Aaron Slater loves listening to stories and dreams of one day writing them himself. But when it comes to reading, the letters just look like squiggles to him, and it soon becomes clear he struggles more than his peers. When his teacher asks each child in the class to write a story, Aaron can’t get a single word down. He is sure his dream of being a storyteller is out of reach . . . until inspiration strikes, and Aaron finds a way to spin a tale in a way that is uniquely his. Follow Iggy Peck, Rosie Revere, Ada Twist, Sofia Valdez, and Aaron Slater on all of their adventures!

Simple text and serene illustrations pack a strong emotional punch in this picture book. A tightly woven piece of story and watercolor art is exemplified in one spread, where the cornfields of Ohio become the famine-stricken land of China. Who leaves a homeland, and at what cost?

In these United States, some people wake up thirsty, but there is no water. Darlene is not only the Water Lady (who delivers water to families on a Navajo Nation reservation), she is also the bearer of news, social connections, and other threads of community life. Begay’s watercolors depict a parched landscape full of desert beauty and a sure path to understanding and appreciating the fact than many people throughout the country and the world do not easy access to safe and plentiful water.

Here comes The Rock from the Sky, a hilarious meditation on the workings of friendship, fate, shared futuristic visions, and that funny feeling you get that there’s something off somewhere but you just can’t put your finger on it. Merging broad visual suspense with wry wit, celebrated picture book creator Jon Klassen gives us a wholly original comedy for the ages.

Beneath the surface of the Earth, one of the world’s largest living organisms is linked by a system of roots, covering 106 acres in 47,000 aspen trees that are all but identical. Fox takes lessons from the natural world that are all but unfathomable and creates a perfect tale, gorgeously evoked in the illustrations, that is sure to inspire readers to learn more about the environment and their role within it.

Words, sentences, and, even worse, paragraphs fill up books. Ugh! So what’s a reluctant reader to do? Actor Max Greenfield and illustrator Mike Lowery bring the energy and laugh-out-loud fun out for every child (and parent) who thinks they don’t want to read a book. Joining the ranks of favorites like The Book With No Pictures and The Serious Goose, this clever and playful read-aloud breaks the fourth wall and will have all readers coming back for laughs again and again!

Todd describes how a child with a passion for all music, faced with inequities and injustices, raised her voice. Readers get a strong sense of Nina Simone’s talent and impact as a vocalist, musician, and activist. Triumphant, candy-colorful illustrations support the melodious text and reveal details about the era.
**THE ME I CHOSE TO BE**  
Author: Natasha Anastasia Tarpley  
Illustrator: Regis Bethencourt

The Me I Choose to Be is an immersive call for self-love that highlights the inherent beauty of all Black and brown children.

**OPPOSITES ABSTRACT**  
Author: Mo Willems

Is this dark? Is this light? Is this soft? Is this hard? Using colors, shapes, lines and textures, Willems invites readers to explore abstract concepts through eye-popping, emotive, and highly accessible artwork.

**WATCH ME**  
Author: Doyin Richards

Doyin’s retelling of her father’s journey from his African home to America is such an important piece of work in the current world. The book shows children what it is like having lived in a foreign country and adjusting to a new life in a new country. So many people, even teachers, doubted her father Joe, but he still succeeded and became a doctor. When faced with challenges, he concluded by saying “Watch me.” He did not give up, nor did he back down.

**CAT PROBLEMS**  
Author: Jory John  
Illustrator: Lane Smith

First there were Penguin Problems, then Giraffe Problems, and now the domestic cat is getting its chance. This plot-free stream of kitty consciousness follows the trials and tribulations of a well-tended house cat as it tries to fill its day #catproblems. A sampling of the problems the cat encounters includes a disappearing sunbeam, a nearly empty food bowl, the other cat innocently sleeping in all the “best” places (“I think that cat might be my greatest enemy in the entire house.”), the monster/vacuum cleaner, boredom, lack of ability to let themselves out, and a sassy squirrel on the other side of the window. It’s fun to imagine how a cat sees and experiences the world.

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