



Stories in Rhyme

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| Lexile Score | Title Information | Call Number |
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| BIG BOOKS | | |
| AD530L | Blackstone, Stella. <i>Jump Into January: A Journey Around the Year</i> . Holt McDougal, 2009. A short verse for each month of the year encourages the reader to find objects hidden in the pictures that depict that month's activities, such as ear muffs and pine trees in January, or a scooter and a picnic bench in June. | BB B567J |
| AD1240L | Mahy, Margaret. <i>Bubble Trouble</i> . New York: Sandpiper, 2012. Mabel blows a bubble that captures Baby and wafts him away, resulting in a wild chase that involves the whole neighborhood. | BB M2799B |
| AD560L | Slate, Joseph. <i>Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the Last Day of Kindergarten</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2011. Miss Bindergarten and her class celebrate the last day of kindergarten with a party and good wishes. | BB SL14M |

EASY

- AD370L Agee, Jon. *It's Only Stanley*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015. E
AG32IT
- Very strange noises that keep awakening the Wimbledon family one night have an even stranger source.
- N/A Ashburn, Boni. *The Class*. New York: Beach Lane Books, 2016. E
AS325C
- Twenty young students, some eager, some nervous, some grumpy, prepare for their very first day of kindergarten.
- AD470L Ashman, Linda. *Henry Wants More!* New York: Random House, 2016. E
AS36HE
- Whether spending time with Papa, singing songs with Grandma, playing games with Lucy, or racing with Charlie, toddler Henry wears his family out until bedtime, when Mama is the one who wants more.
- AD550L Beatty, Andrea. *Ada Twist, Scientist*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016. E
B3809A
- Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.
- N/A Bluemle, Elizabeth. *Tap Tap Boom Boom*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014. E
B62535T
- It's a mad dash for shelter as rain sweeps into an urban neighborhood. Where to go? The subway! It's the perfect place to wait out the wind and weather. Strangers share smiles and umbrellas and take delight in the experience of a city thunderstorm.
- 470L Bunting, Eve. *Hey Diddle Diddle*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press, 2011. E
B886HEY
- An animal orchestra warms up to play in a music box band.
- AD200L Carle, Eric. *The Nonsense Show*. New York: Philomel Books, 2015. E
C192N
- Ducks growing out of bananas? A mouse catching a cat? What's wrong with this book? Yes, there's something strange, something funny, and even downright preposterous on every page of this book. But it's not a mistake--it's nonsense! And it's also surrealism.

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| AD580L | Chast, Roz. <i>Around the Clock</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015. | E C388A |
| | Do you ever wonder what your friends, enemies, brothers, sisters, and children are doing in the hours when you're not there? This kooky 24-hour tour of a day in the life of 23 different children will reveal answers you'd never expect. | |
| AD490L | Christelow, Eileen. <i>Five Little Monkeys Reading in Bed</i> . Boston: Clarion Books, 2011. | E C4619FR |
| | Mama has said it is time for "Lights out! Sweet dreams! No more reading in bed," but her five little monkeys cannot resist reading just a few more books to one another. | |
| AD360L | Colato, Láinez, René. <i>Señor Pancho Had a Rancho</i> . New York: Holiday House, 2013. | E C672S |
| | As Old MacDonald sings of farm animals that moo and woof, Señor Pancho sings of those that jii and guau, until the animals realize they understand each other and get together for a fiesta. | |
| AD440L | Dahl, Michael. <i>Goodnight Football</i> . North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2015. | E D1375GOF |
| | In rhyming text a child, home from a game, bids goodnight to all the sights and sounds of a school football game. | |
| AD460L | Dean, Kimberly. <i>Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues</i> . New York: Harper, 2015. | E D3449PAB |
| | Pete the Cat wants to go to sleep, but his animal friends want to stay up and play. | |
| AD290L | Dewdney, Anna. <i>Llama Llama Home with Mama</i> . New York: Viking, 2011. | E D513LLHOM |
| | Llama Llama's mother takes good care of him when he has to stay home from school because he is sick, but when Mama Llama begins to feel sick, too, Llama Llama knows how to take care of her. | |
| N/A | Ehlert, Lois. <i>Holey Moley</i> . New York: Beach Lane Books, 2015. | E EH56HO |
| | After digging holes and munching on crawly bugs, a chubby mole settles in her cozy burrow for winter. | |

