

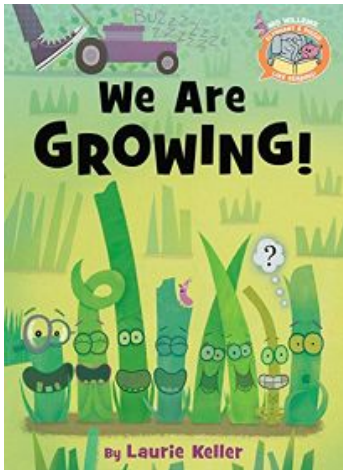


Easy Reader Books

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Keller, Laurie (2016). *We are growing!.* New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children.



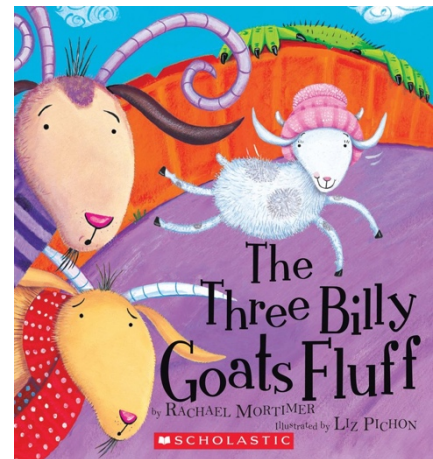
In this easy reader fictional book several pieces of grass begin to grow. Each grows at a different rate and once they have all grown, they all decide they are the best at something. However, before one can decide what he is the best at, the dreaded lawn mower comes and mows them down. For a moment they are sad and troubled but reminded that they will grow again.

This is a book about how everyone grows at different paces and how we are

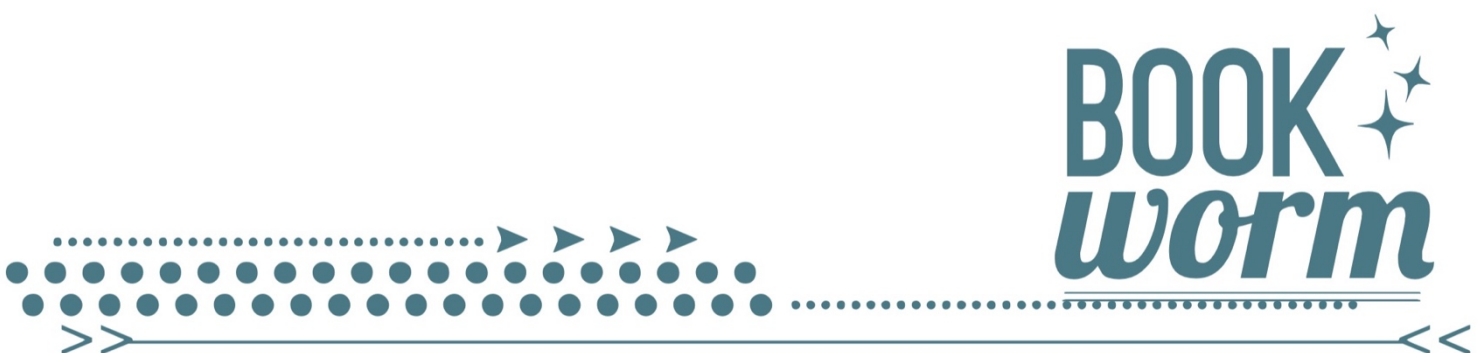
all good at something. A relatable read for young readers.

Mortimer, Rachael (2010). *The three billy goats fluff.* New York, NY: Scholastic Inc.

In this remake of the folktale, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, the three goats are actually used by their mother for their fluff, as she sells knitted fluffy items. They cross the bridge daily and the troll who lives there can't get any peace and quiet. The troll decides to tell the goats if he hears them again, he will eat them. The three goats become afraid, but their mother comes to the rescue with knitted booties for her youngsters and ear muffs for the troll. In the end, they all become friends and troll gets the best rest he's had under the bridge. This book is

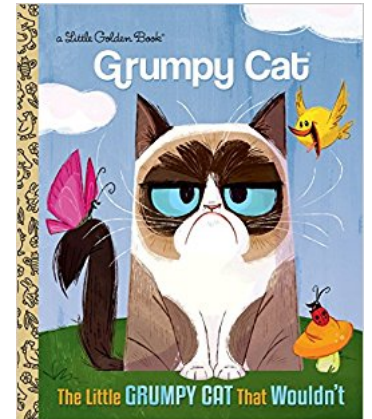


shows that we can all coexist and be friendly, it just takes a little time and effort.

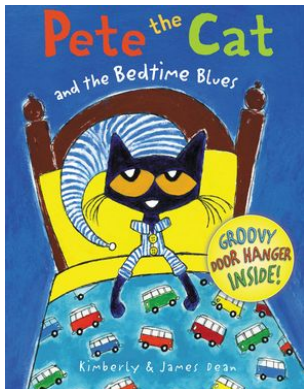


Golden Books (2016). *Grumpy cat: The little grumpy cat that wouldn't*. New York, NY: Golden Books.

