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Book Title	Synopsis	Lexile Level
No, David! By: David Shannon	When author and artist David Shannon was five years old, he wrote a semi- autobiographical story of a little kid who broke all his mother's rules. He chewed with his mouth open, jumped on the furniture, and he broke his mother's vase. As a result, all David ever heard his mother say was "No, David!"	BR
Are You My Mother? By: Philip D. Eastman Are You My Mother? SOIN-ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOITION by P. D. Eastman	A baby bird is hatched while his mother is away. Fallen from his nest, he sets out to look for her and asks everyone he meets including a dog, a cow, and a plane "Are you my mother?"	80L
By: Mo Willems Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!	When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place a pigeon! But you've never met one like this before. As he pleads, wheedles, and begs his way through the book, children will love being able to answer back and decide his fate.	120L

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Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type By: Doreen Cronin	Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type. All day long he hears Click, clack, MOO. Click, clack, MOO. Clickety, clack, MOO. But Farmer Brown's problems REALLY begin when his cows start leaving him notes Doreen Cronin's understated text and Betsy Lewin's expressive illustrations make the most of this hilarious situation. Come join the fun as a bunch of literate cows turn Farmer Brown's farm upside down.	160L
Hi! Fly Guy By: Tedd Arnold	A fly was flying. He was looking for something to eat. Something tasty. Something slimy. A boy was walking. He was looking for something to catch. Something smart. Something for The Amazing Pet Show. The boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful friendship. Er, and so begins a very funny friendship. Using hyperbole, puns, slapstick, and silly drawings, bestselling author/illustrator Tedd Arnold creates an easy reader that is full of fun. This is the first in a series of four.	280L

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The Teacher from the Black Lagoon By: Mike Thaler The Teacher Black Lagoon	On the first day of school, a young boy expects only the worst when he discovers that his new teacher is the "monstrous" Mrs. Green. Learn how fear can drive the best of the imagination in this outrageously funny tale of how rumors can make a student create a monster out of any teacher!	380L
Tomás and the Library Lady By: Pat Mora	Tomas is a son of migrant workers. Every summer he and his family follow the crops north from Texas to Iowa, spending long, arduous days in the fields. At night they gather around to hear Grandfather's wonderful stories. But before long, Tomas knows all the stories by heart. "There are more stories in the library," Papa Grande tells him. The very next day, Tomas meets the library lady and a whole new world opens up for him. Based on the true story of the Mexican-American author and educator Tomas Rivera, a child of migrant workers who went on to become the first minority Chancellor in the University of California system, this inspirational story suggests what librariesand educationcan make possible.	440L

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Chrysanthemum
By: Kevin Henkes



She was a perfect baby, and she had a perfect name... Chrysanthemum. When she was old enough to appreciate it, Chrysanthemum loved her name. And then she started school. "I'm named after my grandmother," said Victoria. "You're named after a flower." Chrysanthemum wilted. Life at school didn't improve. In fact, it got worse. Then the students were introduced to their music teacher, Mrs. Twinkle. Mrs. Delphinium Twinkle. And suddenly, Chrysanthemum blossomed....

460L

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Magic Tree House Series
Mercy Watson Series
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