

Book Ideas for **Elephant & Piggie: “We are in a Play!”**

Books and Lyrics by Mo Willems, music by Deborah Wicks La Puma
Based on the Elephant & Piggie books by Mo Willems

Gerald the Elephant is cautious and Piggie is...well, NOT. They are the best of friends. Which means they have LOTS of fun together. But sometimes they face tough questions. What do you wear to a fancy party? Should you share your ice cream? Can two friends play with just one toy? Get ready for a hilarious musical experience as two of Mo Willems' most delightfully amusing characters come to life on stage in their Very First Play. Backed by nutty backup singers, The Squirrelles, Gerald and Piggie will have your family doing the “Flippy Floppy Floory” dance all night long!

★ **BIG IDEA:** Fun and Friendship

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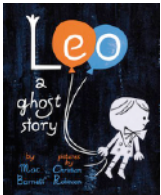


[Elephant & Piggie](#) (2007)

By Mo Willems

This series of picture books for emerging readers follows best friends Gerald and Piggie as they spend their days having fun with one another. From deciding what to wear to a party to dealing with a pesky bird on Gerald's head, these humorous, short stories demonstrate the importance of friendship and working together to achieve one's goals.

Grades PreK-2

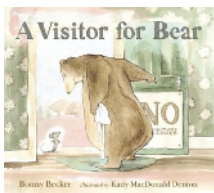


[Leo: A Ghost Story](#) (2015)

By Mac Barnett

Leo likes to draw, he makes delicious snacks, and most people can't even see him. Because Leo is also a ghost. When a new family moves into his home and Leo's efforts to welcome them are misunderstood, Leo decides it is time to leave and see the world. That is how he meets Jane and makes a new friend.

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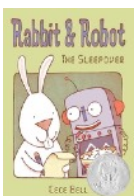


[A Visitor for Bear](#) (2008)

By Bonny Becker

Cheery persistence wears down a curmudgeonly bear in a wry comedy of manners that ends in a most unlikely friendship.

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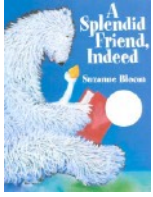


[The Sleepover](#) (2012)

By Cece Bell

New readers who like silly stories will race through this funny adventure about a rabbit who likes to be in control and an obliging robot who calmly keeps their friendship humming.

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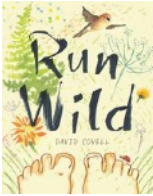


[A Splendid Friend, Indeed](#) (2005)

By Suzanne Bloom

This is a story about a bear and a goose. The bear is trying to read and write, but the goose keeps interrupting him with his talking. They end up as great friends.

Grades PreK-1

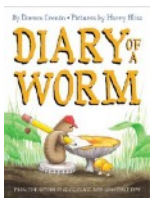


[Run Wild](#) (2018)

By David Covell

"Hey, you! Sky's blue!" a girl shouts as she runs by the window of a boy bent over his digital device. Intrigued, the boy runs out after her, leaving his shoes (and phone) behind, and into a world of sunshine, dewey grass, and warm sand. Filled with the pleasures of being alive in the natural world, *Run Wild* is an exquisite and kid-friendly reminder of how wonderful life can be beyond doors and screens.

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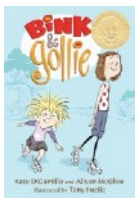


[Diary of a Worm](#) (2003)

By Doreen Cronin

This is the diary of a worm. This worm lives with his parents, plays with his friends, and even goes to school. But - he never has to take a bath, he gets to eat his homework, and because he doesn't have legs, he just can't do the hokey pokey – no matter how hard he tries. This funny picture book tells the daily doings in a small worm's life.

Grades 1-3

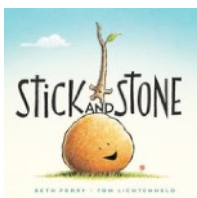


[Bink & Gollie](#) (2010)

By Kate DiCamillo

Meet Bink and Gollie, two little girls--one tiny, one tall. Setting out from their super-deluxe tree house and powered by plenty of peanut butter and pancakes, they share three comical adventures involving painfully bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion. No matter where their roller skates take them, at the end of the day they will always be the very best of friends.

