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It's been a decade since Lynne Dorfman and Rose Cappelli wrote the first edition of Mentor Texts and helped teachers across the country make the most of high-quality children's literature in their writing instruction. In the second edition of this important book Lynne and Rose show teachers how to help students become confident, accomplished writers by using literature as their foundation. The second edition includes brand-new "Your Turn Lessons," built around the gradual release of responsibility model, offering suggestions for demonstrations and shared or guided writing. Reflection is emphasized as a necessary component to understanding why mentor authors chose certain strategies, literary devices, sentence structures, and words. Lynne and Rose offer new children's book titles in each chapter and in a carefully curated and annotated Treasure Chest. At the end of each chapter a "Think About It--Talk About It--Write About It" section invites reflection and conversation with colleagues. The book is organized around the characteristics of good writing--focus, content, organization, style, and conventions. Rose and Lynne write in a friendly and conversational style, employing numerous anecdotes to help teachers visualize the process, and offer strategies that can be immediately implemented in the classroom. This practical resource demonstrates the power of learning to read like writers.

How I Became a Pirate

If you could have any animal's front teeth, whose would you choose? WHAT IF YOU HAD ANIMAL TEETH? takes children on a fun, informative, and imaginative journey as they explore what it would be like if their own front teeth were replaced by those of a different animal. Featuring a dozen animals (beaver, great white shark, narwhal, elephant, rattlesnake, naked mole rat, hippopotamus, crocodile, and more), this book explores how different teeth are especially adapted for an animal's survival. At the end of the book, children will discover why their own teeth are just right for them. And they'll also get a friendly reminder to take good care of their teeth, because they're the only teeth they'll ever have. Each spread features a photograph of the animal using its specialized teeth on the left and a humorous illustrated image of a child using that animal's teeth on the right.

Light from Other Stars

Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.

The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher Goes to School

A shy hippo makes a big impact in this Sandra Boynton classic. Serious silliness for all ages. Artist Sandra Boynton is back and better than ever with completely redrawn versions of her multi-million selling board books. These whimsical and hilarious books, featuring nontraditional texts and her famous animal characters, have been printed on thick board pages, and are sure to educate and entertain children of all ages.

Diary of a Worm: Teacher's Pet

Detectives Wilcox and Griswold investigate the snatching of Miss Rabbit's carrot cake on Ed's farm.

Bats (New & Updated Edition)

School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary. Since its first publication in 1993, this heartwarming book has become a children's classic that has touched the lives of millions of children and their parents, especially at times of separation, whether starting school, entering daycare, or going to camp. It is widely used by kindergarten teachers on the first day of school. Stickers at the back will help children and their parents keep their Kissing Hand alive.

Piggie Pie!

Acclaimed author Laurie Halse Anderson and vibrant illustrator Ard Hoyt style a hair-raising story that is sure to be a 'do! Zoe Fleefenbacher has one blue eye and one green eye and bright red hair that goes on forever. Her hair has always been unruly, but now she is in first grade and according to her teacher, Ms. Trisk, "first grade has rules." It takes countless barrettes and scrunchies to finally hold Zoe's hair. But when it can help with an uncooperative science lesson, will Ms. Trisk let Zoe's hair free?

Bats at the Beach

After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother. On board pages.

Verdi Finger Puppet

A breathtaking picture book with audio, illustrated by mega-bestseller Loren Long,

about a young bat setting off into the world using only his good sense! Sense is the song you sing out into the world, and the song the world sings back to you. With these words, Chiro's mother sends him off into the night for the first time alone. It's an adventure, but how will he find his way? And how will he find his way home? As the young bat discovers, navigating the world around him is easy as long as he uses his good sense. This beautiful and touching coming-of-age story, with mesmerizing artwork from New York Times bestselling illustrator Loren Long and lyrical text from Ari Berk, includes audio and conveys a heartwarming and universal message: No matter how far away you go, you can always find your way home.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Is your favorite color warm and sunny, or is it cool like water? Does it appear with the rain, or does it glow and shine in the sun? In the latest board book from the author of *Living Wild*, photographs of animals in their natural habitats show young readers the prismatic hues found in nature, from the tangerine of monarch butterflies to the fresh green of new sorrel. Each page names and locates the Western park or city where Bond photographed the featured species.

