

# SEPTEMBER 2019

## National Literacy Month

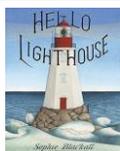
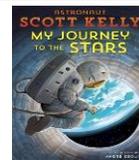
Visit a library. Read a good book. Explore new worlds.

**READ**  
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**ALL YEAR**  
**LONG**



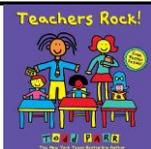
**After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again** by Dan Santat (2017) This epilogue to the nursery rhyme was written by the author of *The Adventures of Beekle*. The book focuses on what happened after Humpty Dumpty's great fall which made him fearful of heights. This book reminds readers to learn to get back up and to reach new heights. **Ages: 4-8 years**

**My Journey to the Stars** by Scott Kelly (2017). NASA astronaut Scott Kelly was the first person to spend an entire year in space. His picture book memoir share his childhood as an average student to his record-breaking year among the stars. He tells how he discovered a book about test pilots and astronauts that set him on a path to defy the odds and inspire others. **Ages: 5-8 years**



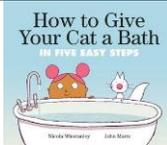
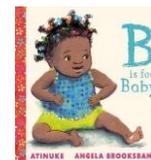
**Hello Lighthouse** by Sophie Blackall (2018) WINNER OF 2019 CALDECOTT MEDAL. Days and seasons pass as the wind blows, the fog rolls in, and icebergs drift by in the water all around. But, inside the lighthouse, the keeper and his family lead their daily lives and the keeper writes every detail in his logbook. This book captures and celebrates a time and life style from another era. The precise illustrations are by award-winning artist Blackall. **(Ages: 5-8 years)**

**Bully** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (2013) After being bullied and rejected by older bulls, a young bull does not know how to make friends. When invited to play with, he responds by calling them rude names. When a little goat steps up and calls him out for his bullying ways, he is able to see that he is being mean and hurting others. Tearfully, he can make peace and change his ways. Lots of bold illustrations support few but powerful words! **Ages: 3-7 years**



**Teachers Rock!** by Todd Parr (2016). Author Parr uses his bold and vibrant colors, and simple sentences to declare the importance of teachers. Teachers are amazing – they teach new things, make you laugh, help you meet new friends, encourage you to do your best. A very positive book to begin the school year! **Ages: 4-6 years**

**B is for Baby** by Atinuke (2019) Children learning about language with love the “B” sounds of words in this playful story set in West Africa. One morning after breakfast, Baby's big brother sets off on his bike to deliver a basket of bananas to Baba's bungalow with Baby as a stowaway. On the way, he (and baby) encounters many “B”-word objects. The lively and colorful mixed-media illustrations add humor and cultural specificity to the story. **Ages: 2+ years**

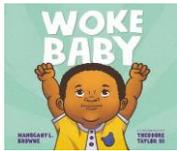
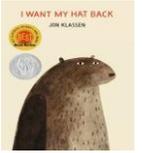


**How to Give Your Cat a Bath: In Five Easy Steps** by Nicola Winstanley (2019) Seems simple, right? The problem is that the cat – “Mr. Flea” - has no intention of taking a bath! The cat keeps escaping, the girl keeps eating cookies and the mess keeps getting bigger. The author captures the experience of well-laid plans quickly dissolving into disaster! This spoof on an instruction manual is certain to entertain children of all ages. **Ages: 3-7 years**

**Merci Suárez Changes Gears** by Meg Medina (2018) WINNER OF 2019 NEWBERY MEDAL. Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different but she has no idea just how different it would be – at home and at school. Medina creates a heart-warming story of a thoughtful, strong-willed student who navigates difficult times with humor, determination, and wisdom. She also writes about the joys of multigenerational home life with humor and understanding. **Ages: 9+ years**

