# Best New Children's Books of 2024

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## Picture Books

Abed, Omar ***THE BOOK THAT ALMOST RHYMED***
Illus.by Hatem Aly unp. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-40638-0

Archer, Micha ***WHAT'S NEW, DANIEL?***
Unp. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-46130-3

Blackall, Sophie ***AHOY!***
Unp. Anne Schwartz Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-593-42939-6

Daywalt, Drew ***THE WRONG BOOK***
Illus. by Alex Willmore unp. Philomel (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-62196-7

DeShaw, Nicholas ***LOAF THE CAT GOES TO THE POWWOW***
Illus. by Tara Audibert unp. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-46185-3

Dunrea, Olivier ***PEARL'S LOST PEARLS***
Unp. Clarion Books (HarperCollins) 2024 $12.99 ISBN 978-0-54-786758-8

Higgins, Ryan T. ***PENELOPE REX AND THE PROBLEM WITH PETS***
Unp. Disney Hyperion $18.99 ISBN 978-1-368-08960-9

Lamour, Colleen ***A CROCODILE SHOULD NEVER SKIP BREAKFAST***
Unp. Kids Can Press 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-1-5253-0834-5

LaRochelle, David ***GO AND GET WITH REX***
Illus. by Mike Wohnoutka unp. Candlewick Press 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-2206-7

Long, Loren ***THE YELLOW BUS***
Unp. Roaring Brook Press 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-1-250-90313-6

Lukoff, Kyle ***I'M SORRY YOU GOT MAD***
Illus. by Julie Kwon unp. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-46291-1

Lukoff, Kyle ***JUST WHAT TO DO***
Illus. by Hala Tahboub unp. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-46294-2

Manley, Curtis ***CLIMBING THE VOLCANO: A Journey in Haiku***
Illus. by Jennifer K. Mann unp. Neal Porter Books (Holiday House) $18.99 ISBN 978-0-8234-5166-1

McBride, Margarett ***DEAR DAD, LOVE NELSON: The Story of One Boy and His Incarcerated Father*** Illus. by David Wilkerson unp. Free Spirit Publishing 2023 $17.99 ISBN 978-1631986819

Sanderson, Brandon ***THE MOST BORING BOOK EVER***
Illus. by Kazu Kibuishi unp. Roaring Brook Press 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-1250843661

Seales, Stephanie ***MY DADDY IS A COWBOY***
Illus. by C. G. Esperanza unp. Abrams Books 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1-4197-6081-5

Shea, Bob ***OH, ARE YOU AWAKE?***
Illus. by Jarvis unp. Candlewick Press 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-2658-4

Smith, Kim ***BAKER MAKERS***
Unp. Clarion Books (HarperCollins) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-324137-4

Sorell, Traci ***CLACK, CLACK! SMACK!: A Cherokee Stickball Story***
Illus. by Joseph Erb unp. Charlesbridge 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-1-62354-193-4

Tabor, Corey R. ***URSULA UPSIDE DOWN***
Unp. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-327556-0

Tallec, Olivier ***A BETTER BEST FRIEND***
Unp. Gecko Press ™ (distributed by Lerner) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1776575732

Tran, Phuc ***CRANKY***
Illus. by Pete Oswald unp. HarperCollins 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-325628-6

Wedelich, Sam ***CHICKEN LITTLE AND THE VERY LONG RACE***
Unp. Scholastic Press 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1-338-89242-0

Wenzel, Brendan ***TWO TOGETHER***
Unp. Chronicle Books 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1-7972-0277-8

## Beginning Readers

Driscoll, Laura ***I WANT TO BE A SCIENTIST***
Illus. by Catalina Echeverri 31p. HarperCollins 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-298965-9

Dyckman, Ame ***THE COZY HOME***
Illus. by Mark Teague unp. Beach Lane Books (Simon & Schuster) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978- 1-6659-3042-0

Frost, Maddie ***CHIP PLAYS GROWN-UP***
32p. HarperCollins 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-330648-6; $5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-330647-9

John, Jory ***THE COOL BEAN MAKES A SPLASH***
Illus. by Pete Oswald 32p. HarperCollins 2024 $ ISBN 978-00-6-332956-0; $5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-332954-6

Reul, Sarah Lynne ***THE FIX-ITS: Nail Needs Help***
32p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-329551-3; $5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-329550-6

