1992.** Cynthia Rylant, the popular writer of so many favorite children's stories, writes about her life.

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## UNIT 4

Paye, Won-Ldy, and Margaret H. **Lippert.** Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile. Henry Holt, 2003. Mrs. Chicken wins freedom from the crocodile who has captured her.

ON LEVEL



Rathmann, Peggy. Good Night, Gorilla. Putnam, 1996. A gorilla in the zoo takes the watchman's keys and unlocks the animals' cages so they all can follow him home.

Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad Are

Friends. HarperCollins, 1979. This

classic collection of easy-to-read tales

describes how two friends watch out for

APPROACHING

### Related to the Theme (spans 3+ grade levels)

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Flanagan, Alice K. Raising Cows on the Koebel's Farm. Children's Press, 1999.

Each member of the Koebel family has chores on the farm; this book uses simple text with colorful photographs.

APPROACHING

Hasely, Dennis. A Story for Bear. Silver Whistle, 2002. A young bear is fascinated by words on paper so he finds a kind woman to read to him.

ON LEVEL

APPROACHING

Lionni, Leo. Swimmy. Knopf, 1963. In this Caldecott Honor book, one small, brave fish discovers a way to protect his new friends from danger in the ocean.

ON LEVEL

each other.

Barber, Tiki; Barber, Ronde; Burleigh, Robert. Teammates. Simon & **Schuster, 2006.** This biography describes how twin brothers worked together to achieve their dreams to play professional football.

BEYOND

Rendon, Marcie. Farmer's Market. Carolrhoda Books, 2001. Descriptive text and large photographs show how different families work together on farms.

**Rathmann, Peggy.** *Ruby, the Copycat.* **Scholastic, 2006.** Ruby is a copycat, but with the help of her perceptive teacher, she uncovers her own individuality.

ON LEVEL

**Hewett, Joan.** *A Koala Joey Grows Up.* **Carolrhoda Books, 2004.** One in a series of books about baby animals growing up, with lively photos and simple text.

**ON LEVEL** 

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *Nacho and Lolita*. Scholastic Press, 2005. In this richly illustrated tale, two birds have a problem to solve before they can find happiness together.

BEYOND

**Crummel, Susan Stevens.** *Tumbleweed Stew.* **Green Light Readers, 2003.** A trickster rabbit talks a group of animals into working together to create a big pot of delicious tumbleweed stew for everyone to eat.

APPROACHING

**Brown, Marc.** *Arthur Makes the Team.* **Little, Brown, 1998.** Arthur worries that he won't be able to play baseball as well as his friends, but teamwork helps him overcome his problem.

ON LEVEL

Old, Wendie. To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers. Clarion Books, 2002. This biography draws on primary sources to tell how the Wright brothers worked together to create the first heavier-than-air flying machine.

BEYOND

Ancona, George. Team Work.
Crowell, 1983. This picture essay uses photographs and simple language to show how crews and team work together to get jobs done.

APPROACHING

Kliphuis, Christine. Robbie and Ronnie. North-South Books, 2002. Best friends Robbie and Ronnie use teamwork to stand up to bullies at the pool.

**ON LEVEL** 

Adler, David. *The Babe & I*. Gulliver Books, 1999. A boy who sells newspaper to help his family make ends meet during the Depression meets his favorite baseball player.

BEYOND

Morris, Ann. *Teamwork*. Lothrop, Lee, & Shepard Books, 1999. Large photographs and minimal text describe how people and animals use teamwork to meet their needs.

APPROACHING

Shaw, Fran. What a Team!: Together Everyone Achieves More. Readers
Digest, 2007. Whether it's working on a science project or playing sports, the kids in this book find out that working together makes success twice as sweet.

ON LEVEL

**Hughes, Dean.** *Home Run Hero.* **Atheneum, 1999.** The Scrappers baseball team has talent, but they can't win any games until they discover how to work together as a team.



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## UNIT 5

Carle, Eric. The Grouchy Ladybug. HarperCollins, 1996. A grouchy ladybug challenges everyone she meets, regardless of their size or strength.

APPROACHING



Lin, Grace. Fortune Cookie Fortunes. **Knopf, 2004.** With beautiful pen and watercolor drawings, Lin tells the story of a girl who sees the world in terms of the fortunes she finds in cookies.

ON LEVEL

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Cowley, Joy. Chameleon, Chameleon. Scholastic, 2005. Beautiful photographs explain how nature protects and keeps the chameleon safe in the tropical forest.

APPROACHING

Doyle, Malachy. Jody's Beans. Candlewick Press, 1999. Jody and her grandfather plant seeds and care for the garden through the seasons.

ON LEVEL

Gibbons, Gail. The Berry Book. Holiday House, 2002. This book explains the different kinds of berries, how they grow, how they get shipped, and how they are sold.

BEYOND

Fraser, Mary Ann. How Baby Animals Stay Safe. HarperCollins, 2002.

Whether animal babies depend on a parent or themselves, there are many ways they escape danger.

APPROACHING

Posada, Mia. Dandelions: Stars in the Grass. Carolrhoda Books, 2000. This small and informative picture book about dandelions is written in lively rhymed text and is suitable for reading aloud.

ON LEVEL

Ryden, Hope. Joey: The Story of a Baby Kangaroo. Tambourine Books, 1994.

This photo-essay is about the growth of a baby kangaroo.

# Keller, Holly. Help! A Story of Friendship. Greenwillow Books, 2007.

Mouse hides from his friend Snake when he finds out that snakes usually eat mice, but it is up to Snake to rescue Mouse when he falls into a deep hole.

