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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 \$19.51

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) \$19.49

Bean, Jonathan. **Big Snow.** (100335) il. 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) \$19.51

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) \$19.51

Brown, Ruth. **Gracie The Lighthouse Cat.** (159566) il. 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) \$19.49

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) \$19.49

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 \$19.51

Gill, Deirdre. **Outside.** (379360) il. When his brother refuses to come outside, a child plays by himself in the snow and creates an imaginary world. (04-08) Houghton 2014 B,K+,L,Q+,M,W \$19.51

Gorbachev, Valeri. **Catty Jane Who Hated The Rain.** (386588) il. 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) \$19.49

Harper, Jamie. **Miss Mingo Weatheres The Storm.** (420649) il. 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) \$18.81

Hillenbrand, Will. **Kite Day: A Bear And Mole Story.** (445334) il. 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) \$19.49

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) \$13.76

Lichtenheld, Tom. **Cloudette.** (572454) il. 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) \$19.51

Liniers. **Big Wet Balloon.** (577162) il. 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) \$16.69

Long, Loren. **Otis And The Tornado.** (585227) il. 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) \$20.21

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) \$20.21

McCarty, Peter. **First Snow.** (618555) il. When Pedro comes from far away to visit his cousins, who are eager to introduce him to snow, all Pedro can think about at first is how much he dislikes cold. (04-08) Harper 2015 B,K,L+,Q+,M,C,W+ \$19.51





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) \$19.51

Reid, Barbara. **Perfect Snow.** (744996) il. 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) \$19.51

Rocco, John. **Blizzard.** (761099) il. After a massive blizzard, a boy becomes a hero when he manages to walk to the local store and bring supplies back to his neighborhood which has been snowed in for days. Based on the author's childhood experience. (04-08) Hyperion 2014 **B+,K+,L,Q+,M,C+,W** (AR) \$20.21

Sweeney, Linda Booth. **When The Wind Blows.** (868095) Christy, Jana il. A boy has fun outside with his family as a storm approaches, and inside when the rain arrives. (03-05) Putnam 2015 **B,K+,L,Q,W** \$19.51

Uhberg, 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) \$20.19

White, Dianne. **Blue On Blue.** (939285) Krommes, Beth il. Rhyming text and illustrations depict the swell and quieting of a storm. (04-07) Beach Lane 2014 **B+,K+,L,Q+,M,W+** \$20.21

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Fiction For Older Readers

Cameron, Anne. **Lightning Catcher.** (184089) il. 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) \$19.51

Duey, Kathleen. **Blizzard: Colorado, 1886.** (293458) When twelve-year-old Maggie attempts to rescue Hadyn during a sudden blizzard in the Colorado mountains in 1886, both cousins change their minds about each other. (08-12) Aladdin 2014 **Q** (AR) \$20.21

Hesse, Karen. **Out Of The Dust.** (441509) In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression. (09-12) Scholastic 1997 **B+,K,L+,M,C** (AR/RC) \$20.91

Hobbs, Will. **Never Say Die.** (449166) Fifteen-year-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) \$19.51

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) \$19.51

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) \$19.51

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Storm.** (667273) Having lost her family in a massive flood, sixteen-year-old Sebah finds her way onto a gigantic ark, where she must conceal herself from Noah and his family until it is safe for her and another stowaway to slip away. (14-18) Simon 2014 **B,L,Q+,M,C** (AR/RC) \$20.21

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) \$12.17

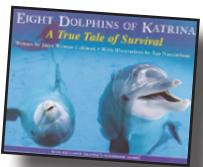
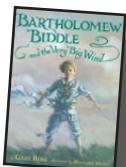
Paley, Jane. **Hooper Finds A Family: A Hurricane Katrina Dog's Survival Tale.** (695572) Jimmy, a yellow Labrador puppy separated from his Louisiana family during Hurricane Katrina, is rescued and then taken to a new family in New York. (08-12) Harper 2011 **B,K,L,Q** (AR/RC) \$19.51

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) \$19.51

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) \$18.81

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 **Q** (AR) \$18.81

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) \$20.21

Rylant, Cynthia. **Gooseberry Park And The Master Plan.** (773952) Howard, Arthur il. Stumpy, Murray, Gwendolyn, and Kona recruit Herman the crow and 200 owls to help with their Master Plan to assist the animals of Gooseberry Park that are in trouble because of a months-long drought. (08-12) Beach Lane 2015 B, K, L, Q, W+ (AR) \$19.51

