

A NORMAL PIG by K-Fai Steele

Pip is a normal pig who does normal stuff: cooking, painting, and dreaming of what she'll be when she grows up. But one day a new pig comes to school and starts pointing out all the ways in which Pip is different.

WHAT IS CHASING DUCK? by Jan Thomas

What is chasing Duck? Is it something wild and hairy? Does it have big teeth? Who will help protect Duck?

IF SHARKS DISAPPEARED by Lily Williams

A nonfiction picture book tracing the consequences of what would happen if sharks disappeared from our planet.

HOW TO GIVE YOUR CAT A BATH IN FIVE EASY STEPS by Nicola Winstanley

It only takes five easy steps to give the cat a bath, but there is only one problem: the cat has no intention of doing ANY of these steps! Soon it's not just the cat who needs a bath.

Lexile Grade

n/a PreK-1

330 1-2

AD 830 K-2

480 K-3

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FOR GRADES K-3

The Monarch Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades K-3 in participating Illinois schools and libraries.

CHOOSE A CHALLENGE:

1. Read or listen to at least three of this year's Monarch books, and vote for your favorite in February 2021 at the library. **OR**
2. Read or listen to all 20 Monarch books, vote for your favorite in February 2021, and **receive a free paperback book from the current list or a past Monarch list.** Return your completed Monarch Challenge form to the Kids & Teens Ask Us Desk by March 13, 2021.

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Book Selection (1st choice) _____

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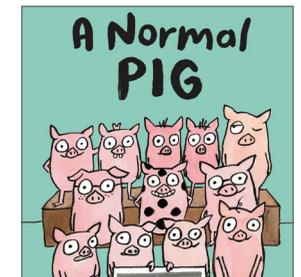
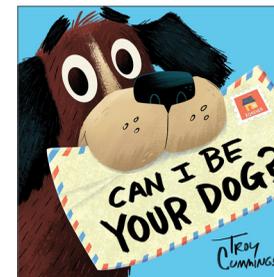
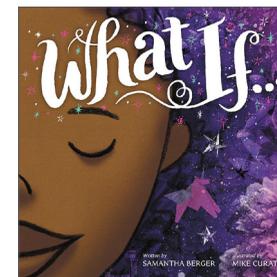
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DOUGLAS, YOU'RE A GENIUS! by Ged Adamson

Laugh along with a dog named Douglas and his pal Nancy in this silly follow-up to *Douglas, You Need Glasses!* as the friends execute outrageous plans to meet their neighbors.

⬇️ **THE UNDEFEATED** by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson

This 2020 Caldecott Medal and Newbery Honor book shares, through poetry, an inspiring celebration of African American heroes and regular folk in an ode to black American triumph and tribulation.

WHAT IF... by Samantha Berger

A child who likes to draw and write stories imagines what would happen if there were no pencils, paper, or other tools for being creative.

⬇️ **KING & KAYLA AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING DOG TREATS** by Dori Hillestad Butler

King's human, Kayla, has baked some treats for a friend's new puppy, Thor, but some go missing and it is up to King to find the culprit.

⬇️ **LET THE CHILDREN MARCH** by Monica Clark-Robinson

Tells the story of how under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., children and teenagers march against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.

CAN I BE YOUR DOG? by Troy Cummings

A dog looking for a home sends letters to prospective owners on Butternut Street, and receives surprising results.

PLANTING STORIES: THE LIFE OF LIBRARIAN AND STORYTELLER PURA BELPRE by Anika Denise

A picture book portrait of New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian describes how Pura Belpré moved to America in 1921 and became an influential writer and puppeteer who is celebrated for championing bilingual literature.

⬇️ **THE GOOD EGG** by Jory John

When the other eggs in his carton behave badly, the good egg feels like he needs to be perfect.

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AD 450 PreK-2

n/a 3-12

n/a PreK-3

440 K-3

650 K-3

530 PreK-2

860 K-3

AD 510 K-2

CUTE AS AN AXOLOTL: DISCOVERING THE WORLD'S MOST ADORABLE ANIMALS by Jess Keating

This book shares nature's cutest (albeit strangest) animals that have adapted in remarkable ways to survive in their unique environments, answers how cute can be more than just a pretty face.

UNDER MY HIJAB by Hena Khan

As a young girl observes how six women in her life wears their hijab and hair in different ways, she considers how to express her own style one day.

DRAWN TOGETHER by Minh Le

A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.

BE KIND BY PAT by Zietlow Miller

From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind, and how each act, big or small, can make a difference or at least help a friend.

THANK YOU, OMU! by Oge Mora

Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?

⬇️ **DREAMERS** by Yuyi Morales

Traces the journey the author, Yuyi Morales, and her son, telling their immigration story in this picture-book tribute to the transformative power of hope . . . and reading.

MY PAPI HAS A MOTORCYCLE by Isabel Quintero

When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known. She also sees a community that is rapidly changing around her.

THE SUN IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL by Nick Seluk

This funny and factual picture book explains every part of the Sun's big job: keeping our solar system together, giving Earth day and night, keeping us warm, and more. In fact, the Sun does so much for us that we wouldn't be alive without it. That's kind of a big deal.

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