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Nonfiction About Birds

Arlon, Penelope. *Birds*. (068296) il. Fun facts about all kinds of birds, whether they are in your backyard or in the most remote places on Earth. (06-08) Scholastic 2014 Q (AR/RC) **\$13.21**

Bouler, Olivia. *Olivia's Birds: Saving The Gulf*. (138360) il. The amazing true story of Olivia Bouler and her Save the Gulf campaign, raising money for the Gulf oil spill by using her paintings of birds. (03-09) Sterling 2011 B+,L,Q,W (AR) **\$18.09** CCSS TX

Cleary, Brian P. *Sparrow, Eagle, Penguin, And Seagull: What Is A Bird?* (221075) Goneau, Martin il. An introduction to birds, including the characteristics they share. (05-08) Millbrook 2013 B,L,Q (AR/RC) **\$26.24** TX

George, Jean Craighead. *Eagles Are Back*. (374359) Minor, Wendell il. An inspiring picture book about the near-extinction and dramatic comeback of America's symbol. (06-08) Dial 2013 B,K,L,Q,W (AR) **\$19.51** TX

Gibbons, Gail. *Owls*. (376443) Information about the twenty-one types of owls, such as the elf owl and the great gray owl, that are believed to be living in North America. (04-08) Holiday House 2005 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) **\$13.92** CCSS

Gray, Rita. *Have You Heard The Nesting Bird?* (394347) Kenard, Pak il. In this nonfiction picture book for young readers, we learn just why the mother nesting bird stays quiet and still while sitting on her eggs. (04-08) Houghton 2014 B+,K+,L,Q,C,W **\$19.51** CCSS

Judge, Lita. *Bird Talk: What Birds Are Saying And Why*. (503650) il. An illustrated tribute to birds of all kinds and the fantastic, funny, fascinating things that they do. (06-09) Roaring Brook 2012 B,K,L,Q+,M,W (AR) **\$20.21** CCSS TX

Lewis, Suzanne. *Penguin Named Patience: A Hurricane Katrina Rescue Story*. (568454) Anchin, Lisa il. Patience is a South

African penguin living at New Orleans's Audubon Aquarium of the Americas. When the Aquarium is severely damaged during Hurricane Katrina, many animals are put in peril. They must leave their home, and their penguin keeper, until it is restored. (06-08) Sleeping Bear Press 2015 B,K,W (AR) **\$18.79**

Long, Ethan. *Wing Wing Brothers Math Spectacular!* (585289) il. Five hilarious ducks juggle pies, spin plates, and show off their magic box. Their slapstick routine is also a math lesson. (04-06) Holiday House 2012 K+,L,Q,C,W **\$18.79** CCSS TX

Markle, Sandra. *Long, Long Journey: The Godwit's Amazing Migration*. (603911) Posada, Mia il. Following the amazing journey of a young bar-tailed godwit from her birth in Alaska through her 7,000-mile migration to New Zealand. (05-08) Millbrook 2013 B,K,L+,Q,M (AR/RC) **\$26.24**

Moore, Eva. *Lucky Ducklings*. (656192) Carpenter, Nancy il. While following their mother through town, five little ducklings fall into a storm drain. (05-07) Scholastic 2013 B,K,L,Q+,M,C+,W (AR/RC) **\$19.51**

Munro, Roxie. *Hatch!* (664435) il. Nine birds and their eggs and nests. (05-11) Cavendish 2011 B,L,Q+,M,W (AR) **\$20.21** CCSS

Roth, Susan L. *Parrots Over Puerto Rico*. (767474) il. A combined history of the Puerto Rican parrot and the island of Puerto Rico, highlighting current efforts to save the Puerto Rican parrot by protecting and managing this endangered species. (06-10) Lee & Low 2013 B+,K+,L+,Q+,M+,C,W+ (AR/RC) **\$21.59** CCSS

