

## EASY FICTION, *continued*

*Mitton, Tony. Dinosaurumpus E MIT*

A rhyming tale of Triceratops, Brontosaurus and Tyrannosaurus gathering at a swamp to dance.

*Pinkney, Andrea Davis, and Brian Pinkney.*

**Shake Shake Shake** *SE PIN*

A mother and her young children play with an African percussion instrument called a shekere.

*Pinkney, Brian.*

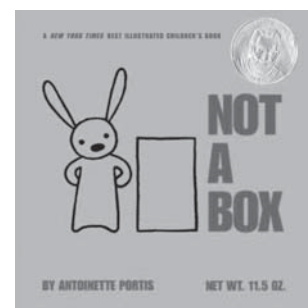
**Max Found Two Sticks** *E PIN*

Although he doesn't feel like talking, a young boy responds to questions by drumming.

*Portis, Antoinette.*

**Not a Box** *E POR*

To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.



*Raschka, Chris. Charlie Parker Played Be Bop E RAS*

The music of jazz saxophonist Charlie Parker is captured with syncopated text and bright illustrations.

*Say, Allen. Kamishibai Man E SAY*

An old Japanese storyteller and candyseller comes out of retirement to make his rounds once more.

*Schaefer, Carole Lexa. The Squiggle E SCH*

A girl finds a piece of string. In her mind, she turns it into a dragon's tail, fireworks, a storm cloud and more.

*Shaw, Charles.*

**It Looked Like Spilt Milk** *E SHA*

The white shape on a blue background changes on every page. Is it a rabbit, a bird, or just spilt milk?

*Smith, Dana Kessimakis.*

**A Brave Spaceboy** *E SMI*

A little boy about to move builds a rocket ship out of a box and pretends he is on a journey to Mars.

*Steig, William. Pete's a Pizza SE STE*

Pete feels miserable because rain prevents him from playing ball, but his father finds a fun indoor game.

*Walsh, Ellen Stoll. Mouse Paint E WAL*

Three white mice discover jars of red, blue and yellow paint and explore the world of color.

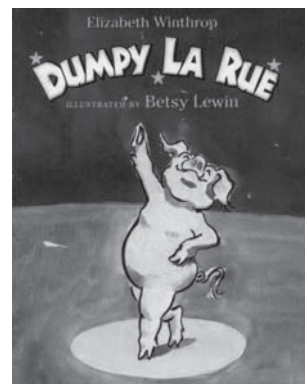
*Wheeler, Lisa.*

**Hokey Pokey: Another Prickly Love Story** *E WHE*

After a series of discouraging dance teachers, Cushion the porcupine finds his rhythm with his true love Barb.

*Williams, Karen Lynn. Galimoto E WIL*

Walking through his village, a young African boy finds the materials to make a special toy.



*Wilson, Karma. Hilda Must Be Dancing E WIL*

Hilda Hippo's dancing is too noisy, so Water Buffalo suggests she express herself with swimming.

*Winthrop, Elizabeth. Dumpy La Rue E WIN*

This rhyming story tells of a pig whose passion for dancing becomes contagious.

*Yolen, Jane. How Do Dinosaurs Learn Their Colors? SE YOL*

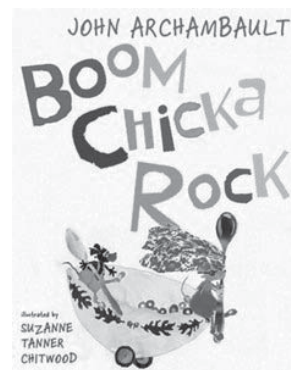
Illustrations and rhyming text show dinosaurs learning the names of all the colors of the rainbow.

## EASY NONFICTION

*These books are in the Easy Nonfiction section, organized by call number and then author's last name. (Note: Folktales and some story collections are actually shelved in nonfiction.)*

*Morales, Yuyi. Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book E398.2097 MOR*

Señor Calavera comes to take Grandma Beetle to the next life, but changes his mind after helping her count (in English & Spanish) as she prepares for her birthday party.



