

BECOMING INDEPENDENT

Best, C. Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen. When Sally Jean outgrows her beloved bicycle, Flash, she experiments with various ideas for acquiring a newer, bigger one. jP Best

Curtis, J.L. When I Was Little: A Four-Year-Old's Memoir of her Youth. A four-year-old describes how she has changed since she was a baby. jP Curtis

Dewdney, A. Roly Poly Pangolin. Roly Poly, a pangolin, is shy and afraid of new things until he discovers that some new experiences are not bad at all. jP Dewdney

Ferri, G. Little Tad Grows Up. Little Tadpole is going through some big changes in his early life, and he's sad when he learns he is losing his tail. Then one day he finds himself face-to-face with a water snake's big fangs, and he learns just how useful his new legs can be. In the process, he discovers a beautiful new world outside the water. jP Ferri

Gibala-Broxholm, J. Let Me Do It! Four-year-old Katie seeks to prove her independence to her family by trying to pour her milk, hold Grandma's yarn, and perform other tasks all by herself. j PAR PIC Gibala-Broxholm

Pinkwater, D. Young Larry. Young Larry and his brother Roy are typical polar bear cubs with an absent father— of whom they are nonetheless proud— and a typical polar bear mother. The day arrives when she tells them to "go and fend for yourselves," and one boy asks the other, "So, do you think we know how to fend?" jP Pinkwater

Roche, D. Little Pig is Capable. Little Pig's parents worry about him so much that it's embarrassing, but all their warnings come in handy when he goes on a hike with his Snout Scout troop and their strange substitute troop leader. jP Roche

Stein, D.E. Pouch! A baby kangaroo takes his first tentative hops outside of his mama's pouch, meeting other creatures and growing bolder each time. jP Stein

Walsh, E. Samantha. Samantha, the smallest of the mouse children, thinks she needs a fairy godmother to protect her from her rougher brothers and sisters. jP Walsh

Willis, J. Cottonball Colin. Afraid that her smallest child, Colin, will be hurt if he goes outside or plays, a mother mouse decides to wrap him in cotton wool, which proves to be effective, but in a most unexpected way. jP Willis

Willis, J. Don't Let Go! Megan is nervous about her dad letting go of her bike as she learns to ride, and her dad is nervous about how far into the world she will go once she does. jP Willis