

Books, stories and poems to inspire creative writing on the theme of
THINGS for the YWA Creative Writing Contest 2010
Primary Elementary

PICTURE BOOKS

- Stuart's Cape by Sara Pennypacker recommended by Michele Green,
Youth Services Eugene Public Library

Something great can come out of anything even what someone thinks is junk!!

- The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Two bored lives are turned up-side-down when a talking cat comes to visit them

- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox

Things brought by a child jog an elder's memory.

- Galimoto by Karen Lynn Williams recommended by Anne Miller youth services Eugene Public Library

A boy decides one day to make a *galimoto*, a toy vehicle usually fashioned out of old wire...

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig recommended by Judy Sierra

A pebble and a wish cause trouble for Sylvester and his family

- Vasilisa a Russian folktale (many re-tellings)

A hand-made doll helps Vasilisa

- The Hat by Tomi Ungerer

A magical top-hat flies into the life of a down-and-out former soldier and brings him luck and happiness before flying away again.

- The Tub People by Pam Conrad recommended by Vicki Morgan, Eugene Public Library

The Tub People are little wooden toys that live on the edge of the tub.

- Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel by Leslie Connor recommended by Vicki Morgan, Eugene Public Library

Miss Bridie emigrates to America in 1856 and chooses to bring a shovel, which proves to be a useful tool throughout her life

- Winnie-the-Pooh, by A. A. Milne

Real toys belonging to the real child Christopher Robin, inspired these stories

- The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery William Nicholson
the author imagined a toy with feelings.

CHAPTER BOOKS

Regarding the Fountain by Kate Klise (grades 3 and up). Recommended by Michele Green, Youth Services, Eugene Public Library

An artist who will not settle for anything less than the most imaginative, creative, pleasurable water fountain ever. Told through letters, memos, newspaper articles, even receipt stubs, this novel is as engaging as it is hysterical

Time Warp Trio (series) by Jon Scieszka (grades 3 and up) Recommended by Cynthia Olsen Youth Services Eugene Public Library

A special book gets them into the past. Then they have to find it again in the past in order to get home.

POETRY BOOKS

- Roll Along, Poems on Wheels Editor, Myra Colin Livingston

Truck Quake by April Halprin Wayland

Cacophony by Eve Merriam

Out Loud by Eve Merriam

The Clock Ticks

- Poems for Children Nowhere Near Old Enough to Vote by Carl Sandburg. Editors, George and Willene Hendrick.

For children ages eight to eighty. Istvan Banyai illustrations transform many of the poems into shape-poems

Pencils

Chairs

Finders Keepers

- Come with Me, Poems for a Journey by Naomi Shihab Nye

Observer

- When We Were Very Young by A.A. Milne

- *Happiness*

- *Market Square*

- *Jonathan Jo*

- *Halfway Down*

- Now We Are Six by A.A. Milne

- *King John's Christmas*

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