



Stories Without Words

Andreasen, Dan. [Treasure Bath.](#)

A wordless picture book in which a young boy explores a creature-filled world beneath the bubbles in his bathtub. (J PIC AND)

Armstrong, Jennifer. [Once Upon a Banana.](#)

Everyday signs serve as captions for this pictorial tale of what happens after a man tosses a banana peel into the garbage can and misses. (J PIC ARM)

Aruego, Jose. [The Last Laugh.](#)

A wordless tale in which a clever duck outwits a bullying snake. (J PIC ARU)

Bang, Molly. [The Grey Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher.](#)

The strawberry snatcher tries to wrest the strawberries from the grey lady but as he follows her through shops and woods he discovers some delicious blackberries instead. (J PIC BAN)

Banyai, Istvan. [Re-Zoom.](#)

A wordless picture book presents a series of scenes, each one from farther away, showing, for example, a boat which becomes the image on a magazine, which is held in a hand, which belongs to a boy, and so on. (J PIC BANY)

Briant, Ed. [If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now.](#)

A crisp fall day in the park. Furry animals... brisk winds... jumping in a big pile of leaves -- OOF! Those aren't leaves; they're a giant leaf creature, visible only to children. But the city is pressing in on the beautiful park -- what does the future hold? (J PIC BRI)

Briggs, Raymond. [The Snowman.](#)

When his snowman comes to life, a little boy invites him home and in return is taken on a flight high above the countryside. (J PIC BRI)

Brown, Craig M. [The Patchwork Farmer.](#)

After ripping his overalls again and again in the course of his daily work, a farmer ends up with a colorful patchwork pair. (J PIC BRO)



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Butterworth, Nick. [Amanda's Butterfly.](#)

While looking for butterflies, a young girl discovers an even more beautiful winged creature, who needs her help. (J PIC BUT)

Carle, Eric. [Do You Want to Be My Friend?](#)

A mouse searches everywhere for a friend. (J PIC CAR)

Carmi, Giora. [Circle of Friends.](#)

When a boy anonymously shares his snack with a homeless man, he begins a cycle of good will. (J PIC CAR)

*Collington, Peter. [The Midnight Circus.](#)

A young boy's favorite mechanical horse comes to life and carries him to a circus for a night of adventure and stardom. (J PIC COL)

*Day, Alexandra. [Carl Goes to Daycare.](#)

Carl the rottweiler takes charge when things take an unexpected turn at the day care center he is visiting. (J PIC DAY)

Dematons, Charlotte. [Yellow Balloon.](#)

A yellow balloon sails around the world. (J PIC DEM)

DePaola, Tomie. [The Hunter and the Animals.](#)

When the discouraged hunter falls asleep, the forest animals play a trick on him. (J PIC DEP)

Dupasquier, Philippe. [The Great Escape.](#)

In this story without words, an escaped prisoner leads the police on an exciting chase. (J PIC DUP)

*Faller, Regis. [Polo and Lily.](#)

In this wordless picture book, Polo the dog meets a rabbit named Lily and the two become friends. (J PIC FAL)

*Felix, Monique. [The Alphabet.](#)

A mouse trapped in a book discovers the letters of the alphabet. (J PIC FEL)



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Fleischman, Monique. [Sidewalk Circus](#).

A young girl watches as the activities across the street from her bus stop become a circus. (J PIC FLE)

Franson, Scott E. [Un-brella](#).

In this wordless book, a little girl uses her magic umbrella to give her the weather she wants, regardless of what the conditions really are outside. (JPIC FRA)

Geisert, Arthur. [Hogwash](#).

Illustrations without words depict the enormous and complicated contraption that Mama Pig uses to get her little piglets clean. (J PIC GEI)

Gill, Madelaine. [The Spring Hat](#).

Though Mother Bunny's children cause her to lose her hat, they make it up to her very nicely. (J PIC GIL)

Hartelius, Margaret. [The Birthday Trombone](#).

The enjoyment of her new trombone has unexpected consequences for a young monkey and her jungle friends. (J PIC HAR)

Henterley, Jamichael. [Good Night, Garden Gnome](#).

Depicts a gnome at work and play in his garden. (J PIC HEN)

Heuer, Christop. [Lola and Fred](#).

Lola and Fred prove differences in character and appearance—or even species—do not have to get in the way of reaching a goal. (J PIC HEU)

Hogrogian, Nonny. [Cool Cat](#).

Unhappy with the shabby and rundown appearance of his neighborhood, Cool Cat recruits his friends for some serious cleaning and then utilizes paints found in an old paint box to add his signature splash of color and style to liven things up. (J PIC HOG)

Hughes, Shirley. [Up and Up](#).