Grades 1-3



[Stick and Stone](#) (2015)

By Beth Ferry

When Stick rescues Stone from a prickly situation with a Pinecone, the pair becomes fast friends. But when Stick gets stuck, can Stone return the favor?

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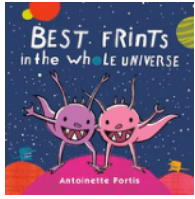


[A Couple of Boys Have Their Best Week Ever](#) (2008)

By Marla Frazee

When James and Eamon go to a week of Nature Camp and stay at Eamon's grandparents' house, it turns out that their free time spent staying inside, eating waffles, and playing video games is way more interesting than nature. But sometimes things work out best when they don't go exactly as planned.

Grades 1-3



[Best Frints in the Whole Universe](#) (2016)

By Antoinette Portis

Yelfred and Omek have been best frints since they were little blobbies. They play and snack, and sometimes they even fight, all in a language similar to but slightly different from, English. When Omek decides to borrow Yelfred's new spaceship without asking (and then crashes it), it sparks the biggest fight yet. Can these two best frints make up and move on?

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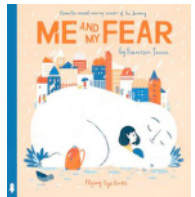


[Jumpy Jack and Googily](#) (2008)

By Med Rosoff

An interesting pairing of friends - a monster and a snail. The snail is afraid of everything and the monster, being a good friend, is always sure to check things out first. Then we find that the monster himself has a fear!

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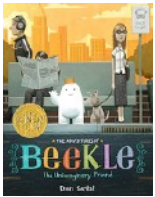


[Me and My Fear](#) (2018)

By Francesca Sanna

A young immigrant girl moves travel to a new country and starts at a new school. She is accompanied by her *Fear* who tells her to be alone and afraid, growing bigger and bigger every day. But this little girl is stronger than her *Fear* and a new friend helps her learn how to have fun.

Grades PreK-2



[The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend](#) (2014)

By Dan Santat

This magical story begins on an island far away where an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a real child, but when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city, where he finally meets his perfect match and--at long last--is given his special name: Beekle.

Grades K-2



[The Totally Secret Secret](#) (2015)

By Bob Shea

This is a story about two friends who like to do different things. Ballet Cat wants to dance but Sparkle Pony isn't feeling the dancing grove and has to figure out how to let Ballet Cat know sometimes she wants to do something different.

Grades Prek-2



[What this Story Needs is a Pig in a Wig](#) (2015)

By Emma J. Virjan

What this story needs is a pig in a wig, on a boat in a moat with a frog, a dog, and a goat on a log, a panda in a blouse, and a skunk on a trunk. When even more want to hop on the boat, it becomes clear that what this story really needs is a bigger boat! Join Pig as she discovers that life is more fun with friends.

Grades PreK-1

[Art & Max](#) (2010)

By David Wiesner

Max and Arthur are friends who share an interest in painting. Arthur is an accomplished painter; Max is a beginner. Max's first attempt at using a paintbrush sends the two friends on a whirlwind trip through various artistic media, which turn out to have unexpected pitfalls. Although Max is still learning, he's courageous. His energy and enthusiasm bring the adventure to its triumphant conclusion.

Grades K-3

[Leonardo, the Terrible Monster](#) (2005)

By Mo Willems

Leonardo is truly a terrible monster-terrible at being a monster that is. No matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to frighten anyone. Determined to succeed, Leonardo sets himself to training and research. Finally, he finds a nervous little boy, and scares the tuna salad out of him! But scaring people isn't quite as satisfying as he thought it would be. Leonardo realizes that he might be a terrible, awful monster-but he could be a really good friend.

Grades PreK-1

[The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!](#) (2004)

By Mo Willems

When Pigeon finds a delicious hot dog, he can hardly wait to shove the entire thing in his beak. Then a very sly and hungry duckling enters the scene and wants a bite. Who will be the more clever bird? This story about friendship and sharing is a follow-up to *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*

Grades PreK-1

[The Other Ducks](#) (2018)

By Ellen Yeomans

This Duck and That Duck were the best of friends. They did everything together and learned to swim, waddle, and fly. It's a humorous story about two curious friends exploring their worlds.

Grades PreK-2