Nicolas, Where Have You Been?

This illustrated storybook captures the unforgettable fashions, vocabulary, and characters of the iconic 1995 film *Clueless* with an adorable kid-friendly adaptation about making friends. Cher and Dionne are the coolest kids at Bronson Alcott Elementary School in Beverly Hills. When a new -- very unique, grunge-chic, and possibly clueless -- girl named Tai comes along, Cher and Dionne take her under their wings. They tell her how to dress and what hobbies to take up to be a part of their friend group. But Tai really likes skateboarding, baggy clothes, and wants to hang out more with the group of skateboarders. Cher and Dionne try a variety of ways to change Tai, alongside a cast of characters including Murray, Amber, Travis, Summer, Elton, and Miss Geist. But in the end, they realize that people are different and that's what makes them so cool!

Let's Get Sleepy!

6 has a problem. Everyone knows that 7 is always after him. Word on the street is that 7 ate 9. If that's true, 6's days are numbered. Lucky for him, Private I is on the case. But the facts just don't add up. It's odd. Will Private I put two and two together and solve the problem . . . or is 6 next in line to be subtracted?

The Bride was a Boy

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, Turkey nervously makes a series of costumes, disguising himself as other farm animals in hopes that he can avoid being served as Thanksgiving dinner.

Pumpkin Jack

" Drawn in the style of diary comics with an upbeat, adorable flair, this is a charming tale about Chii, a woman assigned male at birth. Her story starts with her childhood and follows the ups and downs of exploring her sexuality, gender, and transition--as well as falling in love with a man who's head over heels for her. Now they want to get married, so Chii's about to embark on a new adventure: becoming a bride! "

Clueless: A Totally Classic Picture Book

From the creator of the bestselling classic *Stellaluna*, this story about an endearing young hyena named Pinduli is now in paperback.

Doctor De Soto

After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

Verdi (copy 2)

Worm is all about having fun, respecting the earth, and never taking baths. Many children will relate to this funny character! In *Diary of a Worm: Teacher's Pet*, Worm makes a surprising discovery—teachers have birthdays. That means Worm and his friends have to find the perfect present for their teacher, Mrs. Mulch. *Diary of a Worm: Teacher's Pet* is a Level One I Can Read book, which means it is perfect for kids learning to sound out words and sentences.

Strega Nona

One day when Harry comes home from school, his faithful companion Hopper isn't there to greet him, in a touching story about the process of healing after losing a beloved pet.

Stellaluna

Sheila Rae is not afraid of anything. She walks backwards with her eyes closed, steps on every crack, growls at stray dogs, and bares her teeth at stray cats. But when Sheila Rae becomes lost on the way home from school, it is her "scaredy cat" sister, Louise, who shows her a thing or two about bravery and sibling love.

A Wilcox and Griswold Mystery: the Case of the Missing Carrot Cake

Mishap turns to adventure as a young mouse learns that all birds are not the enemies he thought they were.

The Kissing Hand

They live in spooky caves, in forests, even in the dark reaches of ordinary attics and bridges. They flock by the hundreds, and they sleep while hanging upside

down! In this beautifully photographed Level 2 Reader, kids learn about one of the most interesting creatures around—and discover the bat’s unique place in the wild and in the world. The high-interest topic, expertly written text, and bonus learning activity lay the groundwork for a successful and rewarding reading experience. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoed.org/commoncore for more information.