Sill, Cathryn P. *About Parrots: A Guide For Children*. (817250) Sill, John il. Uses simple, easy-to-understand language to teach children what parrots are, how they look, how they move, what they eat, and where they live. (03-07) Peachtree 2014 B,K,L,Q (AR) **\$19.49** CCSS





Stewart, Melissa. Feathers: Not Just For Flying. (854340) Brannen, Sarah S. il. Meet sixteen birds in this introduction to many uses for feathers. (06-09) Charlesbridge 2014 B,K,L,Q+,M,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$13.10 CCSS

Ward, Jennifer. Mama Built A Little Nest. (920104) Jenkins, Steve il. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce different kinds of birds' nests, from the scrapes falcons build on high, craggy ledges to the underground nests burrowing owls dig. Includes brief facts about each kind of bird. (04-08) Beach Lane 2014 B+,K,L,Q,C,W+ (AR) \$20.21

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Nonfiction About Spiders And Insects

Bishop, Nic. Nic Bishop Spiders. (122365) il. Up close photographs and text reveal spiders molting, weaving webs, hunting, eating, dancing and more. (04-08) Scholastic 2007 B+,K+,L+,Q+,M+,C (AR/RC) \$20.21 CCSS

Bodden, Valerie. Beetles. (129548) il. A basic introduction to beetles, examining where they live, how they grow, what they eat, and the unique traits that help to define them, such as their ability to make sounds or glow. (05-08) Creative Education 2013 L \$20.19 TX

Burns, Loree Griffin. Beetle Busters: A Rogue Insect And The People Who Track It. (175328) Harasimowicz, Ellen il. A fascinating photo essay about the tree-killing Asian long-horned beetle and a nationwide effort from bug scientists to tree doctors working to eradicate this incredibly invasive pest. (10-14) Houghton 2014 B+,K+,L+,Q+,M,C,W (AR/RC) \$20.91

Burns, Loree Griffin. Handle With Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey. (175384) Harasimowicz, Ellen il. El Bosque Nuevo, located in the tropical forest of Costa Rica, is no ordinary farm. Here, the farmers "grow" butterfly pupae and ship them to museums so that people around the world can learn more about butterflies. The money that the museums pay for the pupae is used to protect the forest around the farm, including its butterfly habitat. (07-09) Millbrook 2014 B,K,L,Q+,M (AR/RC) \$26.24 CCSS

Ehlert, Lois. Waiting For Wings. (304150) Through colorful photographs and text, follows the life cycle of four common butterflies. (03-07) Harcourt 2001 B+,K+,L,Q+,M,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$20.21 CCSS

Frost, Helen. Step Gently Out. (360740) Lieder, Rick il. Close-up photos of insects and spiders and a lyrical text implore children to look

more closely at the world around them. (02-05) Candlewick 2012 B+,K+,L,Q,W+ (AR) \$18.81 CCSS

Gerber, Carole. Seeds, Bees, Butterflies, And More!: Poems For Two Voices. (375571) Yelchin, Eugene il. Two-voice poems starring seeds, bees, and other small friends. (04-08) Holt 2013 B,L,Q,C,W (AR) \$20.21

Glaser, Linda. Not A Buzz To Be Found: Insects In Winter. (380888) Zollars, Jaime il. Presents a variety of ways that insects and their offspring survive the winter. (07-10) Millbrook 2012 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$25.30 CCSS TX

Gray, Leon. Walking Sticks: The World's Longest Insects. (401588) il. Learn about the natural habitat, physical characteristics, diet, life cycle, and behavior of this supersized insect. (06-09) Bearport 2013 B,L,Q (AR/RC) \$20.19 TX

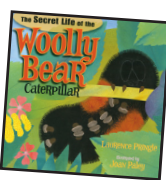
Gregory, Josh. Wolf Spiders. (401137) il. An introduction to wolf spiders, including how they stalk and attack their prey, reproduce, care for their young, and construct their homes. (08-10) Children's 2014 B (AR/RC) \$13.05 CCSS

