



SSYRA Jr. 2021-2022 Annotated List



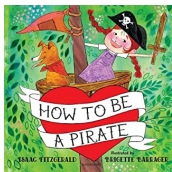
***The One and Only Dylan St. Claire* by Kamen Edwards Illustrated by Jeffery Ebbeler** Full of laughs and a one-of-a-kind character, you will cheer for, this hilarious story is a celebration of individuality, persistence, overcoming disappointment, and what it takes to be a true star.



***The Yawns are Coming* by Christopher Eliopoulos** Two best friends have big plans for their sleepover. They aren't going to go to bed at all - they'll stay up playing all night long. But then it happens: The YAWNS show up! And as much as they try to outrun and hide from them, it's no use: The Yawns catch them. Maybe they could keep going anyway, but then a DOZE arrives . . . followed by the dreaded SNORES. Will our heroes escape the SLEEPIES?



***The Barnabus Project* written and illustrated by the Fan Brothers.** In a world built for Perfect Pets, Barnabus is a Failed Project, half mouse, half elephant, kept out of sight until his dreams of freedom lead him and his misfit friends on a perilous adventure. Will Barnabus and his friends find freedom? Read and find out!



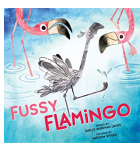
***How to be a Pirate* by Issac Fitzgerald** What does it take to really be a pirate? CeCe dreams of being a pirate. When the neighborhood boys tell her that she can't, she wonders where to begin. Luckily, she suspects her grandpa must know something about being a pirate--why else would he have all those tattoos? As he shares each tattoo, Grandpa and CeCe are transported from adventure to adventure, and CeCe discovers that there are all kinds of ways to be a pirate.



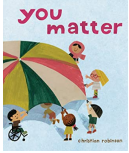
***Federico and the Wolf* by Rebecca J. Gomez Illustrated by Elisa Chavarri** Clever Federico outsmarts el lobo in this fresh and funny Mexican-American take on Little Red Riding Hood.



***Kamala and Maya's Big Idea* by Meena Harris** Kamala and Maya live in a place where there is no playground. They have a big idea that they should make a playground. They keep hearing grownups tell them their big idea won't work. Can they make it work?



***Fussy Flamingo* by Shelley Vaughan James** This adorable fictional tale about a baby flamingo named Lola that doesn't want to eat shrimp. Instead, her feathers turn green from eating avocados and pink-red from eating dragonfruit. Eventually, she tries shrimp and finds that she loves it!



You Matter by Christian Robinson In this beautiful picture book, many different perspectives around the world are explored—from a pair of bird-watchers to the pigeons they're feeding. Young readers will be drawn into the luminous illustrations inviting them to engage with the world in a new way and see how everyone is connected, and that everyone matters.



Roy Digs Dirt by David Shannon Roy REALLY digs dirt, he likes everything about it. See how many different ways there are to enjoy dirt, right along with Roy!



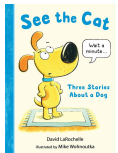
Unicorns are the Worst by Alex Willan Magic is serious business, but all unicorns do is frolic around, have tea parties, and leave glitter all over the place! They're nothing like goblins—practical and hard-working, who can put magic to good use! Unicorns aren't helpful at all. Or are they?



The Shark Report by Derek Anderson When Benny learns about sharks at school, he immediately feels worried. He definitely can't go in the ocean, because sharks live there. But even simply staying out of the water isn't enough, because a shark named Mr. Chompers follows him home! What will Benny do?



Puppy Problems by Paige Braddock Crackers (the dog) and Butter (the cat) are leading a pretty great life as rescue pets. Until a new puppy shows up. Crackers and Butter are annoyed by all his puppy antics, but when Peanut gets out, Crackers and Butter know how awful it feels to be on your own and work hard to bring Peanut back home.



See the Cat written by David LaRoche and Illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka See Max. Max is not a cat--Max is a dog. But much to Max's dismay, the book keeps instructing readers to "see the cat." How can Max get through to the book that he is a *DOG*?



Geeger the Robot by Jarrett Lerner Geeger the Robot is going to school. But not *robot* school...a school with kids, the *human* kind! Geeger isn't used to human ways, and his zany misunderstandings and overly literal responses to instructions lead to quite a few mishaps. He's starting to wonder if he can even make it until snack time!



Ready for School by Bob McMahon New best friends Cookie and Broccoli are as different as peanut butter and cheese, but that doesn't stop them from helping each other through the first day of school! Together they find the classroom and concoct silly secret greetings. When Broccoli discovers that Cookie is also nervous to meet new classmates, the two of them come up with the perfect solution.