Above the Rim  
Author: Jen (Jennifer) Bryant  
Illustrator: Frank Morrison  
Summary: Hall-of-Famer Elgin Baylor was one of basketball’s all-time-greatest players—an innovative athlete, team player, and quiet force for change. One of the first professional African-American players, he inspired others on and off the court. But when traveling for away games, many hotels and restaurants turned Elgin away because he was black. One night, Elgin had enough and staged a one-man protest that captured the attention of the press, the public, and the NBA.

Barnabus Project  
Author: Terry Fan  
Illustrator: Eric and Devin Fan  
Summary: In a world built for Perfect Pets, Barnabus is a “Failed Project,” half mouse, half elephant, kept out of sight until his dreams of freedom lead him and his misfit friends on a perilous adventure.

The Blue House  
Author and Illustrator: Phoebe Wahl  
Summary: For as long as he can remember, Leo has lived in the blue house with his dad, but lately the neighborhood is changing. People are leaving, houses are being knocked down, and shiny new buildings are going up in their place. When Leo and his dad are forced to leave, they aren’t happy about it. They howl and rage and dance out their feelings. When the time comes, they leave the blue house behind—there was never any choice, not really—but little by little, they find a way to keep its memory alive in their new home.

Boxitects  
Author and Illustrator: Kim Smith  
Summary: Meg goes to Maker School to hone her talent for building with boxes, but when Simone, another boxitect, arrives they become so competitive they nearly fail in the annual Maker Match.

Chicken Little: The Real and Totally True Tale  
Author and Illustrator: Sam Wedelich  
Summary: Chicken Little is NOT afraid of anything. Well, okay, maybe a mysterious BONK to the head can produce panic. But only momentarily. It’s not as though she meant to send the barnyard into a tailspin, thinking that the sky was falling. How ridiculous But can she calm her feathered friends with facts and reason?

Codzilla  
Author: David Zeltser  
Illustrator: Jared Chapman  
Summary: Bertie is the BIGGEST codfish in school. He loves reading about sharks more than anything, but he’s teased about his size by the smaller fish in his school. When they start calling him Codzilla, he gets fed up and starts living up to the name. But when danger strikes from the deep in the form of a shark, Bertie must use his vast shark knowledge and his sizeable heart to save his friends.

Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals  
Author: Katy Duffield  
Illustrator: Mike Orodan  
Summary: A non-fiction exploration of animal crossings built by animal lovers around the world to help animals cross over, under, around, and through human construction.
Evelyn Del Ray is Moving Away
Author: Meg Medina
Illustrator: Sonia Sanchez
Evelyn Del Rey is Daniela's best friend. They do everything together and even live in twin apartments across the street from each other: Daniela with her Mami and hamster, and Evelyn with her Mami, Papi, and cat. But not after today—not after Evelyn moves away. Until then, the girls play amid the moving boxes until it's time to say goodbye, making promises to keep in touch, because they know that their friendship will always be special.

Every Night is Pizza Night
Author: J. Kenji López-Alt
Illustrator: Gianna Ruggiero
Summary: Convinced that pizza is the best food, Pipo will eat nothing else until her fed-up parents send her on a quest to prove that no dishes in their multicultural neighborhood are better.

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners
Author: Joanna Ho
Illustrator: Dung Ho
Summary: A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future.

Facts. vs. Opinions vs. Robots
Author and Illustrator: Michael Rex
Summary: Do you know the difference between a fact and an opinion? It can be a hard thing to understand. Some things are facts—like the number of robots in this book. Other things are opinions—like which robot would make the best friend, or which robot dances best. And sometimes to tell the difference between a fact and an opinion, you need to wait to get more information—that's because facts can be proven true or false, and opinions are things you feel and believe—but that you can't prove.

Federico and the Wolf
Author: Rebecca Gomez
Illustrator: Elisa Chavarri
Summary: A modern retelling of Little Red Riding Hood in which Federico rides his bicycle to the market for Abuelo's groceries, then stands up to a hungry wolf.

I Am NOT a Penguin: A Pangolin's Lament
Author and Illustrator: Liz Wong
Summary: Poor Pangolin! He's trying to explain who he is, but the other animals keep getting confused. A pangolin might be a very unusual animal, but in this very funny story of mix-ups and misunderstandings, he discovers the rarest creature of all: a friend who really listens and likes you for who you are.

I Will Dance
Author: Nancy Bo Flood
Illustrator: Julianna Swaney
Summary: Eva longs to dance. But unlike many would-be dancers, Eva has cerebral palsy. She doesn’t know what dance looks like for someone who uses a wheelchair. Then Eva learns of a place that has created a class for dancers of all abilities. Her first movements in the studio are tentative, but with the encouragement of her instructor and fellow students, Eva becomes more confident. Eva knows she’s found a place where she belongs. At last, her dream of dancing has come true.
Linus the Little Yellow Pencil
Author and Illustrator: Scott Magoon
Summary: Linus and his eraser, Ernie, don’t always see eye to eye. But with the family art show drawing near, these two will have to sharpen their collaboration to make something neither one could do on their own!

Lubna and Pebble
Author: Wendy Meddour
Illustrator: Daniel Egneus
Summary: Lubna’s best friend is a pebble. Pebble always listens to her stories. Pebble always smiles when she feels scared. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna realizes that he needs Pebble even more than she does.

The Panda Problem
Author: Deborah Underwood
Illustrator: Hannah Marks
Summary: Every story needs a problem. But Panda doesn’t have a problem. Unless . . . Panda is the problem.

This Way Charlie
Author: Caron Levis
Illustrator: Charles Santoso
Summary: Jack, an introverted goat, and Charlie, a blind horse, meet at Open Bud Ranch, an animal rehabilitation center, and form an unlikely friendship that grows stronger in the face of adversity.

Unicorns are the Worst
Author and Illustrator: Alex Willan
Summary: A grumpy goblin hates having unicorns as neighbors, but when dragons threaten his home and the unicorns come to the rescue, he has to admit that maybe unicorns are not so bad after all.

Your Name is a Song
Author: Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Illustrator: Luisa Uribe
Summary: Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to go back to school. In response, the girl’s mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city. Empowered by this newfound understanding, the young girl is ready to return the next day to share her knowledge with her class.