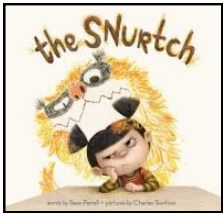
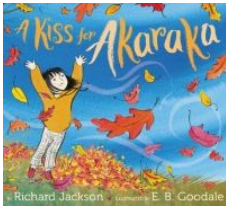


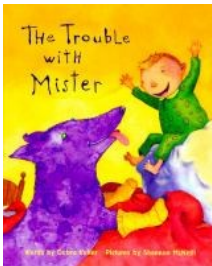
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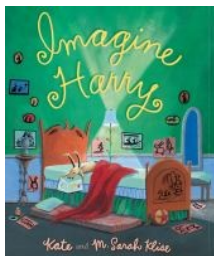
Ferrell, S. The Snurtch. Ruthie has a problem at school. It is the Snurtch. The Snurtch is a scribbly, grabby, rude monster who follows Ruthie around and gets her into all sorts of trouble. It seems Ruthie will never be rid of the Snurtch. But eventually, she realizes she's not the only one.... jP Ferrell



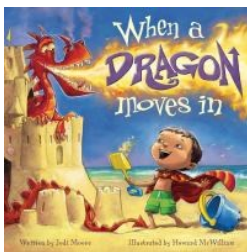
Jackson, R. A Kiss for Akaraka. Lula and her daddy are raking leaves together on a crisp autumn day, and when Lula begins to get tired of helping her father suggests that her imaginary friend, Akaraka, might help. Can Daddy see Akaraka? Perhaps not, but he is willing to try, much to Lula's delight. jP Jackson



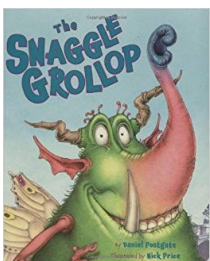
Keller, D. Trouble with Mister. Any child who wishes, begs, or aches for a pet will fall in love with Mister, a dog with "long purple hair" and "...bright yellow socks on all four paws." A young boy creates him with paint and paper after his pleas for a dog are rejected. Mister is perfect because he can go everywhere with Alex and sleep carefully folded under his pillow-until the night he comes to life. jP Keller



Klise, K. Imagine Harry. Meet Harry. He is the best friend a little rabbit could have. But no one else can see Harry, so Little Rabbit is extra careful to look out for him. He makes sure Harry gets plenty of cookies, no brussels sprouts, and absolutely no baths. Then Little Rabbit starts school, and he discovers that friendships change. Luckily, the best sorts of friends always know just when they're needed. jP Klise



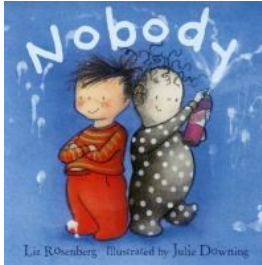
Moore, J. When A Dragon Moves In. A young boy builds a sand castle on the beach and a dragon moves in. The boy and the dragon spend the day at the shore flying a kite, braving the waves, defying bullies, and roasting marshmallows, while the boy's parents remain occupied nearby with their own pastimes. When no one believes the boy's story about the dragon, the creature launches into a mischievous mode and wreaks havoc on everything in its path-- or is it all in the boy's imagination? jP Moore



Postgate, D. The Snagglegrollop. When he asks for a typical pet--a dog, a cat--his parents say no, so Sam wonders, "How about a Snagglegrollop?" A what?! The next day Sam comes home from school with a strange-looking creature indeed! The Snagglegrollop eats an awful lot of food--and entire tubes of toothpaste, too. But it tells silly jokes and takes the family for won-

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derful weekend romps. They become very fond of it. Some nights, though, the Snagglegrollop just sits on the roof, staring at the stars. "It seems quite sad," Sam thinks. Could it be that all it needs is the companionship of his classmate Emily's Quibblesnuff? jP Postgate

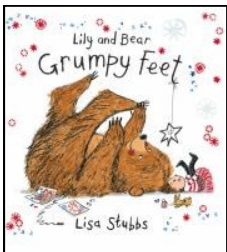


Rosenberg, L. Nobody. When George wakes one Sunday morning before his parents, Nobody, a polka-dot-sleeper-clad imp of George's size, suggests, "Let's make a feast!" With Nobody's help, George stirs up a festive omelet (and kitchen mayhem), although cooking must wait, because he is not allowed to turn on the stove when "Nobody is around." Finally, mom and dad arrive at the kitchen; instead of losing their cool, understanding and love (and pancakes) prevail. jP Rosenberg



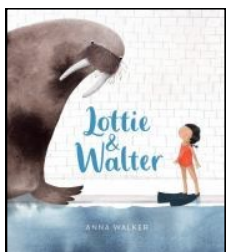
Santat, D. The Adventures of Beekle. This magical story begins on an island far away where an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a real child, but when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city, where he finally meets his perfect match and--at long last--is given his special name: Beekle.

jP Santat



Stubbs, L. Lily and Bear: Grumpy Feet. Lily loves to draw, but today something feels different. Things feel a little frumpy and bumpy, just not so and not quite right. Her pencils are too pointy. Her paints are too sloshy. And her crayons are too stubby. But even her imaginary friend Bear, who is determined to cheer her up, can't help until they realize that Lily has Grumpy Feet!

jP Stubbs



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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