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Fiction For Younger Readers

Ashman, Linda. Rain! (072979) Robinson, Christian, il. As an old man grumbles his way through a rainy morning, spreading gloom, his neighbor, a young child, spreads cheer while hopping through puddles in frog-themed rainwear. (04-08) Houghton 2013 K+,L,Q,W \$19.29 ❖

Bauer, Marion Dane. In Like A Lion, Out Like A Lamb. (097150) McCully, Emily Arnold, il. Describes in verse the lion that is March weather, which finally gives way to the lamb of spring. (04-08) Holiday House 2011 B,K,L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.27

Bean, Jonathan. Big Snow. (100335) An excited and frustrated boy watches hopefully as wintry weather develops slowly into a big snow. (03-06) Farrar 2013 B,K+,L,Q+,M,C+,W+ (AR/RC) \$19.29

Birdsall, Jeanne. Flora's Very Windy Day. (120468) Phelan, Matt, il. When a big wind blows her annoying little brother away, Flora decides to save him despite the many tempting offers she gets for him from, among others, a cloud, an eagle, the man in the moon, and the wind itself. (05-08) Clarion 2010 B+,K+,L,Q,CA,W (AR/RC) \$18.60

Bluemle, Elizabeth. Tap Tap Boom Boom. (128713) Karas, G. Brian, il. When a thunderstorm hits a city street, children and grown-ups dash to the subway for shelter--and an impromptu friendly gathering. (03-07) Candlewick 2014 B,K,L,Q+,M,C,W+ (AR) \$19.29

Brown, Ruth. Gracie The Lighthouse Cat. (159566) When Gracie discovers that her kitten is missing from their lighthouse home, she goes out into a terrible storm to rescue him. (05-08) Andersen Press USA 2011 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.27

Bruchac, James. Rabbit's Snow Dance: A Traditional Iroquois Story. (163305) Newman,
Jeff, il. Rabbit loves the winter and knows a dance to
make it snow--even in springtime! (03-05) Dial 2012
B,K,L,Q+,M,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.29

Cox, Judy. Snow Day For Mouse. (246328) Ebbeler, Jeffrey, il. On a snowy day, Mouse is swept outside where he plays in the snow, ice skates on a frozen puddle, and makes sure his friends the birds get something to eat. (04-08) Holiday House 2012 K,L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.27

Gibson, Amy (Amy S.) Split! Splat! (376710) Bjorkman, Steve, il. When a little girl ventures out into a spring rain with her dog, singing a simple, plain, pitter-patter rain song, her neighbors soon

join her for some muddy-day fun. (04-08) Scholastic 2012 B,K,L,Q \$19.29

Gorbachev, Valeri. Catty Jane Who Hated The Rain. (386588) Catty Jane is terrified of thunderstorms. But with the help of her well-intentioned friends, Pig, Goose, and Frog, she learns to endure the lightning and thunder. (03-08) Boyds Mills 2012 K,L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.27

Harper, Jamie. Miss Mingo Weathers The Storm. (420649) It's field trip day for Miss Mingo's multispecies class--but will each animal find a way to weather the weather on the path up to the observatory? (04-07) Candlewick 2012 K,L,Q,W (AR) \$18.59

Hill, Susanna Leonard. April Fool, Phyllis! (444272) Ebbeler, Jeffrey, il. When Punxsutawney Phyllis forecasts a blizzard on April Fools' Day for the Spring Treasure Hunt, everyone thinks she is pulling a prank. Includes information of the origins of April Fools' Day and how it is celebrated around the world. (04-08) Holiday House 2011 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.27

Hillenbrand, Will. Kite Day: A Bear And Mole Story. (445334) Bear and Mole build a kite and take it out on a windy day, but when the weather suddenly turns stormy there are unexpected consequences for some birds. (03-06) Holiday House 2012 K,L+,Q,C,W (AR) \$19.27

Holub, Joan. Groundhog Weather School. (461280) Sorra, Kristin, il. When Groundhog realizes he needs helpers all over the country to accurately forecast the weather, he establishes a school to teach young groundhogs how to properly determine when spring will arrive. (05-08) Putnam 2009 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.29

Horacek, Petr. Puffin Peter. (463666) Peter and Paul are puffins and the best of friends. But one day Peter gets lost in a terrible storm, and Peter sets out, determined to find his pal. (03-05) Candlewick 2013 B,K,L,Q,C,W (AR) \$19.29

Keats, Ezra Jack. Snowy Day. (510926) The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. (03-06) Viking 1976 B (AR/RC) \$12.96

Lichtenheld, Tom. Cloudette. (572454) Cloudette, the littlest cloud, finds a way to do something big and important like the other clouds do. (03-07) Holt 2011 B,K,L,Q,W (AR) \$19.29

