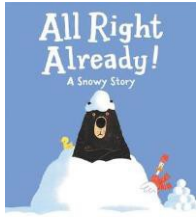
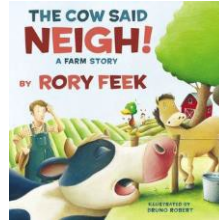


2020 Read Alouds: Primary



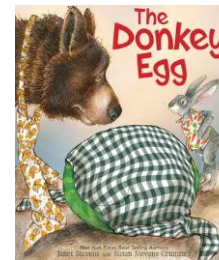
All Right Already by Jory John
Duck is looking forward to playing in the freshly fallen snow with his friend Bear. But when Bear is less than enthusiastic about enjoying the winter weather, Duck's snow day may be spent learning how to be a good friend.



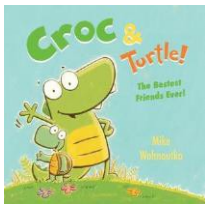
The Cow Said Neigh!
by Rory Feek
Welcome to one silly barnyard! Each animal wants to make a sound other than their own, until the barnyard is filled with noise and confusion. This rhythmic, hilarious story is filled with silly sounds and lots of fun!



Beware the Monster
by Michael Escoffier
Look out for the monster! He eats everything in his path as he moves through the pages of this book. Will readers successfully finish the story without becoming the monster's next meal?



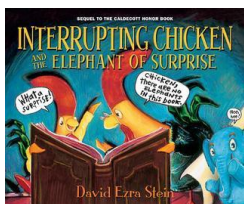
The Donkey Egg
by Janet Stevens
An ordinary watermelon may look ordinary, but not if it is a baby donkey...That trickster fox tried to fool Bear, but in reality, the jokes on him.



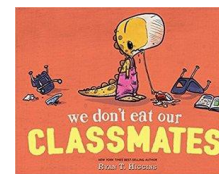
Croc and Turtle: The Bestest Friends Ever!
by Mike Wohnoutka
Croc and Turtle are the best of friends, and both agree that Croc is the strongest and fastest animal. But when other animals begin to show off their talents, Croc isn't so sure that's true. It takes a good friend like Turtle to show Croc which talents and abilities are really important.



The Wall in the Middle of the Book
by Jon Agee
If there is a wall, then you need to choose what side to be on...Which is safest...a little water or a gigantic ogre? See what side the knight chooses as the BEST...

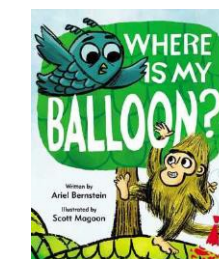


Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise
By David Ezra Stein
Chicken is home from school with big news: stories should have an elephant of surprise in them! As



We Don't Eat Our Classmates
by Ryan Higgins
Wouldn't you love going to school with a TRex? Maybe not, it they viewed you as a delectable lunch treat! Penelope has quite an appetite for all of her school friends; which is unwelcome in the classroom.

Papa and Chicken read through stories together, looking for the elephant (or element) of surprise, both of them encounter surprises and laughs on every page!



Where is My Balloon
by Ariel Bernstein
Owl and Monkey are at it again...This time Owl has a balloon and asks Monkey to hold it...once it pops, Monkey has to make up stories as to "where the balloon has gone"...We all make mistakes and in this book, we learn that we can all learn from them.



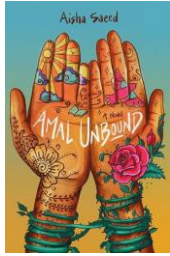
Mae Among the Stars
by Roda Ahmed
Mae Jemison, the first African American female in space, started out life as a curious child with dreams in the stars. Despite the adults that attempted to sidetrack her, she preserved and did what she was born to do!



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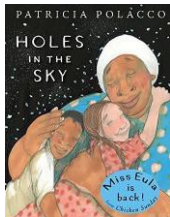
2020 Read Alouds: Upper Elementary



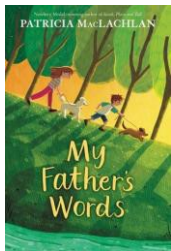
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
Amal is a Pakistani girl who, after one incident, is forced to work as an indentured servant. It will take all of Amal's courage, resources and education to expose her evil employer.



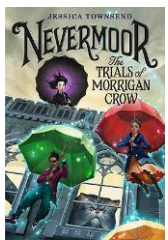
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
There are a lot of things about Mia Tang's immigrant family and life that she does not reveal to others, such as helping her parents at the motel where they work. She has a dream of becoming a writer someday. This book is about her strength and kindness that help her to get through the year and hopefully someday fulfill her dreams.



