

**PRIMARY**



**Art and Max**  
*David Weisner*

Max is a fumbling little lizard who sees his friend Arthur painting and wants to paint, too. When he asks Arthur what he should paint, Arthur suggests that Max paint him, as in paint his portrait.



**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**  
*Eric Carle*

One sunny Sunday, the caterpillar was hatched out of a tiny egg. He was very hungry. On Monday, he ate through one apple; on Tuesday, he ate through three plums--and still he was hungry. When full at last, he made a cocoon around himself and went to sleep, to wake up a few weeks later wonderfully transformed into a butterfly!



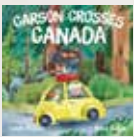
**Big Bear Hug**  
*Nicholas Oldland*

Welcome to the world of Big Bear Hug, a contemporary fable about a bear who has an appetite for hugging everything in sight - even creatures that bears have been known to eat. One day, the benevolent bear meets up with a human.



**The First Strawberries**  
*Joseph Bruchac*

From an award-winning Native American storyteller comes this captivating re-telling of a Cherokee legend, which explains how strawberries came to be. Long ago, the first man and woman quarreled. The woman left in anger, but the Sun sent tempting berries to Earth to slow the wife's retreat.



**Carson Crosses Canada**  
*Linda Bailey & Kass Reich*

Carson Crosses Canada tells a story about Annie Magruder and her little dog, Carson who lives in Tofino, British Columbia, who takes a cross-country trip to visit her ailing sister Elsie, who lives in Witless Bay in Newfoundland.



**The Day the Crayons Quit**  
*Drew Daywalt*

Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: We quit!



**Solomon's Tree**  
*Andrea Spalding*

Solomon has a special friendship with the big old maple outside his house. He knows the tree in all seasons and all weathers. When a terrible storm tears it up by its roots, Solomon is devastated. But through the healing process of making a mask from part of the tree with his uncle, he learns that the cycle of life continues and so does the friendship between himself and the tree.



**Carla's Sandwich**  
*Debbie Herman*

This charming story presents a new way for young children to understand how to creatively embrace who they are, no matter what others think.



**The Dot**  
*Peter H. Reynolds*

With a simple, witty story and free-spirited illustrations, Peter H. Reynolds entices even the stubbornly uncreative among us to make a mark -- and follow where it takes us.



**My Heart Fills with Happiness**  
*Monique Gray Smith*

A reminder for little ones and adults alike to reflect on and cherish the moments in life that bring us joy.



**Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes**  
*Eric Litwin*

Pete the Cat goes walking down the street wearing his brand-new white shoes. Along the way, his shoes change from white to red to blue to brown to WET as he steps in piles of strawberries, blueberries, and other big messes!



**I'm trying to Love Spiders**  
*Bethany Barton*

A fun book for spider scaredy cats!

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**Bear for Breakfast**

*Robert Munsch*

Donovan wants to catch a bear for breakfast – but what does the bear want?



**Hey, That's My Monster**

*Amanda Knoll (read by Lily Tomlin)*

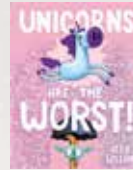
When Ethan looks under the bed for his monster, he finds this note instead: 'So long, kid. Gotta go. Someone needs me more than you do.' - Gabe



**The Girl and the Wolf**

*Katherina Vermette*

An empowering twist on a classic wolf tale!



**Unicorns are the Worst**

*Alex Willan*

A grumpy goblin gets to know his new unicorn neighbours!

**INTERMEDIATE**



**Raven**

*Gerald McDermott*

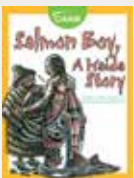
Raven, the trickster, wants to give people the gift of light. But can he find out where Sky Chief keeps it? And if he does, will he be able to escape without being discovered? His dream seems impossible, but if anyone can find a way to bring light to the world, wise and clever Raven can!



**Shi-shi-etko**

*Nicola Campbell*

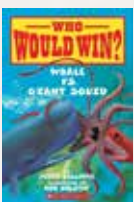
In just four days young Shi-shi-etko will have to leave her family and all that she knows to attend residential school. She spends her last days at home treasuring the beauty of her world -- the dancing sunlight, the tall grass, each shiny rock, the tadpoles in the creek, her grandfather's paddle song. Her mother, father and grandmother, each in turn, share valuable teachings that they want her to remember. And so Shi-shi-etko carefully gathers her memories for safekeeping.



**Salmon Boy**

*Haida Story*

Listen to the Haida story of the Salmon Boy and learn more about the First Nations perspective of fish and nature. Why is respecting nature and wildlife important to First Nations people? What does this story tell us about the First Nations relationship with salmon and nature?



**Who Would Win Series: Whale VS Giant Squid**

*Jerry Pallotta*

A sperm whale loves to eat giant squid. The whale is a mammal and has to hold its breath. The giant squid is a mollusc with suction cups on its eight legs and two feeder arms. The squid can dive deeper. Who would win?



**Creepy Pair of Underwear**

*Aaron Reynolds*

Jasper Rabbit is not a little bunny anymore, and he's definitely not afraid of the dark. But when the lights go out, suddenly his new big rabbit underwear glows in the dark. Hilarious and just a little creepy.



**Orca Chief**

*Robert Budd & Roy Henry Vickers*

Orca Chief, the story of four hunters who encounter the Chief of the Killer Whales. Thousands of years ago in the village of Kitkatla, four hunters leave home in the spring to harvest seaweed and sockeye.



**Clark the Shark**

*Bruce Hale*

Clark is a shark with sing, bang, and BOOM. A book fun with rhythm and rhyme.



**The Drum Calls Softly**

*David Bouchard*

Discover the beauty of the traditional Round Dance through the lush descriptive verse of Bouchard and Willier that leads you through the cycles and seasons of life, the forming of new friendships and the understanding of values.



**The Science of Amusement Parks**

*Jordan D. Brown*

Learn all about rollercoasters, the mad scientists who create them, and our Earth who helps us have the greatest fun.



**Catching the Moon:  
The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream**  
*Crystal Hubbard*

A true story of a young girl's dream to be a professional baseball player.

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## INTRODUCTION TO NOVELS - INTERMEDIATE



**Alone**  
*Megan E. Freeman*

A survival story, a novel in verse (Excerpt)  
Perfect for middle-grade fans of HATCHET and the I Survived series. It is a harrowing middle grade debut novel-in-verse... that tells the story of a young girl who wakes up one day to find herself utterly alone in her small Colorado town.