Heos, Bridget. Stronger Than Steel: Spider Silk DNA And The Quest For Better Bulletproof Vests, Sutures, And Parachute Rope. (439971) Comins, Andy il. Examines golden orb weaver spiders and genetically engineered goats, whose milk contains proteins to spin spider silk-- and to weave a nearly indestructible fiber. This material might someday be used to repair or replace human ligaments and bones, improve body armor, strengthen parachute rope, and tether an airplane to an aircraft carrier! (10-14) Houghton 2013 B,K,L,Q,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$20.91 CCSS TX

Huber, Raymond. Flight Of The Honey Bee. (467401) Lovelock, Brian il. Follow the flight of a honey bee as she searches for nectar to sustain her hive and pollinates flowers. (06-09) Candlewick 2013 B+,K,L,Q+,M,C (AR/RC) \$19.51

Johnson, Rebecca L. Zombie Makers: True Stories Of Nature's Undead. (497128) il. Meet nature's zombie makers--including a fly-enslaving fungus, a suicide worm, and a cockroach-taming wasp--and their unfortunate victims. (09-14) Millbrook 2013 K+,L+,Q (AR/RC) \$29.04 CCSS

Lewis, J. Patrick. Face Bug. (568356) Siskind, Frederic B. il. The grand opening of the Face Bug Museum where readers can join an insect crowd to see amazing close-up photographs of bug faces and read humorous poems about fourteen different bugs. (06-10) Wordsong 2013 K-,L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.49 TX



Markle, Sandra. Case Of The Vanishing Honeybees: A Scientific Mystery. (603758)

il. Honeybees are disappearing every year and no one knows why. In this real-life science mystery, scientists and beekeepers try to find the answers before it's too late. (09-13) Millbrook 2014 B,K,L,Q,C (AR/RC) \$28.11 CCSS

Murawski, Darlyne. Ultimate Bugopedia: The Most Complete Bug Reference Ever. (664658)

il. A colorful look at the many varieties of insects found all over the world. (08-13) National Geographic 2013 L,Q \$25.09 CCSS

Pringle, Laurence. Secret Life Of The Woolly Bear Caterpillar. (733546)

Paley, Joan il. All about those fuzzy orange-banded caterpillars, including their life cycle, body structure, habits, and habitat. (06-08) Boyds Mills 2014 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.49

Taylor-Butler, Christine. Insects And Spiders. (874088)

il. An introduction to insects and spiders, including similarities, differences, and how different species are suited for their many habitats around the world. (08-10) Children's 2014 L (AR/RC) \$13.05 CCSS

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Fiction About Birds

Appelt, Kathi. Counting Crows. (064672)

Dunlavey, Rob il. The reader is invited to count hungry crows as they hunt for savory snacks. (03-07) Atheneum 2015 B+,K+,L,W+ (AR) \$20.21

Barnett, Mac. Telephone. (091654)

Corace, Jen il. In this picture book a string of birds on a telephone wire plays a game of telephone, with the usual mixed up results. (04-08) Chronicle 2014 B,K,L,Q,M,W+ \$19.51

Bunting, Eve. Have You Seen My New Blue Socks? (171689)

Ruzzier, Sergio il. The reader is invited to help Duck and his animal friends find a missing item. (04-08) Clarion 2013 B,L,Q+,M+,C,W+ (AR) \$19.51

Burks, James (James R.) Bird & Squirrel On Ice. (173469)

il. After Bird and Squirrel crash land in the South Pole during a raging blizzard, a penguin named Sakari thinks Bird has come to rid her village of a hungry Killer Whale. But when Squirrel finds out that Bird will actually be fed to the Killer Whale as a sacrifice, they hatch a crazy plan to escape. (07-10) Scholastic 2014 L (AR) \$13.97

