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**Towed by Toad** by *Jashar Awan* E AWA

Toad and his tow truck are always on the move to lend a hand to anyone who needs help. Whether it's a flat tire or engine trouble, it's Toad to the rescue! Toad is so used to being the problem solver that when his tow truck breaks down, he does everything he can to fix it himself — and can't! What happens when the helper needs help?

**Ploof** by *Ben Clanton and Andy Chou Musser* E CLA

Ploof is a puffy cloud who's a little lonely. Can you help Ploof overcome their shyness? Play pretend? Make Ploof laugh with your funny faces, find their hiding spot or give them a high five! By following cues to say hello, clap, blow, shake, wave or make a funny face, young readers will be delighted to see the effects of their actions on Ploof.

**I Live in a Tree Trunk** by *Meg Fleming* E FLE

Readers will learn about porcupines, salamanders, groundhogs and more. When the rabbit, platypus and meerkat realize their homes share the same name, they can't believe it. "Are you for sure? I had NO clue!" becomes a catchy, energetic refrain readers will love chanting. The text invites you to predict what an animal is by using context clues and checking the endpapers to see if you guessed it right.

**Dig, Dig, Dinosaur** by *Anjali Goswami* E GOS

Dig, dig, dig through die-cut pages, as you follow three young explorers searching for dinosaur fossils. You'll find all kinds of fossils, learn about the dinosaurs they came from and then uncover a huge surprise with an amazing fold-out ending.

**Just One Flake** by *Travis Jonker* E JON

Determined to catch a perfect snowflake, Liam sticks out his tongue and tries a number of tricks, all to no avail. But, after giving it one last shot, he grabs one in an unexpected way.

**Mr. Fox's Game of "No!"** by *David LaRoche* E LAR

Can you beat Mr. Fox at his game of "No!"? The rules are simple: every time he asks a question, you must respond with "NO"! If you accidentally say "yes" then it's back to the beginning of the book for you!

**The Quiet Forest** by *Charlotte Offsay* E OFF

When a mischievous mouse's action causes a snowball effect and disrupts the peace of the other animals, it is up to the forest and a bear cub to help restore order and quiet once more.

**Peg Gets Crackin'** by *Jo Renfro* E REN

Peg the Egg is safe within her shell, and does not want to hatch, but sooner or later all little chicks must face the world.

**Simon and the Better Bone** by *Corey R. Tabor* E TAB

One day, down by the pond, Simon meets another dog just like him. And that dog has a bone just like his, only better. How will Simon ever get him to trade, when the other pup knows all the same tricks?

**Bear's Lost Glasses** by *Leo Timmers* E TIM

Bear has lost his glasses and walks to his friend Giraffe's house, where he thinks he left them. On the way over, Bear sees all kinds of animals he didn't notice last time: an elephant, a crocodile, a flamingo, a deer. And who's this long spotty snake lying on Giraffe's deck chair?

