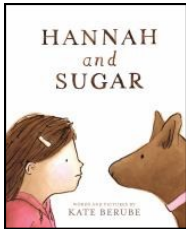
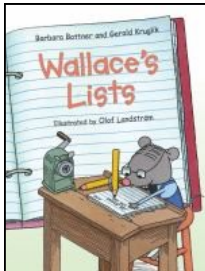


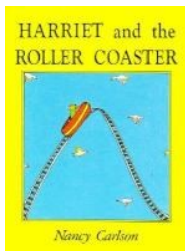
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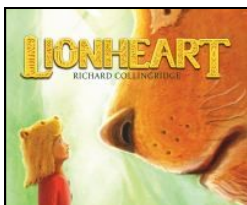
Berube, K. Hannah and Sugar. Every day after school, Hannah's school bus is greeted by her classmate's dog, Sugar. All of the other kids love Sugar, but Hannah just can't conquer her fear of dogs. Then, one day, Sugar goes missing, so Hannah joins the search with her classmates. Will Hannah find a way to be brave, and make a new friend in the process? jP Berube



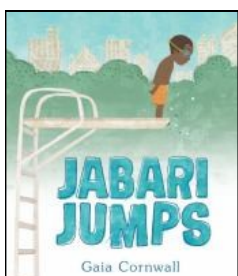
Bottner, B. Wallace's Lists. Wallace, a bespectacled mouse in shorts and a bowtie, wants to say hello to his new neighbor, but he can't-it's not on his list of things to do that day. (Readers are treated to many of Wallace's lists, written neatly on lined paper.) Albert wears an old undershirt, sports long hair and never hesitates to revise his plans: "Changing my mind is an adventure," he tells Wallace, who listens, appalled but rapt. Eventually Albert's rash adventure-seeking casts Wallace in the reluctant but gratifying role of hero. He remains steadfast in crises, it turns out, and comforts Albert when his wacky plans go awry. jP Bottner



Carlson, N. Harriet and The Roller Coaster. George, a rabbit, brags to his canine classmate Harriet that he's going to ride on the big roller coaster when their class visits the amusement park. "I bet you're too scared to ride the roller coaster," he sneers. Harriet says she is not scared, but the night before the field trip, she doesn't sleep very well. At the amusement park, George gives Harriet every opportunity to chicken out. But she does not. And, what's this? Once the roller-coaster car begins its downward plunge, it's George who yells, "Mommy!" while Harriet wonders, "Is it over already?" jE Carlson

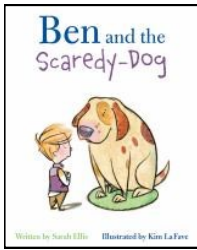


Collingridge, R. Lionheart. Richard hears something in his room before bedtime. Is it a monster? He doesn't wait to find out and sets off running through the streets, over the hills, through the forest, and into the fields until he finds himself in a magical jungle. With the help of his stuffed lion Lionheart, Richard finds the courage he needs to face his fears. jP Collingridge

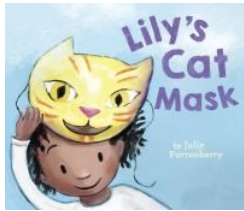


Cornwall, G. Jabari Jumps. Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. "Looks easy," says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back. He needs to figure out what kind of special jump to do anyway, and he should probably do some stretches before climbing up onto the diving board. jP Cornwall

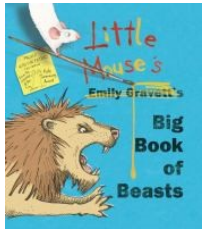
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Ellis, S. Ben and The Scaredy-Dog. New neighbors are moving in across the street, and Ben can't wait to go say hello and make friends. That is, until he notices that this family has a pet dog. Ben isn't so sure around dogs. The big jaws and big teeth make him nervous. But what Ben doesn't realize is that Max is an "old scaredy-dog" who feels nervous too. Can Ben overcome his fear and come to see eye-to-eye with a new kind of friend? jP Ellis



