
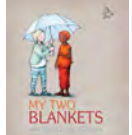









## 2017 Sakura Picture Book List

	<b>Anything But Ordinary Addie</b>	Mara Rockcliff	Adelaide Herrmann never wanted to be like other girls: she was determined to stand out and dazzle the world. She secretly joined a dancing troupe. Later she met and married Herrmann the Great, a famous magician. Addie began working as Alexander's assistant and took over the act when he died. Life was never ordinary again.
	<b>Blue Whale</b>	Jenni Desmond	A blue whale's heart is the largest of any animal. It is as big as a small car. A blue whale's tongue weighs three tons, and its mouth is so big that 50 people can stand inside it. Lots of fascinating facts about the world's largest mammal.
	<b>Chicken Clicking</b>	Jeanne Willis	Every night, when the farmer and his wife are asleep, Chicken sneaks into their house and goes online on their computer to order things. Soon she's buying diamond watches and a hundred handbags. But now she needs a friend. Can she find one online? Is it safe?
	<b>The Cow Tripped Over the Moon</b>	Tony Wilson	Hey diddle diddle, You all know the riddle, A cow jumps over the moon...! But the moon is very high in the sky. How many attempts will it take before Cow makes her famous high-flying leap? Can her friends help her succeed?
	<b>The Curvy Tree</b>	Chris Colfer	A friendless girl who is teased for being different runs away from her village in tears and finds herself having a conversation with a very unusual tree, who tells a story of how his differences not only saved his life, they helped him see that he is not so very different after all.
	<b>The Duck and the Darklings</b>	Glenda Millard	Peterboy lives in the land of Dark, a broken and ruined place, with his grandpa. One day he finds a duck who is also broken and brings the duck home to live with them. One day, however, he will have to let the duck go free.
	<b>For the Right to Learn</b>	Rebecca Langston-George	She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent. She defied the Taliban's rules, spoke out for education for every girl, and was almost killed for her beliefs. This powerful true story of how one brave girl named Malala changed the world proves that one person really can make a difference.
	<b>How to Read a Story</b>	Kate Messner	Step One: Find a story. ( <i>A good one.</i> ) Step Two: Find a reading buddy. ( <i>Someone nice.</i> ) Step Three: Find a reading spot. ( <i>Couches are cozy.</i> ) Now: Begin. The reader who discovers the love of reading finds, at the end, the beginning.
	<b>Ida, Always</b>	Caron Levis	Gus lives in a big park in the middle of an even bigger city, and he spends his days with Ida. Ida is right there. Always. Then one sad day, Gus learns that Ida is very sick, and she isn't going to get better. The friends help each other face the difficult news with whispers, sniffles, cuddles and even laughs.
	<b>The King and the Sea</b>	Heinz Janisch	A collection of very short stories about a little king and his various interactions with the world.
	<b>Little Melba and Her Big Trombone</b>	Katheryn Russel-Brown	Melba Doretta Liston loved the sounds of music from as far back as she could remember. As a child, she daydreamed about beats and lyrics, and hummed along with the music from her family's Majestic radio. At age seven, Melba fell in love with a big, shiny trombone, and soon taught herself to play the instrument.

	<b>The Most Magnificent Thing</b>	Ashley Spires	A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks.
	<b>My Two Blankets</b>	Irena Kobald	A young, cartwheeling girl leaves her war-ravaged homeland and arrives in Australia. Everything is strange here. The people are strange. The food is strange. Even the wind is strange. To cope, the girl wraps herself in a beloved blanket and takes comfort in the sounds and words and memories of her homeland. A new friend helps her make a new "blanket."
	<b>The Night Gardener</b>	Terry & Eric Fan	Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.
	<b>One Word From Sophia</b>	Jim Averbeck	All Sophie wants for her birthday is a pet giraffe, but as she tries to convince different members of her rather complicated family to support her cause, each tells her she is using too many words until she finally hits on the perfect one. Includes glossary.
	<b>The Peace Tree From Hiroshima</b>	Sandra Moore	This true children's story is told by a little bonsai tree that lived with the same family in the Japanese city of Hiroshima for more than 300 years before being donated to the National Arboretum in Washington DC in 1976 as a gesture of friendship between America and Japan to celebrate the American Bicentennial.
	<b>Red: A Crayon's Story</b>	Michael Hall	Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, blue. His teacher tries to help him be red (let's draw strawberries!), his mother tries to help him be red by sending him out on a playdate with a yellow classmate (go draw a nice orange!) Finally, a brand-new friend offers a brand-new perspective, and Red discovers what readers have known all along. He's blue!
	<b>Stick and Stone</b>	Beth Ferry	Stick and Stone have one thing in common—they each stand alone. Stone feels like a zero, and Stick like the loneliest number—one. The teeter-totter won't cooperate when you're on your own, and playing solo is no fun. Stick saves Stone from Pinecone, who taunts and teases Stone until Stick tells him to "Vanish!" And Pinecone does.
	<b>Take Away the A</b>	Michael Escoffer	Without the "A," the Beast is Best. Discovering all of the words in the book is a lot of fun, and then there's the wild, exciting adventure that follows, of trying to find more!
	<b>Thunder Boy Jr.</b>	Sherman Alexie	Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that's all his own. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. But just when Thunder Boy Jr. thinks all hope is lost, he and his dad pick the perfect name...a name that is sure to light up the sky.