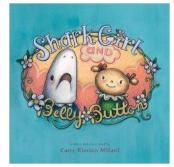
Grades K-2:



Shark Girl and Belly Button by Casey Riordan Millard (Blue Manatee Press, 2014)

Shark Girl sees the world in a worried way, while her good friend, Belly Button, has a more positive outlook on things. Together, the friends take readers on five mini adventures—writing a letter, making paper dolls, going to a party, visiting the playground, and appreciating the value of things, especially one's friends. This intimate set of stories combines humor, emotion, and insight, inviting readers to look beyond physical appearance into the thoughts and dreams we all share.

Casey Riordan Millard's website: http://caseyriordanmillard.com/home.html

Facebook – Shark Girl Twitter - @SharkGirlCRM

Author Interview: http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=25035

Shark Girl and Belly Button Website: http://www.bluemanateepress.com/shark-girl-and-belly-button/



Third Grade Mix-Up (Sidney & Sydney) by Michele Jakubowski, illus. by Luisa Montalto Jakubowski (Picture Window Books, 2013)

When Sidney Fletcher moves to Oak Grove, things get a little strange for Sydney Greene. Not only does Sydney share a name with a boy, but he's in her third-grade class! From first-day-of-school problems to Halloween drama, Sidney and Sydney quickly become friends. Who says boys and girls can't get along?

Teachingbooks.net: http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=38961&s=d

Author's Website: http://www.michelejakubowski.com/ Illustrator's Website: http://luisamontalto.com/

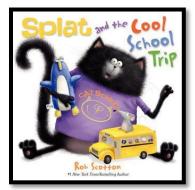


<u>The Day the Crayons Quit</u> by Drew Daywalt, illus. by Oliver Jeffers (Philomel Books, 2013)

Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Beige Crayon is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown Crayon. Black wants to be used for more than just outlining. Blue needs a break from coloring all those bodies of water. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true color of the sun. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?

Teachingbooks.net: <u>http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=36005</u> Twitter: @DrewDaywalt

Illustrator's Website: http://www.oliverjeffers.com/



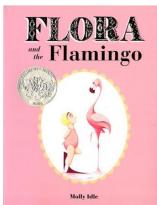
Splat and the Cool School Trip, by Rob Scotton (HarperCollins, 2013)

Splat the Cat is so excited when Mrs. Wimpydimple announces that the class will be going to the zoo. While everyone calls out his or her favorite animal— Elephant! Giraffe! Monkey!—Splat only wants to see the penguins. After all, penguins are perfect; they are black and white, just like Splat! All day long, Splat just can't wait. But when the smallest animal makes the biggest splash and shuts down the penguin exhibit, Splat goes home disappointed and alone . . . or does he?

Author's website: <u>http://www.robscotton.com/</u> Twitter: @robscotton

Book trailer of the first Splat book: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfzJWghSc5w</u>

"Rob Scotton Explains His Inspiration for Splat the Cat Stories" on Jen Humphrey's blog: http://jenhumphrey.com/2012/11/07/rob-scotton-explains-his-inspiration-for-splat-the-cat-stories/



Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle (Chronicle, 2013)

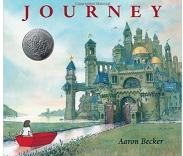
In this innovative wordless picture book with interactive flaps, Flora and her graceful flamingo friend explore the trials and joys of friendship through an elaborate synchronized dance. With a twist, a turn, and even a flop, these unlikely friends learn at last how to dance together in perfect harmony. Full of humor and heart, this stunning performance (and splashy ending!) will have readers clapping for more! (Taken from Amazon.com)

About the Author, on her website: <u>http://idleillustration.com/about/</u> Twitter: @mollyidle

Book trailer: http://youtu.be/kOSA8w7F730

Book demo video: http://youtu.be/9d3llsrs7tc

Grades 3-5:



Journey by Aaron Becker (Candlewick, 2013)

A lonely girl draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and through it escapes into a world where wonder, adventure, and danger abound. Red marker in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon, and a flying carpet that carry her on a spectacular journey toward an uncertain destiny. When she is captured by a sinister emperor, only an act of tremendous courage and kindness can set her free. Can it also lead her home and to her heart's desire? With supple line, luminous color, and nimble flights of fancy, author-illustrator Aaron Becker launches an ordinary child on an extraordinary journey toward her greatest and most exciting adventure of all.

