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Children's Book Update for 2009-2010

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After winning the science fair with the giant robot she has built, a little girl realizes that there is a major problem.  RL 2.7

Explores, through brief text and illustrations, various aspects of each season of the year.

Han's Christian Andersen's classic tale of belonging and self-discovery. An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.  RL 2.2

When Peter goes on an African adventure with his beloved Uncle Nigel, who hopes to spot a rare gorilla, the oblivious Nigel urges Peter on by telling him to have gumption, while Peter keeps his eyes open and uses his ingenuity.  RL 1.9

This comforting alphabet book links words and phrases with familiar images from everyone's favorite bedtime book, *Goodnight Moon*. From kittens to stars to yarn, there are so many things that can be found in the great green room. Search for them all as you learn your ABCs.  RL 0.8

When Dog's constant boasting makes his friends sad, they find a way to teach him what it means to be a good friend.  RL 1.3

Although much quieter than the farm animals that moo, cluck, or oink, a gentle ladybug is instrumental in foiling a plan to steal the farm's prize-winning cow.  RL 1.8

Simple clues and illustrations ask readers to guess which ocean animals are hiding under flaps and featured as pop-ups.  RL 2.2

Big dogs, small dogs, stripy dogs, spotty dogs. There are so many different kinds of dogs. How can anyone pick one type of dog to love the most?  RL 1.0

In Zurich, Switzerland, an artistic cat finds the perfect owner in fellow Dadaist, Mr. Dada. Author's note provides background on the Dadaist art movement.  RL 3.0

A little girl and her grandmother have a rollicking good time during a sleepover.  RL 2.3

Pink, a piglet who is the runt of the litter, is adopted by Tink, a dachshund who is nursing a litter of her own, and Pink is raised in the house along with the puppies.  RL 2.3

**Klise, Kate.**  *Stand Straight, Ella Kate: The True Story of a Real Giant*. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2010. ISBN: 9780803734043
A fictionalized biography of Ella Kate Ewing, born in 1872, who was eight feet tall by the age of seventeen and who became financially independent by traveling the country for nearly twenty years appearing at museums, exhibitions, and in circus shows.  RL 2.9

When Bridget loses the beret that provides her with artistic inspiration like other great artists, she thinks she will never be able to draw again.  RL 3.6

A hamster, with the help of a canine junkyard dealer and his mouse assistants, builds a hot rod and drives it in a race against some very large dogs.  RL 1.9

A fictionalized account of Bill "Doc" Key, a former slave who became a veterinarian, trained his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and to perform in skits around the country, and moved the nation toward a belief in treating animals humanely. Includes an author’s note.  RL 3.9

Annalina's diary entries reflect her feelings and experiences as she goes from being afraid to go to kindergarten to loving it during her first month of school.  RL 1.9

When Todd’s parents are too busy to take care of him, his television steps in to handle the parenting.  RL 2.1

**Seuss, Dr.**  *Oh, the Places You'll Go Pop-Up!* Robin Corey Books, 2010. ISBN: 9780375852275
A twentieth anniversary, pop-up version of Dr. Seuss's "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" in which he offers humorous, rhyming advice on how to proceed in life, conquer fear, loneliness, and confusion, and take charge of one's own destiny.  RL 3.2

Art and poetry combine to tell the story of boxer Jack Johnson, who became the first African-American world heavyweight boxing champion in the early part of the twentieth century,  RL 2.4
A baby who plans to grow up to be a writer records thoughts and events in a private journal.  RL 3.1

Simple, rhyming text introduces historical figures through the cats each owned. Includes facts about each person.  RL 1.8

A pirate ship and a chest of gold take readers on a journey through time that leads to the location of purloined treasures. Beginning with a zoom of a gold coin, photographs pull back to reveal the story of the coin's travels from the hull of a pirate ship in the 1700s to the shore of a beach town today.  RL 3.3

Through the seasons, whenever City Dog visits the country he runs straight for Country Frog’s rock to play games with him, but during the winter things change for them both.  RL 2.1

Discusses the life and career of the Pittsburgh Pirates legend who was one of the greatest hitters and fielders in baseball history.  RL 3.0

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