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***A is for Art: an abstract alphabet*, written by Stephen T. Johnson. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008.**

Original works of art for each letter, together with playful, alliterative captions, create a unique reading experience. **XP 709.2**

***Big Plans* written by Bob Shea; illustrated by Lane Smith. Hyperion, 2008.**

In a comically exaggerated tale, a little boy sits in the corner of his classroom dreaming about big plans for his future. **XFICP Shea**

***Bubble Trouble* written by Margaret Mahy; illustrated by Polly Dunbar. Clarion Books, 2009.**

Mabel blows a bubble that captures Baby and wafts him away, resulting in a wild chase that involves the whole neighborhood. **XFICP Mahy**

***Buying, Training, and Caring for Your Dinosaur* written by Laura Joy Rennert; illustrated by Marc Brown. Knopf, 2009.**

Includes humorous instructions for choosing and caring for a pet dinosaur. **XFICP Rennert**

***Chrysanthemum* written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow Books, 1991.**

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it. **XFICP Henkes**

***First to Fly: How Wilbur and Orville Wright Invented the Airplane* written by Peter Busby; illustrated by David Craig. Crown, 2002.**

A look at the lives of the Wright brothers, from their childhood interest in flight, through their study of successful gliders and other flying machines, to their triumphs at Kitty Hawk and beyond. **XI 629.1300920**

***Gingerbread Cowboy* written by Janet Squires; illustrated by Holly Berry. Laura Geringer, 2006.**

A cowboy baked by the rancher's wife escapes from her and various critters in this "wild west" version of the popular folktale. **XP 398.2**

***I Stink!* written and illustrated by Jim and Kate McMullan. HarperCollins, 2002.**

A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini. **XFICP McMullan**

***M Is for Music* written by Kathleen Krull; illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Harcourt, 2003.**

An alphabet book introducing musical terms, from allegro to zarzuela. **XP 780.3**

***Make Way for Ducklings* written and illustrated by Robert McCloskey. Viking, 1941.**

A story about a mallard family who make their home near a pond in the Boston Public Garden. **XFICP McCloskey**

***The Mitten* written and illustrated by Jan Brett. Scholastic Press, 2009.**

A retelling of the traditional tale of how a boy's lost mitten becomes a refuge from the cold for an increasing number of animals. **XP 398.2094771**

***Otis* written and illustrated by Loren Long. Philomel Books, 2009.**

When a big new yellow tractor arrives, Otis the friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs, Otis is the only one who can help. **XFICP Long**

***Skippyjon Jones* written and illustrated by Judy Schachner. Dutton, 2003.**

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese cat with an overactive imagination who would rather be El Skippito, his Zorro-like alter ego. **XFICP Schachner**

***The Story of Ruby Bridges* written by Robert Coles; illustrated by George Ford. Scholastic, 1995.**

The true story of an extraordinary six-year-old who helped shape American history when she became the first African-American sent to first grade in an all-white school. **XP 292.211**