

## HAISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2009

### Grade 1 and Grade 2

*Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.*

*\*Beginning readers are marked with an asterisk.*

- Adler, David. ***President George Washington***. Holiday House, 2005. From Washington's youth to his death, this book gives enough details and background to make it an enjoyable biography for new readers.
- \*Adler, David. ***Young Cam Jansen and the Lion's Lunch Mystery***. Penguin, 2007. On a trip to the zoo, Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to help solve what happened to Danny's lunch. *Series*
- Amato, Mary. ***Chicken of the Family***. Putnam, 2008. Henrietta's two older sisters try to convince her she is really a chicken, so Henrietta sets off for the farm to find her real family, and discovers how much fun being a chicken can be.
- Arnold, Tedd. ***The Twin Princes***. Dial, 2007. Twin chicken princes take part in a contest to determine which one will inherit the throne.
- Barber, Tiki. ***Game Day***. Simon & Schuster, 2005. Brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber, two NFL superstars, tell their story and explain how loyalty, determination, and the power of teamwork help all succeed.
- Becker, Bonny. ***A Visitor for Bear***. Candlewick Press, 2008. Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.
- Brett, Jan. ***Hedgie Blasts Off!*** Putnam, 2006. When the spectacular, sparkling explosions at a popular tourist site slow down, Hedgie the hedgehog is the only one capable of flying to tiny planet Mikkop to see what is wrong.
- \*Chaconas, Dori. ***Cork & Fuzz: the collectors***. Viking, 2008. Cork, a short muskrat, and Fuzz, a tall possum, both like to collect shiny stones, but Cork must act fast to save his friend when Fuzz angers a mother duck by trying to take a "stone" from her nest.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Spider***. Joanna Cotler Books, 2005. In this sequel to *Diary of a Worm*, worm's friend Spider gives his view of the world. He discovers that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including spinning webs, avoiding vacuum cleaners and never falling asleep in a shoe.
- Crummel, Susan Stevens. ***Ten-Gallon Bart and the Wild West Show***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Buffalo Chip's Wild West Show comes to Dog City and retired sheriff Bart, looking for some excitement, enters the bull-riding contest.
- \*Danziger, Paula. ***Second Grade Rules, Amber Brown***. Putnam, 2004. Amber Brown loves the second grade but wonders if she will ever receive an award from Deskarina, desk fairy, for keeping her desk clean. *Series*
- Davies, Nicola. ***Surprising Sharks***. Candlewick Press, 2003. Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Many species from the smallest to the scariest are described in this informative picture book.

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- Deans, Karen. ***Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson***. Holiday House, 2007. An illustrated biography of the life and achievements of African-American tennis player Althea Gibson.
- De Paola, Tomie. ***26 Fairmount Avenue***. Puffin, 2001. Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. *Series*
- Dicamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig***. Candlewick Press, 2008. Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives, and frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers they decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case. *Series*
- DiPucchio, Kelly S. ***Grace for President***. Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election, where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes.
- Ernst, Lisa Campbell. ***The Gingerbread Girl***. Dutton Children's Books, 2006. After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie.
- Fleischman, Paul. ***Sidewalk Circus***. Candlewick Press, 2004. A young girl watches as the activities across the street from her bus stop become a circus.
- Florian, Douglas. ***Bow Wow Meow: It's Rhyming Cats and Dogs***. Harcourt, 2003. It's rhyming cats and dogs in Douglas Florian's furr-ocious collection of twenty-one original poems and paintings about our favorite animal friends.
- Gibbons, Gail. ***The Vegetables We Eat***. Holiday House, 2007. A clear, informative introduction to eight groups of vegetables, categorized by the part of the plant that is eaten.
- Grandparent Poems***. compiled by John Micklos, Jr. Wordsong Boyds Mill Press, 2004. A compilation of twenty-two poems in celebration of grandparents.
- Grogan, John. ***Bad Dog Marley***. Harper Collins, 2007. Marley, a rambunctious puppy causes lots of trouble in his new home and feels very sad about it. He then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household.
- Harper, Jessica. ***Uh-Oh Cleo***. Putnam, 2008. What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into Stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house.
- Hicks, Betty. ***Goof-Off Goalie***. Roaring Brook Press, 2008. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off, but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. *Series*
- Hills, Tad. ***Duck and Goose***. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2006. Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball that they think is an oversized egg.

