EXCELLENT 2006 CHOICES OF TRADE BOOKS FOR GRADES K-9
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Teachers who use children's literature as an integral part of their curriculum are challenged to keep abreast of newly published titles. Librarians who are supporting the classroom curriculum also have the same challenge. Part of my role as a consultant is to support teachers and librarians in their discovery of new titles. To do so I have compiled this list of excellent choices of trade books for kindergarten through ninth grade.

I have read all the books on the list with an eye toward classroom use. I receive thousands of review copies from the major children's trade publishers each year. This access allows me to select from a variety of choices. I may read from ten to fifteen titles to find one that will be on the list. The list that follows is offered to teachers and librarians to save them time, and money. The list is not intended to limit but to be a beginning for those who need to have some guidance.

Thousands of new books roll off the presses of the major children's publishers each year. To discover the best of these new books takes many hours. Too often, limited funds are spent on titles that may sound attractive in a catalogue but prove otherwise when ordered. Gaining access to new titles, reading the books, setting criteria for selection and matching the titles to the needs of the targeted students is a lengthy process.

I suggest a visit to your local library or children's book store to browse and read before purchases are made. When teachers and librarians make their own choices they will be enthusiastic about the books and that excitement will transfer to their students.

PICTURE BOOKS
Abercrombie, Barbara THE SHOW-AND-TELL LION
Alda, Arlene DID YOU SAY Pears?
Armstrong, Jennifer ONCE UPON A BANANA
Arnold, Caroline THE TERRIBLE HODAG AND THE ANIMAL CATCHERS
Bang, Molly IN MY HEART
Banks, Kate MAXIS WORDS
Beaumont, Karen MOVE OVER, ROVER!
Best, Cari SALLY JEAN, THE BICYCLE QUEEN
Borden, Louise ACROSS THE BLUE PACIFIC
Bradley, Kimberly BALLERINO NATE
Brisson, Pat I REMEMBER MISS PERRY
MELISSA PARKINGTON'S BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL HAIR
Browne, Anthony SILLY BILLY
Bunting, Eve POP'S BRIDGE
ONE GREEN APPLE
Burke, Jim TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME
Burke, Tina FLY, LITTLE BIRD
Busse, Sarah BANJO GRANNY
Butterworth, Chris SEA HORSE: THE SHYEST FISH IN THE SEA
Charles, Veronika THE BIRDMAN
Chodos-Irvine, Margaret BEST BEST FRIENDS
Choi, Yangsook BEHIND THE MASK
Clements, Andrew SLIPPERS LOVES TO RUN
Coombs, Kate THE SECRET-KEEPER
Cotton, Cynthia ABBIE IN STITCHES
Cowen-Fletcher, Jane NELL'S ELF
Cruise, Robin LITTLE MAMA FORGETS
Cunnane, Kelly FOR YOU ARE A KENYAN CHILD
Daly, Niki WELCOME TO ZANZIBAR ROAD
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAMELA!
Deacon, Alexis WHILE YOU ARE SLEEPING
deGroat, Diane NO MORE PENCILS, NO MORE BOOKS, NO MORE TEACHER'S DIRTY LOOKS!
Delessert, Etienne HUMPTY DUMPTY
Diakite, Penda I LOST MY TOOTH ON AFRICA
Dodds, Dayle Ann TEACHER'S PETS
Donaldson, Julia CHARLIE COOK'S FAVORITE BOOK
Durango, Julia CHA CHA CHIMPS
Edwards, Pamela THE MIXED-UP ROOSTER
Elya, Susan BEBE GOES SHOPPING
Elvgren, Jennifer JOSIAS, HOLD THE BOOK
Emmett, Jonathan DIAMOND IN THE SNOW
Falconer, Ian OLIVIA FORMS A BAND
Farmer, Nancy CLEVER ALI
Forman, Michael MIA'S STORY
Frasier, Debra A BIRTHDAY CAKE IS NO ORDINARY CAKE
Frazee, Marla WALK ON! A GUIDE FOR BABIES OF ALL AGES
George, Lindsay IN THE GARDEN: WHO'S BEEN HERE?
Gibfried, Diane BROTHER JUNIPER
Goode, Diane THE MOST PERFECT SPOT
Gorbachev, Valeri HERON & TURTLE
Grant, Karima SOFIE AND THE CITY
Gravett, Emily WOLVES
Grey, Mini THE ADVENTURES OF THE DISH AND THE SPOON
Griessman, Annette LIKE A HUNDRED DRUMS
Haas, Irene BESS AND BELLA
Hanson, Warren GRANDPA HAS A GREAT BIG FACE
Hawkes, Louise MUTI'S NECKLACE
Hays, Joe THE GUM CHEWING RATTLER
Henkes, Kevin LILLY'S BIG DAY
Helfer, Ralph THE WORLD'S GREATEST ELEPHANT
Helakoski, Leslie BIG CHICKENS
Hennessy, B.G. CLAIRE AND THE UNICORN HAPPY EVER AFTER
Hills, Tad DUCK & GOOSE
