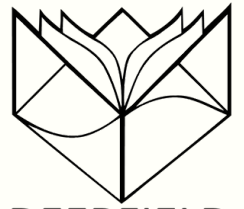




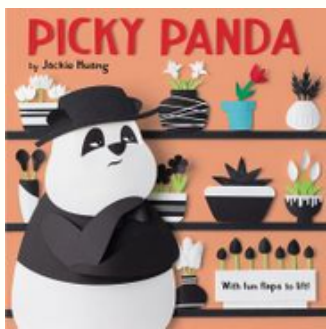
Preschool Pages: Try Something New!



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Book Recommendations



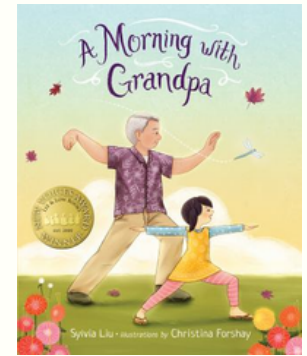
Mr. Panda is a very picky panda. He likes his home decorated with just black and white things. But when he's gifted a red flower, it feels wrong to refuse it. But it also doesn't feel right. This book has lots of lift-the-flaps as Mr. Panda experiments with where to put the flower in his home! This makes readers engage with the story even more directly as they watch Mr. Panda try something new.



Bubblecat is back! This time, he's growing a garden for the first time. But what makes flowers grow? Music? A show? Soon, he learns patience and time is the true skill needed for gardens. Writer and Illustrator Sean Charmatz creates a visually fascinating story using a mix of photographs and drawings.

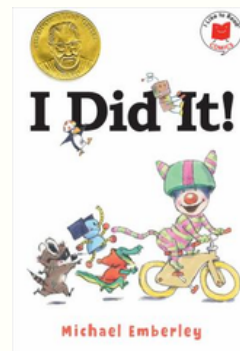
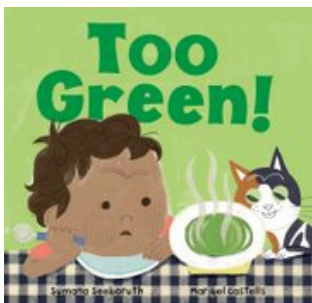


Together, Jayden and his friend, Mr. Curtis, have created a wonderful garden. When Jayden harvests the beans, he worries that he'll actually have to eat them! He doesn't *like* beans. Mr. Curtis promises a different result, but Jayden tries everything to avoid disappointing his friend. Recipes in the back will encourage your little one to try a new food!



A grandpa and granddaughter each face a challenge, whether it's tai chi for Mei Mei or yoga for Gong Gong. What's wonderful about this picture book is that it shows an adult trying something new... and not necessarily succeeding at it! It's a wonderful lesson that we can all try new things and accept less-than-perfect results!

The child in this book does NOT like the look of a new, green food. They just want warm bread! But as they help make dinner, and with some patience from their grown-ups, maybe they'll try the new food after all... This board book is great for any picky or hesitant eater.

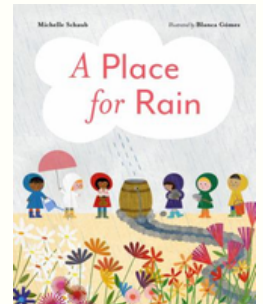
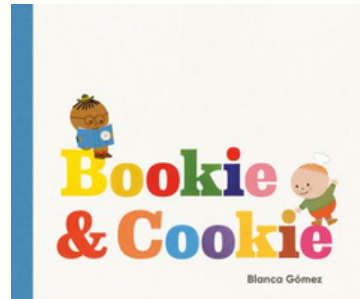
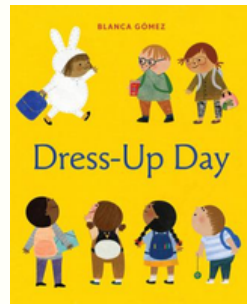


This early comic won the 2023 Geisel Award for best early reader and is a simple, but meaningful, exploration of perseverance. Everything from building towers to climbing trees is addressed, with bike riding being the ultimate challenge. Sweet success awaits the adorable main character!

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

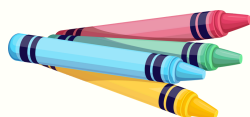
BLANCA GÓMEZ

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Blanca Gómez. Gómez is both an author and an illustrator. Her illustrations are clean, simple, and reveal her appreciation for mid-century design. The picture books she has written sometimes reflect her own life: her abuela in *Bird House* and a friendship of hers in *Bookie & Cookie*!



Beyond the Book!

In *Picky Panda*, the illustrator uses flaps throughout the book to reveal additional, fun illustrations. Try something new and create your own lift the flap book! Work with your child to think of a story you'd want to tell. It could be made up or a retelling of an adventure you've had recently together. Think of a few things you'd want to reveal to the reader by lifting a flap. Draw that first. Then, put another piece of paper over that drawing and only glue down part of it. Then you can draw on top of the flap and create a dimensional story!



Jayden's Secret Ingredient explores one young person's dislike of a certain vegetable: beans. Luckily the various ways of preparing beans, along with the fellowship and community around the table, help Jayden realize that beans aren't so bad after all. Is there one food your child dislikes? Check out one of our many cookbooks suitable for kids. Try preparing the dreaded food in a new way. Involve your little one in the kitchen, measuring ingredients or stirring them together. Perhaps you'll have the same success that Mr. Curtis did!

