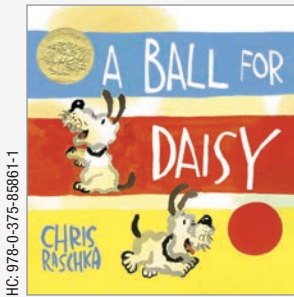




Wordless and Nearly Wordless Picture Books

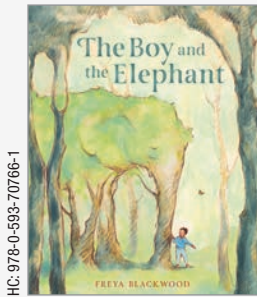
IS IT A BOOK IF IT DOESN'T HAVE WORDS?

Students of any age can benefit from the stories contained in wordless and nearly wordless picture books. Great for readers who are building confidence, they also challenge readers of all stages to practice analyzing images and the book's narrative structure. Use these books in your classroom, and print out the attached activity sheets to help students craft their own wordless stories.



HC: 978-0-375-85861-1
A Ball for Daisy
by Chris Raschka

This Caldecott Medal-winning tale teaches resiliency and contains images that challenge students to identify the emotions depicted. Any child who has ever had a toy break will relate to Daisy's favorite ball being destroyed by a bigger dog.



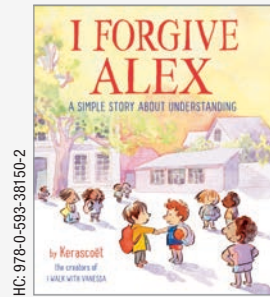
HC: 978-0-593-70766-1
The Boy and the Elephant
by Freya Blackwood

Beautiful and moving, and with a touch of magical realism, here is a wordless picture book about conservation and children's ability to be powerful agents of change.



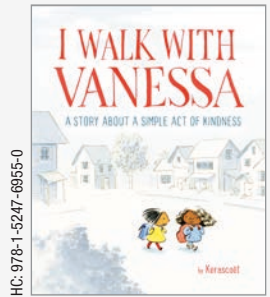
HC: 978-0-593-12731-5
The Flamingo
by Guojing

This nearly wordless graphic novel begins in nostalgic sepia toned illustrations and explodes into riotous color. Having very few words with lots of action in the artwork, this book will encourage reluctant readers.



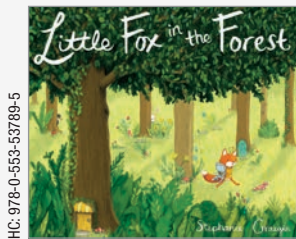
HC: 978-0-593-38150-2
I Forgive Alex
by Kerascoët

This wordless picture book is a good reminder that it's important to take responsibility for a mistake, but it's equally important to be ready to forgive.



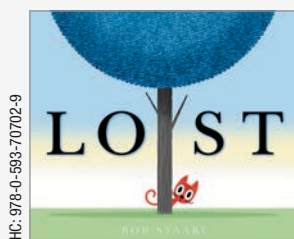
HC: 978-1-5247-6955-0
I Walk with Vanessa
by Kerascoët

I Walk with Vanessa shows how a single act of kindness can lead to an entire community joining in to help. By choosing only pictures to tell their story, the creators underscore the idea that someone can be an ally without having to say a word.



HC: 978-0-553-53789-5
Little Fox in the Forest
by Stephanie Graegin

Practice making inferences with this delightful fantasy adventure that celebrates imagination and friendship. When a young girl brings her beloved stuffed fox to the playground, much to her astonishment, a real fox takes off with it!



HC: 978-0-593-70702-9
Lost
by Bob Staake

As a cat's owner roams town in hopes of finding her lost pet, she discovers she's not the only one missing their beloved animal. There's also a lost dog, a lost bird, and even a lost giraffe! This almost wordless story celebrates helping our neighbors and gently reminds us that what is lost can always be found.



HC: 978-0-593-38014-7
Once Upon a Forest
by Pam Fong

With timely climate change commentary, this book is perfect for teaching children to practice kindness and respect the earth. Follow a helpful marmot who tries to help a forest recover from a wildfire.



HC: 978-1-5247-7176-8
Stormy
by Guojing

A woman tries to make friends with a scared, lonely pup in a park. With perseverance and patience (and a little help from a storm), forever love grows.





Your Story Map!

Use the themes in green as seeds to create original stories. Map out your story using the organizer below.

FRIENDSHIP

ADVENTURE

GROWTH

ANIMALS

KINDNESS

FEAR

DETERMINATION

HOME

FEELINGS

WHEN I'M OLDER ...

NATURE

HOPE

My Main Character Is ...

My Setting Is ...

Event 1

Conflict

Event 2

Event 3

Conclusion





A Story Without Words

Tell your own story without words! Using your story map as a guide, draw and decorate the story boxes below.

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