Byrd, Robert. Brave Chicken Little. (180129)

il. A retelling of the classic story of Chicken Little, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends Henny Penny, Lucky Ducky, and others, to tell them the sky is

falling. (04-08) Viking 2014 B+,K,L,Q+,M,C,W+ (AR) \$20.21

Cronin, Doreen. Click, Clack, Peep! (250508)

Lewin, Betsy il. All of the barnyard animals are excited about the arrival of a new duckling, until the noisy little one refuses to go to sleep. (04-08) Atheneum 2015 B,K,L,W (AR) \$20.21

Cronin, Doreen. Case Of The Weird Blue Chicken: The Next Misadventure. (250509)

Cornell, Kevin il. When a weird blue chicken comes to Chicken Squad headquarters for help, siblings Dirt, Sugar, and Sweetie help find her missing house. (07-10) Atheneum 2014 K,L,Q+,M (AR) \$16.71

Cronin, Doreen. Chicken Squad. (250510)

Cornell, Kevin il. No mystery is too big or too small for the Chicken Squad--but they're about to come face to face with their first case that might actually be out of this world. (07-10) Atheneum 2014 B,K,L,Q+,M (AR) \$16.71

Cronin, Doreen. Smick! (250546)

Medina, Juana il. Can friendship bloom between a dog and a chick? (03-05) Viking 2015 B+,K,L+,M,C+,W \$19.51

DePalma, Mary Newell. Two Little Birds. (274356)

il. Two little birds make their first grand migration south, and later return home to start new families. (04-07) Eerdmans 2014 B+,K,L,Q+,M,W (AR) \$18.82

DiCamillo, Kate. Louise, The Adventures Of A Chicken. (276767)

Bliss, Harry il. Longing for adventure, intrepid Louise leaves her comfortable nest and goes to sea. (04-08) Harper 2008 B,L+,Q+,M,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$20.21 CCSS

Freedman, Deborah (Deborah Jane) Blue Chicken. (352771)

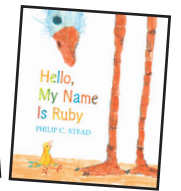
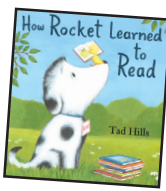
il. An enterprising chicken attempts to help an artist paint the barnyard and accidentally turns the whole picture blue. (03-05) Viking 2011 B+,K+,L+,Q+,M,W (AR) \$18.81 CCSS

Gerstein, Mordicai. You Can't Have Too Many Friends! (376142)

il. When jellybeans that Duck grew win a prize at the fair, the king comes and "borrows" some but after much time passes Duck, accompanied by many of his friends, arrives at the castle to get them back. (03-07) Holiday House 2014 B,K,L,Q+,M,C (AR/RC) \$19.49

Golan, Avirama. Little Naomi, Little Chick. (383620)

Karas, Raaya il. Little Naomi has a fun and busy day at preschool and with her family, while Little Chick has a busy, fun day on the farm. (03-06) Eerdmans 2013 B,K+,L+,Q+,M,W (AR) \$19.52



Grant, Judyann. Chicken Said, "Cluck!" (393248) Truesdell, Sue il. Earl and Pearl do not want Chicken's help in the garden, until a swarm of grasshoppers arrives and her true talent shines. (03-05) Harper 2008 B,K+,L+,Q+,M (AR/RC) \$11.92 CCSS

Harrington, Janice N. Busy-Busy Little Chick. (421016) Pinkney, J. Brian il. Mama Nsoso knows her chicks need a warm new house, but each day when they set out to collect sticks and mud she is distracted by good things to eat, while Little Chick stays busy gathering the building materials himself. (03-06) Farrar 2013 B,K,L,Q+,M,C,W (AR) \$18.81

Henkes, Kevin. Birds. (437943) Dronzek, Laura il. Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common. (02-05) Greenwillow 2009 B+,K,L+,Q+,M+,C (AR/RC) \$20.21

Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot. (442871) Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. (10-16) Knopf 2002 B,K,L-,Q+,C (AR/RC) \$18.79 CCSS

Hills, Tad. How Rocket Learned To Read. (445369) il. A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet." (03-07) Schwartz & Wade 2010 B,K,L,Q,CA (AR/RC) \$20.21 CCSS

Himmelman, John. Duck To The Rescue. (445668) il. When something goes wrong on the farm, Ernie the duck is determined to help out, but no matter how hard he tries, nothing goes quite as he plans. (04-08) Holt 2014 K,L,Q,W (AR) \$19.51

Hopkins, Jackie. Prairie Chicken Little. (463346) Cole, Henry il. In this retelling of the classic tale, Mary McBlicken, a small prairie chicken, and her animal friends are on their way to tell Cowboy Stan and Red Dog Dan that a stampede is coming when they meet a hungry coyote. (04-08) Peachtree 2013 K,L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$18.79

Jennewein, Lenore. Chick-o-Saurus Rex. (491012) Jennewein, Daniel il. Little Chick does not feel very brave and mighty until he learns that he is descended from the fierce Tyrannosaurus Rex. (04-08) Simon 2013 B,K,L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.51

Judge, Lita. Flight School. (503670) il. Little Penguin, who has the "soul of an eagle," enrolls in flight school. (04-08) Atheneum 2014 B,K,L+,Q+,M,C+,W (AR) \$20.21

Lasky, Kathryn. Rise Of A Legend. (544321) In this prequel, Ezylyrb the Screech owl recounts the story of his life in the Northern Kingdoms--his rise through the ranks of the Kielian Army, his brother's betrayal, and his friendship with Octavia the snake, to finally become a Guardian of Ga'Hoole. (09-12) Scholastic 2013 B,K+,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.51 CCSS

Mathers, Petra. When Aunt Mattie Got Her Wings. (612440) il. When Aunt Mattie dies, best friends Lottie and Herbie console each other and celebrate Aunt Mattie's life by scattering her ashes and preparing her favorite snack--peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (with bananas). (04-08) Beach Lane 2014 B+,K+,L,Q+,M,W \$20.21 CCSS

McCully, Emily Arnold. Little Ducks Go. (622426) il. Six ducklings are whisked down a storm drain, but Mother Duck and some human friends are there to help. (04-07) Holiday House 2014 B,K,L,Q,C (AR) \$13.42

Paschkis, Julie. P. Zonka Lays An Egg. (452797) il. All of the chickens in the farmyard lay eggs regularly-- all except for P. Zonka, that is. She's too busy looking at the colors of the world around her. The other chickens think P. Zonka's just lazy...until she lays the most beautiful egg they've ever seen. (04-08) Peachtree 2015 K+,L+,M,W+ (AR) \$19.49

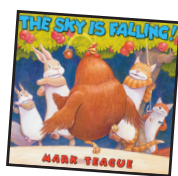
Shannon, George. Turkey Tot. (805508) Mann, Jennifer K. il. When Turkey Tot and his friends spot some fat, juicy blackberries hanging high above their heads, Turkey Tot tries hard to figure out a way to reach them. (03-06) Holiday House 2013 K,L,Q+,M,C (AR) \$19.49

Sheehan, Kevin. Dandelion's Tale. (809450) Dunlavy, Rob il. A sparrow selflessly relates Dandelion's story to the world in this tale of friendship, the power of memories, and the cycle of life. (03-07) Schwartz & Wade 2014 B,K+,L,Q,W (AR) \$19.51 CCSS

Snicket, Lemony. 13 Words. (832080) Kalman, Maira il. A dog attempts to cheer up his friend, a despondent bird, in a tale that introduces a series of words from "baby" to "haberdashery." (03-05) Harper 2010 B,K+,L,Q,C,W (AR) \$19.51 CCSS

