Aaligator!
Author: Judith Henderson
Illustrator: Andrea Stegmaier
Summary: While on a walk through the forest, a boy encounters an alligator which is stuck, hungry, and lonely. The boy befriends the alligator, and the town is not happy about it.

Amara and the Bats
Author and Illustrator: Emma Reynolds
Summary: Amara loves bats, so when she learns there are none near her new home due to habitat loss, she overcomes her feelings of helplessness and inspires her community to take action. Includes facts about bats and bat houses.

Butterflies are Pretty Gross!
Author: Rosemary Mosco
Illustrator: Jacob Souva
Summary: Butterflies are beautiful and quiet and gentle and sparkly . . . but that's not the whole truth. Butterflies can be GROSS. And one butterfly in particular is here to let everyone know! Talking directly to the reader, a monarch butterfly reveals how its kind is so much more than what we think.

Claude: The True Story of the White Alligator
Author: Emma Bland Smith
Illustrator: Jennifer M. Potter
Summary: Claude is the story of the California Academy of Sciences' beloved albino alligator, from his birth in Louisiana to his present-day life in his swamp at the Academy. Claude is a celebrity alligator and the mascot for San Francisco's California Academy of Sciences.

Don’t Hug Doug (He Doesn’t Like It)
Author: Carrie Finison
Illustrator: Daniel Wiseman
Summary: Doug prefers not to be hugged, but there are a variety of other ways his loved ones can show him affection.

The First Blade of Sweetgrass
Author: Suzanne Greenlaw
Illustrator: Nancy Baker
Summary: A modern Wabanaki girl is excited to accompany her grandmother for the first time to harvest sweetgrass for basket making.

The Floating Field
Author: Scott Riley
Illustrators: Nguyen Quang and Kim Lien
Summary: On a tiny Thai island without room for a soccer field, a group of resourceful teen boys gathers scraps and works together to build a floating field so they can play the game they love.

Fluffy McWhiskers: Cuteness Explosion
Author: Stephen W. Martin
Illustrator: Dan Tavis
Summary: Fluffy McWhiskers is so cute that anyone who sees her instantly explodes, making it difficult for the little cat to find a single friend.
Help Wanted! Must Love Books  
Author: Janet Summer Johnson  
Illustrator: Courtney Dawson  
Summary: Shailey loves bedtime until her father gets distracted by a new job, so she advertises for a replacement 'Bedtime Storyteller' and finds herself interviewing her favorite fairytale characters.

The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess  
Author and Illustrator: Tom Gauld  
Summary: When a wooden robot prince forgets to say the magic words that turn his sister from a log into a princess she is thrown away, so he goes on an epic journey to find her and bring her back.

My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World  
Author: Malcolm Mitchell  
Illustrator: Michael Robertson  
Summary: Henley hates to read, so his homework assignment to bring in his favorite book seems an impossible challenge—until his mother shows him a box of books, he made himself when he was younger.

The Mysterious Sea Bunny  
Author and Illustrator: Peter Raymundo  
Summary: As an inch-long sea bunny makes its way slowly across the ocean floor, readers discover that there is a lot more to this sea slug species than meets the eye—which comes in handy when a predator swoops in!

Norman Didn’t Do It! (Yes, He Did!)  
Author and Illustrator: Ryan T. Higgins  
Summary: Norman, a porcupine whose best friend is a tree named Mildred, begins to feel jealous when another tree grows close to Mildred and acts out against the tree new.

The Old Man and the Penguin: A True Story of Friendship  
Author: Julie Abery  
Illustrator: Pierre Pratt  
Summary: Told in rhyming verse, this is the touching true story of an oil-soaked penguin, the man who rescues him and an unlikely friendship.

Room for Everyone  
Author: Naaz Khan  
Illustrator: Mercè López  
Summary: Musa and his sister travel to a Zanzibar beach in a shared minibus which, despite Musa's protests, gets loaded with everything from a man and his bicycle to ten swimmers.

Seven Golden Rings: A Tale of Music and Math  
Author: Rajani LaRocca  
Illustrator: Archana Sreenivasan  
Summary: In ancient India, a boy named Bhagat travels to the Rajah's city, hoping to ensure his family's prosperity by winning a place at court as a singer.

Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle  
Author: Cathy Ballou Mealy  
Illustrator: Kelly Collier  
Summary: Sloth and Squirrel are good friends, but when Squirrel gets them jobs as pickle packers to earn money for a new bike, things do not go according to plan.
Someone Builds the Dream
Author: Lisa Wheeler
Illustrator: Loren Long
Summary: Celebrates the skilled women and men who work to see the plans of architects, engineers, and designers brought to life.

Ten Beautiful Things
Author: Molly Beth Griffin
Illustrator: Maribel Lechuga
Summary: Lily is moving into her grandmother's farm in Iowa, and she is sad about all the changes necessary in her life--but on the long drive her grandmother challenges her to find ten beautiful things that they can share together.

XO, Exoplanet
Author: Deborah Underwood
Illustrator: Jorge Lacera
Summary: When Jupiter notices a planet circling a far star, he enlists the other planets in our solar system to send a letter, but soon there is a disagreement on which, exactly, is the exoplanet.