Mirette on the high wire
by Emily Arnold McCully
Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope artist who has withdrawn from performing because of fear.

Tuesday
by David Wiesner
When the moon rises, frogs on their lily pads embark on an aerial adventure, providing perspectives in a humorous and imaginative story.

Black and white
by David Macaulay
Divided into quadrants, this book tells four brief stories about parents, trains, and cows, and begs the question if these are four separate stories, or one.

Lon Po Po: a Red-Riding Hood story from China
by Ed. Young
A haunting Chinese rendition of "Little Red Riding Hood" follows the adventures of young Shang, Tao, and Paozte, who encounter a terrifying wolf.

Officer Buckle and Gloria
by Peggy Rathmann
Officer Buckle puts everyone to sleep with his painfully dull lectures on safety, until he takes on a new partner, Gloria, Naperville's new police dog, who knows just how to liven up Officer Buckle's safety speeches.

Rapunzel
by Paul O. Zelinsky
A retelling of the German folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress.

Golem
by David Wisniewski
A saintly rabbi miraculously brings to life a clay giant who helps him watch over the Jews of sixteenth-century Prague.

Smoky night
by Eve Bunting
When the Los Angeles riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the values of getting along with others no matter what their background or nationality.

Grandfather's journey
by Allen Say
A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

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Radiant child: the story of young artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
by Javaka Steptoe
An introduction to modern art master Jean-Michael Basquiat describes how he saw art in all things and used his unique collage-style paintings to convey the dynamic energy of New York City.

Finding Winnie: the true story of the world's most famous bear
by Lindsay Mattick
The story of the real bear who inspired Winnie-the-Pooh describes how the author's great-grandfather, a veterinarian from Winnipeg, rescued a bear cub and took her with him to an English army base during World War I.

Locomotive
by Brian Floca
A richly detailed exploration of America's railroads examines the sounds, speed, and strength of the fledgling transcontinental locomotives and the experiences of pioneering travelers.

The adventures of Beekle: the unimaginary friend
by Dan Santat
Born on a faraway island, an imaginary dragon patiently waiting his turn to be chosen by a real child is repeatedly overlooked before journeying in search of his perfect match.
This is not my hat
by J. Klassen
A follow-up to the award-winning I Want My Hat Back follows the antics of a tiny fish who wears a perfectly fitting round blue hat while trying to avoid an enormous sleeping fish.

A ball for Daisy
by Christopher Raschka
A poignant, wordless tale featuring an endearing young dog that is heartbroken when a bigger dog destroys a favorite toy.

A sick day for Amos McGee
by Philip Christian Stead
Amos McGee, a friendly zoo keeper, always makes time to visit his animal friends, but when he becomes sick and cannot come in to work, the animals pay him a visit instead.

The invention of Hugo Cabret
by Brian Selznick
Living in the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, clock keeper and orphan Hugo Cabret must constantly work to keep his secrets safe.

Flotsam
by David Wiesner
While scouring the beach for flotsam, a young science enthusiast stumbles upon an old underwater camera that contains secrets from beneath the sea.

The three pigs
by David 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.

The hello, goodbye window
by Norton Juster
A little girl loves going to her Nanna and Poppy's house because their kitchen window is a magical portal to a world of imagination.

Kitten's first full moon
by Kevin Henkes
When Kitten mistakes the moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it, but her adventure leads her home with something special waiting for her.

The man who walked between the towers
by Mordicai Gerstein
Offers the true story of aerialist Philippe Petit who walked, danced, and performed tricks on a tightrope set up between the two towers of the World Trade Center in 1974.

Snowflake Bentley
by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations offers insight into one scientist's perseverance and a look at the wonders of nature.