*Archambault, John. Boom Chicka Rock E513.211 ARC*

Twelve mice living in a cuckoo clock wander out to find birthday cake and have a party while the cat sleeps.

*Ashley, Bryan.*

**Let It Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals** *E782.253 LET*

The power of these beloved songs is shown through illustrations. Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award.

*Casterline, L. C. The Sounds of Music E784 CAS*

Learn about various musical instruments and the music they make.

*Frith, Margaret.*

**Frida Kahlo: The Artist Who Painted Herself** *EB KAH*

This biography of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is written as a school report with illustrations by Tomie de Paola.

*Harper, Wilhelmina. The Gunniwolf E398 HAR*

A little girl wanders deep into the jungle searching for flowers and is suddenly confronted by the gunniwolf.

*Hines, Anna Grossnickle.*

**Winter Lights: A Season in Poems and Quilts.** *E811.54 HIN*

Celebrate the lights that brighten the darkest season of our year.

*Hoberman, Mary Ann. There Once Was a Man Named*

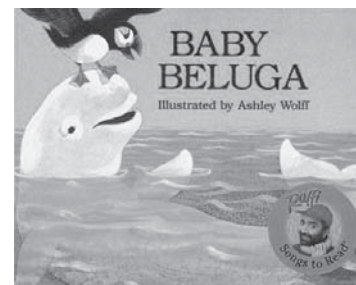
**Michael Finnegan** *E782.4216 HOB*

An elaborate version of the children's song about a man who creates a "din-igan" playing the "violin-igan."

*LaFosse, Michael G.*

**Making Basic Origami Shapes Step by Step** *E736.982 LAF*

This easy-to-follow book teaches kids to make basic origami shapes like a heart, a bookmark, and a flower.



*Raffi. Baby Beluga*

*E782.4216 RAF*

An illustrated text for a song about the little white whale that swims wild and free.

*Raffi. Rise and Shine*

*E782.4216 RAF*

Goes along with the song "This Little Light of Mine."

*Seeger, Pete. Abiyoyo E398.2109 SEE*

A boy and his father are welcomed back to town when they make the dreaded giant Abiyoyo disappear.

*Sís, Peter. Play, Mozart, Play! E780.92 SIS*

Learn about the child genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in this picture book tribute.

*Winter, Jonah. Dizzy EB GIL*

This is the story of trumpet player Dizzy Gillespie, who created a whole new kind of music, be bop.

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## Suggested Books for Young Readers or Reading Aloud



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*Ackerman, Karen. Song and Dance Man E ACK*

Grandpa demonstrates songs, dances, and jokes from his vaudeville days. Caldecott Medal, 1989.

*Arnold, Marsha Diane. Prancing Dancing Lily E ARN*

Lily's prancing and dancing disrupts the other cows, so she must travel the world looking for her place.

*Auch, Mary Jane. Peeping Beauty E AUC*

Poulette the dancing hen falls into the clutches of a hungry fox, who exploits her desire to be a ballerina.

*Aylesworth, Jim. Old Black Fly E AYL*

Follow a mischievous fly through the alphabet as he has a very bad day landing where he should not.

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*Ayres, Katherine. A Long Way* E AYR

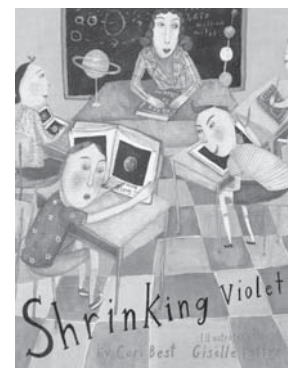
A girl delivers a gift to her grandma, transforming its box into a variety of vehicles as she goes.

*Beaumont, Karen. Baby Danced the Polka* SE BEA

It's nap time at the farm, but one un-sleepy baby has a different plan—baby wants to dance.

*Beaumont, Karen. I Ain't Gonna Paint No More* E BEA

Written to the rhythm of a familiar folk song, this is the tale of a child who can't resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.



*Best, Cari. Shrinking Violet* E BES

Shy Violet comes out of her shell when she is cast in a play about the solar system and saves the day.

