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The doctor with an eye for eyes: the story of Dr. Patricia Bath
by Julia Finley Mosca
Shares the story of Dr. Patricia Bath, who overcame racism, poverty, and sexism to achieve her dream of being a doctor and pioneer in the field of laser eye surgery.

Eye Spy: Wild Ways Animals See the World
by Guillaume Duprat
Discover pigeons’ sunglasses, owls’ tube-shaped eyes, insects with thousands of mini eyes, and much, much more.

Mae among the stars
by Roda Ahmed
A picture book story inspired by the first African-American woman to travel in space describes how as a child, a persevering Little Mae dreamed of dancing in space while surrounded by billions of stars.

Love
by Matt de la Peña
A heartfelt celebration of love by the Newbery Medal-winning author of Last Stop of Market Street and the best-selling illustrator of Of Thee I Sing depicts how people from all walks of life share a universal bond that supports and connects us in the face of fear and hardship.

I give you the world
by Stacey McLearcy
Rhyming text celebrates the beauty of nature, season by season.
I Hate My Cats: A Love Story
by Davide Cali
Such is life with cats: can’t live with ‘em, can’t live without ‘em—if you love them, that is. And yet the mystery remains: Why are these mesmerizing fur balls so delightfully maddening?!

This charming, humorous tribute to all things cat is a celebration of our coveted, albeit beguiling companions, impurrfections and all.

Lorenzo: the pizza-loving lobster
by Claire Lardon
Lorenzo the lobster’s favorite food is pizza, so when his friend Kalena the sea turtle finds one she brings it back for Lorenzo, and once they figure out how to make it, they have a pizza party for all their friends.

The Snowy Nap
by Jan Brett
After hearing about winter from his friends, Hedge the hedgehog tries to stay awake to experience its wonders.

Hush Hush, Forest
by Mary Casanova
Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text show how, throughout autumn, forest animals prepare for winter as shadows lengthen, the ground freezes, and northern lights begin to appear.

What is light?
by Markette Sheppard
Children discover the many sources of light in the world—from the sun to the smile on a friend’s face.

Carmela full of wishes
by Matt de la Peña
Carmela, finally old enough to run errands with her brother, tries to think of the perfect wish, while his wish seems to be that she stayed home.

How to be a lion
by Ed Vere
When Leonard the lion and his friend Marianne, a duck, are confronted by a pack of lion bullies, they find a creative way to stand up for themselves.

We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands
by Rafael Lopez
Join in a multicultural celebration of unity and diversity friendships all around the world as we read and sing along with joy, love, and peace!

Turning pages: my life story
by Sonia Sotomayor
Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor tells her own story for young readers for the very first time! As the first Latina Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor has inspired young people around the world to reach for their dreams.

Goldfish on vacation
by Sally Lloyd-Jones
Three goldfish live in a small bowl, in an apartment building, in the middle of a big city, until one summer they get to go on vacation—in a fountain, with lily pads, and reeds, and other neighborhood goldfish.

I Am Human: A Book of Empathy
by Susan Verde
A child recognizes his own humanity, his capacity for doing harm and being harmed, his ability to feel joy and sadness, and his belief in hope and promise to keep learning.

The day you begin
by Jacqueline Woodson
Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.

The Book Tree
by Paul Czajak
Arlo sees his town change for the worse after the Mayor bans and destroys all books, but by sharing stories Arlo helps set things right again.

The Snow Lion
by Jim Helmore
Caro is too shy to make friends in her new neighborhood until she meets a mysterious Snow Lion, who plays with her and encourages her to meet other children.

When dads don’t grow up
by Marjorie Blain Parker
Extols the virtues of dads who still read comics and watch cartoons, understand that clothes do not have to match and that pancakes need not be round, and do not mind getting their hair wet—if they have any.