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| N/A | Emberley, Rebecca. <i>Spare Parts</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2015. | E EM1398S |
| | While searching for a replacement heart at the Spare Parts Mart, a lonely robot finds a friend. | |
| AD580L | Esbaum, Jill. <i>Teeny Tiny Toady</i> . New York: Sterling Children's Books, 2016. | E ES12T |
| | Oh, no! Teeny's mama is stuck in a bucket! What's a toad to do? Hurry home for help, of course! | |
| N/A | Florian, Douglas. <i>The Wonderful Habits of Rabbits</i> . New York: Little Bee Books, 2016. | E F66323W |
| | Illustrations and rhyming text explore how rabbits spend their days throughout the year. | |
| N/A | Fox, Mem. <i>Two Little Monkeys</i> . New York: Beach Lane Books, 2012. | E F8328TW |
| | A rhyming tale about two little monkeys who are hiding from a leopard. | |
| N/A | Gray, Kes. <i>Frog on a Log?</i> New York: Scholastic, 2011. | E G7936F |
| | In rhyming text, cat explains why frog has to sit on a log, even if he finds it uncomfortable. | |
| AD410L | Grey, Mini. <i>The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon</i> . New York: Dragonfly Books, 2015. | E G8697A |
| | Having run away together, the Dish and the Spoon from the nursery rhyme "The Cat and the Fiddle" become vaudeville stars before turning to a life of crime. | |
| AD490L | Jackson, Ellen. <i>Beastly Babies</i> . New York: Beach Lane Books, 2015. | E J1337B |
| | Introduces all sorts of mischievous baby animals--and the grown-ups who love them no matter what. | |
| AD600L | Klostermann, Penny Parker. <i>There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight</i> . New York: Random House, 2015. | E K697T |
| | In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a greedy, hungry dragon eventually learns moderation. | |

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| AD480L | Lang, Suzanne. <i>Families, Families, Families!</i> New York: Random House, 2015. | E L256F |
| | A host of animals portrays all kinds of non-traditional families. | |
| N/A | Murguia, Bethanie Deeney. <i>Cockatoo, Too.</i> New York: Little Bee Books, 2016. | E M944C |
| | Two cockatoos meet two more cockatoos in tutus and two tutued toucans. And then two more! Can they all can-can? They can! The cockatoos and toucans join together for a dance and ask the reader: 'Can you can-can too?' | |
| AD610L | Rinker, Sherri Duskey. <i>Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site.</i> San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2011. | E R475G |
| | At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep. | |
| N/A | Rosenthal, Amy Krause. <i>Little Miss, Big Sis.</i> New York: Harper, 2015. | E R7273LIM |
| | Illustrations and simple, rhyming text follow Little Miss as she learns to be a wonderful big sister. | |
| AD530L | Seuss, Dr. <i>What Pet Should I Get?</i> New York: Random House, 2015. | E SE811WH |
| | A boy wants all of the pets in a pet store but he and his sister can choose only one. | |
| AD620L | Sierra, Judy. <i>E-I-E-I-O.</i> Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014. | E SI176EI |
| | The Little Red Hen gives Old MacDonald some pointers on composting-- and a legendary farm is born-- in this rhyming, rollicking read-aloud. | |
| AD320L | Tarpley, Todd. <i>Beep! Beep! Go to Sleep!</i> New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015. | E T17635B |
| | Three reluctant robots fight off sleep while their young caretaker does his best to get them to calm down. | |
| AD500L | Underwood, Deborah. <i>Interstellar Cinderella.</i> San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2015. | E UN25I |
| | In this outer space adaptation of the fairy tale in rhyme, Cinderella dreams of becoming a spaceship mechanic. | |

- AD430L Willems, Mo. *Nanette's Baguette*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2016. E
W667NAN
- It's Nanette's first trip to get the baguette! Is she set? You bet!
- N/A Wilson, Karma. *Duddle Puck: The Puddle Duck*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2015. E
W6948D
- A very odd duck that refuses to quack shocks and flusters animals all over the farm with his clucking, honking, oinking, and neighing.
- AD330L Yolen, Jane. *Creepy Monsters, Sleepy Monsters: A Lullaby*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011. E
Y78CR
- Two rambunctious monsters creep, gurgle, crawl, and tumble before falling asleep.

FICTION

- 470L Greenburg, Dan. *From Bad to Verse*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2000. F
G8299Z20
- When Zack is bitten by a tick during a class trip to Central Park he succumbs to Rhyme Disease, which causes him to speak only in rhymes and to float like a helium balloon.
- NP Silverstein, Shel. *A Giraffe and a Half*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1964. F SI398GR
- Rhymed text tells a hypothetical story about a Giraffe, and the many things that could happen to this giraffe ... IF. The poems starts with "If you had a giraffe ..." and continues by building along these lines with all sorts of different "ifs" and their conclusions.
- N/A Spinelli, Eileen. *City Angel*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2005. F
SP463C
- An angel spends her day watching over and taking care of the animals and people who are visiting or live in a busy city.
- NP Wissinger, Tamera Will. *Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2013. F
W765G
- In this novel told through poems, nine-year-old Sam loves fishing with his dad, so when his pesky little sister horns in on their fishing trip, he is none too pleased. Includes primer on rhyme, poetry techniques, rhythm, stanzas, and poetic forms.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Freeman, Judy. *The Handbook for Storytime Programs*. Chicago, IL: ALA, 2015. 027.6251
F8774H
- Bowkett, Wendy. *Activities for Individual Learning Through Rhyme*. 372.6
London, UK: Continuum International Pub. Group, 2010. B679A
- Huff, Mary Jo. *Story Play: Building Language and Literacy One Story at a Time*. Silver Spring, MD: Gryphon House, 2011. 372.67
H8722S

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