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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** \$19.61

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) \$19.61

Bildner, Phil. Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina And The Spirit Of New Orleans. (119819) Parra, John il. A man sings and dances his way through the French Quarter in New Orleans, keeping his beloved city clean, until Hurricane Katrina's devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit. (03-05) Chronicle 2015 **K,L,Q** (AR/RC) \$19.61

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) \$19.61

Colby, Rebecca. It's Raining Bats & Frogs. (226242) Henry, Steven il. Delia takes matters into her own hands when heavy rain threatens the Halloween Parade, using her magic to turn the rain into animals or different objects, and each new type of rain she tries brings a new set of problems. (02-05) Feiwel and Friends 2015 **K,L,Q,C,W** (AR) \$19.61

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** \$19.61

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** \$19.61

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) \$19.59



Gravett, Emily. Bear & Hare, Snow! (393800) il. Friends Bear and Hare go out to play in the snow. (03-06) Simon 2015 **B,K,L,Q,W** (AR) \$19.61

Jenkins, Emily. Toys Meet Snow: Being The Wintertime Adventures Of A Curious Stuffed Buffalo, A Sensitive Plush StingRay, And A Book-Loving Rubber Ball. (490951) Zelinsky, Paul O. il. While Little Girl is away on winter vacation, her toys, Lumphy, StingRay, and Plastic, decide to go outside and learn more about snow. (03-07) Schwartz & Wade 2015 **B,K+,L+,Q+,M,C+,W+** \$20.31

Koehler, Lora. Little Snowplow. (527716) il. None of the other trucks think the little snowplow can handle the big snows, but he trains hard, pushing loads of gravel, pulling blocks of concrete, and doing plow lifts to get ready. Will his hard work pay off? (03-07) Candlewick 2015 **K,L,Q,W** \$18.91

Lichtenheld, Tom. Clodette. (572454) il. Clodette, 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) \$19.61

Lin, Grace. Ling & Ting: Together In All Weather. (573842) il. Twin sisters Ling and Ting have fun together playing in all kinds of weather. (06-09) Little 2015 **Q+,M+** (AR/RC) \$18.92

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) \$16.79

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) \$20.31

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+** (AR) \$19.61

Pearlman, Robb. Groundhog's Day Off. (706339) Helquist, Brett il. Tired of being asked only about the weather, a sensitive groundhog decides to take a vacation right before the big day in February. (06-08) Bloomsbury 2015 **K,L,Q,C,W+** (AR) \$19.61





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) \$19.61

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) \$20.31

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** \$19.61

Usher, Sam. Snow. (901038) il. Join a boy and his grandfather as they enjoy a snow day in the park! (03-07) Templar 2015 **B,K,L,Q,W** \$19.61

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+** \$20.31

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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) \$19.61

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) \$20.31

Hatfield, Ruth. Book Of Storms. (424808) When his parents disappear after a fierce storm, eleven-year-old Danny, unaccustomed to acts of bravery, comes to their rescue after finding a valuable shard of wood that enables him to talk to plants and animals and battle terrifyingly powerful enemies, including the demonic Sammael. (10-14) Holt 2015 **B,K+,L,Q,C,W** (AR) \$19.61

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) \$19.61 **CCSS**

Key, Watt. Terror At Bottle Creek. (516467) Thirteen-year-old Cort's father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama who has been teaching his son everything he knows. But

when a deadly Gulf Coast hurricane makes landfall, Cort must unexpectedly put all his skills--and bravery--to the test. (10-13) Farrar 2016 **B,K,L,C** (AR/RC) \$19.61

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) \$19.61

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) \$20.31 **CCSS**

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) \$12.72 **CCSS** **TX**

Patrick, Denise Lewis. Finding Someplace. (703535) The weekend she turns thirteen, aspiring clothing designer Teresa "Reesie" Boone is separated from her family by Hurricane Katrina but, during the horrific storm and its aftermath, begins to find strength in herself. (08-12) Holt 2015 **B,L+,Q,C** (AR/RC) \$19.61

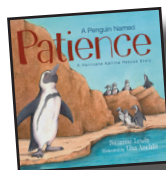
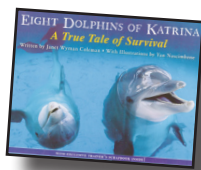
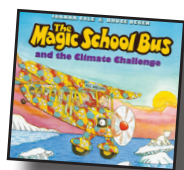
Philbrick, W. R. (W. Rodman) Zane And The Hurricane: A Story Of Katrina. (714464) A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina. (10-14) Blue Sky Press 2014 **B,K+,L,Q,C,W+** (AR/RC) \$19.61

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) \$18.91

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) \$19.61

Smith, Tamara Ellis. Another Kind Of Hurricane. (827278) The world itself seems to bring together Henry, whose best friend died near their home in the mountains of Vermont, and Zavion, who lost his home in Hurricane Katrina, so that the boys can help each other heal. (09-12) Schwartz & Wade 2015 **K+,L,Q+,M** (AR) \$19.61 **CCSS**

Tarshis, Lauren. I Survived The Joplin Tornado, 2011. (872558) Dawson, Scott il. Eleven-year-old Dexter has always wanted to see a tornado.