Reul, Sarah Lynne ***THE FIX-ITS: Power Up with Power Drill***
32p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-329554-4; $5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-329553-7

Ruzzier, Sergio ***FISH AND CLAM***
48p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-329038-9; $5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-329037-2

Waldo, Steph ***TINY TALES: FIREFLY NIGHT***
31p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-328962-8; $5.99 (pbk) ISBN

## Nonfiction Picture Books

Agna, Gwen & Shelley Rotner ***FINDING HOME: Words from Kids Seeking Sanctuary***
Photos by Shelley Rotner unp. Clarion Books (HarperCollins) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-330417-8

Alonso, Nathalie ***CALL ME ROBERTO: Roberto Clemente Goes to Bat for Latinos***
Illus. by Rudy Gutierrez unp. Calkins Creek (Astra Books) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1-63592-811-2

Bernard Booth, Leslie ***ONE DAY THIS TREE WILL FALL***
Illus. by Stephanie Fizer Coleman unp. Margaret K. McElderry Books (Simon & Schuster) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1-5344-9696-5

Gall, Chris ***DIVE!: The Story of Breathing Underwater***
48p. Roaring Brook Press 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-1-250-82395-3

Hevron, Amy ***CITY OF LEAFCUTTER ANTS***
Unp. Neal Porter Books (Holiday House) 2024 $15.00 ISBN 978-0-8234-5318-4

Hopkinson, Deborah ***DETERMINED DREAMER: The Story of Marie Curie***
Illus. by Jen Hill unp. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-237332-8

Rogers, Kim ***I AM OSAGE: How Clarence Tinker Became the First Native American Major General***
Illus. by Bobby Von Martin unp. Heartdrum (HarperCollins) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-308116-1

## Early Chapter Books

Bailey, Jenn ***HENRY AND THE SOMETHING NEW***
Illus. by Mika Song 51p. Chronicle Books 2024 $14.99 ISBN 978-1-7972-1390-3

Bates, Janet Costa ***RICA BAPTISTA: Llamas, Iguanas, and My Very Best Friend***
Illus. by Gladys Jose 117p. Candlewick Press 2022 $16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-1630-1

Bates, Janet Costa ***RICA BAPTISTA, A WEEK OF SHENANIGANS***
Illus. by Gladys Jose 118p. Candlewick Press 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-2766-6

Clanton, Ben ***THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD***
76p. Simon & Schuster 2022 $12.99 ISBN 978-1-5344-9318-6

DiCamillo, Kate ***ORRIS AND TIMBLE: The Beginning***
Illus. by Carmen Mok 76p. Candlewick Press 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-2279-1

Holt, Bob ***THE UNLUCKY KID***
64p. Kids Can Press 2024 $14.99 ISBN 978-1-5253-0659-4

Larson, Kirby ***SHERMY & SHAKE, THE NOT-SO-NEW KID***
Illus. by Shinji Fujioka 99p. Candlewick Press 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-1943-2; $6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-5362-3788-7

McDonald, Megan ***BUNNY AND CLYDE***
Illus. by Scott Nash 121p. Candlewick Press 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-2873-1

Messner, Kate ***EMMA MCKENNA, FULL OUT***
Illus. by Kat Fajardo 106p. Algonquin Young Readers (Hatchette Pub.) 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-1-5235-2571-3; $6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-5235-2572-0

## Fiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Anderson-Dargatz, Gail ***SPOTTING DOTTIE***
98p. Orca Currents (Orca Book Publishers) 2024 $10.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-4598-3482-8

Christmas, Johnnie ***GAMERVILLE***
253p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2024 $24.99 ISBN 978-0-06-305682-4; $15.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-305681-7

Cline-Ransome, Lesa ***ONE BIG OPEN SKY***
297p. Holiday House 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-8234-5016-9

Currie, Lindsay ***THE MYSTERY OF LOCKED ROOMS***
256p. Sourcebooks Young Readers 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-1728259536

DiCamillo, Kate ***FERRIS***
226p. Candlewick Press 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-3105-2

Gidwitz, Adam ***MAX IN THE HOUSE OF SPIES***
298p. Dutton Children's Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-11208-3

Hosler, Jay ***ANT STORY***
158p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2024 $24.99 ISBN 978-0-06-329400-4; $15.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-329399-1