Hindley, Judy SLEEPY PLACES
Hobbie, Holly TOOT & PUDDLE: THE ONE AND ONLY
Horacek, Petr SILLY SUZY GOOSE
Ingpen, Robert THE DREAM KEEPER
Isadora, Rachel WHAT A FAMILY!
Jacob, Gale PAJAMA LIGHT
Jenkins, Steve & Page, Robin MOVE!
Kessler, Cristina THE BEST BEEKEEPER OF LALIBELA
Kimmel, Eric BLACKBEARD'S LAST FIGHT
Knudsen, Michelle LIBRARY LION
Konnecke, Ole ANTHONY AND THE GIRLS
Kontis, Alethea ALPHA OOPS! THE DAY Z WENT FIRST
Krishnaswami, Uma BRINGING ASHA HOME
Kroll, Virginia UNO, DOS, TRES, POSADA! LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS
Kvasnosky, Laura ZELDA AND IVY THE RUNAWAYS
Lee, Milly LANDED
Lehman, Barbara MUSEUM TRIP
Lewis, Kim A PUPPY FOR ANNIE
Lies, Brian BATS AT THE BEACH
Littlesugar, Amy CLOWN CHILD
Lobel, Gill TOO SMALL FOR HONEY CAKE
London, Jonathan FROGGY RIDES A BIKE
Lorbiecki, Marybeth JACKIE'S BAT
Lord, Michelle LITTLE SAP AND MONSIEUR RODIN
McClintock, Barbara ADELE & SIMON
McCully, Emily Arnold MARVELOUS MATTIE
Macdonald, Maryann THE COSTUME COPYCAT
Martin, David ALL FOR PIE PIE FOR ALL
McDonnell, Patrick ART
JUST LIKE HEAVEN
McPhail, David BIG BROWN BEAR GOES TO TOWN
Minor, Wendell YANKEE DOODLE AMERICA
Michelson, Richard ACROSS THE ALLEY
Moser, Lisa WATERMELON WISHES
Murphy, Jim FERGUS AND THE NIGHT-DEMON
Napoli, Donna Jo BOBBY THE BOLD
Nevius, Carol BUILDING WITH DAD
Norman, Lissette MY FEET ARE LAUGHING
O'Connor, Jane FANCY NANCY
SNOW GLOBE FAMILY
Palatini, Margie SHELLY
OINK?
Pattison, Darcy **19 GIRLS AND ME**
Pattison, Sally **NONSENSE!**
Pinkney, Jerry **THE LITTLE RED HEN**
Plourde, Lynn **BOOK FAIR DAY**
Polacco, Patricia **ROTTEN RICHIE AND THE ULTIMATE DARE**
Poydar, Nancy **THE BAD-NEWS REPORT CARD**
Prince, April Jones **WHAT DO WHEELS DO ALL DAY!**
Rand, Ann & Paul **LITTLE 1**
Rankin, Laura **FLUFFY AND BARON**
Rapport, Doreen **FREEDOM SHIP**
Raschka, Chris **FIVE FOR A LITTLE ONE**
Raven, Margot **NIGHT BOAT FOR FREEDOM**
Rawlinson, Julia **FLETCHER AND THE FALLING LEAVES**
Recorvits, Helen **YOOON AND THE CHRISTMAS MITTEN**
Reiser, Lynn **HARWORKING PUPPIES**
Richards, Beah **KEEP CLIMBIN', GIRLS**
Roberson, M.P. **THE DRAGON SNATCHER**
Robbins, Jacqui **THE NEW GIRL...**
Root, Phyllis **LOOKING FOR A MOOSE**
Lucia and **THE LIGHT**
Rosenthal, Amy **COOKIES: BITE SIZE LIFE LESSONS**
Ryder, Joanne **MY MOTHER'S VOICE**
Bear of **MY HEART**
Sally, Coleen **EPOSSUMONDAS SAVES THE DAY**
Saltberg, Barney **STAR OF THE WEEK**
Samuels, Barbara **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, DOLORES**
Schertle, Alice **OLD BO BEAR**
Schotter, Roni **THE BOY WHO LOVED WORDS**
Mama, I'LL **GIVE YOU THE WORLD**
Schwartz, Amy & Marcus, L. **OSCAR: THE BIG ADVENTURE OF A LITTLE SOCK**
Monkey
Shannon, David **GOOD BOY, FERGUS!**
Shore, D. & Alexander, J **THIS IS THE DREAM**
Sierra, Judy **THELONIUS MONSTER'S SKY-HIGH FLY PIE**
Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School
Slate, Joseph **MISS BINDERTAGEN CELEBRATES THE LAST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN**
Smith, Lane **JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE & BEN**
Smith, Linda **MRS. CRUMP'S CAT**
Soto, Gary **MY LITTLE CAR**
Spinelli, Eileen **HERO CAT**
Squires, Janet **THE GINGERBREAD COWBOY**
Stauffacher, Sue **BESSIE SMITH AND THE NIGHT RIDERS**
Stoeke, Janet **MINERVA LOUISE AND THE COLORFUL EGGS**
Stringer, Lauren WINTER IS THE WARMEST SEASON
Sutton, Jane THE TROUBLE WITH CAULIFLOWER
Tafuri, Nancy FIVE LITTLE CHICKS
Thompson, Lauren LITTLE QUACK'S NEW FRIEND
Tingle, Tim CROSSING BOK CHITTO: A CHOCTAW TALE OF FRIENDSHIP...
Vans Alllsburg, Chris PROBUDITI!
Van Patter, Bruce FARLEY FOUND IT!
Varon, Sara CHICKEN AND CAT
Vestergaard, Hope WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN A MONSTER SAYS BOO?
Weatherford, Carole DEAR MR. ROSEWALD
MOSES
Wells, Rosemary MAX'S ABC
Weston, Carrie IF A CHICKEN STAYED FOR SUPPER
Weisner, David FLOTSAM
Winstead, Rosie RUBY AND BUBBLES
Winter, Jeanette MAMA
Winthrop, Elizabeth THE FIRST CHRISTMAS STOCKING
Wood, Douglas NOTHING TO DO
Wood, Nancy MR. AND MRS. GOD IN THE CREATION KITCHEN
Woodruff, Elvira SMALL BEAUTIES
Yin BROTHERS
Young, Ed MY MEI MEI