#### APPROACHING

**Keller, Holly. Cecil's Garden. Greenwillow Books, 2002.** Cecil can't wait to plant his garden, but when his rabbit siblings arrive the trouble begins.

#### APPROACHING

**George, Jean Craighead.** *Snow Bear.* **Hyperion, 1999.** The relationship between Bessie, an Eskimo girl, and a polar bear cub is told with simple text and rich illustrations.

#### ON LEVEL

**Rockwell, Anne. One Bean. Walker, 1998.** This book shows all of the things that happen to a bean as it is soaked, planted, watered, and begins to grow.

#### APPROACHING

**Ryder, Joanne.** *Little Panda.* **Simon & Schuster, 2001.** Using photographs taken at the San Diego Zoo, this is the story of first panda cub ever to survive in captivity.

#### APPROACHING

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. From Tadpole to Frog. Scholastic Reference, 2002. This science reader shows and describes how tiny tadpoles become fully grown frogs.

#### APPROACHING

**Kaizuki, Kiyonori.** *A Calf Is Born.* **Orchard Books. 1990.** The birth of a new calf is described; striking oil paintings illustrate the text.

#### ON LEVEL

**Wellington, Monica.** *Zinnia's Flower Garden.* **Dutton, 2005.** Zinnia plants her seeds, watches them grow, sells her flowers, and then gathers seeds to plant for the next year.

#### ON LEVEL

**French, Vivian.** *Growing Frogs.* **Candlewick Press, 2000.** A mother and child watch as tadpoles develop into frogs.

#### **ON LEVEL**

Jordan, Helene. How a Seed Grows. HarperCollins, 1992. A young boy and girl plant bean seeds in a garden and watch them grow.

#### BEYOND

**Tatham, Betty.** *Penguin Chick.* **HarperCollins, 2002.** This Let's-Readand-Find-Out Science book shows how both the mother and father penguin care for their young.

#### **BEYOND**

**Becker, John.** *Mugambi's Journey.* **Gingham Dog Press, 2004.** Mugambi, a cheetah cub, gets separated from his mother and experiences danger as he tries to find her again in this stunningly illustrated picture book.

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## UNIT 6

Bash, Barbara. In the Heart of the Village. Sierra Club, 1996. This book explains the importance of a banyan tree to an Indian village.

**ON LEVEL** 



Sayre, April Pulley. Army Ant Parade. Henry Holt, 2002. In a Central American rain forest, the reader observes an army ant swarm.

ON LEVEL

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Carle, Eric. Little Cloud. Philomel Books, 1996. Vibrant illustrations show the many forms clouds can take on, ending with the clouds raining.

APPROACHING

Landau, Elaine. Desert Mammals. Children's Press, 1997. Animals who live in the various deserts around the world are described and featured in colorful photographs.

ON LEVEL

Lowery, Linda. Earth Day. Carolrhoda **Books, 1991.** The story of Earth Day is told in an easy-to-read format, with information on activities that create awareness of our environment.

BEYOND

dePaola, Tomie. The Cloud Book. Holiday House, 1975. Bright illustrations and simple text explain ten types of cloud formations and cloudrelated myths.

APPROACHING

Bang, Molly. Common Ground: The Water, Earth, and Air We Share. Blue Sky Press, 1997. This simple story conveys the need for all people to preserve what we have.

ON LEVEL

Prigger, Mary Skillings. Aunt Minnie and the Twister. Clarion Books, 2002.

A twister causes damage to Aunt Minnie's house. What will she and her nine nieces and nephews do?

Simon, Seymour. Gorillas.
HarperCollins, 2000. This book
describes the physical characteristics
and behavior of various types of gorillas.
BEYOND

Simon, Seymour. *Lightning*. HarperCollins, 2006. Riveting photographs and concise, precise text explain lightning's characteristics.

BEYOND

**Bruchac, Joseph. Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back. Putnam, 1997.** This good introduction to Native American culture focuses on the importance of nature.

**ON LEVEL** 

**Lund, Jillian.** Way Out West Lives a Coyote Named Frank. Dutton Books, 1992. Frank, a coyote, enjoys life in the desert, interacting with his animal friends, and being by himself.

Bauer, Marion Dane. Why Do Kittens Purr? Simon & Schuster, 2003.

Questions are answered about why animals act in certain ways.

APPROACHING

**Storad, Conrad J. Lizards for Lunch:** *A Roadrunner's Tale*. **RGU Group, 2002.** A roadrunner, a fast-running bird, discusses his life in the desert; written in rhymed verse.

French, Jackie. Diary of a Wombat.

APPROACHING

**Branley, Franklyn.** *Flash, Crash, Rumble and Roar.* **HarperCollins, 1999.** Some fears will get dispelled as the origin of lightning and thunder is explained.

Arnosky, Jim. Beaver Pond–Moose Pond. National Geographic Society, 2000. Beaver builds his dam in the pond and, much to his surprise, finds out that his is not the only home there.

c, Clarion Books, 2003. A wombat describes his habits as he goes through the day.

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APPROACHING

Jenkins, Steve, and Robin Page. I See a Kookaburra! Houghton Mifflin, 2005.

This book provides an explanation of six animal habitats around the world.

BEYOND

**Hirschi, Ron.** When Night Comes. **Boyds Mills Press, 2000.** The habits of various nocturnal animals are presented as they hunt and feed; with stunning photographs.

BEYOND

ON LEVEL

Arnosky, Jim. *Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing Animal Habitats*. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 1997.

Various places where animals live are described and illustrated.