

Wordless Books for all Ages

Mirror by: Jeannie Baker

E BAK

In Sydney, Australia, and in Morocco, two boys and their families have a day of shopping. Readers are invited to compare illustrations in two wordless stories that are intended to be read one from left to right and the other from right to left.

Zoom by: Istvan Banyai

E BAN

A wordless picture book presents a series of scenes, each one from farther away, showing, for example, a girl playing with toys which is actually a picture on a magazine cover, which is part of a sign on a bus, and so on.

Re-Zoom by: Istvan Banyai

E BAN

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Clown by: Quentin Blake

E BLA

After being discarded, Clown makes his way through town having a series of adventures as he tries to find a home for himself and his other toy friends.

The Snowman by: Raymond Briggs

E BRI

When his snowman comes to life, a little boy invites him home and in return is taken on a flight high above the countryside.

Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad by: Henry Cole

E COL

In this wordless picture book, a young Southern farm girl discovers a runaway slave hiding behind the corn crib in the barn and decides to help him.

Truck by: Donald Crews

E CRE

Follows the journey of a truck from loading to unloading.

Good Dog, Carl by: Alexandra Day

E DAY

Lively and unusual things happen when Carl the dog is left in charge of the baby.

Carl's Birthday by: Alexandra Day

E DAY

Carl the rottweiler and the toddler in his care watch the preparation for Carl's surprise birthday party.

Carl Goes Shopping by: Alexandra Day

E DAY

Carl, the family dog, is left in charge of the baby while his owner goes to the upstairs level in a shopping center. Carl and the baby have a wonderful time exploring the lower level.

Follow Carl! by: Alexandra Day

E DAY

Children barking at a squirrel in a tree? Carrying sticks in their mouths? Begging for food? Who could be responsible for such silly shenanigans except everybody's favorite baby-sitter, Carl, who takes a group of neighborhood children on a lively game of Follow the Leader.

Pancakes for Breakfast by: Tomie DePaola

E DEP

A little old lady's attempts to have pancakes for breakfast are hindered by a scarcity of supplies and the participation of her pets.

Sidewalk Circus by: Paul Fleischman

E FLE

A young girl watches as the activities across the street from her bus stop become a circus.

Oops by: Arthur Geisert

E GEI

Depicts, in wordless illustrations, how a little spilled milk led to the destruction of the pig family's house.

Dots, Spots, Speckles, and Stripes by: Tana Hoban

E HOB

Photographs show dots, spots, speckles, and stripes as found on clothing, flowers, faces, animals, and other places.

I Read Symbols by: Tana Hoban

E HOB

Introduces signs and symbols frequently seen along the highway.

More, Fewer, Less by: Tana Hoban

E HOB

Photographs illustrate groupings of objects in larger and smaller numbers.

Gem by: Holly Hobbie

E HOB

Through her watercolor paintings, the author vividly depicts the journey of a toad in its natural habitat, from early springtime mud to the lily pads of summer, in this nearly wordless book about survival and renewal.

Wave by: Suzy Lee

A wordless picture book that shows a little girl's first experiences at the beach, as she goes from being afraid of the roaring waves to playing on the shore while gulls soar overhead.

Museum Trip by: Barbara Lehman

E LEH

In this wordless picture book, a boy imagines himself inside some of the exhibits when he goes on a field trip to a museum.

Rainstorm by: Barbara Lehman

In this wordless picture book, a boy finds a mysterious key which leads him on an adventure one rainy day.

The Red Book by: Barbara Lehman

E LEH

The red book crosses oceans and continents to deliver one girl into a new world of possibility, where a friend she's never met is waiting.

A Boy, A Dog, and A Frog by: Mercer Mayer

EASY READER MAY

Tells in pictures a boy's unsuccessful attempts to catch a frog.

Four Hungry Kittens by: Emily Arnold McCully

E MCC (CHILDREN'S)

In this wordless story, four kittens share adventures while their mother is away hunting food.

Picnic by: Emily Arnold McCully

E MCC

A little mouse gets lost on the way to a family picnic.

Bow-Wow Bugs a Bug by: Mark Newgarden

E NEW

A wordless picture book about a persistent terrier who spends a day following a bug through his neighborhood.

Wonder Bear by: Tao Nyeu

Two kids, a packet of seeds, a night to dream, and a bear with magical powers have a day full of adventures in this wordless story.

The Lion and the Mouse by: Jerry Pinkney

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In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

A Ball for Daisy by: Christopher Raschka

E RAS

A wordless picture book about all the fun a dog can have with her ball.

Time Flies by: Eric Rohmann

A wordless tale in which a bird flying around the dinosaur exhibit in a natural history museum has an unsettling experience when the dinosaur seems to come alive and view the bird as a potential meal.

The Hero of Little Street by: Gregory Rogers

E ROG

When a boy being chased through present-day London seeks refuge in the National Gallery, a dog escapes from the painting of one Dutch master and together they leap into the painting of another, where their adventures in seventeenth-century Delft are a prelude to returning to London and continuing the chase.

Bright Lights and Starry Nights by: Andy Runton

E RUN

On a slightly scary camping trip to study stars in the night sky, Owly and Wormy make new friends.

Friends all Aflutter by: Andy Runton

E RUN

Good friends Owly and Wormy are disappointed when their new plant attracts fat, green, bug-like things, instead of butterflies, until a metamorphosis occurs.

Owly: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer (v. 1) by: Andy Runton

J RUN v. 1, v. 2, v. 3

Owly and Wormy extend a helping hand to a family of bluebirds and learn the value of true friendship.

Where's Walrus? by: Stephen Savage

E SAV

In this wordless picture book, follow Walrus on a happy-go-lucky spree through the big city, as he tries on different hats to disguise himself from the chasing zookeeper.

Jack Wants a Snack by: Pat Schories

Jack the dog discovers that he is not the only uninvited guest at a tea party.

When Jack Goes Out by: Pat Schories

E SCH

Jack the dog plays happily in his backyard with visitors from outer space, but is not so sure that he wants to go home with them.

The Arrival by: Shaun Tan

J TAN & TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL TAN

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family

Chalk by: Bill Thomson

E THO

A wordless picture book about three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that come to life.

Chicken and Cat by: Sara Varon

E VAR

When Cat feels sad about living in the hustle and bustle of the city, Chicken finds colorful ways to make Cat feel better.

Ben's Bunny Trouble by: Daniel Wakeman

E WAK

When Ben decides that the city is not the best place for his bunnies to live, he embarks on an out-of-this-world journey to find them a better home.

Flotsam by: David Wiesner

E WIE

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam.

Sector 7 by: David Wiesner

E WIE

While on a school trip to the Empire State Building, a boy is taken by a friendly cloud to visit Sector 7, where he discovers how clouds are shaped and channeled throughout the country.

Tuesday by: David Wiesner

E WIE

Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.