Spiders (New and Updated Edition)

Presenting fascinating information on all kinds of bats, from how they use echoes to hear, to the legends that surround them and how to protect the species. Though people often think of bats as scary, bats are really shy, gentle animals. There are nearly 1000 different species of bats, and they live on every continent except Antarctica. Some are tiny, but the giant flying fox bat has a five-foot wingspan! Popular science author Gail Gibbons also discusses the efforts to protect the world's only truly flying mammals. A final page offers additional facts.

Stلالuna 25th Anniversary Edition

When Helen Finney feeds alphabet soup to her dog, Martha, it goes straight up to her brain, and Martha begins to speak! But having a talking dog isn't always as much fun as it seems.

Harry & Hopper

A boy and the moon share a walk through his neighborhood.

I Took the Moon for a Walk

Crickwing

Gritch the Witch is grouchy, grumpy, and very hungry. The only thing that could make her happy is something extra special for lunch, and that is: Piggie Pie! Gritch zooms off on her broomstick to find eight plump piggies -- where else? -- on Old MacDonald's Farm. Cleverly disguised pigs impersonate ducks, chickens, a cow, and Old MacDonald himself, as this uproarious, quick-paced story builds to an ironically surprising conclusion. Wacky, hip, and illustrated with bold, bright paintings, "Piggie Pie" adds a new twist to an old fairy-tale scene.

Sheila Rae, the Brave

Peter thinks he has the world's biggest problem - his little brother, Fudge. Fudge causes trouble wherever he goes and it's usually up to Peter to sort out the mess. When Peter wins a tiny green turtle called Dribble, he's determined to keep it away from his brother. But when Fudge does get his hands on Dribble - disaster strikes! Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing is the first book in this hugely successful series from the bestselling author and household name Judy Blume, featuring cover art from picture book star, Emily Gravett.

Hooway for Wodney Wat

A snowman keeps doing things that make him melt, but the kids build him up again.

Nightsong

This resealable package comes with a paperback and a two-sided cassette tape. The professionally narrated audio production includes lively sound effects and original music. Side one includes page-turn signals; side two features an uninterrupted reading.

Turkey Trouble

The first pumpkin Tim ever carved was fierce and funny, and he named it Jack. When Halloween was over and the pumpkin was beginning to rot, Tim set it out in the garden and throughout the weeks he watched it change.

Wild Colors of the West

A Long Island Reads 2020 Selection * A Real Simple Best Book of 2019 From the bestselling author of *The Book of Speculation*, a “tender and ambitious” (Vulture) novel about time, loss, and the wonders of the universe. Eleven-year-old Nedda Papas is obsessed with becoming an astronaut. In 1986 in Easter, a small Florida Space Coast town, her dreams seem almost within reach--if she can just grow up fast enough. Theo, the scientist father she idolizes, is consumed by his own obsessions. Laid off from his job at NASA and still reeling from the loss of Nedda's newborn brother several years before, Theo turns to the dangerous dream of extending his daughter's childhood just a little longer. The result is an invention that alters the fabric of time. Decades later, Nedda has achieved her long-held dream and is traveling aboard the space ship *Chawla*, part of a small group hoping to colonize a distant planet. But as she floats in zero gravity, far from earth, she and her crewmates face a serious crisis. Nedda may hold the key to the solution, if she can come to terms with her past and the future that awaits her. For fans of *The Age of Miracles* and *The Immortalists*, Erika Swyler's *Light from Other Stars* is a masterful and ambitious novel about fathers and daughters, women and the forces that hold them back, and the true meaning of progress.

Pinduli

A lonely cockroach named Crickwing has a creative idea that saves the day for the leaf-cutter ants when their fierce forest enemies attack them.

Stلالuna

Celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of *Stلالuna* with a deluxe edition of this bestselling picture book classic, now with bonus crafts and activities! Knocked from her mother's safe embrace by an attacking owl, *Stلالuna* lands headfirst in a bird's nest. This adorable baby fruit bat's world is literally turned upside down

when she is adopted by the occupants of the nest and adapts to their peculiar bird habits. Two pages of notes at the end of the story provide factual information about bats. "Delightful and informative but never didactic; a splendid debut." —Kirkus Reviews For this anniversary edition, color has been added to the ink drawings and the interior design now allows for more art to be seen. Plus there is a code for a downloadable crafts and activity kit, two pages of updated notes about bats, and a special note from the author.

