THE FUN BOOK OF SCARY STUFF
by Emily Jenkins
A boy and his dogs list the things that scare them, and come up with a clever way to face their fears.

THUNDER CAKE
by Patricia Polacco
Grandma consoles her frightened granddaughter by telling her that the dark storm clouds are nothing more than ingredients for a Thunder Cake.

COURAGE
by Bernard Waber
Provides examples of courage found in everyday life, from tasting the vegetable to being a firefighter or police officer.

MISS HAZELTINE’S HOME FOR SHY AND FEARFUL CATS
by Alicia Potter
At a school for shy kitties, Crumb struggles to rally his courage when his caregiver goes missing.

I WILL BE FIERCE!
by Bea Birdsong
A young girl turns her typical day at school into a quest where she is a brave explorer.

THE DARK
by Lemony Snicket
Follows young Laszlo, who gradually learns to overcome a universal fear of the dark.

SERGIO
by Edel Rodriguez
Sergio makes a splash. Splashing near water is no problem for Sergio, but on a field trip to the ocean, Sergio knows the time has come to face his fears and jump in!

BEARNARD’S BOOK
by Deborah Underwood
Invited to star in his own book, Bearnard worries he’s not right for the part, until Gertie helps him learn to shine.

SHEILA RAE, THE BRAVE
by Kevin Henkes
Sheila Rae, a mouse, fears nothing, until she takes the wrong way home.

DAREDEVIL DUCK
by Charlie Alder
Daredevil Duck, secretly afraid of everything, is given a chance to prove his courage.

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SCAREDY SQUIRREL
by Mélanie Watt
When Scaredy Squirrel is suddenly forced from the safety of tree’s branches, he is pleasantly surprised with what he discovers on the ground below.

IF I NEVER FOREVER ENDURE
by Holly Meade
A young bird, safe in its nest, debates whether or not to risk trying its wings.

NANA IN THE CITY
by Lauren Castillo
A young boy is frightened by how busy and noisy the city is when he goes there to visit his Nana, but she makes him a fancy red cape that keeps him from being scared as she shows him how wonderful a place it is.

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There's a Nightmare in My Closet
by Mercer Mayer
At bedtime a boy confronts the nightmare in his closet and finds him not so terrifying after all.

Jabari Jumps
by Gaia Cornwall
Ready to try jumping off the diving board, little Jabari squeezes his dad’s hand when the big moment arrives.

There Might Be Lobsters
by Carolyn Crimi
A little dog’s anxiety gives way to bravery when someone smaller arrives in need during a splashy day at the beach.

Peep!: A Little Book About Taking a Leap
by Maria Van Lieshout
Peep is afraid of jumping off the curb, but with a little encouragement from his mother and sisters, he finally gives it a try.

Hannah and Sugar
by Kate Berube
Despite being afraid of her classmate’s dog, Sugar, Hannah finds only she can save the day when Sugar goes missing.

When Lions Roar
by Robie H. Harris
Loud, scary noises frighten a child until quiet and calmness return.

Little Tree
by Loren Long
Resistant to change, a little tree makes a reassuring discovery when he finally learns to let go of his leaves.

Be Brave, Little Penguin
by Giles Andreae
Pip-Pip, the littlest penguin, is teased for being afraid of the water until, with his mother’s guidance, he finally jumps in.

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun
by Maria Dismondy
Even though she is teased by a boy for being different, Lucy has the courage to come to the boy’s aid when he is in need of help.

Tomorrow I’ll Be Brave
by Jessica Hische
Reveals a child’s bedtime promise to strive to be adventurous, strong, curious, and more.

When You Are Brave
by Pat Zietlow Miller
Being brave in the face of difficult times, a little girl takes a deep breath and finds a glowing inner spark of courage.

Shy
by Deborah Freedman
Shy loves birds, but he’s too afraid to leave the gutter to meet one. Can he put aside his fears?

The Day You Begin
by Jacqueline Woodson
Students laugh when Rigoberto, from Venezuela, introduces himself, but he meets Angelina and finds that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.

NightSong
by Ari Berk
Chiro, a young bat, is nervous about flying into the world for the first time, especially on a very dark night.

Black Dog
by Levi Pinfold
When a huge black dog appears outside their home, each member of the family hides. Only the youngest child has the courage to greet the dog.

Brave
by Stacy McAnulty
Presents the ways in which ordinary kids are just as brave as superheroes.