Liniers. Big Wet Balloon. (577162) Matilda promises her little sister Clemmie an amazing





















weekend spent playing outside. But the weather's rainy and Clemmie can't bring her new balloon along. Matilda teaches Clemmie all the delights of a wet Saturday. In graphic novel format. (06-08) Toon Books 2013 B,K+,L,Q+,M+,W (AR) \$16.47

Long, Loren. Otis And The Tornado. (585227) When a tornado threatens his farm, Otis the tractor must try to save the animals, including an unfriendly bull. (06-09) Philomel 2011 B,K,L,Q,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.99

MacLachlan, Patricia. Snowflakes Fall. (595021) Kellogg, Steven, il. In this illustrated poem in honor of the victims of the 2012 shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, falling snowflakes celebrate the uniqueness of life, its precious, simple moments, and the strength of memory. (03-06) Random 2013 B+,K,L+,Q,M,W (AR) \$19.99

Ray, Mary Lyn. Boom! (740754) Salerno, Steven, il. Rosie a little dog, is afraid of nothing except thunder and during one very bad storm, she discovers that the boy who she lives with is frightened, too. (03-07) Hyperion 2013 K,L,W (AR) \$19.29

Reid, Barbara. Perfect Snow. (744996) On the first snow of the season, Jim and Scott and their classmates build an enormous snowman fort. (05-08) Whitman 2011 B+,K,L,Q+,M,W (AR/RC) \$19.29

Rumford, James. Rain School. (771058) The children arrive on the first day of school and build a mud structure to be their classroom until the rainy season washes it all away. (03-07) Houghton 2010 B+,K,L,Q,C (AR/RC) \$19.29

Uhlberg, Myron. Storm Called Katrina. (897638) Bootman, Colin, il. A young cornet player and his parents evacuate their neighborhood after Hurricane Katrina and struggle to survive. (07-11) Peachtree 2011 B+,K+,L,Q,W+ (AR/RC) \$19.97

Van Leeuwen, Jean. Oliver & Amanda And The Big Snow. (902958) Four stories about Amanda and Oliver Pig and their parents, who go outside to play after a big snowstorm. (05-08) Dial 2013 B,K,L+,M,C (AR/RC) \$11.52

Yee, Wong Herbert. Mouse And Mole: A Winter Wonderland. (972747) Best friends Mouse and Mole enjoy playing in the snow with Sno-Mouse and Sno-Mole, two more best friends. (06-09) Houghton 2010 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$17.90

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Fiction For Older Readers

Cameron, Anne. Lightning Catcher. (184089) When eleven-year-old Angus McFangus learns that he is a storm prophet, someone who can predict and control catastrophic weather, he must stop the villainous Scabious Dankhart from unleashing an unending storm and achieving world domination. (08-12) Greenwillow 2013 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.29

Hesse, Karen. Out Of The Dust. (441509) In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates



Hobbs, Will. Take Me To The River. (449066) When North Carolina fourteen-year-old Dylan Sands joins his fifteen-year-old cousin Rio in running the Rio Grande River, they face a tropical storm and a fugitive kidnapper. (10-14) Harper 2011 B,L,Q+,M (AR/RC) \$18.59

Hobbs, Will. Never Say Die. (449166) Fifteenyear-old half-Inuit Nick and his white brother, Ryan, meet and share an adventure on the Firth River in the Canadian Arctic, facing white water, wild animals, and fierce weather as Ryan documents the effects of climate change on caribou for National Geographic magazine. (10-14) Harper 2013 B,K,L,Q+,M (AR/RC) \$19.29

Lamana, Julie T. Upside Down In The Middle Of Nowhere. (538287) At the end of August 2005, ten-year-old Armani is looking forward to her birthday party in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where she and her extended family live, but Hurricane Katrina is on the way, bringing destruction and tragedy in its wake. (08-12) Chronicle 2014 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.29

MacLachlan, Patricia. Boxcar Children Beginning: The Aldens Of Fair Meadow Farm. (594992) Dunn, Robert, il. Before becoming orphans, the Alden kids live with their parents on a farm & take in a family stranded during a blizzard. (07-12) Whitman 2012 B,K,L,Q+,M,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.29

Osborne, Mary Pope. Twister On Tuesday. (693440) When Jack and Annie travel back to Kansas, they gain an understanding of how hard life was for pioneers. **(05-08)** Random 2001 (AR/RC) \$11.85

Paley, Jane. Hooper Finds A Family: A Hurricane Katrina Dog's Survival Tale. (695572) Jimmy, a yellow Labrador puppy separated from his Louisiana family during Hurricane Katrina, is rescued and then taken to a new family in New York. (08-12) Harper 2011 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.29

Philbrick, W. R. (W. Rodman) Zane And The Hurricane: A Story Of Katrina. (714464) A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina. (10-14) Blue Sky Press 2014 B,K+,L,Q,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$19.29