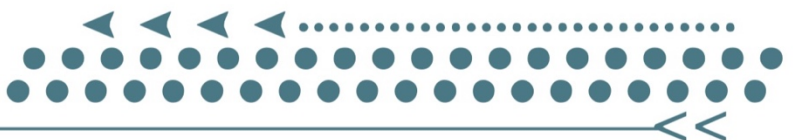
Grumpy Cat is known nationwide and now has found its way into a Golden Book. This easy reader begins with a cat who is grumpy. Despite efforts by all the friendly animals who happen by the cat, it continues to stay grumpy and doesn't want to do anything. Finally, at the end, the animals ask the cat to race and it appears the cat is going to race and stop being grumpy. However, that doesn't happen. The grumpy cat lets the others race off and is all alone which is what it wants. This book will invoke a laugh and cause the reader to question why the cat is so grumpy.



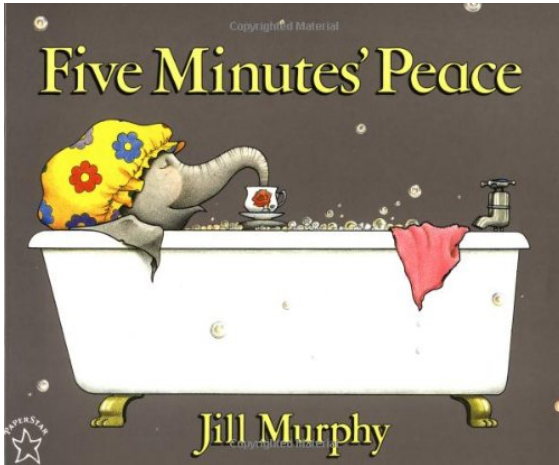
Dean, James, & Dean, Kimberly. (2015). *Pete the cat and the bedtime blues*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.



This story begins with Pete the Cat surfing with his friends on a sunny day. When the sun begins to go down, the crew doesn't want the fun to end, so Pete invites everyone over for a sleep over. However, once everyone is down to go to bed, one thing after another happens with each friend and it keeps Pete up. All the commotion is giving him the bedtime blues, but also an idea. He pulls out his favorite bedtime story and reads it aloud to everyone. Pretty soon everyone goes to sleep, including Pete. What an insightful book to read to a child before bed.



Murphy, Jill. (1986). *Five minutes' peace*. New York, NY: Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers.



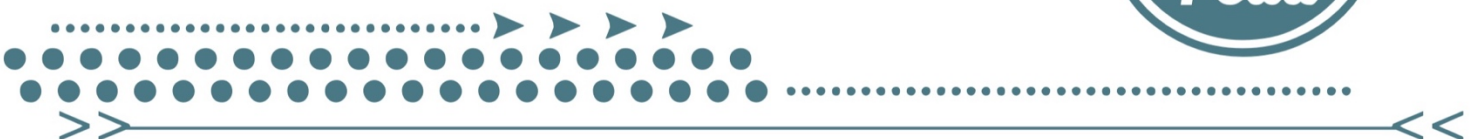
Mrs. Large, an elephant, tries to sneak away from her three children to a bubble bath with her tray of delightful breakfast, hot tea and newspaper. They question where she is going while they are having their own chaotic breakfast and she tells them she is going

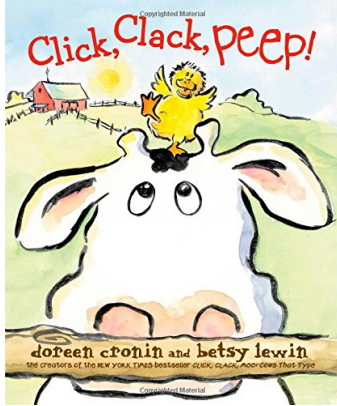
to the bathroom for five minutes' peace. She makes it upstairs and into the bath, but not long before the eldest son comes in and wants to play her a tune on his recorder. While listening to him, in comes the middle sister wanting to read a story to Mrs. Large. She listens but really wants them to go. Finally, in comes the baby brother with all his toys for her

bath. Somehow, they all end up in the bathtub with their mother and she is not happy. She manages to creep back downstairs where she enjoys her ALMOST five minutes' peace in a messy kitchen, with partly eaten toast and her newspaper. Every mother can relate to this children's book, but children can learn to empathize with their mothers wanting a break every now and then.