Stead, Philip Christian. Home For Bird. (844453) il. Vernon the toad takes the silent Bird on a journey in hopes of finding Bird's home. (03-08) Roaring Brook 2012 B+,K+,L,Q+,M+,W+ (AR) \$19.51 CCSS

Stead, Philip Christian. Hello, My Name Is Ruby. (844457) il. Ruby, a very small bird in a very big world, is looking for a friend, so she introduces herself. (02-06) Roaring Brook 2013 B+,K+,L,Q,W+ (AR) \$19.51



Teague, Mark. *Sky Is Falling!* (874178) il. In this humorous version of the traditional tale, Chicken Little panics when an acorn falls on her head and sets off a dance frenzy among the other chickens, and while squirrel and the other animals understand what really happened, they soon join in the dancing--because it is fun. (03-05) Orchard 2015 **B,K,L,M** \$19.51

Willems, Mo. *That Is NOT a Good Idea!* (949610) il. A very hungry fox and a very plump goose discuss dinner. (04-08) Harper 2013 **B,K,L,Q+,M+,C,W+** (AR) \$20.21

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Fiction About Insects And Spiders

Archer, Dosh. *Itsy Bitsy Spider.* (065808) il. A spider arrives at City Hospital with some strange head injuries. How did this happen? And does it have anything to do with all the water rushing down the water spout? (05-08) Whitman 2013 **K+,L,Q+,M+,C** (AR/RC) \$16.71

Arnold, Tedd. *Pet For Fly Guy.* (070523) il. In this first Fly Guy picture book, Buzz tries to help Fly Guy find the right pet. (04-08) Orchard 2014 **K,L,Q** (AR/RC) \$19.51

Broach, Elise. *Miniature World Of Marvin & James.* (153904) Murphy, Kelly il. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. (06-09) Holt 2014 **K,L,Q+,M** (AR/RC) \$18.81

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary Of A Fly.* (250511) Bliss, Harry il. A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes. (04-08) Harper 2007 **B,K+,L+,Q+,M,W+** (AR/RC) \$19.51

DiTerlizzi, Angela. *Some Bugs.* (280533) Wenzel, Brendan il. From butterflies and moths to crickets and cicadas, a rhyming exploration of backyard-bug behavior. (04-08) Beach Lane 2014 **B,K,L,Q,W+** \$20.21

Fox, Mem. *Yoo-Hoo, Ladybug!* (349558) Ljungkvist, Laura il. Ladybug loves to hide. Come along on a treasure hunt to find this sneaky little bug, wherever she may be! (02-05) Beach Lane 2013 **B,K,L,Q+,M,W** \$19.51

Mack, Jeff. *Frog And Fly: Six Slurpy Stories.* (594369) il. Through a series of easy-to-read scenes, Frog always gets the better of Fly but in the end, Fly has the last word. (03-06) Philomel 2012 **B,K,L,Q,C,W** (AR) \$16.71

McDonald, Megan. *Ant And Honey Bee: A Pair Of Friends In Winter.* (623488) Karas, G. Brian il. Funny, endearing insect pals find a way to be more than fair-weather friends. (06-08) Candlewick 2013 **K,L,Q,C** (AR/RC) \$18.11

Mortensen, Denise Dowling. *Bug Patrol.* (660455) Bell, Cece il. Captain Bob of the Bug Patrol keeps a watchful eye on bugs everywhere. (04-08) Clarion 2013 **B,K,Q** (AR) \$19.51

Pilkey, Dav. *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. The Mutant Mosquitoes From Mercury.* (717055) Santat, Dan il. When an evil, outer-space villain named Mr. Mosquito invades earth with an army of Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury, Ricky and his Robot rush to the rescue. But with the Mighty Robot in deep danger, Ricky will have to be brave on his own to save the day! (05-08) Scholastic 2014 **Q** (AR) \$12.62

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W	Publishers Weekly
+	Starred review
AR	Accelerated Reader® test available
RC	Reading Counts® test available
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