Aaron Becker's website: http://www.storybreathing.com

Journey Book Trailer: http://www.storybreathing.com/journey-trailer/

The Making of Journey video: http://www.storybreathing.com/the-making-of-journey/

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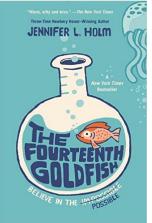
Walker Books Classroom Ideas: <u>http://classroom.walkerbooks.com.au/home/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Journey-and-Quest-Reading-Guide.pdf</u>

Interviews with Aaron Becker: http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=21306&a=1

Wordless Picture Books for Mini-Lessons: <u>http://readwriteandreflect.blogspot.com/2013/11/wordless-picture-books-for-mini-lessons.html</u>

Guide to Reading a Wordless Book: http://www.candlewick.com/book_files/0763665959.btg.2.pdf

Why Picture Books Are Important: <u>http://picturebookmonth.com/2014/11/why-picture-books-are-important-by-aaron-becker/</u>



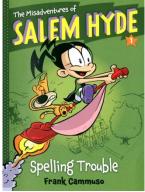
<u>The Fourteenth Goldfish</u>, by Jennifer Holm (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2014)

Galileo. Newton. Salk. Oppenheimer. Science can change the world . . . but can it go too far? Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He's bossy. He's cranky. And weirdly enough . . . he looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth? With a lighthearted touch and plenty of humor, Jennifer Holm celebrates the wonder of science and explores fascinating questions about life and death, family and friendship, immortality . . . and possibility.

Author's website: http://www.jenniferholm.com/

Random House Kids book trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91FeXVF-56E

Author interview on Nerdy Book Club: <u>https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/2013/12/02/54321-interview-jennifer-l-holm/</u>



Spelling Trouble (The Misadventures of Salem Hyde: Book #1) by Frank Cammuso (Amulet Books, 2013)

Summary:

Salem Hyde just isn't like other kids. For one thing, she's stubborn, independent, and impulsive. For another, she's a witch. Salem acts first and thinks later—which means most of her thinking involves coming up with excuses! Good thing she's been assigned an animal companion, Lord Percival J. Whamsford III. This over-anxious cat doesn't like Salem calling him 'Whammy,' and Salem doesn't like listening to his long-winded explanations as to why she shouldn't do something . . . like enter the class spelling bee. Salem knows she can beat all her classmates at spells, no problem. Too late, she

realizes the competition is about spelling words, not magic. And there's nothing like a misspelled spell to cause all kinds of havoc!

Author/illustrator/publisher website http://www.cammuso.com/salem.html http://www.abramsbooks.com/product/misadventures-of-salem-hyde_9781419708039/

Author on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/frank.cammuso

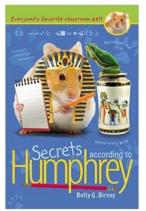
Twitter @FrankCammuso Pinterest: fcammuso Tumblr: frankcammuso

Book trailer: https://youtu.be/StmxKUd_idU

Author interview: <u>http://www.syracuse.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2013/11/frank_cammuso-former_political.html</u>

Teaching guide: <u>http://www.abramsbooks.com/pdfs/academic/GraphicNovels_TeachingGuide.pdf</u> <u>http://cbldf.org/2015/01/using-graphic-novels-in-education-the-misadventures-of-salem-hyde/</u>

Readers' Theater Script <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xhqmvTsnAzXR6XvoZSdfuyOlt1L-MMdlwD5Y-CdTr00/edit?usp=sharing</u>



Secrets According to Humphrey by Betty Birney (G. P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2014)

Summary:

Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfelow School's Room 26, learns that his classroom is full of secrets, the most important of which is that a student will be leaving soon.

Betty Birney's website http://www.bettybirney.com/

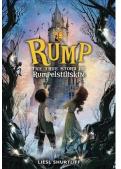
Humphrey series info on Betty Birney's website <u>http://www.bettybirney.com/humphrey.html</u>

"Secrets" activities on Betty Birney's website http://www.bettybirney.com/pdf/secrets_activities.pdf

Welcome to Humphrey's World: A Classroom Guide to the Award-Winning Series http://www.penguin.com/static/images/yr/pdf/HumphreyGuideUpdate12.pdf

Betty G. Birney reading from Secrets According to Humphrey (video) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtkeKW995Uk</u>

Rump: The True Story of Rumplestiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2013)



Summary:

In a magic kingdom where your name is your destiny, 12-year-old Rump is the butt of everyone's joke. But when he finds an old spinning wheel, his luck seems to change. Rump discovers he has a gift for spinning straw into gold. His best friend, Red Riding Hood, warns him that magic is dangerous, and she's right. With each thread he spins, he weaves himself deeper into a curse. To break the spell, Rump must go on a perilous quest, fighting off pixies, trolls, poison apples, and a wickedly foolish queen. The odds are against him, but with courage and friendship—and a cheeky sense of humor—he just might triumph in the end.

