3-8 years

Recommendations for one-of-a-kind picture books



NARWHALICORN AND JELLY

AUTHOR: Ben Clanton

PUBLISHING HOUSE: Tundra Books

When Jelly wonders what a unicorn is, Narwhal explains that they are pretty much narwhals of the land (!)—and then gets carried away with a grand plan to see one.



THE WOLF SUIT

AUTHOR: Sid Sharp

PUBLISHING HOUSE: Annick Press

Bellwether Riggwelter is, once again, out of blackberries. This time, rather than tiptoe through a forest full of predators, he comes up with a new plan. He will keep himself safe by blending in-he will sew a Wolf Suit! Will his plan work? A poetic and beautifully illustrated picture book



THE STARS

AUTHOR: Jacques Goldstyn **PUBLISHING HOUSE:** Greystone Kids

Yakov is constantly reading about space and dreams of becoming an astronaut. One day he meets Aïcha; they start looking for constellations together and marvelling at the night sky. But both of their fathers forbid the pair from spending time together. A touching picture book that celebrates how science can unite us.



THIS IS A POEM THAT HEALS FISH

AUTHOR: Jean-Pierre Siméon & Olivier Tallec PUBLISHING HOUSE: Enchanted Lion Books

Is there anyone on this planet who can explain to Arthur what a poem is? From his grandparents to his neighbour Mahmoud to the baker, everyone seems to have a different answer! Poem is such a mysterious word, but Arthur needs to figure it out fast if he wants to save his sick fish, Leon. A charming book for introducing children to poetry.





WE ARE IN A BOOK!

AUTHOR: Mo Willems
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Scholastic

In this hilarious interactive book, best friends Gerald and Piggie suddenly get the sense they are being watched, then are baffled to discover that they are characters in a book! They can even make the reader say "banana," a word that tickles them pink.



THE LITTLE PIG, THE BICYCLE, AND THE MOON

AUTHOR: Orbie & Pierrette Dubé
PUBLISHING HOUSE:

Rosie is convinced that riding a bike will be a piece of cake—that is, until she sneaks out to try it for herself. Every night, watched over by her friend the moon, she tries again and again, and after each failure, she learns something new. A clever and funny story that will appeal to all readers, but especially those learning to ride a bike.



WHERE'S THE BABOON?

AUTHOR: Michael Escoffier & Kris Di Giacomo
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Enchanted Lion Books

A playful book that takes a fresh approach to language and reading. Wordplay takes centre stage in this one-of-a-kind story, which encourages young readers to take a closer look at its delightful illustrations.



THE SNAIL WITH THE RIGHT HEART: A TRUE STORY

AUTHOR: Maria Popova & Ping Zhu
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Enchanted Lion Books

A retired scientist stumbles upon a highly unusual garden snail: its shell spirals from left to right instead of from right to left. Filled with humour and striking illustrations, this picture book on the wonders of evolution will inspire deep reflection about uniqueness, love, and the beauty of the universe.



