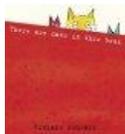


Metafiction

Check out these great books about books! These books can contain a story within a story, have characters that know they are in a book, or have the author refer to the reader.

Pop Up Books



Schwarz, Viviane. [There are cats in this book](#)

The reader is invited to lift the flaps and follow the cats as they play with yarn, boxes, pillows, and fish. (POP UP SCH)



Schwarz, Viviane. [Is There a Dog in This Book?](#)

Cats Tiny, Moonpie, and André begin to suspect that a dog is in their midst and embark on a furry game of hide-and-seek. (POP UP SCH)

Picture Books



Ahlberg, Allan. [The Pencil](#)

A lonely pencil timidly draws a boy, a dog, and other items but soon faces a problem as his creations begin demanding changes, and when he draws an eraser to make them happy, the real trouble begins. (PICTURE BOOK AHL)



Barnett, Mac. [Chloe and the Lion](#)

Mac, the author, fires Adam, the illustrator, over their artistic differences about Chloe, the main character of their book, until Mac realizes both of their talents are needed and they must work together or their story about Chloe will never be finished. (PICTURE BOOK BAR)



Barnett, Mac. [How this Book was Made: Based on a True Story](#)

Presents the journey of a book's creation, from its initial writing and illustrating to its misadventures with pirates and an angry tiger. (PICTURE BOOK BAR)



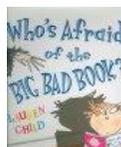
Bingham, Kelly L. [Z is for Moose](#)

Moose, terribly eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, then awfully disappointed when his letter passes, behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him. (PICTURE BOOK BIN)



Byrne, Richard. [This Book Just Ate My Dog!](#)

When her dog disappears into the gutter of the book, Bella calls for help. But when the helpers disappear too, Bella realizes it will take more than a tug on the leash to put things right. (PICTURE BOOK BYR)



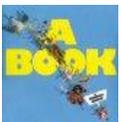
Child, Lauren. [Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?](#)

A boy who loves books but has not always treated them well falls asleep and finds himself in his book of fairy tales, where his interaction with everyone from Goldilocks to Cinderella wreaks havoc. (PICTURE BOOK CHI)



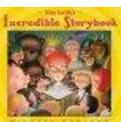
Freedman, Deborah. [The Story of Fish & Snail](#)

Every day, Snail waits for Fish to return and tell him a story but their friendship is tested when Fish asks Snail to take a leap out of their book to actually see a new pirate book in the library. (PICTURE BOOK FRE)



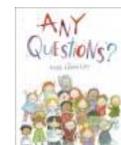
Gerstein, Mordicai. [A Book](#)

"Once in a book by Mordicai Gerstein ... there lived a family of characters." This is the tale of one little girl's search for her own story. (PICTURE BOOK GER)



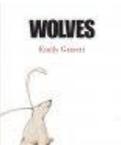
Garland, Michael. [Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook](#)

When the new teacher, Miss Smith, reads to her class, Zack and his classmates are amazed to find that the storybook characters come to life. (PICTURE BOOK GAR)



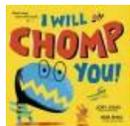
Gay, Marie-Louise. [Any Questions?](#)

Answers many of the questions the author receives from children on writing, including where she gets her ideas, how she learned to draw, and how many books she can write in one day. (PICTURE BOOK GAY)



Gravett, Emily. [Wolves](#)

When a young rabbit checks out a library book about wolves, he learns much more about their behavior than he wanted to know. (PICTURE BOOK GRA)



John, Jory. [I Will Chomp You!](#)

A monster tries to chomp any reader who wants to go past the first page of the book in order to keep his cakes safe. (PICTURE BOOK JOH)



Lehman, Barbara. [The Red Book](#)

A book about a book, a magical red book, without any words, and the friendship that develops around it. (PICTURE BOOK LEH)



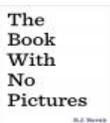
Lehrhaupt, Adam. [Please, Open This Book!](#)

The monkeys, apes, and other animals appearing in a book, excited to be "saved" when someone opens the book to begin reading it, they soon beg the reader not to close them in again. (PICTURE BOOK LEH)



Macaulay, David. [Black and White](#)

Four brief "stories" about parents, trains, and cows, or is it really all one story? The author recommends careful inspection of words and pictures to both minimize and enhance confusion. (PICTURE BOOK MAC)



Novak, B.J. [The Book with no Pictures](#)

A silly read-aloud book that combines a deliberately image-free format with wacky nonsense text, goofy song lyrics, and more. (PICTURE BOOK NOV)