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- Hoberman, Mary Ann. ***You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together***. Little, Brown, 2004. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices, designed especially for young children and adults to read together. *Series*.
- \*Hoff, Syd. ***Danny and the Dinosaur Go To Camp***. HarperCollins, 1996. When Danny brings his favorite dinosaur to camp, the two friends enjoy boating, hiking, and roasting marshmallows. *Series*
- Hort, Lenny. ***Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved***. Holt, 2006. While much is known about dinosaur anatomy, behavior, and habitat, the author points out the many mysteries that remain to be answered about these extinct creatures.
- \*Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina and the Birthday Surprise***. Candlewick, 2006. Friends Houndsley and Catina are sad because they do not know when their birthdays are, but they solve the problem in a thoughtful and creative way. *Series*
- Isadora, Rachel. ***Nick Plays Baseball***. Putnam, 2001. The story of Nick and his teammates' championship baseball game provides an introduction to the aspects of the game of baseball including equipment, player positions, and rules.
- Jeffers, Susan. ***My Chincoteague Pony***. Hyperion, 2008. Julie, having worked year-round to save money to buy her first Chincoteague pony, realizes she doesn't have enough, but when Pony Penning Day arrives strangers help her make her purchase.
- Karas, G. Brian. ***On Earth***. Putnam, 2005. The earth and its cycles are simply and beautifully illustrated in this poetic text. Difficult concepts are explained through children's real life experiences.
- Kaczman, James. ***Lucky Monkey, Unlucky Monkey***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. While Ed the monkey has the most wonderful day imaginable, Ted the monkey faces everything from bad weather to being chased by wild animals and an angry troll.
- Katz, Alan. ***Are You Quite Polite? : Silly Dilly Manners Songs***. McElderry, 2006. Presenting humorous lyrics to such familiar children's songs as "Pop Goes the Weasel," "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," and "Hey Diddle Diddle," Katz presents examples of behavior both good and bad.
- Kennedy, Senator Edward M. ***My Senator and Me: A Dog's Eye View of Washington D.C.***, Scholastic, 2006. Illustrated by David Small and narrated by Splash, the Portuguese Water Dog, this is a clear and concise introduction to the American political process.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time***. Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.

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- Kimmel, Eric. A. ***Stormy's Hat: Just Right for a Railroad Man.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. As Stormy, a railroad engineer, searches for the perfect hat--one that will not blow off, get too hot, or shade his eyes too much--his wife, Ida, becomes increasingly annoyed that he will not let her help. Includes a historical note about the real Stormy and Ida Kromer.
- King-Smith, Dick. ***The Twin Giants.*** Candlewick Press, 2008. Bachelor giants Normus and Lottavim, who always do everything together, have a series of adventures after deciding to go their separate ways in search of wives.
- Knudsen, Michelle. ***Library Lion.*** Candlewick, 2006. A lion starts visiting the local library, but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.
- Krensky, Stephen. ***Milo the Really Big Bunny.*** Simon & Schuster, 2006. A misfit bunny finds out that the characteristic that makes him different helps the Easter Bunny save the day.
- \*Labatt, Mary. ***Sam Gets Lost.*** Kids Can Press, 2004. Sam's fun trip downtown turns scary after he hops out of the car and gets lost in the city. *Series*
- Landry, Leo. ***Sea Surprise.*** Holt, 2005. Kate, a mermaid, and her best friend Dave, a shark, have planned a special surprise for their best friend Ed who has lost his zap. A funny story with silly illustrations makes this a delightful tale of friendship.
- Leedy, Loreen. ***Missing Math: A Number Mystery.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2008. A numerical mystery ensues when the numbers all over town suddenly disappear bringing a halt to everyday activities.
- Lester, Helen. ***Batter Up Wombat.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2006. An Australian wombat joins the Champs baseball team, and even though he is disastrously ignorant of the game, his innate talents save everyone when a tornado strikes.
- Lies, Brian. ***Bats at the Library.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2008. Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there.
- \*Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends.*** HarperCollins, 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. ***Once I Ate a Pie.*** Joanna Cotler, 2006. Fourteen free-verse poems and beautiful oil paintings capture the personality of each dog in these examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.
- Markle, Sandra. ***Spiders: Biggest! Littlest!*** Boyds Mills, 2004. From the Goliath Bird Spider to the Crab Spider, amazing photographs show how spiders benefit from their size. Includes a map of where spiders live.
- \*Marshall, James. ***Fox on the Job.*** Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*