BEGINNING READERS
Cazet, Denys MINNIE AND MOO WANTED DEAD OF ALIVE
Jacobson, Jennifer ANDY SHANE AND THE PUMPKIN TRICK
Kenah, Katharine THE BEST TEACHER IN SECOND GRADE
Rylant, Cynthia MR. PUTTER & TABBY SPIN THE YARN

FOLK TALES, FAIRY TALES AND MYTHS
Child, Lauren THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA
Henderson, Kathy LUGALBANUAN: THE BOY WYO GOT CAUGHT UP IN A WAR
Hennessy, B.G. THE BOY WHO CIRED WOLF
McKissack, Patricia PORCH LIES; TALES OF SLICKSTERS, TRICKSTERS, AND OTHER WILY CHARACTERS
Nesbit, E. JACK AND THE BEANSTALK illus. M. Tavares
Seeger, P. & Jacobs, P. SOME FRIENDS TO FEED
Tchana, Katrin CHANGING WOMAN AND HER SISTERS

POETRY
Florian, Douglas HANDSPRINGS
Greemfield, Eloise THE FRIENDLY FOUR
WHEN THE HORSES RIDE BY
Grimes, Nikki THANKS A MILLION
Janeczko, P. & Lewis, J.P. WING NUTS: SCREWY HAIKU
Larios, Julie YELLOW ELEPHANT: A BRIGHT BESTIARY
Lear, Edward THE OWL & THE PUSSYCAT illus. by Anne Mortimer
Myers, Walter Dean JAZZ
Prelutsky, Jack IT'S SNOWING! IT'S SNOWING!
THE BEAUTY OF THE BEAST
WHAT A DAY IT WAS AT SCHOOL!
Shannon, George BUSY IN THE GARDEN
Sidman, Joyce MEOW RUFF: A STORY IN CONCRETE POETRY
BUTTERFLY EYES AND OTHER SECRETS OF THE MEADOW
Sieber, Diane TOUR AMERICA: A JOURNEY THROUGH POEMS AND ART
Stevenson, Robert Louis THE MOON illus. by Tracey Campbell Pearson