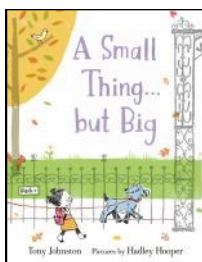
Fortenberry, J. Lily's Cat Mask. Armed with a vivid imagination and her trusty cat mask, Lily can take on anything—even a new school... But when her teacher tells her no masks allowed in class, Lily worries, can she make friends without it? Anyone who has been daunted by a new experience, or struggled to put on a good face, will relate to Lily. jP Fortenberry



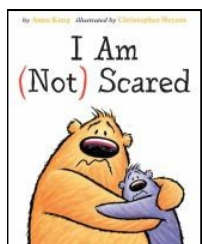
Gravett E. Little Mouse's Big Book of Beasts. Little Mouse does not like loud lions or sharp-tempered sharks. And bears are downright scary. But with a little bravery and a dash of creativity, Little Mouse introduces you to some of the scariest creatures in the animal kingdom—and shows you how to face your fears. jP Gravett



Jenkins, E. The Fun Book of Scary Stuff. There are lots of frightening things out there. Witches. Trolls. Sharks. The DARK! But nothing seems as scary once you turn on the light. In this hilarious picture book, a boy and his two dogs go through a list of all the things, both real and imagined, that make the hair on the backs of their necks stand on end—and come up with a clever way to face their fears. jP Jenkins

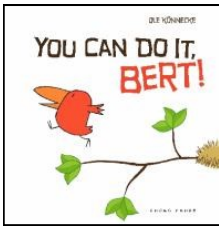


Johnston, T. A Small Thing ... But Big. Lizzie and her mom go to the park. That's where Lizzie meets an elderly man and his companion, Cecile, a dog about her size. But Lizzie is afraid of dogs, so she'll have to rely on her new friend to help her take things one step at a time. Getting over your fears may seem like a small thing . . . but it sure can feel big. jP Johnston

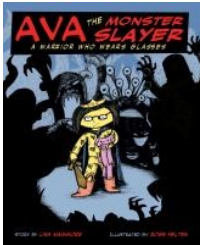


Kang, A. I Am (Not) Scared. Two fuzzy friends go to an amusement park. They try to convince each other that there are much scarier things than the roller coaster. Hairy spiders! Aliens! Fried ants! They soon discover that sometimes being scared isn't as "scary" as they thought. jP Kang

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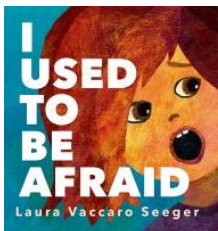
Konnecke, O. You Can Do It, Bert! This is Bert's big day. He is mentally and physically prepared but nervous as he stands at the edge. "Bert checks everything one more time," and children watch him transform from tentative to determined. On the final spread, he is seen falling through the air with one word appearing above his head—"Help", but a surprise twist shows that the reason for his action may not be what readers expect! jP Konnecke



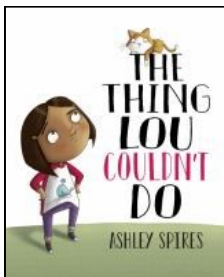
Maggiore, L. Ava the Monster Slayer. When her beloved Piggy is left in the dryer in the basement, Ava knows she'll have to face the ferocious monsters lurking in the dark if she wants to rescue her favorite stuffed animal. Don't underestimate Ava just because she's 'cute' and wears 'adorable glasses'-- she's really a fierce monster slayer! jP Maggiore



Santat, D. After The Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again. Everyone knows that when Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. But what happened after? An avid bird watcher, Humpty's favorite place to used to be high up on the city wall. But after his famous fall he is terrified of heights and can longer do many of the things he loves most. Will he summon the courage to face his fear? This story will encourage even the most afraid to overcome their fears, learn to get back up, and reach new heights. jP Santat

