


PICTURE BOOKS WORTH A PEEK

	<p><i>The Notebook Keeper: A Story of Kindness From the Border</i> by Stephen Briseño and Magdalena Mora</p>	<p>Based on a true account, this moving and beautifully illustrated picture book follows Noemi and her Mama as they flee their home in Mexico and head for the U.S. border, where an unexpected act of kindness changes their lives forever.</p>
	<p><i>Knight Owl</i> by Christopher Denise</p>	<p>Since the day he hatched, Owl dreamed of becoming a real knight. He may not be the biggest or the strongest, but his sharp nocturnal instincts can help protect the castle. While holding guard during Knight Night Watch, Owl is faced with the ultimate trial—a frightening intruder. But what Owl lacks in size, he makes up for in good ideas.</p>
	<p><i>How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide</i> by Ame Dyckman and Jennifer Harney</p>	<p>In this outrageous "safety guide," a child in a museum asks their parents how the dinosaurs all became extinct. Well, their father has some theories. Gallimimus? Ran with scissors. Tyrannosaurus rex? Didn't change their underwear. By the end of the story, the child vows to never do any of these "dangerous" things again. Those dinosaurs should have been more careful!</p>
	<p><i>Me and the Boss: A Story About Mending and Love</i> by Michelle Edwards and April Harrison</p>	<p>To make his big sister, Zora, aka the boss, proud, Lee learns to sew at the library and secretly sews the ear back on Zora's stuffed bear, an act of kindness that earns him a special big sister hug.</p>
	<p><i>The Umbrella</i> by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld</p>	<p>In a dreary town where it always rains, a little girl and her dog discover an unexpected way to spread the light. Told with surprise and humor, here is a story of generosity, perseverance, and the way that happiness can be contagious—all it takes is one person and a bright idea.</p>



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	<p><i>Berry Song</i> by Michaela Goade</p>	<p>As a young Tlingit girl collects wild berries over the seasons, she sings with her Grandmother as she learns to speak to the land and listen when the land speaks back.</p>
	<p><i>My Wish For the World</i> by Kristine A. Lombardi</p>	<p>At bedtime, a child asks his mother what it is that she wishes for. She has many wishes—to respect nature and the earth, to give shelter to those in need, to lend a helping hand. No matter her wish, one thing is clear: there are lots of ways to show and encourage kindness.</p>
	<p><i>Hot Dog</i> by Doug Salati</p>	<p>Tired of the city's sizzling sidewalks, wailing sirens and people's feet in his face, a hot dog finds inner peace and calm when his owner takes him to the beach, where he happily cools off.</p>
	<p><i>Gibberish</i> by Young Vo</p>	<p>It's Dat's first day of school in a new country, and Dat doesn't know the language. To Dat, everything everybody says sounds like gibberish. How is Dat going to make new friends if they can't understand each other? Luckily there's a friendly girl in Dat's class who knows that there are other ways to communicate. Could she help make sense of the gibberish?</p>
	<p><i>The Talk</i> by Alicia D. Williams and Briana Mukodiri Uchendu</p>	<p>As a little boy grows into a bigger boy, he first must have the difficult conversation Black families have with their sons, warning them about the challenges they face due to racism.</p>