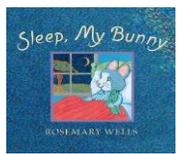


***I Want My Hat Back*** by Jon Klassen (2011). Klassen employs clever illustrations in this classic repetitive tale which allows the reader to be in on the joke. When the bear's hat is gone, he wants it back, patiently asking the animals he meets, one by one, whether they have seen it. Only after the deer asks a simple question does the bear renew his search with determination. **Ages: 4-8 years**



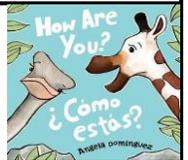
***Woke Baby*** by Mahogany L. Browne (2018) This lyrical book presents a celebration of what it means to be a baby and what it means to be “woke.” With bright playful art, the book embraces hope in a world where the only limit to a skyscraper may be more blue sky. Woke babies are up early, work hard to achieve goals, and grow up to change the world. **Ages: 3+ years**

***The Rabbit Listened*** by Cori Doerrfeld (2018). Taylor feels sad when his block construction is knocked down by a flock of birds. His animal friends offer suggestions to do, but he does not feel like doing any of these things. When rabbit quietly listens, Taylor feels its concern and respect for his feeling. He is able to express anger and loss, and move on. This a poignant book about empathy and kindness. *Publishers Weekly Best Books (2018)* **Ages: 3-5 years**



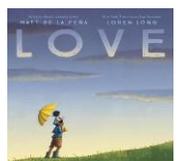
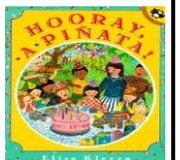
***Sleep, My Bunny*** by Rosemary Wells (2018). Inside a cozy house, parents guide their little bunny through the traditional routine – eating supper, putting toys away, taking a bath, reading a story, listening to a song. The artwork and poetic narrative offer the perfect script for a reassuring reader to create a bedtime read-aloud certain to lull a small child to sleep. **Ages: 2-5 years**

***How Are You? = ¿Cómo estás?*** by Angela Dominguez (2018). Friendship awaits in this book about feelings, expressed in both English and Spanish. Two giraffes find a baby ostrich, and they have some questions. Is baby ostrich hungry? Or shy? Or tired? The ostrich says “No!” So how does the baby ostrich really feel? **Ages: 2-4 years**



***Rain Fish*** by Lois Ehlert (2016). This celebration of imagination, creativity, and observation invites readers to discover their own rain fish. These unique “fish” are the varied, colorful and unique little collections of materials that float in the streams of water following rain showers. Ehlert’s fish come in all shapes and sizes. **Ages: 4-8 years**

***Hooray, a Pinata!*** by Elisa Kleven (2000) After Clara chooses a dog pinata for her birthday party, she names him Lucky and he becomes her constant companion. But, when her birthday come, she does not want to let anyone break him. If she keeps him as a pet, she won't have a pinata for her birthday celebration. What can she do? **Ages: 3-5 years**



***Love*** by Matt de la Peña (2018). Illustrated by Loren Long, this picture book celebrates the many ways that love seems to carry us throughout our lives – from the day we are born and beyond. Newbery winner de la Peña writes a story about the strongest bond there is, and the diverse, powerful ways it connects us all. NPR review says: “You know what love is before you can even say the word; it’s around you all the time if you just pay attention.” **Ages: 4-8 years**

***Here Are My Hands*** by Bill Martin, Jr. (1998). Martin invites young children to respond spontaneously and creatively as they learn the parts of the body. Using rhyming text and bold illustrations, the book features children of different backgrounds, and quietly celebrates the commonality of people around the world. **Ages: 2-5 years**



***What If...*** by Samantha Berger (2018). Berger salutes creativity, the imagination and self-expression in this book. A child affirms the importance of self-expression and how she will use art, imagination and resilience as she expresses herself through drawings, sculpture, building, carving, singing, dancing or dreaming. Kirkus Review says: “This extraordinary book will make it hard for any child reader to settle for the mundaneness of reality.” **Ages: 5+ years**

