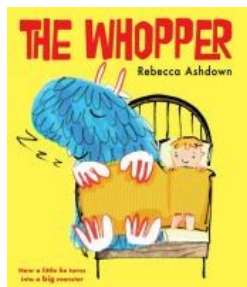
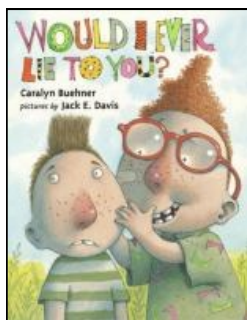


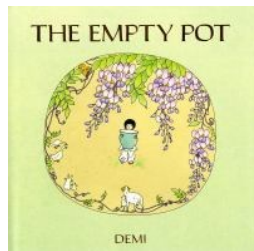
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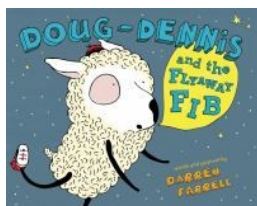
Ashdown, R. The Whopper. This humorous, quirky story is about a little boy who tells a lie, only to be followed around by his guilt in the form of the Whopper, a hungry and persistent monster. As Percy's guilt grows, so does the Whopper, until finally the Whopper EATS Percy! Percy at last realizes that he must tell the truth in order to keep the Whopper from growing any bigger. An appealing and warmhearted story about how a little lie can quickly grow out of control. jP Ashdown



Buehner, C. Would I Ever Lie to You? When your cousin is always telling outrageous tales, how do you know what to believe? He says you were hatched from an egg in the garden, and that sure sounds absurd. But not all of his stories are false: He was right about your aunt Mary not having teeth; and Dad agreed with him that, yes, your mom does have eyes in the back of her head! So when Ed tells you that your piece of pie is full of poison, what should you do? In this spirited, silly book, the little kid finally gets to turn the tables on the big bully. And revenge is sweet as pie! jP Buehner

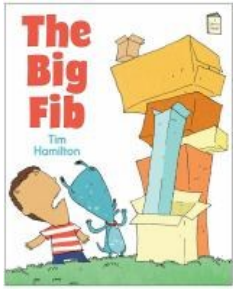


Demi. The Empty Pot. A long time ago in China there was a boy named Ping who loved flowers. Anything he planted burst into bloom. The Emperor loved flowers too. When it was time to choose an heir, he gave a flower seed to each child in the kingdom. "Whoever can show me their best in a year's time," he proclaimed, "shall succeed me to the throne!" Ping plants his seed and tends it every day. But month after month passes, and nothing grows. When spring comes, Ping must go to the Emperor with nothing but an empty pot. When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty. j 398.2 Demi



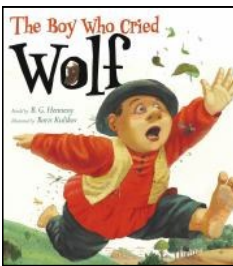
Farrell, D. Doug-Dennis and The Flyaway Fib. When best friends Doug-Dennis and Ben-Bobby go to the circus, something terrible happens. Doug-Dennis eats all of his friend's popcorn, and then tells a fib (It wasn't me!), which grows and grows (Maybe monsters ate it!), carrying Doug-Dennis away. As the lie gets bigger, Doug-Dennis flies higher, until he's floating in a land of lies--some of them big, some small, and some just downright weird. Doug-Dennis misses his best friend, and realizes there's only one way to come back down: by finally telling the truth. jP Farrell

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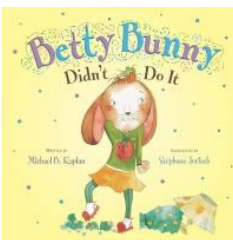
Hamilton, T. The Big Fib. A boy finds some humongous boxes outside. He and his dog use them to make a train that goes far, far, far; a race car that goes fast, fast, fast; and a plane that goes up, up, up. Litter is everywhere, and the boy blames the wind. But as he watches his elderly neighbor clean up his mess, the boy knows what he must do. Truth triumphs and the boy's honesty is rewarded with forgiveness, friendship, and cookies.