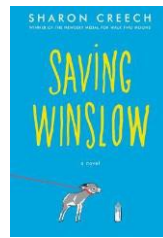
Holes in the Sky by Patricia Polacco
This inspiring story is about Patricia Polacco's babushka; her grandmother. Trisha is sad when her babushka passes away. She is inspired by the thought of her grandmother watching over her through the "holes in the sky" when her family has to move to California. There she meets a truly incredible person who helps her get through the hurt of losing her grandmother.



My Father's Words
by Patricia MacLachlan
After losing their father, Finn and Fiona O'Brien look for comfort by volunteering at an animal shelter, spending time with two dogs who are also in need of comfort.



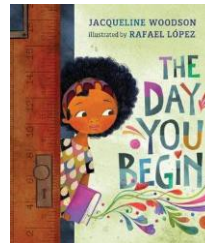
Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow
by Jessica Townsend
Morrigan Crow believes that she will die on her 11th birthday. Instead, she is rescued and taken to a place called Nevermoor. In Nevermoor she must compete with other children to be in an organization named the Wondrous Society. If she fails she will die.



Saving Winslow
Sharon Creech
When Louie's father brings home a sick mini donkey, Louie tries everything he can to save the poor animal. This is a story about love and determination that will make you realize how strong the bond is between Louie and Winslow.



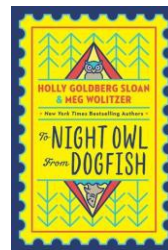
Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster
by Jonathan Auxier
Set in nineteenth century England, young Nan Sparrow must take the dangerous job of a "climbing boy" with a chimney sweeper after her father leaves her, with only a hat and a charcoal lump of mysterious charcoal. One night Nan is caught in a fire, and to her amazement, the charcoal turns into a golem. Nan names the golem Charlie. Charlie and Nan become friends and in the process save their own lives.



The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
This beautifully illustrated book reminds us it's ok to be different. Sometimes we might feel like there is no one quite like you. This book encourages us to feel strong and to start sharing our own stories with others.



The Lost Girl by Anne Ursu
Identical twins, Iris and Lark, are not in the same class this school year-the first time they have been separated. There is also a new antique shop in their Minneapolis neighborhood, with an owner who claims he can do magic. Things are going missing from the Twins's home, a mysterious giant crow is following the girls home and a dark secret will be revealed that could separate the twins forever.



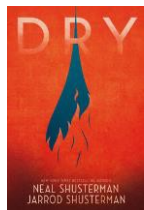
To Night Owl From Dogfish
by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Two girls discover that their gay fathers have fallen in love. Both fathers plan on sending the girls to the same camp so they can meet and hopefully become friends. Things don't work out as planned and after their fathers breakup, the girls must find a way to get them back together, This book is told through letters, emails and text.



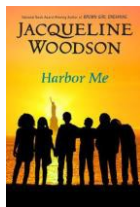
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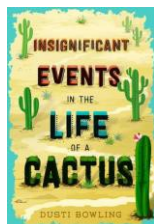
2020 Read Alouds: Middle Grades



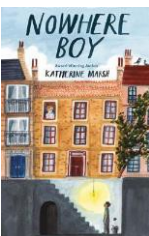
Dry by Neal Schusterman
In this dystopian/survival novel, the state of California has seen the effects of global warming and has literally run out of water. Told from many different points of view, the reader will understand how the characters cope with the crisis and try to survive.



Harbor Me By Jacqueline Woodson
Six middle schoolers believe they're alone in their struggles until a thoughtful teacher finds a way for them to connect with each other to form friendships and learn that they're all in this together.

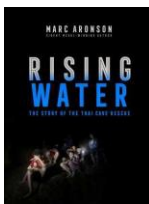


Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
Aven has just moved to Arizona and has to start making friends at a new school again. She has a spunky personality and was born without arms. See how she navigates through her daily life, befriends a classmate with Tourette's and helps solve a mystery!



Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
14-year old Ahmed flees the fighting in Syria and after an arduous journey in which his father dies, finally makes it to Brussels, Belgium. He finds refuge in the basement of an American family without their knowledge and one day is confronted by their 13-year old son. This novel

gives the reader a realistic account of a young refugee's struggle with daily life.