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- McDermott, Gerald. ***Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon.*** Harcourt, 2001. All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who is jealous because he cannot sing. He tricks Jabuti into riding on his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven.
- \*McDonald, Megan. ***Daisy Jane, Best Ever Flower-Girl.*** Random House, 2007. Daisy Jane, who is thrilled to be the flower girl at her babysitter's wedding, helps save the day when a storm threatens the festivities.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express.*** Candlewick Press, 2008. Stink Moody, friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away 101 guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to relinquish his favorite, Astro. *Series*
- McKissack, Patricia. ***Precious and the Boo Hag.*** Atheneum, 2005. Home alone with a stomach ache while the family works in the fields, a young girl faces up to the horrifying Boo Hag that her brother warned her about.
- McNulty, Faith. ***If You Decide to Go to the Moon.*** Scholastic, 2005. This book tells you how to get to the moon, what to do after you land, and most importantly, how to get back home.
- \*Miller, Sara Swan. ***Three Stories You Can Read to Your Teddy Bear.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2003. If your teddy bear seems quiet and just sits on your bed staring, maybe he is bored and needs to be entertained. This book has perfect stories for teddy bears to hear.
- Murphy, Stuart J. ***Lemonade for Sale.*** Harper Collins, 1998. The Elm Street Kid's Club decides to sell lemonade to earn money to fix up their clubhouse and they use a graph to keep track of their sales. *MathStart series*
- Muth, Jon. ***Zen Shorts.*** Scholastic, 2005. Stillwater, a talking panda, shares Zen stories with three children. Each story matches the mood and character of the child.
- Negron, Ray. ***The Greatest Story Never Told: the Babe and Jackie.*** HarperCollins, 2008. Two young boys who are sick in the hospital decide they do not want to be roommates because of their differences, but when they travel back in time and meet Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson, they change their minds.
- \*Nixon, Joan Lowery. ***Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms.*** SeaStar, 2002. Fine-feathered heroes Gus and Gertie return for another slapstick, easy-to-read mystery as they arrive at the Animals' Winter Olympics with dreams of winning gold as Antarctica's first synchronized swimming team. *Series*
- Numeroff, Laura. ***The Jellybeans and the Dance.*** Abrams Books for Young People, 2008. When four young girls meet in dance class, it takes time for them to find a way--and a reason--to pull together as one, but Emily helps them realize that, just like a bag of jellybeans, they can be different and still go well together.

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- O'Connor, Jane. ***Fancy Nancy and the Boy from Paris***. HarperCollins, 2008. Nancy is delighted that the new boy in her class is from Paris and sets out to become his friend, then discovers that this Parisian is not quite as fancy as she had thought. *Series*
- Ó Flatharta, Antoine. ***Hurry and the Monarch***. Knopf, 2005. On her way from Canada, a monarch butterfly lands on Hurry the tortoise in Wichita Falls, Texas. Through their friendship, Hurry witnesses the life cycle of a monarch. This story has strong Texas connections and the illustrations depict the beauty of the Monarch and Texas springtime.
- \*Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia Under Construction***. Greenwillow, 2006. Anytime Amelia Bedelia baby-sits for the Hardy family, trouble is sure to follow, this time leading up to some unexpected remodeling of the Hardy's house. *Series*
- Polacco, Patricia. ***Thank You Mr. Faulker***. Philomel, 1998. At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problems.
- Recorvits, Helen. ***Yoon and the Jade Bracelet***. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2008. Although she really would have liked a jump rope for her birthday, Yoon is happy to receive a Korean picture book and a jade bracelet passed down from her grandmother; and when she wears the bracelet to school it seems as if her wish for a jump rope and a friend is about to come true.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot***. Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.
- Rodman, Mary Ann. ***My Best Friend***. Viking, 2005. At the local swimming pool six-year-old Lily is doing her best to impress seven-year-old Tamika because she wants Tamika to be her best friend. No matter how hard Lily tries, Tamika either ignores her or teases her. Could there be another best friend?
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons***. HarperCollins, 2006. Cookies provide the framework for this clever book, but the focus is on life lessons to be learned about sharing, regret, cooperation, and patience-terms which are defined in simple, relevant text and made clear by sweet illustrations.
- Ryder, Joanne. ***Toad by the Road***. Holt, 2007. A poetic and illustrated description of the toad's life cycle through the course of a year.
- \*Rylant, Cynthia. ***Annie & Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Annie and her bunny Snowball invite Henry & Mudge to a dress-up party. *Series*
- \*Rylant, Cynthia. ***Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. *Series*
- \*Rylant, Cynthia. ***The High-Rise Private Eyes: the Case of the Desperate Duck***. Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*