Author website: <u>http://lieslshurtliff.com/</u> Author on Twitter; @LieslShurtliff

Author interview: <u>http://carolinestarrrose.com/classroom-connections-liesl-shurtliffs-rump-the-true-story-of-rumpelstiltskin/</u>

Another author interview: http://www.literaryrambles.com/2013/05/liesl-shurtliff-interview-and-rump-true.html

Third author interview: <u>https://onefourkidlit.wordpress.com/2013/04/08/gettin-lucky-an-interview-with-liesl-shurtliff-author-of-rump-the-true-story-of-rumpelstiltskin/</u>

Book trailer: https://youtu.be/mpgaOP3UdQ8

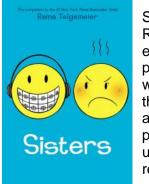
Reader's Guide, discussion questions, writing exercises: <u>http://lieslshurtliff.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Rump-Readers-Guide.pdf</u>

Rump personality quiz: http://lieslshurtliff.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Rump-Personality-Quiz.pdf

Lesson Plans for Fairy Tale Retellings from ReadWriteThink: http://www.readwritethink.org/resources/resource-print.html?id=31036

Grades 6-8:

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier, graphix (Scholastic), 2014



Summary

Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years, but when a baby brother enters the picture and later, something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all. Raina uses her signature humor and charm in both present-day narrative and perfectly placed flashbacks to tell the story of her relationship with her sister, which unfolds during the course of a road trip from their home in San Francisco to a family reunion in Colorado.

Author Website: <u>http://goraina.com/</u> Publisher Website: <u>http://www.scholastic.com/graphix/</u>

Raina's Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Raina-Telgemeiers-Comics/121094651259814

Raina's Twitter: @goraina

graphix's Twitter: @graphixbooks

Book Trailer from Scholastic: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsEXPhq0alU

Interview with the Author: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqy49S48tEQ

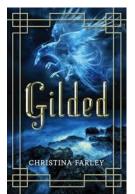
Discussion Guide from Scholastic: http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/guide-raina-telgemaiers-sisters

Using Graphic Novels in the Classroom (Graphix Teacher Site): http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/graphix-teacher-site

What Happens Next?: http://www.scholastic.com/raina/sisters/pdfs/Finish_the_Story.pdf

Related:

Discussion Questions for SMILE: http://www.scholastic.com/motherdaughterbookclub/pdf/Scholastic_MDBC_SmileDG.pdf



<u>**Gilded</u>** by Christina Farley, Skyscape, 2014 Summary</u> When sixteen-year old Jae Hwa was uprooted from her home in L.A. to Korea, she thought her biggest problem would be fitting in with her classmates and dealing with her dismissive grandfather. But she was wrong. A Korean demi-god, Haemosu, has been stealing the soul of the oldest daughter of each generation in her family for centuries. And she's next. Jae trains with a Korean master, confident her taekwondo will be enough to fight Haemosu. But she's wrong again. Desperate, Jae delves into the ancient arts of metamorphism and uses her growing power in the Spirit World. And then there's Marc. Irresistible, charming, and mysterious, Marc threatens to break the barriers around Jae's heart. But Marc has a secret of his own. One that could help to destroy Haemosu. As Jae grows closer to him, she must decide if she can trust him, and whether putting his life in jeopardy is worth the risk. Jae thought she knew all the answers. It turns out that she's been wrong about a lot of things: her grandfather is her greatest ally, even the tough girl can fall in love, and Korea might just be the home she's always been looking for.