Rising Water by Marc Aronson
This is a true account of the Tham Luang (Thailand) cave rescue that occurred in 2018. The book goes into detail about what the soccer team and their coach had to endure over the course of 18 days as floodwaters trapped them inside the cave. It is a riveting tale of grit and resilience.



The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden
Growing up is hard enough without having to worry about your mom's boyfriend, where your next meal will come from, and taking care of a little brother and sister. Zoey has always tried to keep quiet and keep her head down as she balances everything in her life. What good can come when she finds her voice?



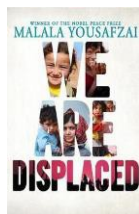
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
In 1947, the ruling British, on their way out of the region, chose to split Pakistan from India creating two countries out of one. This partition didn't only divide lands, but also families. Twelve-year-old Nisha finds herself racing across a border that didn't exist previously into a future where she is unsure of who she is and where she belongs.



The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
15-year-old Xiomara has too much of everything; too much hair, too many curves, too much anger. Written in verse, Xiomara tells her own story of finding a path through the anger to speak her truth boldly.



The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
She wasn't always named Coyote. Her dad wasn't always named Rodeo. And they didn't always live in a school bus traveling from one end of the country to the other. Once they had a home with a mom and sisters. Now Coyote needs to get back in time to recover some precious memories before they're gone forever.



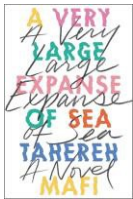
We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World by Malala Yousafzai
Malala talks about the personal and heart wrenching experience of being displaced from her own home in Pakistan at a young age. The rest of the book is filled with 1st person narratives from other girls who have dealt with the anguish and uncertainty of being refugees in a chaotic world.



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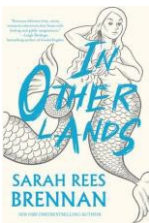
2020 Read Alouds: High School



A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi
It's only been a year since 9/11. Sixteen year-old Shirin is fed up with being bullied and being labeled as a terrorist simply because she is Muslim and chooses to wear a headscarf. Things get even more complicated at her new school when she starts falling for the star basketball player and she has to decide what she is willing to fight for.



Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
A ruthless king has taken over the magical world of Orisha. He has killed all of the maji—including Zélie's mother. Zélie, and her people, feel lost without the power of magic. But is it really lost? Zélie begins to question everything when she discovers she has her own magical powers and feelings for the prince who will do anything to eradicate magic forever.



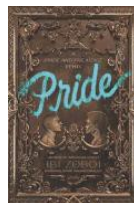
In Other Lands by Sarah Rees Brennan
A novel about surviving four years in the most unusual of schools, about friendship, falling in love, diplomacy, and finding your own place in the world — even if it means giving up your phone. There are elves, harpies, and—best of all as far as Elliot is concerned—mermaids.



On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
Insightful, unflinching, and full of heart, this is an ode to hip-hop from one of the most influential literary voices of a generation. It is the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you; and about how, especially for young black people, freedom of speech isn't always free.



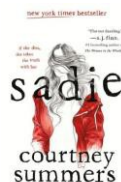
Price of Duty by Todd Strasser
Jake comes home from overseas a military hero--he's been awarded the Silver Star for his heroic feats. The only problem is, he doesn't feel like a hero at all. For Jake, his inner war has just begun as he tries to come to grips with his injuries and what he went through in the war.



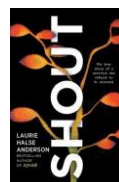
Pride by Ibi Zoboi
Zuri has more pride about her Brooklyn roots than her new neighbor, Darius, knows what to do with. Darius has more money that Zuri can even imagine. Can



these two figure out how to get over their prejudices and give in to the chemistry they both feel? This modern-day twist on the iconic *Pride & Prejudice* story adds modern-day cultural and class identities into the mix in a classic boy-meets-girl story.



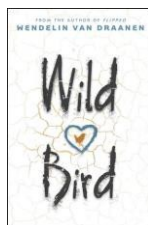
Sadie by Courtney Summers
When her sister Mattie is found dead, Sadie's entire world crumbles. Following a botched police investigation, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice and hits the road following a few clues to find him. When West McCray, a radio personality, overhears Sadie's story at a local gas station, he becomes obsessed with finding the missing girl. He starts his own podcast as he tracks Sadie's journey, trying to figure out what happened, hoping to find her before it's too late.



Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson
In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven between deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before. A denouncement of our society's failures and a love letter to all the people with the courage to say #MeToo and #TimesUp, whether aloud, online, or only in their own hearts.