*Birdseye, Tom.*

**Airmail to the Moon** E BIR

When the tooth she was saving for the tooth fairy disappears, Ora Mae sets out to find the thief and send him “airmail to the moon!”

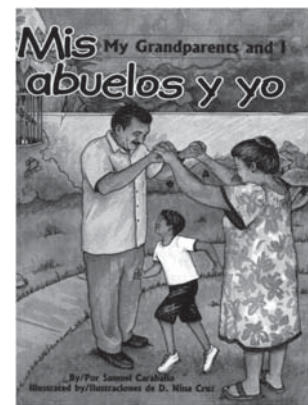
*Brett, Jan. Berlioz the Bear* E BRE

Berlioz the bear and his band are due to play at the ball, but the mule refuses to pull the wagon until a strange buzzing saves the day.

*Burton, Virginia Lee.*

**Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel** E BUR

Mike Mulligan proves that his steam shovel, although dated, is still useful. Also available in Spanish as “Mike Mulligan y su Máquina Maravillosa.”



*Caraballo, Samuel.*

**Mis Abuelos y Yo / My Grandparents and I** E CAR

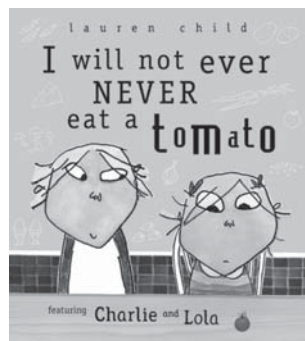
A Puerto Rican boy enjoys doing many special things with his grandparents throughout the year.

*Carle, Eric. Draw Me a Star* E CAR

An artist's drawing of a star begins the creation of a universe as each successive object wants more.

*Cauley, Lorinda Bryan. Clap Your Hands* E CAU

Rhyming text tells you to find something yellow, roar like a lion, spin in a circle and do other playful activities.



*Child, Lauren. I Will Not Ever*

**Ever Eat a Tomato** E CHI

A fussy eater decides to try carrots after her brother convinces her they are orange twiglets from Jupiter.

*Cox, Judy.*

**My Family Plays Music** E COX

A musical family with talent for playing a variety of instruments enjoys getting together to celebrate.

*Dewan, Ted. Crispin, the Pig Who Had It All* E DEW

Santa has left Crispin pig a mystery box that promises to be “the very best thing in the whole wide world.”

*Dillon, Leo, and Diane Dillon. Rap a Tap Tap: Here's*

**Bojangles—Think of That!** E DIL

Dancer Bill “Bojangles” Robinson was one of the most famous tap dancers of all time.

*Dr. Seuss. Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?* E SEU

Mr. Brown can make lots of noises.



*Ehlert, Lois. Leaf Man* E EHL

A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him.

*Ericsson, Jennifer.*

**A Piece of Chalk** E ERI

A little girl creates a chalk drawing on her driveway.

*Falconer, Ian. Olivia Forms a Band* E FAL

Olivia the hoofed heroine proves that she can be a one-piglet band.

*Fleischman, Paul. Lost! A Story in String* E FLE

A grandmother tells a story about a girl who uses her wits to find her way in the snow. Includes instructions for creating string figures mentioned in the story.

*Foley, Greg. Thank You Bear* E FOL

Despite the criticism of others, a bear finds the perfect gift for his mouse friend.



*Guback, Georgia.*

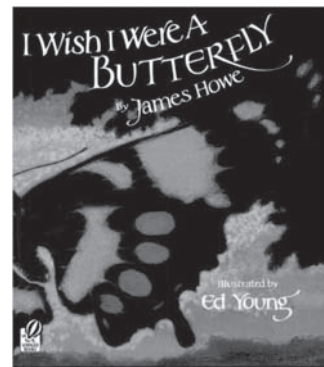
**Luka's Quilt** E GUB

Luka's grandmother makes a traditional Hawaiian quilt for her, but she and Luka disagree over the colors.

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*Hager, Sarah. Dancing Matilda* E HAG

Matilda dances through every part of her day.



*Hopkinson, Deborah.*

**Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt** E HOP

A young slave stitches a quilt with a map that guides her to freedom in the North.

