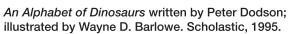
Reading to Help Every Child Get Ready to Read

Books with Rich Language



This beautifully illustrated book features twenty-six dinosaurs, one for every letter of the alphabet. Illustrations are accompanied by facts about these monsters of the Mesozoic.

# Big Plans written by Bob Shea; illustrated by Lane Smith. Hyperion, 2008.

Delightful illustrations accompany this amusing tale of a little boy and his plan for world domination, though right now he is stuck in a time-out corner.

## Bubble Trouble written by Margaret Mahy; illustrated by Polly Dunbar. Clarion Books, 2009.

Baby is trapped in a bubble blown by older sister Mabel and floats across the neighborhood. Everybody comes together to form a human ladder to rescue the baby.

# Buying, Training, and Caring for Your Dinosaur written by Laura Joy Rennert; illustrated by Marc Brown. Knopf, 2009.

Exuberant illustrations accompany this humorous guide to selecting and caring for pet dinosaurs.

## Chrysanthemum written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow Books, 1991.

Chrysanthemum used to love her name, but became weary of it when she started school and her name became a joke amongst her classmates. With the support of her family, and a surprise from a teacher, Chrysanthemum and her classmates learn to love and accept her special name.

# First to Fly: How Wilbur and Orville Wright Invented the Airplane written by Peter Busby; illustrated by David Craig. Crown, 2002.

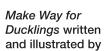
Gorgeous illustrations are paired with informative text about the work of the Wright brothers. Includes archival photographs and diagrams.

## I Stink! written and illustrated by Jim and Kate McMullan. HarperCollins, 2002.

A big city garbage truck stars in this engaging book about the importance of garbage collection, as he goes around the city eating everybody's garbage.

## *M Is for Music* written by Kathleen Krull; illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Harcourt, 2003.

This unique alphabet book introduces musical terms from allegro to zydeco and includes humorous collage-type illustrations.



#### Robert McCloskey. Viking, 1941.

In this classic and well-loved tale, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard search for a home for their duckling family. With help from a policeman named Michael, they are able to navigate the busy city streets.

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# On Noah's Ark written and illustrated by Jan Brett. Putnam, 2003.

The familiar story of Noah's ark is told from his granddaughter's point of view, as she helps her grandfather calm the animals and keep them comfortable.

### Otis written and illustrated by Loren Long. Philomel Books, 2009.

Otis the tractor lives a happy life on the farm with his little calf friend, until a new yellow tractor replaces him. Surprisingly it is only Otis who can come to the rescue when the little calf gets into trouble.

# Skippyjon Jones written and illustrated by Judy Schachner. Dutton, 2003.

Colorful illustrations accompany this humorous and whimsical tale of a Siamese kitten who imagines he is a Chihuahua.

# Something from Nothing: Adapted from a Jewish Folktale written and illustrated by Phoebe Gilman. Scholastic, 1993.

This modern adaptation of a Jewish folktale describes how the blanket Grandfather made for young Joseph is transformed over the years into a jacket, a button, and, ultimately, a story.

## The Story of Ruby Bridges written by Robert Coles; illustrated by George Ford. Scholastic, 1995.

Powerful story of six-year-old Ruby Bridges who confronted the hostility of white parents when she became the first African American girl to attend Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960.

# The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus written and illustrated by Aliki. Turtleback, 1997.

An introduction to the gods and goddesses of Greek mythology brought to life by beautiful illustrations and intriguing text.