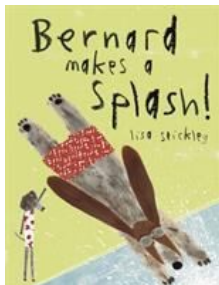


Seeger, L. I Used To Be Afraid. There are a lot of things to be afraid of in this world: spiders, the dark, being alone. This simple, beautifully-crafted picture book, shows children that what seems scary at first, can become magical. It all depends on perspective: a scary spider can actually produce an intricate and gorgeous web and that sometimes the dark can transform into a magical night sky. jP Seeger

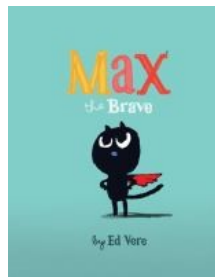


Spires, A. The Thing Lou Couldn't Do. "Lou and her friends are BRAVE adventurers. They run FASTER than airplanes. They build MIGHTY fortresses. They rescue WILD animals". But one day, when they're looking for a ship to play pirates in, Lou's friend has an idea: "Up there! The tree can be our ship!" This is something new. Lou has never climbed a tree before, and she's sure she can't do it. So she tries to convince her friends to play a not-up-a-tree game. When that doesn't work, she comes up with reasons for not joining them --- her arm is sore, her cat needs a walk, you shouldn't climb so soon after eating. Finally, she tells herself she doesn't want to climb the tree. But is that true, or is this brave adventurer just too afraid to try? jP Spire

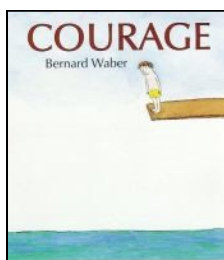
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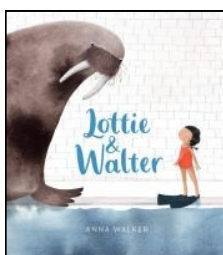
Stickley, L. Bernard Makes a Splash! Will Bernard ever get over his nerves and show everyone what he can do? Bernard has been the swimming pool manager for a long time, and practices his diving at night when no one else is around. When his swimming pool holds a contest for high-diving hounds from around the world, he hopes that he can work up enough courage to compete. jP Stickley



Vere, E. Max the Brave. Max is a fearless, black kitten. A very brave black kitten, and one who chases mice, he'll have you know. He just needs to find out what a mouse actually looks like. Max checks with the birds in the trees, the neighborhood pink elephant, and Rabbit. They all insist that Mouse just went that-a-way. Max finally does find a creature who looks suspiciously like a mouse, but he claims to be a MONSTER and points him in the direction of a "mouse" who is sleeping nearby. Of course, the big, green thing IS a monster and is much bigger than Max. Maybe he doesn't have to be Max the Brave all the time, except when chasing small monsters with big ears and long tails that just happen to look suspiciously like mice! jP Vere



Waber, B. Courage. What is Courage? Certainly it takes courage for a firefighter to rescue someone trapped in a burning building, but there are many other kinds of courage too. Everyday kinds that normal, ordinary people exhibit all the time, like "being the first to make up after an argument," or "going to bed without a nightlight." Bernard Waber explores the many varied kinds of courage and celebrates the moments, big and small, that bring out the hero in each of us. j PAR PIC Waber



Walker, A. Lottie & Walter. Lottie goes to swim lessons every Saturday, but she never gets in the water. That's because she is convinced there is a shark in the pool, a shark that wants to eat her and only her. But then Walter appears. Walter likes singing and reading books and bubble baths, and his favorite food is fish sticks, just like Lottie. When Saturday rolls around again, Lottie is no more ready to jump in the pool than she was before. Or is she? Sometimes it just takes a special friend to find the courage that was inside you all along. jP Walker

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