jP Hamilton



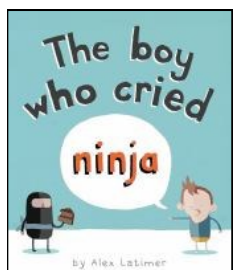
Hennessy, B. The Boy Who Cried Wolf. The shepherd boy is bored, really bored. He tries to teach the sheep tricks, but they aren't interested. He needs excitement so he cries WOLF and everyone comes running; then he cries TWO WOLVES, and the townsfolk run lickety-split to help again. And you know the rest of the story—on his third alarm, no response. Only this time there are THREE HUNGRY WOLVES, and the boy has to hunt all day for his missing sheep by himself.

jP Hennessy



Kaplan, M. Betty Bunny Didn't Do It. When Betty Bunny breaks a lamp, she blames it on the Tooth Fairy. Blaming someone else for something she had done seems like such a good idea to Betty Bunny, she doesn't know why she didn't think of it before. "Is that the honest truth?" her mom asks. "It's an honest lie," Betty Bunny replies proudly. But when a vase gets broken, everyone blames Betty Bunny, and no one believes her when she says that she really didn't do it. Honest lies, white lies, crying wolf—how can one four-year-old keep track of the right thing to do?

jP Kaplan



Latimer, A. The Boy Who Cried Ninja. In this twist on the classic tale, Tim isn't lying: a ninja really does sneak into his house and eat the last slice of cake—kicking it into the air first, as ninjas do. An astronaut in need of a hammer really does take one from Tim's father's workshop, and a giant squid really does eat Tim's book bag. But his parent's don't believe him and send him out to rake leaves and think about his habit of telling lies. How can he convince them he's really telling the truth?

jP Latimer

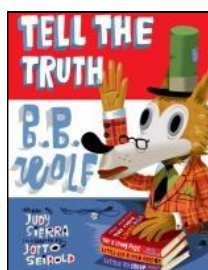
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Magoon, S. The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot! Bigfoot narrates this story of Ben, a boy who "liked to tell stories...a lot." The cartoon youngster in striped pants lies to everyone in town that he's seen Bigfoot in the woods. They gather for a glimpse, but leave in annoyance. Having observed all this, comically round-eyed Bigfoot emerges to claim Ben's bike and dog, knowing no one will believe an accusation of theft. But Ben is a "tenacious fellow," and, at book's end, he sets out for the woods with old-fashioned camera equipment to record proof. jP Magoon



O'Connor, J. Nina, Nina, Star Ballerina. In the upcoming ballet performance of Night Sky, Nina and the other girls will be stars, dancing around Eric, who plays the moon. Nina happily tells her best friend Ann about her part in the show, then is taken aback to hear Ann passing on the news that Nina will be the star, rather than a star. Reluctant to speak up at once, Nina is so troubled by the thought of discovery that she feigns a sore leg to avoid performance. Nina sets Ann straight before the show, where the young dancer makes "a pretty good star." jE O'Connor



Sierra, J. Tell the Truth, B.B. Wolf. Big Bad Wolf's first visit to his local library was such a success that he returns to tell his version of "The Three Little Pigs." His outrageous spin on the tale draws skeptical remarks from his audience: "Isn't that wolf's nose getting longer?" asks Pinocchio. "It's a cooked-up, half-baked tale," snaps the Gingerbread Boy. And "Tell the truth, B.B. Wolf!" squeal the Three Little Pigs. Caught in his own lie, B.B. explains that he is a reformed villain: "Now I'm begging on my knees, Little Pigs, forgive me, please!" How B.B. turns his bad old deed into a good new one provides a happy ending to this fun-to-read fractured fairytale. jP Sierra