Author Website- <u>http://www.christinafarley.com/index1.html</u> Author Blog- http://christinafarley.com/blog/ Publisher Website- <u>https://www.apub.com/imprint-detail?imprint=12</u> Series Website- http://www.gildedseries.com/

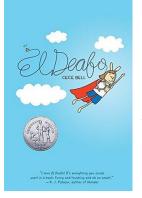
Christina's Facebook Page- <u>https://www.facebook.com/ChristinaFarleyAuthor</u> Christina's Twitter- @christinafarley Christina's Tumblr- <u>http://christinafarley.tumblr.com/</u> Christina's Pinterest- <u>https://www.pinterest.com/christinafarley/</u>

Gilded Book Trailer- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7nfOeQdp4s

Educator Guide from Series' Website- http://g-ec2.imagesamazon.com/images/G/01/kindle/merch/ACP/gilded student guide unit. V339632446 .pdf

Additional Teacher Resources- <u>http://christinafarley.com/author-visits-teacher-resources/</u> Christina's Youtube Channel- <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/chocolateinspired</u>

El Deafo by Cece Bell (Amulet Books, 2014)



Summary:

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "EI Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.

Author website: https://cecebell.wordpress.com/ Publisher website: http://www.abramsbooks.com/product/el-deafo_9781419710209/ Twitter: @CeceBellBooks Book trailer: https://youtu.be/Cnj5STG0SZo Author interview on NPR: http://www.npr.org/2014/12/14/369599042/el-deafo-how-a-girl-turned-her-disability-into-a-superpower "Seven Questions Over Breakfast" with Cece Bell: http://blaine.org/sevenimpossiblethings/?p=1520 Teaching guides: http://www.abramsbooks.com/academic/El_Deafo_TeachingGuide.pdf http://www.reading.org/literacy-daily/classroom/post/engage/2015/03/17/putting-books-to-work-em-el-deafoem-

A timeline of hearing devices: <u>http://beckerexhibits.wustl.edu/did/timeline/</u>

Hearing Aid Museum: http://hearingaidmuseum.com/

What's Hearing Loss? http://kidshealth.org/kid/health_problems/sight/hearing_impairment.html

American Society for Deaf Children – Knowledge Center <u>http://deafchildren.org/knowledge-center/</u> Related resources http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=40736&a=1

Cece Bell and Raina Telgemeier draw each other's characters at ALA Annual Conference: <u>https://youtu.be/3GOas8V4-KM</u>

The Neptune Project by Polly Holyoke (Disney-Hyperion, 2013)



Summary:

Nere has never understood why she is so much more comfortable and confident in the water than on land until the day she learns the shocking truth—she is one of a group of kids who have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean. These products of the "Neptune Project" are supposed to build a better future under the waves, safe from the terrible famines and wars and that rock the surface world. But there are some big challenges ahead of her: no one ever asked Nere if she wanted to be part of a science experiment; the other Neptune kids aren't exactly the friendliest bunch, and in order to reach the safe haven of the new Neptune colony, Nere and her companions must swim across hundreds of miles of dangerous ocean, relying on their wits, their loyal dolphins and one another to evade terrifying undersea creatures and a government that will stop at

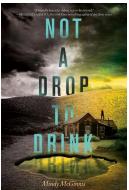
nothing to capture the Neptune kids ... dead or alive. Fierce battles and daring escapes abound as Nere and her friends race to safety in this action-packed marine adventure.

Dolphin and Shark online resources (on author's website): <u>http://www.pollyholyoke.com/cool-stuff.php</u>

Discussion questions, Common Core guide, resources and STEM guide: <u>http://www.pollyholyoke.com/neptune-project.php</u>

Book Trailer: <u>https://youtu.be/Qoz2-GhjHWQ</u> Facebook: Polly Holyoke, Author Twitter: @pollyholyoke Author Interviews: <u>http://www.pollyholyoke.com/about-me.php</u>

TEEN RESOURCES:



Not a Drop to Drink by Mindy McGinnis (Katherine Tegen Books, 2013)

Summary:

In a world where water is dangerously scarce, Lynn and her mother have not hesitated to protect their isolated pond with deadly force. When tragedy strikes, Lynn must decide whether compassion and humanity are more important than mere survival.

