

## 7 Ate 9: The Untold Story

Tara Lazar

Disney, Hyperion, 2017

32 pages

### SUMMARY:

Number 6 shows up at Private I's office with a mystery to solve. Word on the street is that 7 ate 9! And now 6 is scared that they may be next. Private I has a big mystery to solve and things are just not adding up.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *Zero*, Kathryn Otoshi (also *One* and *Two* by the same author)
- *Chopsticks*, Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- *Missing Math: A Number Mystery*, Loreen Leedy

### WEBSITES:

Writing for Kids (While Raising Them): Blog & website of children's book author Tara Lazar, <https://taralazar.com/category/7-ate-9/>, Blog post where author shares how she thought up the idea for the book

Pencil Tips: Writing Workshop Strategies for from Children's Authors and Illustrators, <http://penciltipswritingworkshop.blogspot.com/2017/06/7-ate-9-untold-story.html>, Blog post by Laura Gehl with writing prompts to use with *7 ate 9*.

### BOOKTALK:

If you like books about numbers or mysteries, then *7 ate 9* is the book for you! When number 6 shows up at Private I's office with a mystery to solve, rumor has it that number 7 ATE number 9! Will the Private I get to the bottom of this number mystery?

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## **After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again**

Dan Santat

Roaring Brook Press, 2017

32 pages

### SUMMARY:

With a little help, Humpty Dumpty survived a terrible fall off the wall. But just like most people would be, he was scared to get back up again. Humpty Dumpty has to overcome his fears to get back to doing what he loves most, watching and being close to the birds.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt
- *The Bad Seed* by Jory John
- *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat
- *Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna the Very First Chicken* by Douglas Rees

### WEBSITES:

After the Fall, <http://afterthefallbook.com/>, Get a sneak peak inside the book, read reviews and learn about events where you can see the author Dan Santat.

Dan Santat, <http://www.dantat.com/>, Learn about author Dan Santat and his books.

Poetry Foundation,

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46951/humpty-dumpty-sat-on-a-wall>, Read the original nursery rhyme and other Mother Goose poems.

### BOOKTALK:

Dan Santat brings new life into the classic tale of Humpty Dumpty. If you have ever fallen, you know how hard it can be to get back up again. Finding out why Humpty was up on the wall, his deep love of bird watching, helps the reader become invested in this story of courage. After Humpty Dumpty's famous fall, he has to find a way to get back up again. His fear of getting back up on that steep wall after his terrible fall makes perfect sense, but nothing was going to stop Humpty Dumpty from being close to his beloved birds. *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)* is a touching tale of perseverance and following your dreams.

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**All The Way To Havana**  
Margarita Engle  
Henry Holt and Company, 2017  
40 Pages

**SUMMARY:**

This is the story of a little boy, his parents and other family members driving into the city of Havana for a family celebration. The author uses prose as well as onomatopoeia to help make the story an event of the sights and sounds of historic Cuba.

**IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...**

- *DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Cuba* by DK Publishing
- *The Dog Who Loved the Moon* by Cristina Garcia
- *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach* by Carmen Agra Deedy

**WEBSITES:**

**Culture Grams**, <http://online.culturegrams.com>, a website with videos, interviews, famous people, photos, recipes, flags, history and demographics for countries.

**Explora**, <http://web.b.ebscohost.com/scsl.idm.oclc.org>, an online encyclopedia.

**Margarita Engle**, <http://margaritaengle.com>, the author website

**BOOKTALK:**

The whole family is going on a trip to the big city! We all climb in Cara Cara, our old but dear car after Papa works his magic to make her taka taka and zoom zoom on our journey. We are going to see our new baby cousin on his zero-year birthday. What sounds and sights will we see along the way? Come with us on our journey into the historic city of Havana, Cuba and experience the colorful cars, the family fun.

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## **Baabwaa & Wooliam**

David Elliott

Candlewick Press, 2017

34 pages

### SUMMARY:

Baabwaa and Wooliam live a nice, quiet life full of knitting and reading. This all changes when they decide to go on an adventure and find a third sheep ... one with a tattered wool coat and long, decaying teeth. Is he really a sheep at all? Wooliam recognizes their new friend from his readings, and the pair of sheep decide to befriend the newcomer, help him learn to read, and clean up his dental hygiene.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY ...