Khoo, Rachel Chivers ***THE WISHKEEPER'S APPRENTICE***
Illus. by Rachel Sanson 223p. Candlewick Press 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-3120-5

Kurimoto, Kengo ***WILDFUL***
213p. Groundwood Books 2024 $22.99 ISBN 978-1-77306-862-6

Lincoln, Christopher ***THE NIGHT LIBRARIAN***
248p. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $23.99 ISBN 978-0-593-61765-6; $13.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-593-61766-3

Magoon, Kekla ***THE SECRET LIBRARY***
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Matas, Carol ***ZEVI TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT***
128p. Orca Currents 2024 $10.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-1459838826

Netz, Mo ***THE LUMBERING GIANTS OF WINDY PINES***
199p. Clarion Books (HarperCollins) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-06-326653-7

Nguyen, Mai K. ***ANZU AND THE REALM OF DARKNESS***
254p. Viking (Penguin Random House) 2024 $23.99 ISBN 978-0-5935-2527-2; $13.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-593-52528-9

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140p. Oni Press 2024 $14.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-63715-279-9

O'Shaughnessy, Kate ***THE WRONG WAY HOME***
322p. Alfred A. Knopf (Penguin Random House) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-593-65073-8

Quigley, Dawn ***RED BIRD DANCED***
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Soontornvat, Christina ***CITY OF WISHES***
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Stine, R. L. ***STINETINGLERS 2***
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Ursu, Anne ***NOT QUITE A GHOST***
277p. Walden Pond Press (HarperCollins) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-227515-8

Walton, Julia ***WEIRDLY WALTER***
169p. HarperCollins 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-06-332496-1

Yee, Lisa ***A ROYAL CONUNDRUM*** (The Misfits series, Bk 1)
Illus. by Dan Santat 269p. Random House (Penguin Random House) 2024 $14.99 ISBN 978-1-9848-3029-6

## Nonfiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Brunelle, Lynn ***LIFE AFTER WHALE: The Amazing Ecosystem of a Whale Fall***
Illus. by Jason Chin unp. Neal Porter Books (Holiday House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-8234-5228-6

Jiménez, Francisco & adapted by Andrew J. Rostan ***THE CIRCUIT*** (graphic memoir)
Illus. by Celia Jacobs 233p. Harper Alley (HarperCollins) 2024 $24.99 ISBN 978-0-35-834821-4; $15.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-35-834822-1

Neri, G. ***MY ANTARCTICA***
Illus. by Corban Wilkin 93p. Candlewick Press 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-2332-3

Prevo, Patty Cisneros ***TENACIOUS: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes***
Illus. by Dion MBD unp. Lee & Low Books 2023 $20.95 ISBN 978-1-64379-098-5

Rocco, Hayley ***WILD PLACES: The Life of Naturalist David Attenborough***
Illus. by John Rocco unp. G.P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Random House) 2024 $19.99 ISBN 978-0-593-61809-7

Silver, Erin ***MIGHTY SCARED: The Amazing Ways Animals Defend Themselves***
Illus. by Hayden Maynard 32p. Orca Book Publishers 2024 $21.95 ISBN 978-1459836068

Stevens, Alison Pearce ***ANIMAL CLIMATE HEROES***
Illus. by Jason Ford 94p. Henry Holt & Co. (Macmillan) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-1-250-84734-8

Yolen, Jane ***IN AND OUT THE WINDOW***
Illus. by Cathrin Peterslund 197p. Philomel (Penguin Random House) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-62251-3

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Illus. by Hatem Aly 30p. Picture Window Bks (Capstone) 2024 $6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-484696224

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Illus. by Niña Mata 32p. HarperCollins 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-308369-1; $5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-308368-4

Tabor, Corey R. ***FOX VERSUS FOX***
32p. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2024 $17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-327793-9; $5.99 (PBK) ISBN 978-0-06-327795-3

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Phelan, Matt ***PLUM TO THE RESCUE!***
121p. Greenwillow Bks (HarperCollins) 2024 $18.99 ISBN 978-0-06-329629-9

Early Nonfiction

Meltzer, Brad ***I AM RUTH BADER GINSBURG*** (Ordinary People Change the World)
Illus. by Christopher Eliopoulos unp. Rocky Pond Books (Penguin Random House) 2024 $16.99 ISBN 978-0-593-53333-8

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