

NEW BOOKS in the CHILDREN'S LIBRARY: SUMMER, 2017

OUR WONDERFUL WORLD

Loony Little; an Environmental Tale, by Deanna Hutts Aston.

Patterned after the folk tale Chicken Little, this book introduces Arctic animals who rush to the Polar Bear Queen to tell her that the polar ice cap is melting. Illustrated by Kelly Murphy.

This Tree Counts, by Alison Formento.

A counting book in which a tree shares ten ways it serves the needs of different animals. Illustrated by Sarah Snow.

Morning, Noon and Night, by Jean Creighton George.

Beautiful paintings of God's creatures take the reader through the day from dawn to night. Paintings by Wendell Minor.

Each Living Thing, by Joanne Ryder.

"Celebrates the creatures of the earth, from spiders dangling in their webs to owls hooting and hunting out of sight, and asks that we respect and care for them." Quoted from Cataloging in Publication data. Illustrated by Ashley Wolff.

CHRISTMAS

The Little Fir Tree by Margaret Wise Brown.

A lonely little fir tree becomes the center of a little boy's Christmas celebration. Glowing illustrations by Jim LaMarche.

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey, by Susan Wojciechowski.

A widow and her young son warm the sad heart of Jonathan Toomy, a master woodcarver. Illustrated by P.J. Lynch.

FEELINGS, GROWING, AND KNOWING GOD

Thank You, Grandpa, by Lynn Plourde.

A grandfather and granddaughter share many walks in the woods over many years. Years later the girl walks alone but thanks her grandfather for all they shared. Illustrated by Jason Cockcroft.

My Best Friend, by Mary Ann Rodman.

“Six-year-old Lily has a best friend for play group all picked out, but unfortunately the differences between first-graders and second-graders are sometimes very large.” Quoted from Cataloging-in-Publication data. Illustrated by E.B. Lewis.

Sugar Cookies, Sweet Little Lessons on Love, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal.

A gentle guide to etiquette which defines and illustrates words associated with love such as compassionate, considerate, supportive, selfless etc. A sugar cookie recipe is included. Illustrated by Jane Dyer and Brooke Dyer.

SERVICE

You Can Do It, Sam, by Amy Hest.

On a snowy winter morning Sam (a bear) and his mother surprise their neighbors by taking freshly baked cakes to them. Sam carries the cakes through the snow and up to the front doors all by himself. Illustrated by Anita Jeram.

MULTICULTURAL

The Gift, by Kristine L. Franklin.

In this story about friendship and the true meaning of giving, a young boy goes fishing with Fish Woman who some in his village think is a witch. He catches his first salmon and sees a pod of whales for the first time. Illustrated by Barbara LaVallee.

The Water Princess, by Susan Verde.

In her African village, Princess Gie Gie wakes each morning before dawn. She and her mother then walk many miles to a well to get water for their family. It is late afternoon before they get home. The water they get is murky and must be boiled and cooled before they can drink it. Georgie Badiel, a fashion model, shares these memories of her childhood. She has created a foundation to help provide clean water for the villages of Burkina Faso and beyond. Beautifully illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds, heat seems to rise from these pages.

Just for Fun

Good Night, Sleep Tight, by Claire Freedman.

Grandma Bear finds a way for Archie to fall asleep. Illustrate by Rory Tyger.

I Love You, Sleepyhead, by Claire Freedman.

Sleepy creatures, foxes, rabbits, penguins and others are lulled to sleep by their mothers. Beautifully illustrated by Simon Mendez.

What a Family; A Fresh Look at Family Trees. Written and illustrated by Rachel Isadora.

“Here’s a book that celebrates family in all its similarity and diversity.” Quoted from the book’s flyleaf. The delightful illustrations increase the enjoyment of the book.