



## Ridgewood Public Library

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## Great Read-Alouds

**K-1**/April 2010

### Fiction

Armour, Peter. **Stop That Pickle!** (1992)  
*Unwilling to be eaten, the last fat pickle in the jar runs out of the deli and is chased by a variety of foods.*

Baracca, Debra. **The Adventures of Taxi Dog** (1990) The first in an entertaining series about a dog named Maxi, who rides around in a New York City taxi all day entertaining passengers and passersby.

Bate, Lucy. **Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth** (1975)  
Little Rabbit's tooth falls out, finally, in a dish of chocolate ice cream.

Becker, Bonny. **A Visitor for Bear** (2008) Bear thinks he doesn't like visitors, until mouse pops up, small and bright-eyed.

Black, Michael Ian. **Chicken Cheeks** (2009)  
A funny story with a beginning, a middle and a whole lot of ends.

Bottner, Barbara. **Bootsie Barker Bites** (1992)  
*Tyrant child Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites—until her playmate comes up with a better idea and gets even.*

Cash, Rosanne. **Penelope Jane** (2000) *A flying French fairy wrecks havoc at her human best friend's school, but ultimately saves the day.*

Cowley, Joy. **Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm** (2005)  
*When Mrs. Wishy Washy asks her farm animals to take a bath for Christmas, they find a way to take one without freezing. Funny story that could be used as a generic Christmas read-aloud.*

Cronin, Doreen. **Duck for President** (2004)  
*Funny book about a duck who, sick of doing chores, calls an election to run for farmer.*

Crum, Shutta. **Thunder Boomer!** (2009)  
*Wonderful story about the evolution of a storm on a farm.*

DePaola, Tomie. **Strega Nona** (1975) *When Strega Nona leaves Big Anthony with a magic pasta pot, he's determined to show the townspeople how it works, with disastrous results.*

Elliott, David. **Finn Throws a Fit** (2009) *A little boy breaks into a roaring, earthshaking tantrum that builds to a fever pitch, but then eventually blows over.*



Fucile, Tony. **Let's Do Nothing** (2009) *Two extraordinarily active boys decide their next activity should be to do nothing—which isn't as easy as it seems.*

Feiffer, Jules. **Bark, George** (1999) *George the puppy can meow, quack, oink and moo, but not bark.*

Henkes, Kevin. **Lily's Purple Plastic Purse** (1996) *Lily runs into trouble with her beloved teacher when she brings a new purse to school and disrupts the class.*

Hoban, Russell. **Bread and Jam for Frances** (1964) *Frances is only fond of bread and jam—until her mother serves it at every meal.*

Long, Melinda. **How I Became a Pirate** (2003)  
*Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard on a journey to bury treasure and finds out that pirates aaaaarr an interesting bunch.*

McMullan, Kate. **I Stink** (2002) *A story narrated by a tough-guy NYC garbage truck, told with real attitude.*



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Meddaugh, Susan. **Martha Speaks** (1992) *Problems arise when Martha the family dog learns to speak after eating alphabet soup.*

Pichon, Liz. **The Three Horrid Little Pigs** (2008) *The story of three nasty little pigs and a kind, friendly wolf who just happens to be a builder.*

Rash, Andy. **Are You a Horse?** (2009) *When Roy gets a saddle for his birthday, he goes in search of a horse, even though he doesn't know what one looks like.*

Rathmann, Peggy. **Officer Buckle and Gloria** (1995) *Elementary school children ignore Officer Buckle, until he brings along a police dog named Gloria.*

Rosenthal, Andy. **Duck! Rabbit!** (2009) *Funny story about a duck or a rabbit, depending on how you look at the illustration.*

Rostoker-Gruber, Karen. **Rooster Can't Cock-a-Doodle-Do** (2004) *Rooster wakes with a terrible sore throat and enlists the help of the other farm animals to wake Farmer Ted. Lots of puns and repeated refrains.*

Steig, William. **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** (2005) *In a moment of freight, Sylvester the donkey uses his magic pebble to turn himself into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again. Also by this author: **Dr. DeSoto**.*

Stephens, John. **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters** (2001) *A memorable modern fable about two sisters—one malevolent and one kind—who journey to meet a king who is seeking to marry.*

Stevens, Janet. **And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon** (2001) *When dish and spoon disappear, cat, dog, and cow set off to find them.*

Thomas, Jan. **Rhyming Dust Bunnies** (2009) *As three dust bunnies are having fun rhyming, a fourth tries to warn them of danger.*

Viorst, Judith. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** (1972) *Alexander has a terrible, rotten, miserable day from beginning to end. A comical tale for readers of all ages.*

Waber, Bernard. **You Look Ridiculous," Said the Rhinoceros to the Hippopotamus** (1973) *Hippo, who hates her looks, has a nightmare that she turns into a hodgepodge of several creatures, only to wake up and discover it's best to be yourself.*

Williams, Mo. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus** (2003) *Interactive, funny story about a pigeon who asks readers whether he can drive the bus.*

## Folktales

J398.2 Africa Kim. **Anansi and the Talking Melon** (1994) *Funny tale about a clever spider who tricks a bunch of animals into thinking the giant melon he is hiding in is talking to them.*

J398.2 China Dem. **The Magic Pillow** (2008) *A magic pillow allows a boy to dream of achieving great wealth, power and fame—and ultimately teaches him what will make him truly happy.*

J398.2 China Mos. **Tikki Tikki Tembo** (1968) *A tale about a boy who falls in a well and why the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names.*

J398.2 China You. **Lon Po Po: a Red Riding Hood Story From China** (1989) *Three sisters staying home alone outsmart a hungry wolf, who is disguised as their grandmother.*

J398.2 USA Pueblo McD. **Arrow to the Sun** (1974) *An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth about how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world of men.*