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***Alma and How She Got Her Name***. By Juana Martinez-Neal. Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela thinks her name is too long, so her father tells her the story of where it came from. (Caldecott Honor Book)

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* Jory John
* Eric Carle
* Jon Sciezka
* Patricia Polacco
* Laura Numeroff
* Kevin Henkes
* Ame Dyckman
* Aaron Reynolds
* Jon Klassen
* Dan Santat

**Series\*\***

* Katie Woo by Fran Manushkin
* Dragon Masters by Tracey West
* Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
* Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
* Frankie Pickle by Eric Wight
* Berenstain Bears by Stan/Jan/Michael Berenstain
* Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
* What If You Had … (animal) series by Sandra Markle (NF)
* The Notebook of Doom by Troy Cummings
* Mr. Putter and Tabby by Cynthia Rylant
* Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliott
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