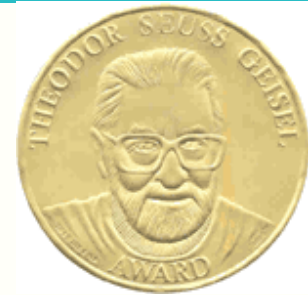




Preschool Pages: Award Winners Edition



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*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
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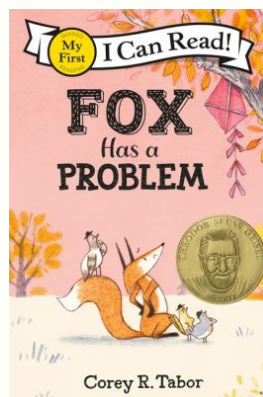
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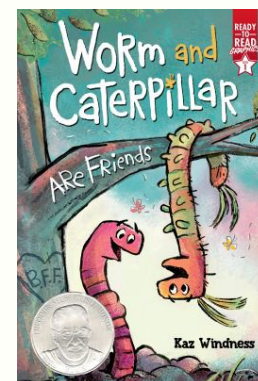
Vashti Harrison won the Caldecott Medal and a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor award for her gorgeous illustrations in her latest picture book. A girl has been told being a “big girl” is a compliment when she’s young. But as she grows, her fatness is seen by others as a problem. Harrison creates a beautiful story about a beautiful girl learning that she deserves to take up space and love herself just the way she is.



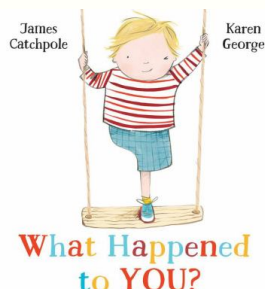
This picture book was named a Caldecott honor book and also won the Picture Book Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. Dragons have different meanings for a variety of cultures. This biracial boy learns that both European and Asian dragon mythology can coexist and make life more magical together.



Corey Tabor took home his *second* Geisel Award for the Fox series. In this latest, Fox definitely has a problem. His hilarious attempts at solutions create more problems, adding to the humor. Repetitive sentences and common sight words make this great for new & early readers or as a funny read-aloud!



A Geisel Honor went to this fun tale of two friends...two BEST friends...who aren't the same, especially after Caterpillar goes through a few major changes. This comic is in our Early Chapter Book collection and makes for a wonderful read aloud with its themes of friendship, change, and acceptance.



Joe wants to play pirates on the playground in this Schneider Family Book Award honor book. But other kids keep asking him the same question, one he doesn't want to answer or talk about. Soon the other kids, and the readers, learn to accept Joe as he is and move on to what's important... having fun.

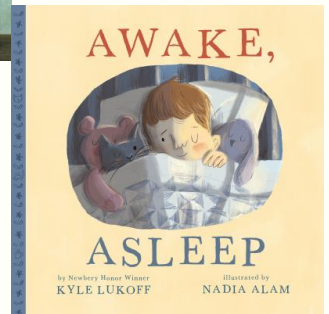
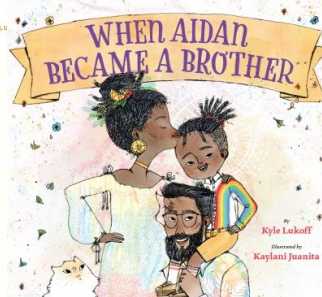
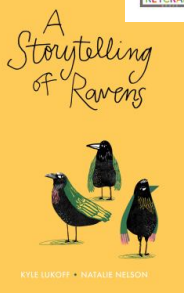
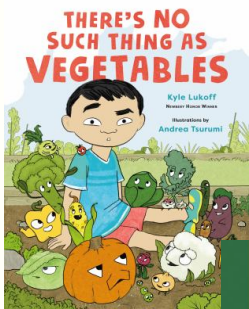


This year's Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media Award went to Work It Out, Wombats! GBH Kids and Pipeline Studios produce this show which encourages problem-solving and pre-coding/computational thinking. Featuring three siblings who live with their grandmother in Treeborhood, each fun episode allows for interaction while completing various tasks.

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

KYLE LUKOFF

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Kyle Lukoff. Lukoff writes picture books, middle grade novels, and nonfiction. He is especially well known for his writing of trans children, which is especially appreciated because of Lukoff's experience as a transman. This year, it was announced that Kyle Lukoff will deliver the 2025 Children's Literature Lecture.



Beyond the Book!

- Create your own book awards! Have your child think about their favorite aspect of books you read together. It can be anything, like books featuring their favorite animal! Choose some books to evaluate. Then form a committee; this can be a group of family members, friends, or even stuffed animals! After that, read all the books together and then vote on each person's favorite. Tally the votes and see who won! This is a great way to discuss how to compare and contrast, how voting works, and also counting skills!
- If your child loved listening to *Worm and Caterpillar are Friends*, have fun acting out the life cycle of a butterfly! First curl up in a small ball for the egg; become a wiggly caterpillar, then wrap up in a blanket and be a very still chrysalis. Finally emerge as a beautiful butterfly and flap those wings!
- *Fox Has a Problem* is based on Fox trying to retrieve his many kites that are stuck in trees. You and your child can have fun discussing *other* ways to get a kite out of a tree. Draw a picture of your creative solution!