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Every Monday Mabel by *Jashar Awan* E AWA

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POP! Goes the Nursery Rhyme by *Betsy Bird and Andrea Tsurumi* E BIR

The sensible Secretary Bird wants nothing more than to properly narrate a classic nursery rhyme book. But something is afoot in the orderly land of nursery rhymes when a zippy little Weasel bursts into every scene! Can the Secretary Bird put an end to the chaos?

Broken by *X. Fang* E FAN

After Mei Mei breaks Ama's favorite cup, she fears her grandmother's anger and hides the truth. When the family cat Mimi is blamed instead, Mei Mei's guilt grows until she finally confesses, learning honesty is the best choice.

Let's Be Bees by *Shawn Harris* E HAR

A father and child play make-believe as a variety of animals, plants and forces of nature. Complete with all kinds of funny sounds, this book will make you want to say "again!"

I Hate Everything! by *Sophy Henn* E HEN

With his friend's help, a grumpy ghost discovers that he maybe does not hate everything after all.

Go, Go, Dodo! by *Huw Lewis-Jones and Fred Blunt* E LEW

A carefree dodo walks through the jungle, completely unaware of the dangers around him and the hungry tiger in close pursuit.

Shmoof by *Heidi McKinnon* E MCK

A dog named Shmoof is eager to befriend a cat named Floof. But Floof isn't ready to be best friends. They don't have anything in common. Until their fear of a very scary household item is the only thing that unites them.

Rory: The Remarkable Dragon by *Kathryn Rammell* E RAM

Rory isn't like the other dragons. She's a remarkable dragon and she stands out from all the other dragons at school. Rory quickly becomes the most popular student in class, thanks to her unique abilities that other dragons don't seem to possess. But the principal is certain something is off about Rory and wants to uncover the truth about this star student.

The Man Who Didn't Like Animals by *Deborah Underwood and LeUyen Pham* E UND

There once was a man who loved his tidy home and who didn't like animals. Then one day, a cat appeared. The man and the cat both liked napping, watching the rain and eating dinner precisely at six. Well, maybe this one animal could stay. Next came a dog...

E-I-Ufo: Old MacDonald Had a Farm by *Zach Von Zonk and Benjamin Chaud* E VON

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