National Geographic Readers: Bats

Young cats are on the hunt for a mouse named Sleepy in *Let's Get Sleepy!*, an energetic picture book from New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Tony Cliff. These cats are on an adventure to find that darn mouse named Sleepy. But Sleepy is a sneaky mouse—he's hard to find. The cats will have to look everywhere: all over town, out by the beach, up in space, and even back in time with the dinosaurs! Can the cats catch that mouse? Even if they don't, at the end of the day, they may just get "sleepy" after all. While seek-and-find elements are at work in the adorable artwork, the rhyming text reminds readers that the journey is more important than the destination—and that the most valuable treasure is a day richly lived with friends. An Imprint Book

But Not the Hippopotamus

Weaving webs, digging burrows, and floating on strands of silk--spiders are fascinating creatures From tiny baby spiderlings to large tarantulas, nonfiction master Gail Gibbons' introduction to these intriguing arachnids reminds us that even when they look scary, most spiders are harmless--and even helpful There are over thirty thousand kinds of spiders in the world--small and large, colorful or gray--and they live, hunt, and adapt in different ways. A number of different species and spider behaviors are highlighted in this book, accompanied by clear, labeled illustrations and important vocabulary. Filled with interesting trivia and information on the history of spiders, as well as an explanation of the difference between spiders and insects, this is a great introduction that takes the fear out of our eight-legged, web-spinning friends. According to *The Washington Post*, Gail Gibbons "has taught more preschoolers and early readers about the world than any other children's writer-illustrator." Ms. Gibbons is the author of more than 100 books for young readers, including the bestselling titles *From Seed to Plant* and *Monarch Butterfly*. Her many honors include the *Washington Post/Children's Book Guild* Nonfiction Award and the *NSTA* Outstanding Science Trade Book Award.

What If You Had Animal Teeth?

After *Stellaluna* accidentally lands in a bird's nest, the birds raise the baby fruit bat as one of their own, and when she is finally reunited with her mother, she appreciates both her differences and her new friendships. *Children's BOMC* Main. 100,000 first printing.

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In this e-book edition, Tomie dePaola retells his classic story against a charming musical score. Strega Nona—"Grandma Witch"—is the source for potions, cures, magic, and comfort in her Calabrian town. Her magical ever-full pasta pot is especially intriguing to hungry Big Anthony. Big Anthony is supposed to look after her house and tend her garden, but one day, when she goes over the mountain to visit Strega Amelia, he recites the magic verse over the pasta pot, with disastrous results.

Martha Speaks

"Doctor De Soto, the dentist, did very good work." With the aid of his able assistant, Mrs. De Soto, he copes with the toothaches of animals large and small. His expertise is so great that his fortunate patients never feel any pain. Since he's a mouse, Doctor De Soto refuses to treat "dangerous" animals--that is, animals who have a taste for mice. But one day a fox shows up and begs for relief from the tooth that's killing him. How can the kindhearted De Sotos turn him away? But how can they make sure that the fox doesn't give in to his baser instincts once his tooth is fixed? Those clever De Sotos will find a way. William Steig's Doctor De Soto is a 1982 New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of the Year and Outstanding Book of the Year, a 1983 Boston Globe - Horn Book Awards Honor Book for Picture Books, and a 1983 Newbery Honor Book.

Sneezy the Snowman

On a night when the moon can grow no fatter, bats pack their moon-tan lotion, blankets, banjos, and baskets of treats and fly off for some fun where the foamy sea and soft sand meet. 15,000 first printing.

Mentor Texts

A tale by the author of Stellaluna introduces young Verdi, a tiny spotted snake who is sent out into the jungle to grow up big and strong and who finds grown-up snakes so unpleasant that he simply refuses to turn green.

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