Warcross by Marie Lu
In the not-so-distant future, everyone's life is a virtual reality game--Warcross to be exact. Teenage hacker Emika Chen works in Warcross as a bounty hunter in order to survive. During one of her hacks, she accidentally inserts herself into the high-stakes Warcross Championship game...and she can't get out. Not only does she have to play the game but the creator of the game asks to investigate a sinister plot that might change the game--and the real world--forever.



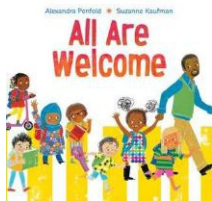
Wild Bird by Wendelin Van Draanen
Want to know what happens to kids who have gone so far off the rails, their parents don't know what to do with them anymore? They send them to wilderness therapy camp. Eight weeks of survivalist camping in the desert. Wren's going to have to admit she needs help if she is going to survive.



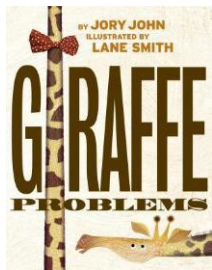
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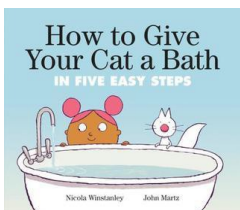
2020 Read Alouds: Ageless



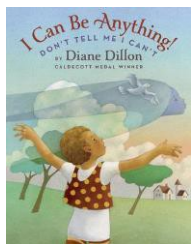
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
A new school year will be great when fears are lost, hope is found, and everyone is ready to chase dreams--welcoming all and making friendships.



Giraffe Problems by Jory John
Edward the giraffe, feels his neck has very little benefits until he meets Cyrus, a turtle. They complement and help each other enjoy being themselves and making new friends.



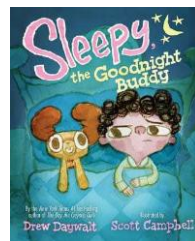
How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps
by Nicola Winstanley
In bathing your cat, it may take up to 10 steps to give it a bath until you realize how it is really done.



I Can Be Anything! Don't Tell Me I Can't!
By Diane Dillon
Zoe can choose any career she wants when she gets older, if she believes in herself and works hard at it—but first, she needs to take Step 1 and learn how to read!



Say Something! by Peter H. Reynolds
Your voice or presence is needed to make the world a better place. Be bold and share your hope, dreams, and support for people around you. You can!



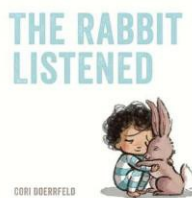
Sleepy the Goodnight Buddy

By Drew Daywalt Roderick doesn't want to go to bed and he thinks of every possible excuse. His parents get him a goodnight buddy to help with bedtime but...Roderick soon finds out that his goodnight buddy just might wear him out!

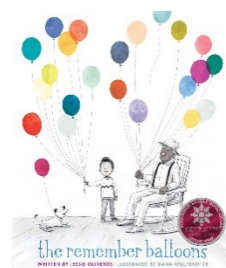


Thank You Omu

by Oge Mora
Omu's thick red stew with its scrumptious scent attracts the attention of a small boy, a police officer, and many more neighbors. Without hesitation, Omu shares her stew until it's all gone. What will Omu do for her supper? How will her neighbors repay her sharing spirit?

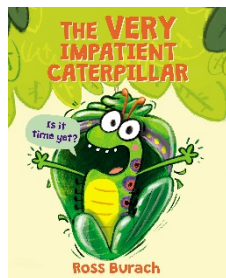


The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld
Have you felt sad before? Taylor feels sad and just needs a friend. Who will it be? Chicken, Bear, and other friends think they know best how to help Taylor. But it is Rabbit who gives Taylor exactly what he needs



The Remember Balloons

by Jessie Oliveros
Something is wrong with Grandpa. He used to have a lot of balloons because he had so many special memories, one for each balloon. But, as Grandpa's memories fade, his balloons begin to float away. James is sad and not sure how to help his grandpa until he notices that he has some new balloons to share.



The Very Impatient Caterpillar

by Ross Burach
All the caterpillars getting ready to metamorphose have a message for their friend...BE PATIENT! This impatient caterpillar has to find a way to wait out the two weeks before he can be a butterfly. It's SO hard. Can he do it? Do his friends help him? Learn about the process of metamorphosis and why it's important to wait.



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