REVIEWING AND EVALUATING PICTURE BOOKS

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INTERACTIVE BOOKS WITH RECURRING WORDS

- Maier, Brenda. *The Little Red Fort* (Scholastic), illustrated by Sonia Sanchez, 978-0545859196.
PICTURE BOOKS WITH DYNAMIC ILLUSTRATIONS THAT SHOW BEAUTIFULLY ACROSS A ROOM

PICTURE BOOKS WITH DYNAMIC WRITING AND A GREAT STORY ARC

ON THE CORNER of First Street and Long Street, on the very top floor, Onnu was cooking a thick red stew in a big fat pot for a nice evening meal. She seasoned and stirred it and took a small taste.

“What a delicious stew!” Onnu said. “Tonight’s dinner will surely be the best I have ever had.”
FUNNY PICTURE BOOKS...THAT STICK THE LANDING

- Burach, Ross. *The Very Impatient Caterpillar* (Scholastic), 978-1338289411.
Okay, you can do this. You can be patient.

Oh, who am I kidding?

I can’t be patient!

YOU are the little caterpillar that could.

I am the little caterpillar that couldn’t.

GET A GRIP. YOU CAN!

I CAN’T! I CAN’T!

YOU CAN!

I CAAAN’T!
PICTURE BOOKS AS CINEMA

- Engle, Margarita. *All the Way to Havana* (Henry Holt & Co.), illustrated by Mike Curato, 978-1627796422.
LaRochelle, David. *It’s a Tiger!* (Chronicle), illustrated by Jeremy Tankard, 978-0811869256.
Jump overboard or we’ll end up as lunch!
Swim! Swim!
Splash! Splash! Splash!
I know you’re tired, but **DON’T SLOW DOWN!**

We’re in luck!
There’s an island....

...and a chest!
Open the lid—I bet we’ll find...
PERSONAL PICTURE BOOKS WITH A DISTINCT POV

Who knows? You might just smash that geography exam tomorrow and rearrange the entire principal’s honor roll. A fresh cut does something to your brain, right? It hooks up your intellectual.

You’re a star.
- A brilliant, blazing star.
Not the kind that you’ll find on a sidewalk in Hollywood.
Nope. They’re going to have to wear shades when they look up to catch your shine.
OWN VOICES PICTURE BOOKS

Migrantes, you and I.

The sky and the land welcomed us in words unlike those of our ancestors.
PICTURE BOOKS THAT MATCH A VARIETY OF MOODS

- Henkes, Kevin. *Kitten’s Full First Moon* (Greenwillow), 978-0060588281.
So she chased it—
donw the sidewalk,
through the garden,
past the field,
and by the pond.
But Kitten never seemed to get closer.
Poor Kitten!
THE CHALLENGE OF VIRTUAL STORYTIMES DURING THIS TIME

“A WHAT?” they all gasped.
“A tree. They’re the greatest pets in the world.”
“But a tree isn’t a pet,” her mom argued.
“Of course it is,” Abigail said. “It’s quiet. Easy to take care of. And can you name another pet that actually helps you breathe?”

Her family was stumped.
THE CHALLENGE OF BLOGGING DURING THIS TIME

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *Rita and Ralph’s Rotten Day* (Scholastic), illustrated by Pete Oswald, 978-1338216387.
PICTURE BOOKS WITH DYNAMIC ILLUSTRATIONS THAT SHOW BEAUTIFULLY ACROSS A ROOM

- Fox, J.F. *Friday Night Wrestlefest* (Roaring Brook), ill. Micah Player, 9781250212405
In this corner it’s—
**DANGEROUS DADDOO!**

He’s mad. He’s bad. He’s DAD.

Over on the kid crew we have—**THE TAG TEAM TWINS**. Featuring the nutty-by-nature **PEANUT BROTHER** and the wriggly-giggy **JELLYFISH**

*with special guest star* ... **BIG BALD BABY!**
PICTURE BOOKS WITH DYNAMIC WRITING AND A GREAT STORY ARC

It's a baby.

Aidan knew how to love someone, and that was the most important part of being a brother.
FUNNY PICTURE BOOKS...THAT STICK THE LANDING

- Rash, Andy, *The Happy Book and Other Feelings* (Viking), 978-0451471253.
Nothing beats being happy with my best friend!

You said it, pal!
PICTURE BOOKS AS CINEMA

I know what it's like to be small in the city.
PICTURE BOOKS AS THEATER

Did you wet my pants?

Gosh, I used to wet my pants all the time. We all understand.
PERSONAL PICTURE BOOKS WITH A DISTINCT POV

When a bee and a flower love each other very much, a fruit is born.

1. The flower makes a sticky yellow dust called pollen.
   - Strawberry flower

2. As the bee drinks the flower’s nectar, she gets pollen all over her hairy body!
   - Sweet nectar

3. The bee moves pollen from one flower to another.
   - Bumble bee

4. Then we wait... and wait... and presto!
   - The flower turns into a fruit you can eat.
   - Strawberries

5. This process is called pollination.
6. We’d be hungry without the bees. They help vegetables and nuts grow, too.
7. Thank you, bees!
PICTURE BOOKS THAT MATCH A VARIETY OF MOODS

“The drum was a big mistake,” said her father.

“That sounds like a wonderful idea,” said her mother, who still couldn’t hear what he was saying.
NONFICTION ELEMENTS IN A FICTIONAL FRAME

An opinion is something that you feel and you believe, but you cannot prove.

Opinions are wonderful and we all have them. They are what make us unique.

But it is very important to know the difference between a fact and an opinion.
Reuven didn’t have to be asked twice. He waded into the water, laughing, as the gleaming fish jumped in circles around him.

The people of the village watched from above. “That fish sparkles in the sunlight,” said Abram the tailor.

“And leaps like a whale,” Moshe the baker noted.

“It lifts my spirits,” said Miriam the laundry maid.
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