Cronin, Doreen. (2015). *Click, clack, peep!*. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

Duck is at it again in this easy reader book where a new baby duck is hatched on Farmer Brown's farm. The animals are excited until it's time for bed and the little duckling will



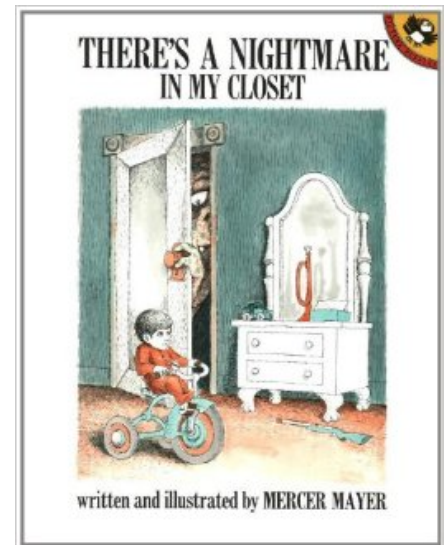


not go to sleep. Each animal tries something different, from singing a lullaby, shutting out the light, bundling her up in a blanket and rocking the little duck, but nothing works. Duck comes to the rescue and combines all these things together while using the tractor to rock her to sleep. Just like in the real world, Duck may not do it the way most would, but he gets the job done.

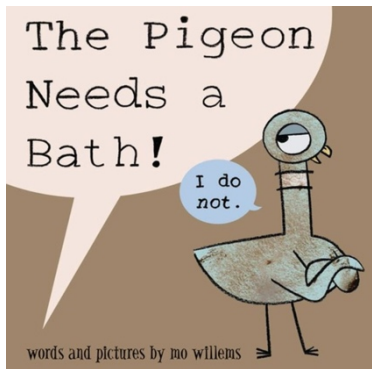
Mayer, Mercer. (1968). *There's a nightmare in my closet*. New York, NY: Penguin Putnam Books

for Young Readers.

This easy reader is a perfect book for beginner readers. A little boy tries to go to bed, but he knows there's a monster hiding in his closet and therefore cannot go to sleep. He decides to take matters into his own hands and stays awake one night, with his pop gun ready for the monster to come out. Once he does he threatens to shoot him. The monster gets scared himself and begins to cry. The young boy tells him to quieten down or he'll wake his parents. He ends up putting his nightmare in his bed, tucks him in, and shuts the closet door and they fall asleep together.



Willems, Mo. (2014). *The pigeon needs a bath!.* New York, NY: Hyperion Books.

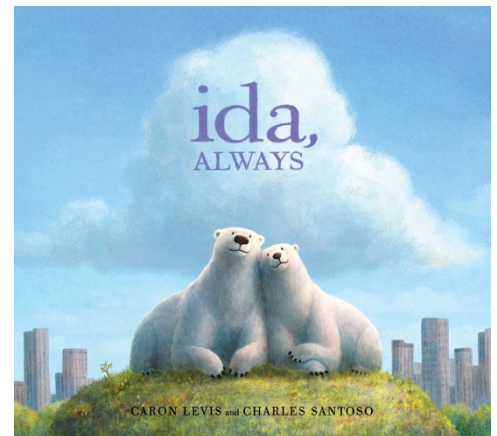


In this book, one of many in the series, the pigeon is refusing to take a bath. He tried every

excuse to avoid having to take a bath. He claims he took one last month, or that the water is too cold or too hot, he even tries to tell the reader that they need a bath. However, once he takes the plunge and gets in the bath, he doesn't ever want to leave. This is a humorous book that is relatable to children of every age and is very interactive.

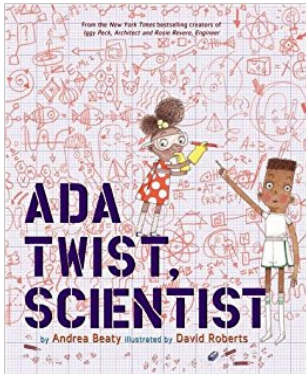
Levis, Caron. (2016). *Ida, always.* New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

Ida, Always is an extremely special book about death and loss of a close loved one. Gus and Ida are polar bears in a big zoo in the middle of a large city. They do everything together, from playing ball, swimming, chasing each other, and gazing upon this vast city. One day Ida sleeps in longer than normal and the zookeeper must let Gus know that Ida won't last much longer. They spend her last days together, and when she passes away Gus is left alone. However, he realizes she will always be with him, even when he can't see her. This book will bring a tear to the eye no matter what age and is the perfect books to discuss the sorrowful parts of life. This is a book that will become a staple for years to come.



Beaty, Andrea. (2016). *Ada twist, scientist*. New York, NY: Abrams Books for Young Readers.

This children's stem book shows how a little girl who doesn't speak till she is three, can ask so



many questions and have the heart of a scientist. She does lots of experiments and asks lots of questions and is so curious about the world around her. Her parents don't know what to think, but in the end, they change their world to revolve around helping Ada figure it out. This book allows kids to see that it's okay to ask questions and be inquisitive. It all begins somewhere.

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