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Publisher website: http://www.harpercollins.com/books/9780062198501 Book trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nZd_BEGgE8 Goodreads: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13112869-not-a-drop-to-drink Interviews: https://www.medium=email&utm_content=20141019&utm_campaign=stor_yshare&utm_term= (NPR All Things Considered) Discussion guides/other resources: https://library.ohio.gov/documents/not-a-drop-to-drink-toolkit/ (Choose to Read Ohio Toolkit) https://library.ohio.gov/documents/not-a-drop-to-drink-toolkit/ (Choose to Read Ohio Toolkit) https://library.ohio.gov/documents/not-a-drop-



In a Handful of Dust by Mindy McGinnis (Katherine Tegen Books, 2014)

Summary:

In a not-too-distant future where water is a scarce and valuable commodity, Lucy and her adoptive mother Lynn have lived a good life by their rural Ohio pond. However, when disease ravages their community, the pond may be to blame. Rumors of desalinization plants in California send the two of them on a journey west in search of water, and set Lucy on a journey to find her place in the world.

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YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/bigblackcat97</u> Pinterest: <u>https://www.pinterest.com/MindyMcGinnisMe/</u> Goodreads Author Page: <u>http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/5351825.Mindy_McGinnis</u> Tumblr: <u>http://mindymcginnis.tumblr.com/</u> Instagram: <u>https://instagram.com/bigblackcat97/</u> Riffle: <u>https://read.rifflebooks.com/profiles/129040</u>

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http://www.npr.org/2014/10/19/357425457/waterless-worlds-the-new-hot-

dystopia?utm_source=npr_email_a_friend&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20141019&utm_campaign=stor yshare&utm_term= (NPR All Things Considered) Discussion guides/other resources:

http://www.mindymcginnis.com/educators.html (Discussion and Quiz questions)



This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki; illustrated by Jillian Tamaki (First Second Books, 2014)

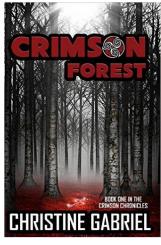
Summary:

Every summer, Rose goes with her mom and dad to a lake house in Awago Beach. It's their getaway, their refuge. Rosie's friend Windy is always there, too, like the little sister she never had. But this summer is different. Rose's mom and dad won't stop fighting, and when Rose and Windy seek a distraction from the drama, they find themselves with a whole new set of problems. One of the local teens - just a couple of years older than Rose and Windy - is caught up in something bad... Something life threatening. It's a summer of secrets, and sorrow, and growing up, and it's a good thing Rose and Windy have each other.

Macmillan Publishers: http://us.macmillan.com/thisonesummer/jilliantamaki

Discussion Guide: <u>http://images.macmillan.com/folio-assets/readers-guides/9781596437746RG.pdf</u> Using Graphic Novels in Education: This One Summer: <u>http://cbldf.org/2015/02/using-graphic-novels-in-education-this-one-summer/</u> Mariko Tamaki's Twitter: @marikotamaki

Jilliam Tamaki's Twitter: @dirtbagg



Crimson Forest by Christine Gabriel (Pandamoon Publishing, 2014)

Summary:

Eighteen-year-old Angelina Adams had every intention of staying away from the Crimson Forest. She had no desire to disappear into the trees as so many hunters had done. But when her mother is brutally murdered in their home and the attacker comes for her, she has no choice but to flee into the blood-red woodland that claimed her father's life years before. There she meets Nicolai, a handsome mysterious stranger who vows to protect her from the dark forces bent on destroying her life. But can he be trusted? Is he who he says he is or will he simply take what he wants from her and move on?

Author interview: http://stephpostauthor.blogspot.com/2014/09/catching-up-with-christine-gabriel.html

Author interview: http://www.alisseleegoldenberg.com/ramblings/interview-with-author-christine-gabriel

Twitter: @christinegabrie Facebook: AuthorChristineGabriel



Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell (St. Martin's Griffin, 2013)

Cath is a Simon Snow fan. Okay, the whole world is a Simon Snow fan, but for Cath, being a fan is her life--and she's really good at it. She and her twin sister, Wren, ensconced themselves in the Simon Snow series when they were just kids; it's what got them through their mother leaving. Reading. Rereading. Hanging out in Simon Snow forums, writing Simon Snow fan fiction, dressing up like the characters for every movie premiere. Cath's sister has mostly grown away from fandom, but Cath can't let go. She doesn't want to. Now that they're going to college, Wren has told Cath she doesn't want to be roommates. Cath is on her own, completely outside of her comfort zone. She's got a surly roommate with a charming, always-around boyfriend, a fiction-writing professor who thinks fan fiction is the end of the civilized world, a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words . . . And she can't stop worrying about her dad, who's loving and fragile and has never really been alone. For Cath, the question is: Can she do this? Can she make it without Wren holding her hand? Is she

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