O'Malley, Kevin. [Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude](#)

Cooperatively writing a fairy tale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold. (PICTURE BOOK OMA)



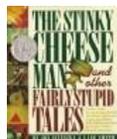
Robinson, Michelle. [The Forgetful Knight](#)

A forgetful narrator tries to tell the tale of a knight's duel with a dragon, and remembers a very important thing along the way. (PICTURE BOOK ROB)



Schwarz, Viviane. [There are no cats in this book!](#)

Filled with the spirit of adventure, three cats pack their suitcases and try to escape from their book. (PICTURE BOOK SCH)



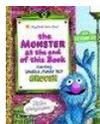
Scieszka, Jon. [The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales](#)

Provides madcap versions of children's favorite tales including "Little Red Running Shorts," "The Princess and the Bowling Ball," and "Cinderumpelstiltskin" (PICTURE BOOK SCI)



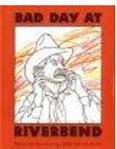
Stein, David Ezra. [Interrupting Chicken](#)

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale. (PICTURE BOOK STE)



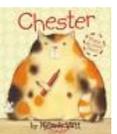
Stone, Jon. [The Monster at the End of this Book](#)

Grover worries page by page about meeting the monster at the end of this book. (PICTURE BOOK SES)



Van Allsburg, Chris. [Bad Day at Riverbend](#)

When Sheriff Hardy investigates the source of a brilliant light and shiny slime afflicting Riverbend, he finds that the village is becoming part of a child's coloring book streaked with greasy crayons. (PICTURE BOOK VAN)



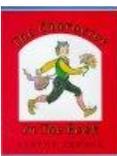
Watt, Melanie. [Chester](#)

Melanie Watt starts out with the story of a mouse in a house. Then Melanie's cat, Chester, sends the mouse packing and proceeds to cover the pages with rewrites from his red marker, and the gloves are off. (PICTURE BOOK WAT)



Wiesner, David. [The Three Pigs](#)

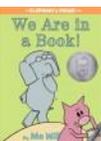
The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon. (PICTURE BOOK WIE)



Zemach-Bersin, Kaethe. [The Character in the Book](#)

When the character in the book is invited to visit his aunt in her book, he has many adventures trying to leave his book. (PICTURE BOOK ZEM)

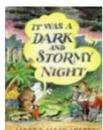
Early Readers



Willems, Mo. [We are in a Book!](#)

Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends? (EARLY READER WIL)

Picture Book for Older Readers



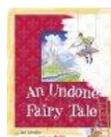
Ahlberg, Janet and Allen. [It was a Dark and Stormy Night](#)

After being kidnapped by outlaws, Antonio, an eight-year old boy is asked to tell them a story which he makes up as he goes along. (PICTURE BOOK (OLDER) AHL)



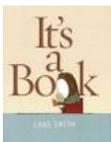
Hopkinson, Deborah. [Abe Lincoln crosses a creek : a tall, thin tale \(introducing his forgotten frontier friend\)](#)

In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher.(PICTURE BOOK (OLDER) HOP)



Lendler, Ian. [An Undone Fairy Tale](#)

A story about a selfish, pie-loving king takes numerous silly detours when its illustrator cannot keep up with its reader. (PICTURE BOOK (OLDER) LEN)



Smith, Lane. [It's a Book](#)

Two readers compare a print to digital media, and learn books are still valuable. (PICTURE BOOK (OLDER) SMI)

Fiction



Amato, Mary. [Please Write in this Book](#)

When Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle. (J AMA)



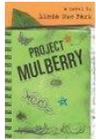
Ende, Michael. [The Neverending Story](#)

Shy, awkward Bastian is amazed to discover that he has become a character in the mysterious book he is reading and that he has an important mission to fulfill. (J END)



Funke, Cornelia. [Inkheart](#)

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. First in a trilogy.(J FUN)



Park, Linda Sue. [Project Mulberry](#)

While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more. Between the chapters are short dialogues between the author and main character about the writing of the book. (J PAR)



Pilkey, Dav. [The Adventures of Captain Underpants](#)

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen. (J PIL)



Snicket, Lemony. [The Bad Beginning](#)

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune. First in the Series of Unfortunate Events. (J SER)

Graphic Novels



Scieszka, Jon & Mac Barnett. [Battle Bunny](#)

Alex, whose birthday it is, hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny on his special day and turns it into a battle between a supervillain and his enemies in the forest--who, in the original story, are simply planning a surprise party. (BAT)