- *The Sheep in Wolf's Clothing*, Bob Hartman
- *Arnold the Brave*, Gundi Herget
- *Wolf Camp*, Andrea Zuill

### WEBSITES:

Art of the Picture Book,

<https://www.artofthepicturebook.com/-check-in-with/2014/10/6/an-interview-with-melissa-a-sweet>, Interview with Melissa Sweet, the illustrator - who has illustrated over 80 children's books!

Imagination Soup, <https://imaginationsoup.net/teaching-kids-knit/>, - teaching children to knit  
National Geographic Kids, <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/gray-wolf/>, - all about wolves

Healthy Children,

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/oral-health/Pages/Teething-and-Dental-Hygiene.aspx>, dental health and hygiene for young kids

### BOOKTALK:

Have you ever wanted to find adventure? Break out of the ordinary? So did Baabwaa and Wooliam - so they decided to take a break from reading and knitting to find their own adventure, beginning with a walk around the field. Unfortunately, they encounter someone from Wooliam's readings. How will their adventure end? Will they run? Will they fight? Or will they learn that rumors aren't always true and friendships are definitely not overrated? Read Baabwaa & Wooliam by David Elliott to find out!

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**Be Quiet!**  
Ryan T. Higgins  
Disney-Hyperion, 2017  
40 pages

**SUMMARY:**

Rupert the mouse always has big plans. In this story by Ryan T. Higgins, Rupert is on a mission to create his own wordless picture book. However, he also has two very talkative friends who just won't stop talking! Do they even understand what a wordless book means? While his two friends try to help him create the book he wants, Rupert realizes that he is doing most of the talking! His friends kindly remind him that his book should not have any words. Poor Rupert was just trying to make his own book! Will his friends ever learn what wordless means? A truly laugh out loud story with an even funnier ending.

**IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...**

- *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, Mo Willems
- *Press Here*, Hervé Tullet
- *Interrupting Chicken*, David Ezra Stein
- *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*, Jon Scieszka

**WEBSITES:**

Ryan T. Higgins, <http://ryanhiggins.com/>, This is the author's home page. It has contact information about possible school visits, and a list of all of the books he has published.

Storyjumper, <https://www.storyjumper.com/>, This is a great website where kids can read stories written by other kids, as well as create and publish their own books.

ToonDoo, <http://www.toondoo.com/>, This website is for young people to create their own cartoons and comics by manipulating artwork, speech bubbles, text, and templates. It has a book-making feature where you compile your created comics into a book.

**BOOKTALK:**

Do you have friends who talk all the time? Have you ever wished you could have some peace and quiet to get your work done? In the book, *Be Quiet*, by Ryan T. Higgins, all Rupert the mouse wants is to create a wordless picture book. He knows exactly how to make it with strong illustrations and style! He has plenty of ideas about what makes a great book, but his friends just WON'T. STOP. TALKING! Will his friends BE QUIET and let Rupert finish his book? Read *Be Quiet* and find out what happens to Rupert and his interrupting friends!

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## **Before She Was Harriet**

Lesa Cline-Ransome

Holiday House, 2017

32 pages

### SUMMARY:

*Before She was Harriet*, by Lesa Cline-Ransome is a book that takes you on a journey through the life of Harriet Tubman. Told in reverse order, it starts with her life as an older Harriet, being a suffragist and voicing her opinion loud and angry to stand up against injustice. Harriet's life is described in many ways, including Union spy, nurse, Aunt, Moses, Minty, and Armintha. The book ends with bringing the reader back to Harriet, the woman who dreamed of living long enough to one day be free.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY.....

- *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*, Carole Weatherford
- *Dreamers*, Yuyi Morales
- *I am Harriet Tubman*, Brad Meltzer
- *Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World*, Susan Hood
- *Minty*, Alan Schroeder

### WEBSITES:

Before She was Harriet-Holiday House,

[http://www.holidayhouse.com/docs/Before\\_She\\_Was\\_Harriet\\_Revised\\_0917.pdf](http://www.holidayhouse.com/docs/Before_She_Was_Harriet_Revised_0917.pdf),

Activities to use before, during, and after reading the book.