Van Cleve, Kathleen. **Drizzle.** (902330) il. 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) \$19.51

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Nonfiction For Younger Readers

Clark, Stacy. **When The Wind Blows.** (218215) Snead, Brad il. When the wind blows...kites fly, beach balls roll, and wind spins the blades of turbines that power trains, heat houses, and light up cities. Introduces very young children to physics and engineering concepts. (04-08) Holiday House 2015 B, K, L \$19.49

Cole, Joanna. **Magic School Bus And The Climate Challenge.** (229398) Degen, Bruce il. All the facts on global warming, so kids can understand the crisis and how they can help solve it. (07-10) Scholastic 2014 B, K, L, Q+, M (AR/RC) \$13.42

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) \$20.21

Geisert, Arthur. **Thunderstorm.** (372892) il. 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 \$20.19

Gibbons, Gail. **It's Raining!** (376204) il. A thorough explanation of the formation and effects of rain. (04-08) Holiday House 2014 B, K, L, Q (AR) \$20.19

Gibbons, Gail. **It's Snowing!** (376214) il. 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) \$20.19

Johnson, Robin (Robin R.) **What Is Precipitation?** (709430) il. Learn the basic concepts of the water cycle and the features of different kinds of precipitation. (05-08) Crabtree 2013 L (AR) \$13.90

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) \$20.21

Lewis, Suzanne. **Penguin Named Patience: A Hurricane Katrina Rescue Story.** (568454) Anchim, 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, including Patience and the other penguins. They must leave their home, and their penguin keeper, until it is restored. (06-08) Sleeping Bear Press 2015 B, K, Q, W (AR) \$18.79

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 \$20.21

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 2014 B, K, L, Q+, M+, W (AR) \$13.60

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) \$19.51

Paul, Miranda. **Water Is Water.** (704245) Chin, Jason il. A spare, poetic picture book exploring the different phases of the water cycle in surprising and engaging ways. (04-06) Roaring Brook 2015 B, K, L+, Q+, M, C \$20.21

Sayre, April Pulley. **Raindrops Roll.** (781168) il. In her latest photo-illustrated nonfiction picture book, celebrated author April Pulley Sayre sheds new light on the wonders of rain, from the beauty of a raindrop balanced on a leaf to the amazing, never-ending water cycle that keeps our planet in perfect ecological balance. (04-08) Beach Lane 2015 B, K+, L+, Q, W+ \$20.21

Spilsbury, Louise. **What Is Weather?** (840221) il. 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 order to explain how weather works in an easy-to-grasp way. (07-11) Britannica 2014 (AR) \$24.04

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Nonfiction For Older Readers

Aronin, Miriam. **Oklahoma's Devastating May 2013 Tornado.** (071064) il. 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,Q (AR/RC) \$20.89

Brown, Don. **Great American Dust Bowl.** (162458) il. 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) \$20.91

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) \$14.92

Gregory, Josh. **Climate Scientist.** (400994) il. Explains what a climate scientist does and how to become one. (09-13) Cherry Lake 2013 L (AR) \$21.59

Kallio, Jamie. **12 Things To Know About Climate Change.** (505858) il. Explores twelve things to know about climate change, including amazing facts along with key players and innovations. (08-12) Amicus 2015 L (AR) \$27.57

Orr, Tamra. **Forecasting A Flood.** (691984) il. Use the scientific method to learn how experts predict floods and other natural disasters. (09-12) Cherry Lake 2014 L \$21.59

Pringle, Laurence. **Ice!: The Amazing History Of The Ice Business.** (733510) il. 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) \$20.19

Rowell, Rebecca. **Weather And Climate Through Infographics.** (768965) Dean, Venitia il. This book covers weather and climatology, including weather-related disasters, how weather impacts us as humans, what patterns occur with weather and within different climates, and how we measure and predict those things. (08-11) Lerner 2014 L,Q (AR/RC) \$26.24

Taylor-Butler, Christine. **Meteorology: The Study Of Weather.** (874063) il. 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) \$13.05

Toulias, Mike. **Finest Hours: The True Story Of A Heroic Sea Rescue.** (885814) il. 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 harrowing 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) \$20.21

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C	Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
K	Kirkus Reviews
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