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. Ninth Ward. (749494) In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, 12-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have to weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina arrives. (10-14) Little 2010 B+,L+,Q,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$18.59

Rivers, Phoebe. Perfect Storm. (757259) A hurricane hits the New Jersey shore and while Sara's hometown of Stellamar is spared from any











major damage, things will never be the same for a twelve-year-old girl who is psychic. (08-12) Simon Spotlight 2013 $\mathbb Q$ (AR) \$18.59

Ross, Gary. Bartholomew Biddle And The Very Big Wind. (765529) Myers, Matthew, il. When a huge wind blows past his window one night, Bartholomew grabs his bedsheet and catches a ride to some incredible adventures, but he has no idea how he'll get home. (06-10) Candlewick 2012 K+,L,Q,CA,W (AR) \$19.99

Smith, Jennifer E. Storm Makers. (830568) Helquist, Brett, il. Twelve-year-olds Ruby and Simon have been growing apart since their parents moved them to a Wisconsin farm, but weird weather events that seem tied to Simon's emotions bring a stranger into their lives who introduces them to the Makers of Storms Society. (08-12) Little 2012 B,K,L,Q,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.29

Van Cleve, Kathleen. Drizzle. (902330) When a drought threatens her family's magical rhubarb farm, eleven-year-old Polly tries to find a way to make it rain again. (08-12) Dial 2010 B,K,L,Q,C+(AR/RC) \$19.29

Woods, Brenda (Brenda A.) Saint Louis Armstrong Beach. (964620) A musically-talented boy remains in New Orleans during the evacuation for Hurricane Katrina to rescue the neighborhood dog who he considers to be his best friend. (10-14) Nancy Paulsen 2011 B,K+,L+,Q+,M,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.29

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Nonfiction For Younger Readers

Arnold, Caroline. Warmer World: From Polar Bears To Butterflies, How Climate Change Affects Wildlife. (070654) Hogan, Jamie, il. Describes how climate change has affected ecosystems around the world and in turn how the animals within those ecosystems have adapted to those changes--or not. (07-10) Charlesbridge 2012 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.27

Coleman, Janet Wyman. Eight Dolphins Of Katrina: A True Tale Of Survival. (404840) Nascimbene, Yan, il. A picture book that recounts the true story of eight bottlenose dolphins and their trainers who survived the devastating Hurricane Katrina. (06-09) Houghton 2013 B,K,L,W (AR/RC) \$19.99

DiSiena, Laura Lyn. Rainbows Never End: And Other Fun Facts. (280392) Oswald, Pete, il. A book of fun facts about snow, space, rainbows, and other elements of weather and the environment! (06-08) Little Simon 2014 L \$19.99

Drummond, Allan. Energy Island: How One Community Harnessed The Wind And Changed Their World. (290872) The true story of an island in Denmark whose people make all the energy they need using the power of the wind! (06-10) Farrar 2011 B+,K,L+,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.99









Geisert, Arthur. Thunderstorm. (372892) Virtually wordless picture book that follows the course of a storm through midwestern farm country minute-by-minute, hour-by-hour, from late morning into late afternoon. (03-06) Enchanted Lion 2013 K+,L,Q,C,W \$19.97

Gibbons, Gail. Hurricanes! (376219) Learn how hurricanes are formed, how they are named and classified, and what to do if a dangerous storm is coming your way. (04-08) Holiday House 2009 L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.97

Gibbons, Gail. It's Raining! (376204) A thorough explanation of the formation and effects of rain. (04-08) Holiday House 2014 B,K,L,Q (AR) \$19.97

Gibbons, Gail. It's Snowing! (376214) Information about different types of snowstorms, regions where snow falls most, and how to prepare when a snowstorm is approaching. (04-08) Holiday House 2011 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.97

Gibbons, Gail. Tornadoes! (376327) Provides an explanation of what tornadoes are, how they form, the scale used for classifying them, and what to do in case one should be near you. (04-08) Holiday House 2009 B,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.97

Johnson, Robin (Robin R.) What Is Precipitation? (709430) Learn the basic concepts of the water cycle and the features of different kinds of precipitation. (05-08) Crabtree 2013 L (AR) \$13.58

Johnson, Robin (Robin R.) What Is Wind? (709433) Discover how wind forms, its affect on people, plants, and animals, and the tools scientists use to measure wind direction and speed. (05-08) Crabtree 2013 L (AR) \$13.58

Kamkwamba, William. Boy Who Harnessed The Wind. (506354) Zunon, Elizabeth, il. A boy learns to build a windmill to bring electricity to his village during a drought and famine. (06-08) Dial 2012 B,K,L,Q,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.99