TeachingBooks.net, <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?a=1&tid=56845>, Book Annotations, Book Guides/Lesson Plans, Book Readings, Meet-the-Author Book Readings

### BOOKTALK:

Who was Harriet Tubman before she was Harriet? We know her today as Harriet Tubman, but in her lifetime she was called by many names. As General Tubman she was a Union spy. As Moses she led hundreds to freedom on the Underground Railroad. As Minty she was a slave whose spirit could not be broken. As Araminta she was a young girl whose father showed her the stars and the first steps on the path to freedom. Follow Harriet Tubman in a reverse tale of her amazing life in this book about a true heroine.

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## **Billy Bloo Is Stuck in Goo**

Jennifer Hamburg

Scholastic, 2017

32 pages

### SUMMARY:

This charming rhyming book tells the story of Billy, who needs to be rescued from an enormous pile of green goo. There are all sorts of people who come to his rescue, only to be trapped themselves. The illustrations are hilarious and include witty quips as the story unfolds.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *Ninja on the Farm* by Luke Flowers
- *Edie is Ever So Helpful!* by Sophy Henn
- *Monkey and Duck Quack Up!* by Jennifer Hamburg
- *The Giant of Jum* by Elli Woollard

### WEBSITES:

Thinker Tinkers - Goo and Slime,

<https://librerin.wordpress.com/2018/06/17/tinker-thinkers-goo-and-slime/>, As a follow-up to the story, students can make their own goo.

Jennifer Hamburg, <http://jenniferhamburg.com/>, Learn all about the author and her other books!

Rhyming Games, <https://pbskids.org/games/rhyming/>, PBS Kids site with a variety of rhyming games among others.

### BOOKTALK:

Have you ever made green slime? Can you imagine enough green slime to fill a room? Well in this hilarious story about a boy named Billy, there is so much slime that Billy's would-be rescuers get trapped one by one, and there is no end in sight. Will they ever escape? How will they free themselves? Read *Billy Bloo is Stuck in Goo* to find out what happens, and pay special attention to the illustrations for added laughs!

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**Bizzy Mizz Lizzie**  
David Shannon  
The Blue Sky Press, 2017  
32 pages

**SUMMARY:**

Lizzie, the busiest bee in Hivetown, tries to do everything and succeed because she wants to meet the Queen Bee. Lizzie is so over scheduled and so obsessed with trying to do it all that she winds up going to sleep during the school spelling bee and missing out on meeting the Queen. It is only when she finally visits the garden with her friend Lazy Daizy and meets a most relaxed Queen that she learns to stop and smell the roses.

**IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK TRY:**

- *Dear Girl*, Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- *Bee & Me*, Alison Jay
- *Over-Scheduled Andrew*, Ashley Spires
- *The Busy Beaver*, Nicholas Oldland

**WEBSITES:**

David Shannon, <http://nodavidshannon.com>, Official website for the author  
10 Facts About Honey Bees!,

<https://www.natgeokids.com/za/discover/animals/insects/honey-bees/>, National Geographic provides quick and easy facts for students to learn about bees.

**BOOKTALK:**

Bizzy Mizz Lizzie is into everything! She gets great grades, takes 4 different after school lessons, plays sports, and is a Honey Scout. Mizz Lizzie is determined to succeed at everything in order to meet the Queen Bee. Mizz Lizzie is so busy that she can't even go to the garden with her friend Mizz Daizy. When it is announced that the Queen Bee will come to the Hivetown Spelling Bee, Mizz Lizzie is determined to win and finally meet the Queen, but will adding one more thing to do be adding one thing too much? Will Lizzie win the Spelling Bee? Will she meet the Queen? Will she ever go to the garden and learn to "stop and smell the roses?" Find out when you read *Bizzy Mizz Lizzie* by David Shannon.

