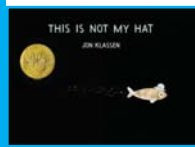
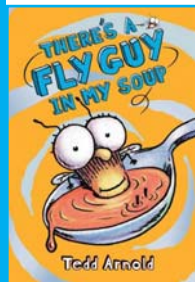


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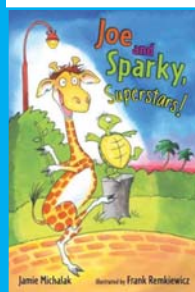
**This is Not My Hat** by Jon Klassen.  
PIC KLASSEN.

In this Newbery award winner, a small minnow steals a hat from a larger fish. Certain of his get-away, the minnow brags about his crime. Will the larger fish have his justice in the end?



**There's a Fly Guy in My Soup\*** by Todd Arnold. EASY LEVEL 1 ARNOLD.

When Buzz and the family dine at a fancy restaurant, Fly Guy is denied entrance. Fly Guy's search for an alternative is sidetracked by a scrumptious soup resulting in a recipe for humor and mayhem.



**Joe and Sparky Superstars!\*** by Jamie Michalak. EASY LEVEL 3 MICHALA.

Joe the giraffe can run fast, wiggle his ears, and touch his nose with his tongue. He needs to help Sparky the turtle find his hidden talent so they can be on the show "What a Pair."



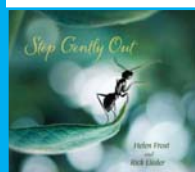
**Jazz Age Josephine** by Jonah Winter.  
PIC WINTER.

The art and words in this picture book biography of Josephine Baker will make readers want to dance. Repetition, rhyme, and sound words make it great to share with early readers.



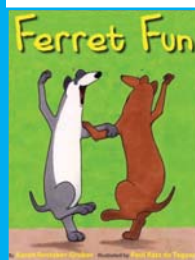
**Bink & Gollie, Two for One\*** by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee. EASY LEVEL 3 DICAMIL.

Bink and Gollie visit the state fair. Bink tries to win a prize at the Whack a Duck booth and Gollie tries to win the talent competition.



**Step Gently Out** by Helen Frost and Rick Lieder. 811.54 F9395.

With poetic language and close-up photos of everyday insects, readers explore the small creatures that surround them.

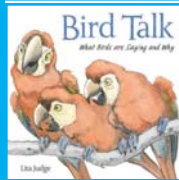


**Ferret Fun** by Karen Rostoker-Gruber.  
PIC ROSTOKE.

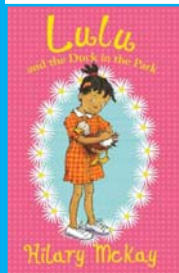
Fudge and Einstein's owner brings a visitor—a cat. The cat is smart enough to open their cage. Are they smart enough to keep the cat from eating them?



**Nina in That Makes Me Mad!: A Toon Book** by Hilary Knight. EASY LEVEL 2 KNIGHT. Nina tells us all the things that make her mad in this hilarious cartoon styled book.



**Bird Talk: What Birds are Saying and Why** by Lita Judge. 598.1594 J926. Did you know that an American Robin sings hundreds of different songs? Learn how birds communicate using sounds and body language.



**Lulu and the Duck in the Park\*** by Hilary McKay. INT MACKAY. Lulu has a knack with animals, but Mrs. Holiday is not fond of them in Class Three. When Lulu finds animals desperately needing rescue she knows she must help, but what about the classroom rule of no more animals?



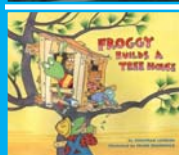
**Cats vs Dogs** by Elizabeth Carney. EASY LEVEL 3 CARNEY. Some people like cats and some like dogs. This book compares the two using information and photos.



**Mrs. Noodlekugel\*** by Daniel Pinkwater. INT PINKWAT. Nick and Maxine meet Mrs. Noodlekugel who lives in a little house surrounded by tall apartment buildings. She has a cat that talks and mice that are farsighted.



**Black Beauty and the Thunderstorm\*** by Susan Hill. EASY LEVEL 3 HILL. There is a terrible storm and young Dolly has rushed out to rescue her cat and gotten lost. Black Beauty is the only one that can save her.



**Froggy Builds a Tree House\*** by Jonathan London. PIC LONDON. Froggy and friends build a tree house. He says "No girls allowed!" Frogilina knows just what to bring to make Froggy let her come up too.

**\*Part of a series.**

## Reading Tips

After your child has sounded out an unfamiliar word, have him/her reread the sentence. Often they spend so much time figuring out a word they forget what they just read.

Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story. It will help your child understand the words on the page.