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- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Army Ant Parade***. Holt, 2002. The animals in the forest prepare for the army ants to swarm over the ground in a thick stream, searching for food.
- Schachner, Judy. ***Skippyjon Jones in Mummy Trouble***. Dutton Children's Books, 2006. Skippyjon Jones, a Siamese kitten who thinks he's a Chihuahua, dreams of traveling to ancient Egypt with his gang of Chihuahua amigos.
- Schorter, Roni. ***The Boy Who Loved Words***. Schwartz & Wade, 2006. Selig loves and collects words in this charming story of a boy who finds his life's purpose through his passion for words.
- Schulman, Janet. ***Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City***. Knopf, 2008. Recounts the true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities as bird watchers, tourists, and residents admire the bird and his nest which is built on a Fifth Avenue apartment building.
- Scotton, Rob. ***Splat the Cat***. HarperCollins, 2008. Splat the Cat is nervous about his first day at cat school, but once he arrives he realizes he had nothing to worry about.
- Shannon, David. ***Too Many Toys***. Blue Sky Press, 2008. After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away, but realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with.
- \*Sharmat, Marjorie. ***Nate the Great Talks Turkey***. Delacorte, 2006. Nate the Great and his cousin Olivia are on the case of a runaway turkey, but unfortunately the clues appear to contradict each other. *Series*
- Shulevitz, Uri. ***How I Learned Geography***. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2008. As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.
- \*Silverman, Erica. ***Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Partners***. Harcourt, 2006. Cocoa the horse herds the cows with Cowgirl Kate, helps her practice her roping skills, and wishes he could wear boots instead of horseshoes. *Series*
- Smothers, Ethel Footman. ***Hard-Times Jar***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. Emma, the daughter of poor migrant workers, longs to own a real book. When she turns eight and must attend school for the first time, she is amazed to discover a whole library in her classroom.
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and Magic Pebble***. Aladdin Paperbacks, 1999. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.
- Stewart, Dawn Lesley. ***Harriet's Horrible Hair Day***. Peachtree, 2000. After having tried a series of outrageous schemes to tame Harriet's hair, her brother and sister finally see that it's not such a big problem after all.

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- Stowell, Penelope. ***The Greatest Potatoes***. Hyperion, 2005. George Crum, son of a former slave and a Native American, was a chef in Saratoga, New York in 1853. As a practical joke, George created the worst fried potatoes in the world. The Saratoga flaky fried potatoes became an instant hit.
- Sturges, Philemon. ***She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain***. Little, Brown, 2004. New words to the traditional tune describe a camper-driving, "hooting" and "shouting" guest and the party that will begin when she arrives.
- \*Sutcliffe, Jane. ***Jesse Owens***. Carolrhoda, 2001. This is a biography of track-and-field athlete Jesse Owens, from his childhood in Alabama to his athletic career which culminated in his winning four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.
- Swope, Sam. ***Gotta Go! Gotta Go!*** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000. Although she doesn't know how or why, a small creepy-crawly bug is certain that she must make her way to Mexico.
- Talbott, Hudson. ***United Tweets of America***. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2008. A collection of detailed illustrations of state birds from all fifty United States. SLJ starred, Horn Book, Booklist
- Tavares, Matt. ***Mudball***. Candlewick, 2005. The year is 1903. Andy Oyler, the shortest player in his baseball league, is batting with two outs and rain is falling hard. Andy's bat connects with the ball, but will it be hard enough to bring in the runs and win the game?
- Teague, Mark. ***Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation***. Scholastic, 2004. While on vacation, Mrs. LaRue receives letters from her dog, Ike, who has been falsely accused of harming the neighbor's cats and is trying to clear his name. *Series*
- \*Thomas, Shelley Moore. ***Take Care, Good Knight***. Dutton, 2006. Three little dragons have agreed to take care of the old wizard's cats while he is away, but their inability to read his instructions causes problems until their friend, the Good Knight, save the day. *Series*
- Umansky, Kaye. ***I Don't Like Gloria***. Candlewick Press, 2007. The family dog tries to cope with the arrival of a new cat.
- \*Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Oliver the Mighty Pig***. Dial, 2004. Oliver feels like the superhero Mighty Pig when he wears his Mighty Pig cape, but he finds that being a superhero in the real world has some complications. *Series*
- Weatherby, Brenda. ***The Trucker***. Scholastic, 2004. Wesley dreams his toy semi-flatbed truck grows big enough for him to have a trucking adventure but wakes to find he is in the back of his father's truck.
- Whybrow, Ian. ***Badness for Beginners: A Little Wolf and Smellybreff Adventure***. Carolrhoda, 2005. Little Wolf and his brother Smellybreff get lessons in badness from their Mom and Dad. They just can't be naughty enough to suit their parents.

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- Willems, Mo. ***Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct.*** Hyperion, 2006. Edwina the friendly neighborhood dinosaur, friend to children and grown-ups alike, finds a foe in young Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie, who insists that she is extinct.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates.*** Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
- Yolen, Jane. ***Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry.*** Candlewick Press, 2007. A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed.
- Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. ***Did Dinosaurs Have Feathers?*** HarperCollins, 2004. This book discusses the discovery and analysis of Archaeopteryx, a feathered dinosaur, which may have been an ancestor of modern birds.
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