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## Creepy Pair of Underwear

Aaron Reynolds

Simon & Schuster Books, 2017

32 pages

### SUMMARY:

Jasper Rabbit is super excited! He has grown up so much that he can now pick out his own underwear. He and his mom go shopping and Jasper picks out the coolest underwear-“Creepy Underwear.” Jasper can’t wait to wear his new underwear! That is, until he turns off the lights and the underwear glow a ghoulish, greenish color. Jasper thinks the underwear is a little too creepy, so he tries to dispose of it. But the underwear always returns. In desperation Jasper buries the underwear and he is so relieved to finally be rid of that creepy underwear . . . But then he comes to the realization that creepy underwear make great night-lights!

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY . . .

- *Creepy Carrots*, Aaron Reynolds
- *Children Make Terrible Pets*, Peter Brown
- *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*, Adam Rex
- *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)*, Dan Santat

### WEBSITES:

#### *Heidi Songs*,

<https://www.heidisongs.com/blogs/heidi-songs/a-creepy-pair-of-underwear-craftivity-freebie>, This website provides easy instructions to make a super cute creepy underwear to go with this book.

*Creepy Pair of Underwear*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tyi5jXagQFw>, The book is read aloud in a spooky voice.

*Aaron Reynolds*, <http://www.aaron-reynolds.com/creepy-pair-of-underwear.html>, The author’s website.

### BOOKTALK:

Who thinks buying underwear is exciting? Well, Jasper Rabbit does. He is finally old enough to pick out his own! He picks out the coolest underwear he can find and he is excited. Jasper doesn’t know he is in for a surprise with this underwear. Is he really old enough to pick out his own new cool underwear, or should he have stuck with his “Plain Whites?” To find out, read *Creepy Pair of Underwear*.

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## **Dad and the Dinosaur**

Gennifer Choldenko

G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2017

40 pages

### SUMMARY:

Nicholas wishes he could be brave just like his dad, but he needs help from his toy dinosaur. Carrying a toy dinosaur in his pocket helps Nicholas face his fear of the dark, outside his door, giant bugs, and the underside of manhole cover. One day at soccer, his dinosaur went missing. He is afraid to tell his mom about his problem so he secretly tells his dad. Nicholas and Dad set out to search for the lost dinosaur to regain Nicholas's bravery.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *Spaghetti in a Hotdog Bun*, Maria Dismondy
- *Flight School*, Lita Judge
- *Scaredy Squirrel*, Melanie Watt
- *The Doghouse*, Jan Thomas

### WEBSITES:

Gennifer Choldenko, <https://www.gennifercholdenko.com> Visit Gennifer's website for more information about her.

Dad and the Dinosaur, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPLCVYJP0EA> Dad and the Dinosaur Book trailer

### BOOKTALK:

Have you ever wished you could be as brave as someone you know? In the book, *Dad and the Dinosaur*, by Gennifer Choldenko, Nicholas wants to be as brave his dad. He carries a toy dinosaur in his pocket to help him overcome fears, until one day his dinosaur goes missing at soccer practice. Will Nicholas and his dad find the dinosaur to help Nicholas regain his bravery? Read *Dad and the Dinosaur* to find out!

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## Happy Dreamer

Peter H. Reynolds  
Orchard Books, 2017  
37 pages

### SUMMARY:

Peter Reynolds, master of inspirational picture books, delves into all the reasons why being a dreamer is freeing for the mind and spirit. The main character, whose gender is undetermined, demonstrates resilience, a critical lifeskill for students to acquire. The book also includes double fold-out pages of different types of dreamers, so that kids can find themselves among the many examples.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *The Wonder* by Faye Hanson
- *Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot* by Anna Branford
- *What If...* by Samantha Berger
- *Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys* by Bob Raczka

### WEBSITES:

Storytime with Ryan and Craig, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdDLF88DOw0>

*Happy Dreamer* is read aloud on YouTube.

KidLit TV, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ts9OfTqF-p4>

Book trailer for *Happy Dreamer* on YouTube

TeachingBooks.net, <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?a=1&tid=54482#ActivityGuides>

This site includes interviews with Peter H. Reynolds and a free lesson plan kit from Scholastic.

