EXCELLENT 2009 CHOICES OF TRADE BOOKS FOR GRADES K-9

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Teachers who use children's literature as an integral part of their curriculum are challenged to keep abreast of newly published titles. Librarians who are supporting the classroom curriculum also have the same challenge. Part of my role as a consultant is to support teachers and librarians in their discovery of new titles. To do so I have compiled this list of excellent choices of trade books for kindergarten through ninth grade.

I have read all the books on the list with an eye toward classroom use. I receive thousands of review copies from the major children's trade publishers each year. This access allows me to select from a variety of choices. I may read from ten to fifteen titles to find one that will be on the list. The list that follows is offered to teachers and librarians to save them time, and money. The list is not intended to limit but to be a beginning for those who need to have some guidance.

Thousands of new books roll off the presses of the major children's publishers each year. To discover the best of these new books takes many hours. Too often, limited funds are spent on titles that may sound attractive in a catalogue but prove otherwise when ordered. Gaining access to new titles, reading the books, setting criteria for selection and matching the titles to the needs of the targeted students is a lengthy process.

I suggest a visit to your local library or children's book store to browse and read before purchases are made. When teachers and librarians make their own choices they will be enthusiastic about the books and that excitement will transfer to their students.

PICTURE BOOKS

Adler, David  IT’S TIME TO SLEEP, IT’S TIME TO DREAM
Alter, Anna  WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH AN OLD RED SHOE?
Arnold, Tedd  GREEN WILMA FROG IN SPACE
Ashman, Linda  COME TO THE CASTLE
Auch, Mary Jane & Herm  THE PLOT CHICKEN
Aliki  QUIET IN THE GARDEN
Baker, Keith  JUST HOW LONG CAN A LONG STRING BE?!
Banks, Kate  THAT’S PAPA’S WAY
Barash, Lynne.  FIRST COME THE ZEBRA
Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta  THE HOG PRINCE
Bauer, Marion D.  THE LONGEST NIGHT
Black, Michael  CHICKEN CHEEKS
Blev, Anette  A FRIEND
Bloom, Suzanne  A MIGHTY FINE TIME MACHINE
Blue, R. & Naden, C.  RON’G BIG MISSION
Blumenthal, Deborah  BLACK DIAMOND & BLAKE
Brenner, Tom  AND THEN COMES HALLOWEEN
Brendler, Carol.  WINNIE FINN, WORM FARMER.
Briant, Ed  IF YOU LIVED HERE YOU’D BE HOME BY NOW
Brown, Peter  THE CURIOUS GARDEN
Bruno, Elsa K.  PUNCTUATION CLEBRATION
Brown, Jason  TICKETY TOCK
Bunting, Eve  THE BANSHEE
Burningham, John  IT’S A SECRET
Bustos, Eduardo.  WILD ANIMALS!
Buzzeo, Toni  ADVENTURE ANNIE GOES TO WORK
Cali, D. & Bloch, S.  THE ENEMY: A BOOK ABOUT PEACE
Caswell, Deamma  FIRST BALLET
Chan, Yong.    A GIFT
Child, Lauren   WE ARE EXTREMELY VERY GOOD RECYCLERS
Chocolate, Debbi  EL BARRIO
Coffelt, Nancy   BIG, BIGGER, BIGGEST!
Cole, Henry   TRUDY
Cooper, Helen   DOG BISCUIT
Cordell, Matthew  TROUBLE GUM
Cruise, Robin.   BARTLEBY SPEAKS!
Crum, Shutta   THUNDER-BOOMER!
Crowther, Robert   POP-UP HOUSE OF INVENTIONS
Davies, Jacqueline  APRIL FOOL! WATCH OUT AT SCHOOL!
deGroat, Diane   RAF
de Vries, A. & Dematons, C.   ME WITH YOU
Dempsey, Kristy   TRICKING THE TALLYMAN
Dickinson, Rebecca  BELLA & BEAN
Doughty, Rebecca  OH NO! TIME TO GO! A BOOK OF GOODBYES