Lyon, George Ella. All The Water In The World. (591244) Tillotson, Katherine, il. Water doesn't come. It goes. Around. An environmentally friendly song about the water cycle. **(04-08)** Atheneum 2011 B+,L+,Q+,M,C,W \$19.99

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. Snowflake Bentley. (608165) A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. (04-08) Houghton 1998 B+,K,L,M,C+ (AR/RC) \$13.04

Messner, Kate. Over And Under The Snow. (639782) Neal, Christopher Silas, il. Explores the tunnels and caves formed beneath the snow but over the ground, where many kinds of animals live through the winter. (04-08) Chronicle 2011 B,K,L,Q+,M+,W (AR) \$13.28





















Obed, Ellen Bryan. Twelve Kinds Of Ice. (684620) McClintock, Barbara, il. From the first ice, a thin skin on a bucket of water, through thickly-iced fields, streams, and gardens, a girl, her family, and friends anticipate and enjoy a winter of skating, ending with an ice show complete with costumes, refreshments, and clowns. (06-09) Houghton 2012 K+,L,Q+,M,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.29 ccss 🞝

Osborne, Will. Twisters And Other Terrible Storms: A Nonfiction Companion To Magic Tree House #23: Twister On Tuesday. (693445) Discusses weather and the study and prediction of storms. (06-10) Random 2003 Q (AR/RC) \$12.30

Simon, Seymour. Global Warming. (820658) All the facts on global warming and climate change and what we can do to save our Earth. (05-09) Harper 2010 B,K,L,Q+,M (AR/RC) \$19.99 ccs 45

Spilsbury, Louise. What Is Weather? (840221) Takes an all-inclusive look at a wide range of meteorological phenomena--including clouds, rain, snow, and fog--and examines their relationship to each other in an easy-to-grasp way. (07-11) Britannica 2014 (AR) \$23.82 ccss

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Nonfiction For Older Readers

Aronin, Miriam. Mangled By A Hurricane! (071066) Recounts August 28, 2005 when hurricane Katrina headed straight for New Orleans, Louisiana. (07-11) Bearport 2010 L,Q (AR/RC) \$20.67 🐯

Aronin, Miriam. Oklahoma's Devastating May 2013 Tornado. (071064) A heart-stopping account of the tornado that hit Moore, Oklahoma, and nearby areas--and the heroic rescue and cleanup efforts after the destruction. (08-12) Bearport 2014 B (AR/RC) \$20.67 🚭

Brown, Don. Great American Dust Bowl. (162458) A gripping graphic novel account of one of America's most catastrophic natural events: The Dust Bowl. (12-16) Houghton 2013 B+,K+,L,Q+,M+,C+,W (AR/RC) \$20.69

Challoner, Jack. Hurricane & Tornado. (166390) Describes dangerous and destructive weather conditions around the world, such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, lightning, hail, and drought with photographs, historical background, and legends. (10-14) DK Publishing 2004 Q (AR/RC) \$19.29 (SS)

Fradin, Judith Bloom. Tornado!: The Story Behind These Twisting, Turning, Spinning, And Spiraling Storms. (349664) Explains the human experience of tornadoes, why they happen, and how to keep people safe. (10-14) National Geographic 2011 B,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.27 ccs

Gregory, Josh. Climate Scientist. (400994) Explains what a climate scientist does and how to become one. (09-13) Cherry Lake 2013 L (AR) \$21.37 🐯

Gregory, Josh. Superstorm Hurricane Sandy. (401128) On October 29, 2012, one of the most powerful storms in recent history landed on the







coast of New Jersey. Shows how people are working to rebuild and recover. (08-10) Children's 2013 \bar{L} (AR/RC) \$12.73 ccss

Pringle, Laurence. Ice!: The Amazing History Of The Ice Business. (733510) Describes the key inventions and ideas that helped the ice business flourish before refrigeration was invented. (08-12) Calkins Creek 2012 B,K+,L,Q,C (AR/RC) \$19.97 ccss 🞝

Taylor-Butler, Christine. Meteorology: The Study Of Weather. (874063) Find out how meteorologists study patterns in Earth's atmosphere to predict temperature changes, dangerous storms, and even global climate change. (08-10) Children's 2012 B (AR/RC) \$12.73 ឈ 🛵

Tougias, Mike. Finest Hours: The True Story Of A Heroic Sea Rescue. (885814) On the night of February 18, 1952, two oil tankers just off the shore of Cape Cod were torn in half by the force of a storm. Here is the story of a Coast Guard rescue when four men in a tiny lifeboat saved more than 30 stranded sailors. (09-14) Holt 2014 B,K,L,Q,C (AR) \$19.99 ccss

Zuchora-Walske, Christine. Dust (984813) Presents factual details of the Dust Bowl through multiple accounts of the event. (09-14) Cherry Lake 2014 L (AR) \$21.37 ccss

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