### BOOKTALK:

Do you like to dream? How about exploring your creative side? If so, then this a book you are sure to enjoy. Peter Reynolds, author of *The Dot*, has written a book about why we should all have dreams and how dreaming can help you be true to yourself by discovering what kinds of things make YOU the special person you are. You see, dreams make you happy, everything from celebration happy to peaceful happy. Whatever type of person you are, you are sure to find yourself among the pages of *Happy Dreamer*!

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## **Hattie & Hudson**

Chris Van Dusen

Candlewick Press, 2017

40 pages

### SUMMARY:

Hattie McFadden is a born explorer. Every morning she grabs her life jacket and paddles out in her canoe to discover something new on the lake, singing a little song on her way. When her singing draws up from the depths a huge mysterious beast, everyone in town is terrified — except Hattie, who looks into the creature’s friendly, curious eyes and knows that this is no monster. So Hattie sneaks out at night to see the giant — whom she names Hudson — and the two become friends. But how can she make the frightened, hostile townspeople see that Hudson isn’t scary or dangerous at all? Chris Van Dusen brings his colorful, perspective-bending artwork to this satisfying new story about acceptance, friendship, and sticking up for those who are different.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *The Secret of Black Rock*, Joe Todd-Stanton
- *Aquicorn Cove*, Katie O’Neill
- *Little Champ*, Jim Arnosky
- *Sloppy Takes the Plunge*, Sean Julian
- *The Water Horse*, Dick King-Smith

### WEBSITES:

The Legend of Loch Nessie, <http://www.nessie.co.uk/>, this website provides information about the legend of the Loch Ness Monster as well as information about recent sightings.

Champ, the Lake Champlain Lake Monster,

<http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/champ-lake-champlain-lake-monster/>, this website will provide information about the legend of the Lake Champlain Monster as well as information about recent sightings.

### BOOKTALK:

Do you like magical creatures? Are you the type of kid who sticks up for friends? If you answered yes to these questions, you will like this book. Hattie lives by the lake and goes out every day to enjoy nature. Everything seems peaceful on the lake; however, under the surface lives an enormous monster, Hudson. The townspeople are afraid of Hattie’s new friend, and she has to find a way to save Hudson from the town.

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**Jabari Jumps**  
Gaia Cornwall  
Candlewick Press, 2017  
32 pages

**SUMMARY:**

Jabari has finished his swimming classes. He is an excellent swimmer, but now he was to master another aquatic feat, jumping off the high dive at the pool. Does he make the leap or does he wait?

**IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...**

- *My Best Friend*, Mary Ann Rodman
- *There Might Be Lobsters*, Carolyn Crimi
- *Ming goes to School*, Deirdre Sullivan
- *Roller Coaster*, Marla Frazee
- *Kitchen Dance*, Maurie J. Manning

**WEBSITES:**

Swimming and Diving Safety Tips:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/safety-swimming.html?ref=search->

This website gives kids instructions and safety tips on swimming and diving.

Springboard Diving Lessons:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/springboard-diving-where-to-begin-1100168>

This website provides tips on how to find a coach for springboard diving lessons. It also provides links for learning how to do specific dives.

*Jabari Jumps* book trailer, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTvgecGy9ko>

The book trailer is also on YouTube.

**BOOKTALK:**

Jabari has just finished his swimming classes. He is now ready to tackle another aquatic hurdle. He wants to jump off the high dive at the pool. His father is there to encourage his son in accomplishing this goal. Jabari is all set to climb the ladder to the high dive but first he must do his stretches! Maybe tomorrow would be a better time for the high dive? Read *Jabari Jumps* to find out if he makes a splash or not.

