

Transitional Non-Fiction

Winner

Our Three Bears.

By Ron Hirschi, photographed by Thomas Mangelsen.
Boyds Mill Press, 2008.

Black bears and polar bears and grizzlies... oh my!
Take a tour of these different bears' lifestyles and
read about how they eat, sleep, sit, stand, climb, run,
and swim. Amazing photographs show what a bear's
life is *really* like in the wild.

Honors

Time for Kids: Henry Ford.

By Dina El Nabli. Harper Collins, 2008.

These days, cars are everywhere. Did you know that
it wasn't always like that? Cars used to be so expen-
sive that hardly anyone could afford one! Henry Ford
is the person who changed all of that. Read this fasci-
nating book and find out how he did it.

Sneaky, Spinning, Baby Spiders.

By Sandra Markle. Walker Books for Young Readers,
2008.

AS soon as they hatch from their eggs, spiders have a
lot of work to do. They must learn how to stay safe,
catch their prey, and even live without their mothers!
This wonderful book shows you how baby spiders
stay alive and grow up to be adult spiders.

Who Was Abraham Lincoln?

By Janet B. Pascal, illustrated by Nancy Harrison and
John O'Brien. Grosset & Dunlap, 2008.

Who wrote on wood as a child because paper was
too expensive? Who loved practical jokes? Who used
to file important papers in his stovepipe hat...and
then lose them?! The answer: Abraham Lincoln!
Learn even more fun facts about one of our greatest
presidents by checking out this book.

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Beginning Fiction

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Annie and Simon.

By Catharine O'Neill. Candlewick, 2008.

Annie loves to talk. Her older brother Simon is a very good listener. Simon also knows a lot about the weather, how to fix bee stings, and how to untangle a comb from some *very* messy hair. Together they have a lot of fun, whether they're in a canoe or at the city park.

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Benny and Penny: Just pretend.

By Geoffrey Hayes. Raw Junior, LLC, 2008.

Do you have a little brother or sister who wants to play with you all of the time? Benny does! Penny *always* wants to play and sometimes Benny just doesn't. Benny finally has enough, and he calls Penny a name.

What do you think will happen next?

Don't Worry Bear.

By Greg Foley. Viking Juvenile, 2008.

Bear is very worried. His good friend, Caterpillar, has been hiding for too long! Caterpillar promised Bear that they will see each other again, but Bear can't stop worrying about his friend. What could he possibly be doing in that cocoon?

Chicken Said, "Cluck!"

By Judyann Ackerman Grant. Illustrated by Sue Truesdell. HarperCollins, 2008.

TWO good friends, Earl and Pearl, are planting pumpkins. Nearby is a big, friendly, white chicken who wants to help. Can a chicken help them grow pumpkins? It doesn't look like it. Or...does it?

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Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator.

By Sarah C. Campbell, photographed by Sarah C. Campbell and Richard P. Campbell. Boyds Mills Press, 2008.

Wolfsnails eat slugs and other snails. Follow this wolfsnail as he hunts around the backyard for his food. Really cool and *really* gross pictures show the wolfsnail on his adventure.

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Farm Animals.

By Nick Page and Wade Cooper. Cartwheel Books, 2008.

Have you ever wondered what life is really like on a farm? If so, you'll love this book! Rhyming words and real pictures tell you all about pigs, cows, horses, sheep and more. This is a must read for farm animal lovers!

Uno: Blue Ribbon Beagle.

By Stephanie Spinner. Grosset & Dunlap, 2008.

Do you love dogs? If so this book is for you! Uno is a little beagle who won a very important dog show. Read this book and learn all about Uno's life, training, and his family. The adorable pictures will make you fall in love with Uno immediately.

Hamsters, Shells, and Spelling Bees: School Poems.

Edited by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa. HarperCollins, 2008.

The first day of school is so exciting! But what do you do about the hamsters you've kept over summer vacation? Or if your pencil is too short to finish your assignment? These poems cover all those things, and more!

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Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up.

By Melissa Thomson, illustrated by Frank Morrison. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2008.

Keena made a mistake when writing down her birthday. Now her teacher thinks her birthday is tomorrow! Keena knows she should tell the truth, but how can she say "no" to her very own chocolate cake?

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Maybelle Goes To Tea.

By Katie Speck, illustrated by Paul Ratz de Tagyos. Henry Holt and Company, 2008.

Maybelle, a *very* polite cockroach, would *really* like to sample Mrs. Peabody's Chocolate Surprise cookies at The Ladies' Spring Tea, but she's not invited. So what can she do? Why not make a plan? But even the best laid plans can go very wrong!

Roscoe Riley Rules #1: Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs.

By Katherine Applegate, illustrated by Brian Biggs. HarperCollins, 2008.

ROSCOE is never supposed to use the grown-up glue. His Mom calls it *don't-you-dare* glue. But guess what? Roscoe dared, and now he's telling *his* version of the story from the Time-out Corner.

Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express.

By Megan McDonald. Candlewick Press, 2008.

Stink wants to help Mrs. Birdwhistle find a home for the 101 guinea pigs that she rescued. Mrs. Birdwhistle's friend can only take 20 of them. Will Stink be able to find homes for the remaining 81 guinea pigs?