A small girl wants to fly and succeeds after several attempts. (J PIC HUG)



Hutchins, Pat. [Changes, Changes.](#)

Two wooden doll rearrange wooden building blocks to form various objects. (J PIC HUT)

Khing, T.T. [Where is the Cake?](#)

Two rats steal a cake from the dog family. The dogs pursue them over trails and mountains while many other characters are brought into the chase. (J PIC KHI)

*Krahn, Fernando. [Amanda and the Mysterious Carpet.](#)

A throw rug delivered to Amanda's house flies to the roof with her upon it and leaves her stranded. (J PIC KRA)

Lee, Suzy. [Wave.](#)

A wordless picture book that shows a little girl's first experiences at the beach, as she goes from being afraid of the roaring waves to playing on the shore while gulls soar overhead. (J PIC LEE)

*Lehman, Barbara. [Museum Trip.](#)

In this wordless picture book, a boy imagines himself inside some of the exhibits when he goes on a field trip to a museum. (J PIC LEH)

Louchard, Antonin. [Little Star.](#)

A tiny starfish dreams of leaving its ocean home and traveling high up into the dark sky to shine among the celestial stars. (J PIC LOU)

Luthardt, Kevin. [Peep!](#)

Although a boy is lonely after the hatchling duckling that followed him home finally joins other ducks, he soon meets another creature. (J PIC LUT)

Maizlish, Lisa. [The Ring.](#)

A boy finds a magic ring that enables him to float above New York City and have adventures. (J PIC MAI)

Mayer, Mercer. [A Boy, a Dog, a Frog and a Friend.](#)

A quiet fishing party is interrupted when something unexpected bites on the line. (J PIC MAY)

McCully, Emily A. [Four Hungry Kittens.](#)

In this wordless story, four kittens share adventures while their mother is away hunting food. (J PIC MCC)



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McDonnell, Patrick. [South.](#)

Mooch the cat helps a lonely bird find its flock, which has flown south for the winter. (J PIC MCD)

Newgarden, Mark. [Bow Wow Bugs a Bug.](#)

A wordless picture book about a persistent terrier who follows a bug through his neighborhood. (J PIC NEW)

Ommen, Sylvia van. [The Surprise.](#)

A sheep knits his friend, a giraffe, a surprise gift of a sweater from his own wool. (J PIC OMM)

*Ormerod, Jan. [Moonlight.](#)

As her parents attempt to help a child fall asleep at bedtime, they themselves become more and more sleepy. (J PIC ORM)

Pinkney, Jerry. [The Lion and the Mouse.](#)

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle. (J PIC PINK)

*Rogers, Gregory. [The Boy, the Bear, the Barn, the Bard.](#)

In this time travel romp through Elizabethan England, a runaway soccer ball sparks a merry chase that involves the protagonist, his protector, a patrician prisoner, and an enraged playwright. (J PIC ROG)

*Schories, Pat. [Breakfast for Jack.](#)

On a busy morning before school, the whole family leaves the house without giving Jack the dog his breakfast. (J PIC SCH)

Schubert, Dieter. [Where's My Monkey?](#)

Through a wordless chain of events, a boy's toy monkey is lost in a rainstorm and retrieved only after it passes through many hands. (J PIC SCH)

Sis, Peter. [Rain.](#)

Brother and sister with umbrellas and rain gear venture into the downpour to explore their neighborhood. (J PIC SIS)



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*Tafari, Nancy. [Do Not Disturb.](#)

The movements and actions of a family camping in the woods cause the forest creatures to also move, scurry, and make noise. (J PIC TAF)

Turkle, Brinton. [Deep in the Forest.](#)

In a reversal of the Goldilocks story, a curious bear explores a cabin in the forest with disastrous results. (J PIC TUR)

Varon, Sara. [Chicken and Cat Clean Up.](#)

When Chicken opens a housekeeping business, his best friend Cat comes to mind as the perfect partner. But Cat is sleepy, clumsy, and makes a lot of mistakes, until he finds his own way to save the day. (J PIC VAR)

Wakeman, Daniel. [Ben's Big Dig.](#)

During a reluctant visit with his grandmother, Ben decides to dig a tunnel to escape, opening the door to unexpected adventures. (J PIC WAK)

*Wiesner, David. [Flotsam.](#)

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam. (J PIC WIE)

*Weitzman, Jacqueline Preiss. [You Can't Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum of Art.](#)

In this wordless story, a young girl and her grandmother view works inside the Metropolitan Museum of Art, while the balloon she has been forced to leave outside floats around New York City causing a series of mishaps that mirror scenes in the museum's artworks. (J PIC WEI)

Wilson, April. [Magpie Magic: A Tale of Colorful Mischief.](#)

A wordless picture book that depicts a young artist who draws a picture of a magpie which then comes to life and interacts with a series of colorful drawings. (J PIC WIL)

Winter, Paula. [The Bear and the Fly.](#)

A bear tries to catch a fly with disastrous results. (J PIC WIN)



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Young, Ed. [Up A Tree.](#)

A cat finds himself up a tree and won't come down until supper passes him by.
(J PIC YOU)

Yum, Hyewon. [Last Night.](#)

Sent to her room for refusing to eat her dinner, a little girl soon falls asleep and together with her bear friend begins a fantastic voyage deep into the forest where they dance and play all night. (J PIC YUM)

*Denotes author with more than one wordless picture book.

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