*Howe, James. I Wish I Were a Butterfly* E HOW

A wise spider convinces a cricket to sing again.

*Hurd, Thacher. Mama Don't Allow* E HUR

Miles and the Swamp Band have the time of their lives playing at the Alligator Ball, until they discover that the menu includes Swamp Band soup.

*Jeffers, Susan. My Pony* E JEF

Sally asks her mother to reread the story about a girl who, after creating many paintings of the pony she hoped for, grew up to become an artist.

*Johnson, Angela. Violet's Music* E JOH

From the days she banged her rattle in the crib, Violet has been looking for friends to share her love of music.

*Johnson, Crockett. Harold and the Purple Crayon* E JOH

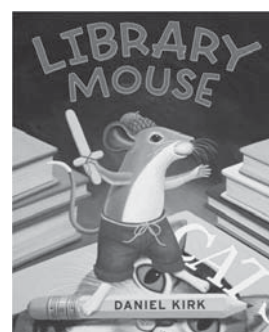
Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.

*Johnson, D. B. Eddie's Kingdom* E JOH

After Eddie draws a picture of his apartment building neighbors, they all begin to get along with each other.

*Johnston, Tony. Grandpa's Song* E JOH

When a young girl's beloved grandfather becomes forgetful, she helps him by singing their favorite song.



*Kirk, Daniel. Library Mouse* E KIR

Sam, a shy mouse who lives in a library, writes and illustrates stories which he places on the shelves.

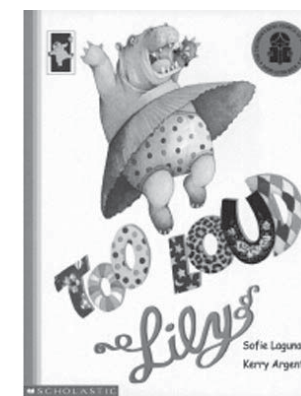
*Krosoczka, Jarrett J.*

**Punk Farm** E KRO

While Farmer Joe gets ready for bed, his animals tune their instruments to perform as the band Punk Farm.

*Laden, Nina. When Pigasso Met Mootisse* E LAD

Pigasso the pig and Mootisse the bull are neighbors whose fences become art masterpieces. Includes biographies of Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso.



*Laguna, Sofie.*

**Too Loud Lily** E LAG

Lily's family and friends often complain that she is too loud, but she's a hit in the school play.

*Lionni, Leo.*

**A Color of His Own** E LIO

A little chameleon is distressed that he doesn't have his own color like other animals. Also available in Spanish as “Su Proprio Color.”

*Lionni, Leo. Little Blue and Little Yellow* E LIO

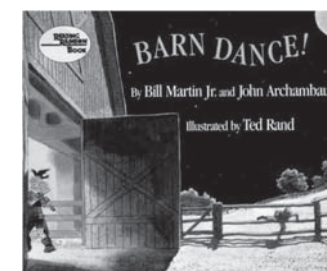
A little blue spot and a little yellow spot are best friends, and when they hug they become green.

*Lithgow, John. The Remarkable Farkle McBride* E LIT

Farkle tries a number of instruments before discovering that conducting the orchestra makes him happy.

*London, Jonathan. Froggy Plays in the Band* E LON

Froggy's marching band practices for their debut at the Apple Blossom Parade, hoping to win the big prize.



*Martin, Bill, and John*

*Archambault.*

**Barn Dance!** E MAR

Unable to sleep, a young boy follows the sound of music and finds an unusual barn dance in progress.

*McAllister, Angela. Harry's Box* E MACA

A boy and his dog spend an afternoon playing with a cardboard box and imagining that it has become all sorts of exciting things.

*McDonnell, Patrick. Art* E MACD

A rhyming tribute to budding young artists.

*McPhail, David. Drawing Lessons From a Bear* E MACP

In this book, good for reading aloud, a bear explains how he became an artist. Includes tips for drawing.

*Millman, Isaac. Moses Goes to a Concert* E MIL

Moses and his schoolmates, all deaf, attend a concert where the percussionist is also deaf. Includes illustrations in sign language and the manual alphabet.