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# Jack and the Beanstalk and the French Fries

Mark Teague  
Orchard Books, 2017  
40 pages

## SUMMARY

When Jack trades the family cow for a handful of magic beans, he gets more beans than he ever expected or wanted. A massive crop of beans grows causing Jack to eat bean porridge for breakfast, bean salad for lunch, and bean chowder for dinner! He soon grows tired of eating just beans and decides to chop down his magic beanstalk, when he meets a grumpy giant, who is just as sick and tired of beans as he is. Together, Jack and the giant cook up a plan to plant a vegetable garden full of tomatoes, corn, carrots, and russet potatoes which should allow for a little more variety to the menu. “A deliciously zany retelling of *Jack and the Beanstalk* from author Mark Teague ends with one happy boy, a satisfied giant, and a large plate of french fries.” (Scholastic)

## IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *The Sky is Falling*, Mark Teague
- *The Three Little Superpigs: Once Upon a Time*, Claire Evans
- *Twice Upon a Time: Robin Hood, The One Who Looked Good in Green*, Wendy Mass

## WEBSITES:

Scholastic: Mark Teague, <https://www.scholastic.com/kids/author/mark-teague.html>, Author  
Mark Teague has lots to share on his website, including a video interview.

Bookriot, <https://bookriot.com/2016/02/23/fresh-takes-on-classic-fairy-tales-for-modern-kids/>,  
This website showcases a brief compilation of some children’s books that either retell fairy tales or share a similar story with a new twist.

## BOOKTALK:

*Jack and the Beanstalk and the French Fries* by Mark Teague will have you laughing out loud as you relive the memories of the fairy tale with a modern, “fast food” twist. When Jack trades the family cow for a handful of beans, he finds out quickly that eating beans for every meal is not a fun diet. In the town, he becomes known as the “bean kid.” When he climbs the beanstalk to escape an angry mob of townspeople, he encounters a giant who is just as tired of eating beans! Together, Jack and the Giant plant a vegetable garden which requires patience to gather the crops. Eventually, carrots, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, and asparagus – in large quantities (size and number) is harvested. Jack’s mom cooks a feast of nutritious foods, but the town favorite was the French fries.

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# The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors

Drew Daywalt  
Harper Collins, 2017  
48 pages

## SUMMARY:

A stone-faced warrior named Rock searches through backyard environs for a worthy opponent, battling a clothespin and an apricot and emerging victorious. Meanwhile Paper, on his home office turf, fights with a printer and a bag of snacks -- and ends up the winner. While that is going on, Scissors duels with tape and chicken nuggets in her search for an even match, conquering both handily. Eventually all three implements meet up with each other. The ensuing battles ensure they have all met their matches -- and become best friends -- while creating a game that school children still play.

## IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *The Day The Crayons Quit*, Drew Daywalt
- *School's First Day of School*, Adam Rex
- *Pirate vs Pirate*, Mary Quattlebaum
- *Nino Wrestles the World*, Yuyi Morales

## WEBSITES:

The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors activities, <https://www.harpercollins.com/childrens/rockpaperscissor/>, A book trailer, activity guide, and RPS tournament bracket can be found on this site.

Versions of Rock, Paper, Scissors, <https://www.wrpsa.com/variations-rock-paper-scissors/>, This website, FOR TEACHER VIEW ONLY, contains worldwide versions of the popular game.

## BOOKTALK:

“Rock, paper, scissors. Rock, paper, scissors. Rock, paper, scissors.” [To be chanted while playing the game -- within seconds the kids will be playing with you.] Do you like to play this game? Do you ever wonder how games like this get started, or invented? Well, Drew Daywalt and Adam Rex did, and they set out to write and illustrate a legend about it. In this story, Rock, Paper, and Scissors are trying to find worthy opponents to compete against, and end up finding best friends in each other. If you want to know two people’s versions of how and why this game got started, read *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Drew Daywalt!

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**Let the Children March**  
Monica Clark-Robinson  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018  
40 pages

**SUMMARY:**

Noticing the limitations that surround her in segregated Birmingham, Alabama, a young girl attends a meeting in which she hears Dr. King urge his followers to march. Her parents voice concerns about the repercussions of participating in the march, and our main character and her brother decide that they should march instead of their parents. Events parallel the 1963 Children's March in Birmingham, Alabama. By the end of the book, the main character sees that changes are happening, and believes that she has made a difference.

**IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK TRY:**

- *The Youngest Marcher* by Cynthia Levinson
- *We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March* by Cynthia Levinson
- *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Cole
- *A Sweet Smell of Roses* by Angela Johnson
- *We March* by Shane W. Evans
- *Ruth and the Green Book* by Calvin Alexander Ramsey

**WEBSITES:**

**No More: The Children of Birmingham 1963 and the Turning Point of the Civil Rights Movement**, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCx6i\\_SzoQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCx6i_SzoQ), Ten minute documentary telling the story of the Children's March, the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, and the influence these events had on the faltering Civil Rights Movement in 1963.

**Teaching Tolerance**, <https://www.tolerance.org/>, offers a film, *Mighty Times | The Children's March*, the film and film kit that can be ordered free of charge at their website

**Explore | The Birmingham Campaign**,

<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/civil-rights-movement-birmingham-campaign/#.XAQpbZNKjOQ>, This site has information as well as a video about the Birmingham Children's March.

**BOOKTALK:**

It's hot outside and you are thirsty. You spot a water fountain, and head towards it. Can you imagine being told that you can't drink from that fountain? This is the world that many found themselves living in not even 55 years ago, right here in the USA. Many people had to protest in order for change to happen, however, protesting often led to being arrested or losing your job. That is where children just like you came in! Read about one girl's experience in *Let the Children March* by Monica Clark-Robinson

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:**

**Discussion:** Ask students if they have ever wished they could help their parents do something important. Ask students if there are any small things that children or anybody could do to make a



change in our world? (Possible answers: smile, be courteous, share, help someone else do something etc. ) Ask students if they have ever reminded an adult to do the right thing? (examples may include using seat belts, eating well, texting, etc.)

**Make signs:** What is the opposite of protest? Encourage! Let's make signs encouraging others to do good things.

**We can march too!** Have students march with their signs.

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**Poor Louie**  
Tony Fucile  
Candlewick, 2017  
32 pages

**SUMMARY:**

Louie is a dog who was living a perfectly perfect life until... *they* started to appear. Although they were only small annoyances these changes made Louie feel uncomfortable. Then Louie's mom's stomach started getting bigger. He was fine until one day, it (whatever was inside mom's stomach) kicked him! What will happen to poor Louie?

**IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY . . .**

- *Ghost Cat*, Eve Bunting
- *Billy Bloo is Stuck in Goo*, Jennifer Hamburg
- *Let's Do Nothing*, Tony Fucile

**WEBSITES:**

**Mr. Paulsen Reads**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sq9tIuwPpA>, This website is Mr. Paulsen reading this book aloud.

**The National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance-Our White House**, <http://ourwhitehouse.org/tony-fucile/>, This is the NCBLA's website with information about Tony Fucile.

**IMDb website**, <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0297306/>, **IMDb** (Internet Movie Database) has information about Tony Fucile's work as an animator on movies like *The Incredibles*, *The Iron Giant*, and *The Incredibles 2*.

**Blog about the 50 Most Influential Disney Animators**, <https://50mostinfluentialdisneyanimators.wordpress.com/2011/06/03/30-tony-fucile/>, This blog has information about Tony Fucile's work as an animator on Disney films.

**BOOKTALK:**

Louie is a dog who was living a perfectly perfect life! Every day started with a walk and ice cream. That was until... *they* started to appear. Although they were only small annoyances, the changes bothered Louie. Then there was a ton of new stuff in the house, a set of two of everything. At that same time, Louie's mom's stomach started getting bigger. He was fine until one day, it (whatever was inside of mom's stomach) kicked him! What will happen to poor Louie?

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## Remembering Vera

Patricia Polacco

Simon & Schuster, 2017

29 pages

### SUMMARY:

In 1962 a stray dog was found under a pile of boxes in a Coast Guard warehouse in what used to be called Government Island, the Coast Guard Base in San Francisco Bay, when a seaman named Dave Bunch was mopping the floor. It was love at first sight. At first the men decided to hide the pup from the Commander, thinking she wouldn't be allowed. But soon enough all of the men in the barracks fell hard for the little dog. Then one day when high waves challenged another vessel at sea, it was Vera's fierce determination and natural swimming ability that brought the life preserver and safety line to the sinking boat. Vera became a hero and the beloved pet and mascot of the San Francisco Coast Guard.

### IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *The Stray Dog*, Marc Simont
- *Good Boy, Fergus*, David Shannon
- *Good Rosie*, Kate DiCamillo

### WEBSITES:

Do Something Good, [www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-animal-homelessness](http://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-animal-homelessness), Learn why and how animals are in shelters.

Remembering Vera Book Chat, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bF73vv>, Patricia Polacco discuss why she wrote this book.

### BOOKTALK:

What would you do if you found a sweet, friendly puppy in an abandoned building? Would you walk away, take it to the dog pound, try to find the puppy a good home, or keep the puppy? Coast Guard serviceman Dave Bunch risked everything when he decided to keep a little puppy he found under a pile of boxes in a warehouse. When a dangerous storm caused a boat to capsize, Dave Bunch's commanding officer finally saw the dog. What the commander saw next was unbelievable. Read this heartwarming story to find out what happened to a little stray puppy.

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**Shawn Loves Sharks**  
Curtis Manley  
Roaring Brook Press, 2017  
32 pages

**SUMMARY:**

Shawn loves sharks! He loves to read about sharks and he loves to act like a shark. When his teacher assigns each student in class an animal to research, he excitedly calls out that he “gets the shark!” Unfortunately, he is assigned the leopard seal while a classmate, Stacy, is assigned his favorite animal.

**IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...**

- *Carnivores*, Aaron Reynolds
- *Clark the Shark*, Bruce Hale
- *Nugget & Fang*, Tammi Sauer

**WEBSITES:**

Britannica Elementary School: Great White Shark,  
<https://school-eb-com.scsl.idm.oclc.org/levels/elementary/article/great-white-shark/602043>, This resource, available through Discus, provides basic information and photographs about the great white shark.

Curtis Manley: facts & fictions, poems & numbers, <http://curtismanley.com>, This resource is Curtis Manley’s official website. It includes interviews with the author and information about school visits.

National Geographic Kids: Great White Shark,  
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/great-white-shark/#great-white-shark-swimming-blue.jpg>, This website provides basic information about the great white shark including the animal’s diet, habitat, life span, and weight. The site also includes photographs, a map, and a shark personality quiz.

**BOOKTALK:**

Do you have a favorite animal? Shawn does! Shawn loves sharks! He loves to read about sharks, and he loves to act like a shark. He loves to chase his classmate, Stacy, like he was a shark. He thinks about sharks all the time! When his teacher assigns every student a predator to research, he wants to be assigned the shark. Unfortunately, he gets a leopard seal while Stacy is assigned his favorite animal. But, will Shawn learn to love leopard seals, too? More importantly, could Shawn learn to be friends with Stacy? Read *Shawn Loves Sharks* to find out!

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# Thirsty, Thirsty Elephants

Sandra Markle

Charlesbridge, 2017

73 pages

## SUMMARY:

During a drought in Tanzania, Grandma Elephant leads her family and herd in a search for water based on her memories of past watering holes.

## IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

- *The Boy and the Whale* by Mordicai Gerstein
- *The Elephant* by Jenni Desmond
- *Ten Reasons to Love an Elephant* by Catherine Barr
- *The Truth about Elephants* by Maxwell Eaton
- *What if You Had an Animal Nose* by Sandra Markle

## WEBSITES:

The Story Behind The Thirsty, Thirsty Elephants,

<http://sandra-markle.blogspot.com/2017/05/the-story-behind-thirsty-thirsty.html>, Read the story about the author's love of elephants and how this story came to be written.

Elephant Facts for Kids, <https://www.coolkidfacts.com/elephant-facts/>, A list of elephant facts for kids.

San Diego Zoo Elephant Info, <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/african-elephant>

## BOOKTALK:

Do you have a memory like an elephant? In the book *Thirsty, Thirsty Elephants* Grandma Elephant has to rely on her memory to help save Little Calf and the rest of her herd. Will they be able to find water in time?

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