



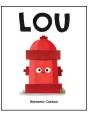
# Children's Booklist 2025: Read-alouds for Grades 2-3 Grades 2-3



# One Day This Tree Will Fall

by Leslie Barnard Booth A tree's life story is told from its beginnings as a seed to its survival in the wilderness until it finally falls, but continues its life as a log, an animal habitat, and finally

decomposes to provide nutrition for future trees.

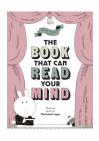


# Lou

by Breanna Carzoo

Meet Lou. Lou has an important job... as the neighborhood toilet for dogs on their walks. Useful as he may be, he gets the feeling that deep down inside, there might be more to him than that. He just doesn't seem to know exactly what yet. When disaster strikes, will

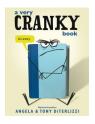
Lou find out what he's made of and save the day?



# The Book That Can Read Your Mind

by Marianna Coppo Inspired by 17th-century magic books, this interactive game-in-a-book stars magician Lady Rabbit, who can READ YOUR MIND, and invites readers to pick a member of the magician's adorable audience, then the book

will guess who it is!



# A Very Cranky Book

by Angela DiTerlizzi

A snarky tale of a very cranky book that might not be so cranky after all. Cranky doesn't want to be read. He just wants you to leave him alone. But when other books show up for story time, will Cranky change his mind?



# They're So Flamboyant

by Michael Genhart

This funny ode to individuality, community, and harmony follows the reactions of a neighborhood full of birds when a "flamboyance" of flamingos moves in. A gaggle of geese, a dole of doves, a charm of finches, a brood of chickens (and more!)

have their feathers ruffled and express their apprehension about the new and different arrivals.



#### How This Book Got Red

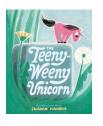
by Margaret Chiu Greanias
Red, a red panda who never gets to read
about pandas like herself, only the black and
white kind, decides to write her own story to
share with the world!



# Spider in the Well

by Jess Hannigan

Breaking News: Wishing Well Broken! The townspeople of Bad Göodsburg are up in arms. With their beloved well busted, none of their important, generous, kindhearted wishes are coming true! Time to send that good-for-nothing Newsboy to investigate...



#### The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn

by Shawn Harris

Tired of being small in a family of extra-large unicorns, Teeny-Weeny Unicorn runs away from home, but a chance encounter with an opinionated gnome makes him wonder if he's teeny weeny--or just the right size.

# Read-alouds

# Grades 2-3



### Flat Cat

by Tara Lazar

Born flat, Flat Cat can roam anywhere he pleases, keen and unseen, until one day, he accidentally falls into the wash and emerges from the dryer puffy and downright fluffy!



# Do Not Open This Book for Eternity

by Andy Lee

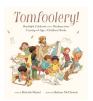
Take a hilarious trip through time with a reluctant tour guide. Readers will delight in doing exactly what they are asked NOT to do.



# **Just Try One Bite**

by Adam Mansbach

The tables are turned when three children try to get their picky eater parents to try just one bite of healthy whole foods, with hilarious results.



# Tomfoolery!: Randolph Caldecott and the Rambunctious Coming-of-Age of Children's Books

by Michelle Markel

This rollicking romp through the history of children's books--their art and their joy--introduces readers to Randolph Caldecott,

the artist who revolutionized picture book illustration.



#### **Luna's Green Pet**

by Kirsten Pendreigh

A young girl named Luna circumvents her apartment building's no-pet policy by rescuing a houseplant which she names Stephanie.



# **Lucky Duck**

by Greg Pizzoli

In this clever story about finding luck when you least expect it, Susan the duck, with her roller skates too big, her favorite marble lost and no pickles, is approached by Wolf with a gift she's won, making her wonder if her luck has turned around.



# **Angela's Glacier**

by Jordan Scott

Growing up in the shadow of a glacier that's always there to listen, Angela returns to visit her ancient icy friend when her heart doesn't sound right anymore, in this moving

story about loving nature and allowing it to love you in return.



# Roy Is Not a Dog

by Esmé Shapiro

On Lilypod Lane, everyone knows everything about everybody... or so they believe! When curious paperboy Weasel encounters his mysterious neighbor Roy on his route, he becomes convinced that Roy is actually a dog! But when his friend Pam Pam

disagrees, Weasel must put on his detective cap and do his best sleuthing to reveal Roy's extraordinary secret.



#### **Don't Trust Fish**

by Neil Sharpson

A supposed nature guide humorously warns readers why they should never trust fish, exploring their mysterious and villainous nature.



### **Piece Out**

by Alex Willan

Red is alone on the living room floor, far from the safety of the game closet. After almost being devoured by a ravenous robot

(a.k.a. the vacuum cleaner), Red embarks on the dangerous journey home. There will be perils--a transparent cliffside to climb, hanging forests to conquer, and the beastly Lady Flufferton (a.k.a. the family dog) to escape. But in this action-packed, humorous story, Red learns from mistakes and discovers that nothing is impossible.



# I Want to Be Spaghetti!

by Kiera Wright-Ruiz

Even from Ramen's small shelf in the supermarket, they see spaghetti propaganda everywhere. They want to be celebrated, too. Maybe, Ramen misguidedly thinks, I

have to change to be loved like that. "I want to be spaghetti!" they proclaim to the dismay of the rest of the instant noodle section.



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