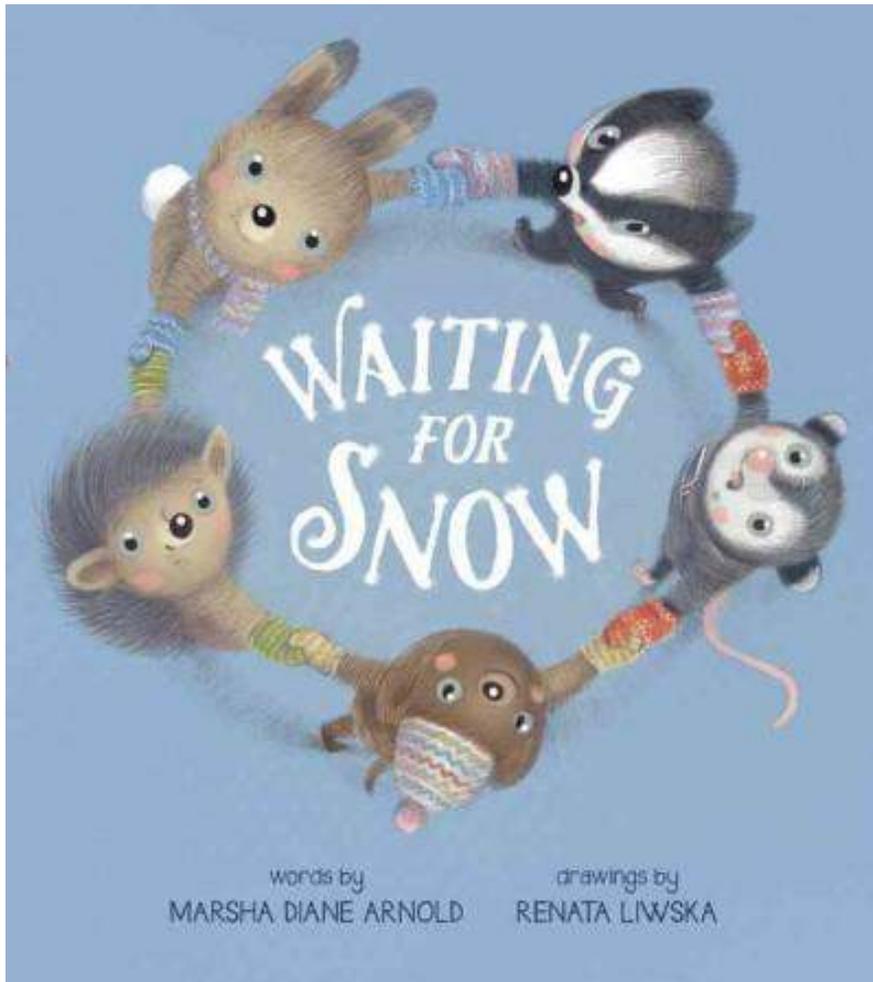


# Recommended Picture Books



For beginning readers and read-alouds

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## **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: a West African Tale**

Retold by Verna Aardema

**XJ AARDEMA**

A retelling of a traditional West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying buzzing habit. A mosquito annoyed the iguana, who frightened the python, who scared the rabbit ... and now the whole jungle is in an uproar because the sun won't rise.

## **The Garden of Abdul Gasazi**

By Chris van Allsburg

**XJ ALLSBURG**

When the dog he is caring for runs away from Alan into the forbidden garden of a retired dog-hating magician, a spell seems to be cast over the contrary dog.

## **Giraffes Can't Dance**

By Giles Andreae

**XJ ANDREAE**

Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

## **I'll Wait, Mr. Panda**

By Steve Antony

**XJ ANTONY NEW**

Mr. Panda is making something, and all of his animal friends are interested--but only Penguin is willing to wait to see what it is.

## **Waiting for Snow**

By Marsha Diane Arnold

**XJ ARNOLD NEW**

Badger cannot wait one more minute for it to snow. When his friend Hedgehog explains that everything comes in its time, Badger is unconvinced and impatient as ever. But Badger's friends have a few tricks up their sleeves to try and get the snow's attention and distract their pal in the meantime.

## **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type**

By Doreen Cronin

**XJ CRONIN**

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.

## **The Day the Crayons Quit**

By Drew Daywalt

**XJ DAYWALAT**

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

### **Gaston**

By Kelly DiPucchio

**XJ DIPUCCHIO**

A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.

### **Stuck**

By Oliver Jeffers

**XJ JEFFERS**

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.

### **The Snowy Day**

By Ezra Jack Keats

**XJ KEATS**

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

### **We Found a Hat**

By Jon Klassen

**XJ KLASSEN NEW**

Two turtles find a hat that looks good on both of them, but, with fairness in mind, they decide to leave it be, until night falls and one of the turtles changes its mind.

### **Anansi the Spider: a tale from the Ashanti**

Adapted and illustrated by Gerald McDermott

**XJ MCDERMOTT**

In trying to determine which of his six sons to reward for saving his life, Anansi the Spider is responsible for placing the moon in the sky.

### **Pug Man's 3 Wishes**

By Sebastian Meschenmoser

**XJ MESCHENMOSER NEW**

Grumpy Mr. Pug is having a terrible day. But when he's offered 3 wishes by an overly eager fairy, what he wishes for is very surprising.

### **Zen Shorts**

By Jon J Muth

**XJ MUTH**

When Stillwater the bear moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways.

### **The Book with No Pictures**

By B.J. Novak

**XJ NOVAK**

In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.

### **Dinosaur Farm**

By Frann Preston-Gannon

**XJ PRESTON-GANNON NEW**

It's hard work being a farmer--and even harder running a DINOSAUR FARM!

### **Dragons Love Tacos**

By Adam Rubin

**XJ RUBIN**

Explores the love dragons have for tacos, and the dangers of feeding them anything with spicy salsa.

### **Hug This Book!**

By Barney Saltzberg

**XJ SALTZBERG NEW**

This picture book celebrates a love of books.

### **Walking in a Winter Wonderland**

Based on the song by Felix Bernard and Richard B. Smith

**XJ SMITH NEW**

This picture book celebrates winter, using the lyrics of the song Winter Wonderland.

### **The Three Pigs**

By David Wiesner

**XJ WIESNER**

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

### **Big Bear, Small Mouse**

By Karma Wilson

**XJ WILSON NEW**

A big bear and a small mouse discover all of the opposites between their animal friends.

### **How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?**

By Jane Yolen

**XJ YOLEN**

Mother and child ponder the different ways a dinosaur can say goodnight, from slamming his tail and pouting to giving a big hug and kiss.

