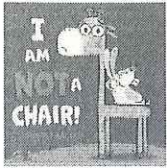


**2018-2019 SSYRA Jr.  
Annotated Book List**



**I Am Not a Chair by Ross Burach**

Could there be anything worse for Giraffe? Maybe being sat on by a skunk or smooshed by two hapless hippos, or worst of all--cornered by a hungry lion? No one seems to notice that Giraffe is not standing around just to be sat upon. Will he be able to find his voice and make his friends realize who he really is?



**Prince Ribbit by Jonathan Emmet & Illustrated by Poly Bernatene**

Fairy tales are just stories--or so Princess Martha believes. But when her sisters meet a talking frog, they're convinced that giving him the royal treatment will turn him into Prince Charming. After all, that's what happens in their story books. Martha isn't so sure. The more she sees of Prince Ribbit, the more suspicious she becomes. Armed with the facts, Martha sets out to expose Prince Ribbit and prove to her sisters that "just because it's in a book doesn't mean it's true." But before "The End," Princess Martha might just learn that lesson for herself!



**Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwell**

Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. He is working up the courage to take a big, important leap, but Jabari is *almost* absolutely ready to make a giant splash.



**The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Drew Daywalt & Illustrated by Adam Rex**

Rock, Paper and Scissor have never lost a battle. They each go on a quest to find a worthy opponent. A humorous story of how the rock, paper, and scissors found each other and formed a battle game.



**You Don't Want a Unicorn! By Ame Dyckman & Illustrated by Liz Climo**

When a little boy throws a coin in a well asking for a pet unicorn, he has no idea what kind of trouble he's in for. Unbeknownst to him, unicorns make the absolutely worst pets: they shed, they poke holes in your ceiling, and they make a big mess.



**Be Quiet! by Ryan T. Higgins**

All Rupert the mouse wants is to star in a beautiful, wordless picture book. One that's visually stimulating! With scenic pictures! And style! He has plenty of ideas about what makes a great book, but his friends just **WON'T. STOP. TALKING.**



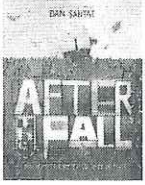
**Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, the Very First Chicken by Douglas Rees & Illustrated by Jed Henry**

Tyrannosaurus Rex wants breakfast. He stomps, and he roars, and he gnashes his teeth--and he scares all the other dinosaurs right out of the forest. Only Edna, the very first chicken, is unafraid. She won't let that bully T. Rex push her around! But will Edna's mighty beak and terrible flapping wings be a match for T. rex's mighty claws and terrible jaws?



**Nerdy Birdy Tweets by Aaron Reynolds & illustrated by Matt Davies**

Nerdy Birdy and his best friend, Vulture, are very different. Luckily, you don't have to agree on everything to still be friends. One day, Nerdy Birdy joins Tweetster, and the friend requests start flying in. Vulture watches as Nerdy Birdy gets swept up in his new friendships. When she finally gets angry, Nerdy Birdy knows just what to do to make things right.



**After the Fall by Dan Santat**

Humpty Dumpty is an avid bird watcher whose favorite place to be is high up on the city wall, that is, until *after* his famous fall. Now terrified of heights, Humpty can longer do many of the things he loves most. Will he summon the courage to face his fear?



**Escargot by Dashka Slater & illustrated Sydney Hanson**

Bonjour! Escargot is a beautiful French snail who wants only two things: 1. To be your favorite animal. 2. To get to the delicious salad at the end of the book. But when he gets to the salad, he discovers that there's a carrot in it. And Escargot hates carrots. But when he finally tries one (with a little help from you!) He discovers that it's not so bad after all.

**The Beginning Chapter Books**



**Noodleheads See the Future by Tedd Arnold, Mitch Weiss & Martha Hamilton**

Inspired by folktales about fools from around the world, brothers Mac and Mac Noodlehead exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend Meatball, and make a garden for their mother.



**CatStronauts: Mission Moon by Drew Brockington**

When the world is thrust into darkness due to a global energy shortage, the World's Best Scientist comes up with a bold plan to set up a solar power plant on the moon. But someone has to go up there to set it up, and that adventure falls to the CatStronauts, the best space cats on the planet! Meet the fearless commander Major Meowser, brave-but-hungry pilot Waffles, genius technician and inventor Blanket, and quick thinking science officer Pom Pom on their most important mission yet!



**The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone by Katrina Charman & illustrated by Jeremy Norton**

A terrible darkness is spreading across Perodia. Thorn, a powerful vulture, is using dark magic and his army of spies to destroy the magical land. A young owl named Tag may be the only one who can save it! Tag dreams of one day becoming a brave warrior, but he is small. In this first book, Tag and his best friend, a squirrel named Skyla, meet the last firehawk. Together, the three friends learn about a magical stone. Could this stone be powerful enough to defeat Thorn?



**Hilde cracks the Case: Hero Dog! by Hilde Lysiak & illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff**

Nine-year-old crime reporter Hilde Lysiak is starring in her very own early chapter book series inspired by news stories Hilde wrote in real life! In this first book, there's been a break-in on Orange Street! Cupcakes have been stolen, and soon a pie goes missing, too. Hilde and her sister/photographer, Izzy, must interview witnesses and follow the clues. Can Hilde crack the case in time to post her news story online?



**Fergus and Zeke by Kate Messner & illustrated by Heather Ross**

Fergus loves being the class pet in Miss Maxwell's classroom. He does everything the students do, until the teacher plans a field trip to the museum without Fergus! He doesn't want to miss the fun, so he stows away in a backpack and sets off for an adventure. He meets a new friend, Zeke, who knows the ropes, and together they explore everything. But when the time comes for the bus to leave, Fergus is worried that he'll be left behind. Will he make it back to school?