**FICTION**

Almond, David CLAY
Anderson, M.T. OCTAVIAN NOTHING
Budhos, Marina ASK ME NO QUESTIONS
Cooper, Susan VICTORY
DiCamillo, Kate THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE
Dunrea, Olivier HANNE'S QUEST
Ellis, Deborah I AM A TAXI
Fleischman, Paul DATELINE: TROY
Frost, Helen THE BRAID
Grimes, Nikki THE ROAD TO PARIS
Hobbs, Will CROSSING THE WIRE
Holm, Jennifer PENNY FROM HEAVEN
Larson, Kirby HATTIE BIG SKY
LeGuin, Ursula VOICES
Levine, Gail FAIREST
Lowry, Lois GOSSAMER
McCaffrey, Laura WATER SHAPER
McCormick, Patricia SOLD
Naidoo, Beverly WEB OF LIES
Patron, Susan THE HIGHER POWER OF LUCKY
Paterson, Katherine BREAD AND ROSES
Peck, Richard HERE LIES THE LIBRARIAN
Pennypacker, Sara CLEMENTINE
Reeve, Philip LARKLIGHT
Pratchett, Terry WINTERSMITH
Rylant, Cynthia THE VAN GOGH CAFE
Sachar, Louis SMALL STEPS
Sayres, Meghan Nuttall ANAHITA'S WOVEN RIDDLE
Sturtevant, Katherine A TRUE AND FAITHFUL NARRATIVE
Turner, Megan THE KING OF ATTOLIA

**NONFICTION**

Buckley, S. & Leacock, E. JOURNEYS FOR FREEDOM
Burleigh, Robert TIGER OF THE SNOWS
Demi SU DONGPO
Freedman, Russell FREEDOM WALKERS
Funny Cide Team A HORSE NAMED FUNNY CIDE
Gibbons, Gail ICE CREAM
GALAXIES GALAXIES!
Govenar, Alan EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY PEOPLE
Harris, Robie IT'S NOT THE STORK!
Kurlansky, Mark THE STORY OF SALT
Lasky, Kathryn JOHN MUIR: AMERICAN'S FIRST ENVIRONMENTALIST
LAT KAMPUNG BOY
Mallory, Kenneth DIVING TO A DEEP-SEA VOLCANO
Mannis, Celeste SNAPSHOTS THE WONDERS OF MONTEREY BAY
JULIA MORGAN BUILT A CASTLE
Marcus, Leonard THE WAND IN THE WORD: CONVERSATIONS WITH WRITERS OF FANTASY
McCarthy, Meghan ALIENS ARE COMING!
McCully, Emily THE ESCAPE OF ONEY JUDGE
MARVELOUS MATTIE
Mochizuki, Ken BE WATER, MY FRIEND
Montgomery, Sy THE GOOD GOOD PIG
QUEST FOR THE TREE KANGAROO
Nelson, S.D. QUIET HERO: THE IRA HAYES STORY
Osborne, Mary POMPEII LOST & FOUND
Pinkney, Sandra READ AND RISE
Ray, Deborah Kogan TO GO SINGING THROUGH THE WORLD
Reynolds, Jan CELEBRATE! CONNECTIONS AMONG CULTURES
Ryder, Joanne A PAIR OF POLAR BEARS
Sadler, Judy QUICK KNITS
Schaefer, Lola AN ISLAND GROWS
Shoveller, Herb RYAN AND JIMMY AND THE WELL IN AFRICA…
Siegel, Sienna TO DANCE
Sis, Peter PLAY, MOZART, PLAY!
Sobol, Richard CONSTRUCTION ZONE
Swinburne, Stephen WINGS OF LIGHT
Thimmesh, Catherine TEAM MOON
Tokuda, Yukihisa I'M A PILL BUG
Urbigkit, Cat A YOUNG SHEPHERD
Wechsler, Doug FROG HEAVEN: ECOLOGY OF A VERNAL POOL
Wheeler, Lisa MAMMOTHS ON THE MOVE
Winter, Jonah DIZZY