

Our Favourite Picture Books of 2014

If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur

Bailey, Linda / JP Baile

Well-known Canadian author Linda Bailey explores uses for dinosaurs and things that they are not good for at all.

Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress

Baldacchino, Christine / JP Balda

Morris is a little boy who loves using his imagination. He dreams about having space adventures, paints beautiful pictures and sings the loudest during circle time. But most of all, Morris loves his classroom's dress-up center -- he loves wearing the tangerine dress. But the children in Morris's class don't understand. Dresses, they say, are for girls. And Morris certainly isn't welcome in the spaceship some of his classmates are building. Astronauts, they say, don't wear dresses. One day when Morris feels all alone, and sick from the taunts of his classmates, his mother lets him stay home from school. Morris reads about elephants, and puts together a puzzle, and dreams of a fantastic space adventure with his cat, Moo. Inspired by his dream, Morris paints the incredible scene he saw, and brings it with him to school. He builds his own spaceship, hangs his painting on the front of it and takes two of his classmates on an outer space adventure.

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole

Barnett, Mac / JP Barne

Sam and Dave are on a mission. A mission to find something spectacular. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. And they find... nothing. Yet the day turns out to be pretty spectacular after all. Attentive readers will be rewarded with a rare treasure in this witty story of looking for the extraordinary - and finding it in a manner you'd never expect.

Telephone

Barnett, Mac / JP Barne

In this picture book a string of birds on a telephone wire plays a game of telephone, with the usual mixed up results.

Mr. Tiger goes Wild

Brown, Peter / JP Brown

Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature.

My Teacher is a Monster (No, I am not!)

Brown, Peter / JP Brown

Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all.

Eric, the boy who lost his gravity

Desmond, Jenni / JP Desmo

Stuck in the house with his little sister one rainy day, Eric grows so angry that he lifts right off the floor and runs out the window, but after cooling off he realizes he misses his family.

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Go! Go! Go! Stop!

Harper, Charise Mericle / JP Harpe

Fans of machines will enjoy the story of Little Green who only knows one word: 'Go!'

Bats in the Band

Lies, Brian / JP Lies

When the weather warms up, bats take advantage of an empty theater to stage a concert.

The Highest Number in the World

MacGregor, Roy / JP MacGr

9-year-old Gabe (Gabriella) Murray lives and breathes hockey. She's the youngest player on her new team, she has a nifty move that her teammates call "the Gabe," and she shares a lucky number with her hero, Hayley Wickenheiser: number 22. But when her coach hands out the team jerseys, Gabe is stuck with number 9.

Julia, Child

Maclear, Kyo / JP MacI

A fictional story about Julia Child as young girl in which she and her best friend Simca have many cooking adventures.

Sparky

Offill, Jenny / JP Offil

A child takes a sloth named Sparky as a pet.

Uni the Unicorn

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse / JP Rosen

Uni the unicorn believes that little girls are real.

Construction

Sutton, Sally / JP Sutto

Big machines and their drivers work together to build a library. Just like our new libraries!

Sophie's terrible twos

Wells, Rosemary / JP Wells

On her second birthday, Sophie gets up on the wrong side of the crib and behaves terribly until her grandmother has an inspiration.

The Pigeon Needs a Bath

Willems, Mo / JP Wille

The Pigeon is dirty and he needs a bath, but he won't go willingly.