Dunbar, Joyce   ODDLY
Dunbar, Polly   WHERE’S TUMPTY?
Ehrlick, Amy   THE GIRL WHO WANTED TO DANCE
Emberley, R., A. & E.  THERE WAS AN OLD MONSTER!
Ericson, Jennifer   WHOO GOES THERE?
Faller, Regis   POLO AND THE MAGIC FLUTE
Faller, Regis   POLO AND THE DRAGON
Faller, Regis   POLO AND THE MAGICIAN!
Fearnley, Jan   MILO ARMADILLO
Fitzpatrick, Marie-Louise   THERE
Fleischman, Paul   THE DUNDERHEADS
Ford, C. & Holland, T.   OCEAN’S CHILD
Foreman, Michael   A CHILD’S GARDEN: A STORY OF HOPE
Fraser, Mary Ann   PET SHOP LULLABY
Friedman, Darlene   STAR OF THE WEEK
Fucile, Tony   LET’S DO NOTHING!
Gal, Susan   NIGHT LIGHTS
Gerstein, Mordicai   A BOOK
Gorbachev, Valeri   TURTLE’S PENGUIN DAY
Gorbachev, Valeri   DRAGON IS COMIN!
Gore, Leonid.   WHEN I GROW UP
Gourley, Robin   BRING ME SOME APPLES AND I’LL MAKE YOU A PIE
Graber, Janet.   MUKTAR AND THE CAMELS.
Gravet, Emily   SPELLS
Greenberg, David   ENCHANTED LIONS
Harrison, Joanna   GRIZZLY DAD
Hegamin, Tonya   MOST LOVE IN ALL THE WORLD
Henkes, Kevin   BIRDS
Heo, Yumi   TEN DAYS AND NINE NIGHTS
Hoberman, Mary Ann   ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES!
Hogrogian, Nonny   COOL CAT
Hest, Amy   LITTLE CHICK
Hopkinson, Deborah   HOME ON THE RANGE
Horacek, Petr.   STAGECOACH SAL
Horacek, Petr.   SUZY GOOSE AND THE CHRISTMAS STAR.
Hughes, Ted   MY BROTHER BERT
Isadora, Rachel   HAPPY BELLY, HAPPY SMILE
Johnson, D.B.   HENRY’S NIGHT
Johnston, Tony  MY ABUELITA
Josse, Barbara  ROAWR!
Kahn, Victoria  GOLDILICIOUS
Keats, Ezra Jack  REGARDS TO THE MAN IN THE MOON
Keller, Holly  MIRANDA’S BEACH DAY
Kellogg, Steven  THE PIED PIPER’S MAGIC
Kerr, Judith.  THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA.
Kladstrup, Kristin.  THE GINGERBREAD PIRATES.
Knapman, Timothy  MUNGO AND THE SPIDERS FROM SPACE
LaMarche, Jim  LOST AND FOUND
Landolf, Diane  WHAT A GOOD BIG BROTHER!
Lechner, John  THE CLEVER STICK
LeGuin, Ursula  CAT DREAMS
Lester, Helen  TACKY GOES TO CAMP
Lewis, Kim  SEYMOUR AND HENRY
Liao, Jimmy  WHEN THE MOON FORGOT
Lionni, Leo  THEODORE AND THE TALKING MUSHROOM
Lipson, Eden Ross  APPLESAUCE SEASON
London, Jonathan  LITTLE SWAN
Lowry, Lois  CROW CALL
Lucas, David.  CAKE GIRL.
Lyon, George Ella  SLEEPSONG
Mahy, Margaret  BUBBLE TROUBLE
Marlow, Layn  HURRY UP AND SLOW DOWN
Martin, B. & Sampson, M.  KITTY CAT, KITTY CAT, ARE YOU WAKING UP?
McGhee, Alison  SONG OF MIDDLE C
McGinnness, Lisa  B IS FOR BASEBALL
Melmed, Laura  HEART OF TEXAS: A LONE STAR ABC
Meschenmoser, Sebastian  WAITING FOR WINTER
Mitton, Tony  FARMER JOE AND THE MUSIC SHOW
Mobin-Uddin, Asma  A PARTY IN RAMADAN
Mora, Pat  BOOK FIESTA!
Myers, Walter Dean  LOOKING LIKE ME
Moser, Lisa.  KISSES ON THE WIND
Myers, Tim  LOOKING FOR LUNA
Na, Il Sung  A BOOK OF SLEEP
Napoli, Donna Jo.  THE EARTH SHOOK!
Newbery, Linda  POSY
Novak, Matt  THE EVERYTHING MACHINE
Obee, Ellen  WHO WOULD LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE?
O’Connor, Jane  FANCY NANCY TEA PARTIES
O’Connor, Sandra  FINDING SUSIE
Oppel, Kenneth  THE KING’S TASTER
Ormondroyd, Edward  THEODORE: THE ADVENTURES OF A SMUDGY BEAR
Ouellet, Debbie  HOW ROBIN SAVED SPRING
Palatini, Margie.  LOUSY ROTTEN STINKIN’ GRAPES
Parish, Herman  AMELIA BEDELLIA’S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Paterson, John Sr. and John Jr.  ROBERTO’S TRIP TO THE TOP
Paul, Ann W.  TORTUGA IN TROUBLE
Paul, Chris  LONG SHOT
Perez, Monica  CURIOUS GEORGE PLANTS A TREE
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