So when he gets the incredible opportunity to go storm chasing with the famous Dr. Norman Gage, he has to say yes! Dex certainly knows how deadly tornadoes can be, but this one isn't heading toward Joplin. But when the tornado shifts direction, Dexter's bravery is about to get seriously tested. (07-10) Scholastic 2015 Q (AR/RC) **\$12.27**

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Nonfiction For Younger Readers

Clark, Stacy. When The Wind Blows. (218215) Sneed, 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,Q **\$19.59**

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) **\$13.52** CCSS TX

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) **\$20.31** TX

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 **\$20.29**

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) **\$20.29**

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) **\$14.00** CCSS TX

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) **\$20.31** CCSS TX

Kudlinski, Kathleen. V. Boy, Were We Wrong About The Weather! (534026) Serra, Sebastia il. Examines what is known about weather--storms, predictions, climate, and other characteristics--and how different the facts are from what scientists, from ancient Sumerians to the recent past, believed to be true. (06-08) Dial 2015 B,L,Q+,M,C (AR) **\$19.61**

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) **\$13.70** CCSS TX

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 **\$20.31**

Rose, Caroline Starr. Over In The Wetlands: A Hurricane-On-The-Bayou Story. (763950) Dunlavy, Rob il. Various wetland creatures, from alligators to egrets, enjoy what begins as a calm and peaceful day in the bayou, then prepare for and endure a passing hurricane, and finally settle in for a peaceful night. (04-08) Schwartz & Wade 2015 K,L,Q (AR/RC) **\$20.31**

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+ **\$20.31**

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 Ed Pub 2014 (AR) **\$24.14** CCSS

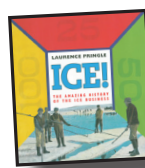
Stewart, Melissa. Hurricane Watch. (854585) Morley, Taia il. An introduction to hurricanes, including how they form, how scientists track them, what kids can do to keep themselves safe if one strikes, and more. (04-08) Harper 2015 B,L,Q (AR) **\$13.52**

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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) **\$20.99** CCSS

Brimner, Larry Dane. Rain Wizard: The Amazing, Mysterious, True Life Of Charles Mallory Hatfield. (151909) il. In the early 1900s, San Diego was crippled by drought. They hired rainmaker Charles Mallory Hatfield. But when torrents of rain came, closing roads, uprooting train lines, and destroying bridges, San Diego refused to pay him. Had Hatfield really brought on the rain? (09-12) Calkins Creek 2015 B+,K,L+,Q+,M (AR) **\$19.59** CCSS



Brown, Don. Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina And New Orleans. (158174) il. Recounts one of the most destructive and devastating natural disasters in our American history in graphic novel format. (12-16) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2015 B+,K+,L+,Q+,M+,C+,W+ (AR/RC) **\$21.01**

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) **\$21.01**

Carson, Mary Kay. Inside Biosphere 2: Earth Science Under Glass. (194955) Uhlman, Tom il. In the 1990s, scientists lived inside Biosphere 2 (Biosphere 1 is the Earth itself) for two years, trying to figure out if colonizing Mars would ever be possible. Now scientists don't live there but instead conduct all sorts of studies and experiments aimed to help us better understand our environment and especially understand what sort of things are happening to it due to climate change and other man-made problems. (10-14) Houghton 2015 B+,K+,L+,Q+,M+,C (AR/RC) **\$21.01**

Gregory, Josh. Climate Scientist. (400994) il. Explains what a climate scientist does and how to become one. (09-13) Cherry Lake 2013 L (AR) **\$21.69** CCSS TX

Heos, Bridget. It's Getting Hot In Here: The Past, Present, And Future Of Global Warming. (439956) This hard-hitting look at climate change examines the effects it's having across the world, the politics behind denial, and the ways in which we can all work to lessen the harsh effects of our warming world. Perfect for young environmentalists looking to learn about the ways in which we can take action against global warming. (12-16) Houghton 2015 B,K,L,Q,C,W (AR) **\$20.31**

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 **\$21.69** CCSS

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) **\$20.29** CCSS TX

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) **\$26.34** CCSS TX

Tougias, 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) **\$20.31** CCSS

Tougias, Mike. Storm Too Soon. (885816) il. When a forty-seven-foot sailboat disappears in the Gulf Stream in the throes of a calamitous storm, it leaves behind three weary passengers struggling to stay alive afloat a life raft in violent waves 80 feet tall. (09-13) Holt 2016 B,K,L (AR/RC) **\$20.31**

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C	Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
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Q	Horn Book Guide
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