

## *When Life Gives You Oj Teaching Guide*

There's too much fun to be had in the snow to sleep through the winter season! At least that's what Louise thinks. In this story designed to engage early readers, charming characters combine with simple text, lively illustrations, and laugh-out-loud humor to help boost kids' confidence and create lifelong readers! Snow has fallen and the pond is frozen, so Arnold knows that--as a bear--it's time to hibernate! But Louise insists that he'll miss all the fun winter things if he does, so she convinces him to try hibernating like a chipmunk instead. They'll sleep for a short time, wake up to go sledding or have a snowball fight, and repeat! The only problem is, Arnold can't seem to keep his eyes open. What if he can't stay awake for the winter fun? Exciting, easy-to-read books are the stepping stone a young reader needs to bridge the gap between being a beginner and being fluent. Katie's widowed mother is remarrying and moving from New York city, to a ranch in Texas.

When Life Gives You O.J. Yearling Books

Goatlocks gobbles more than porridge in this fractured fairy tale that puts a hilarious twist on a favorite story. Once upon a time, there was a kid named Goatlocks. She lived down the road from a family of bears... Goatlocks can't resist sampling first Papa Bear's porridge, then Mama Bear's porridge, then Baby Bear's porridge—and his bowl and spoon, too. And it turns out Goatlocks has a taste for chairs and beds as well. Has Goatlocks devoured her way to disaster? What will happen when the Bear family returns home from their walk? This playful adaptation of a favorite fairy tale is full of tummy-rumbling fun.

Chicken Butt's Back!

Small Medium at Large

Penny and Clover, Follow That Ball!

Chasing Augustus

The Wanderer

You know what? What? Chicken butt! The classic schoolyard joke has been recast as an irreverent picture book, with call-and-response parts for parent and child. The word repetition in Erica S. Perl's text, and wonderfully comic illustrations by beloved artist Henry Cole, make this a particularly inviting book for new readers, as does the opportunity to “trick†? a parent or other adult into participating in a very silly joke. The humor builds to a surprising and satisfying conclusion. Warning: Kids will want to read this one over and over and over again! “An unhinged piece of slap-happy rhyming...rocket-propelled artwork...the romp is a powerful piece of cacophony, more frenetic by the moment.†?—Kirkus Reviews

Rhyming text describes how different animal mothers and fathers get their young ones ready for bed on the farm.

Newbery Honor Book \* ALA Notable Children's Book “A beautifully written and imaginatively constructed novel that speaks to the power of survival and the delicacy of grief.” —School Library Journal (starred review) This acclaimed bestselling Newbery

Honor Book from multi-award-winning author Sharon Creech is a classic and moving story of adventure, self-discovery, and one girl's independence. Thirteen-year-old Sophie hears the sea calling, promising adventure and a chance for discovery as she sets sail for England with her three uncles and two cousins. Sophie's cousin Cody isn't so sure he has the strength to prove himself to the crew and to his father. Through Sophie's and Cody's travel logs, we hear stories of the past and the daily challenges of surviving at sea as *The Wanderer* sails toward its destination—and its passengers search for their places in the world. "Sophie is a quietly luminous heroine, and readers will rejoice in her voyage." —BCCB (starred review) "Like Creech's *Walk Two Moons* and *Chasing Redbird*, this intimate novel poetically connects journey with self-discovery." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

New York Times bestselling author and Printz Award winner Walter Dean Myers once again connects with teenagers everywhere in *Darius & Twig*, a novel about friendship and needing to live one's own dream. This touching and raw teen novel from the author of *Monster*, *Kick*, *We Are America*, *Bad Boy*, and many other celebrated literary works for children and teens is a Coretta Scott King Honor Book. Darius and Twig are an unlikely pair: Darius is a writer whose only escape is his alter ego, a peregrine falcon named Fury, and Twig is a middle-distance runner striving for athletic success. But they are drawn together in the struggle to overcome the obstacles that life in Harlem throws at them. The two friends must face down bullies, an abusive uncle, and the idea that they'll be stuck in the same place forever. Maria Russo, writing in the *New York Times*, included *Darius & Twig* on her list of "great kids' books with diverse characters." She commented: "The late Myers, one of the greats and a champion of diversity in children's books well before the cause got mainstream attention, is at his elegant, heartfelt best in this 2013 novel. It's about two friends growing up in Harlem, one a writer, one an athlete, facing daily challenges and trying to dream of a brighter future."

Ferocious Fluffity

When Life Gives You O.J.

Super Emma

The Truth about the O.J. Simpson Trial

The Incredible Life of Balto

**Zelly Fried wants a dog more than anything, so at the urging of her grandfather, during the summer before sixth grade she takes care of a "practice dog" made out of an orange juice jug to show her parents that she is ready for the responsibility, even though she is sometimes not entirely sure about the idea.**

**"Arnold wants to celebrate the start of the cozy autumn season indoors. Louise does not. How can they celebrate fell if they're not celebrating together?"--**

**A contemporary and irresistible story from Patricia Reilly Giff Lidie lives in Jales, Brazil, where she's free to ride, to be a wild girl, and to dream of going to live with her father and older brother, Rafael, in New York City. Finally Lidie is 12—time to leave Brazil for New York. Meanwhile, a filly is born and begins her journey to a new home. As Lidie's story unfolds, so does the filly's. Lidie's father runs a stable at a famous race track, and Rafael is training to be a jockey. As much as they want to make Lidie feel welcome, they still think of her as the little girl they left behind. They don't even know what a strong rider she is, and that she's determined to befriend and ride the wild filly her**

**father has just bought: Wild Girl.**

**"Will appeal to young readers who will also find themselves learning a bit about the meaning of Hanukkah...Warm and funny." —School Library Journal Marla Feinstein, the only Jewish kid in her fourth-grade class, hates December. While everyone else is decorating trees, she'll be forgetting to light the candles and staring at a big plastic dreidel. The holidays couldn't get much worse. So Marla decides to find out what Hanukkah's really about—and soon she and her family have made the Festival of Lights the biggest party in town!**

**The Great Louweezie #1**

**I Want to Tell You**

**Aces Wild**

**Vintage Veronica**

**All the Fun Winter Things #4**

*A sweetly satisfying novel about a girl and her lost dog, perfect for fans of Jennifer E. Holm and Kirby Larson. Rosie's led a charmed life with her loving dad, who runs the town donut shop. It's true her mother abandoned them when Rosie was just a baby, but her dad's all she's ever needed. But now that her father's had a stroke, Rosie lives with her tough-as-nails grandfather. And her beloved dog, Gloaty Gus, has just gone missing. Rosie's determined to find him. With the help of a new friend and her own determination, she'll follow the trail anywhere . . . no matter where it leads. If she doesn't drive the whole world crazy in the meantime. Kimberly Newton Fusco's tender story brings to life a feisty, unsinkable, unstoppable, unforgettable girl who knows she's a fighter . . . if she can only figure out who's already on her side. Praise for Kimberly Newton Fusco's *Beholding Bee*: "Fans of Kate DiCamillo, Jennifer Holm, and Polly Horvath will find this an enjoyable and engrossing read." —School Library Journal "[A] really terrific, hopeful story. . . . This could be my favorite middle-grade novel of [the year]." —The Christian Science Monitor "A modern twist on fairy godmothers [with] strong, supportive women who don't need to provide a Prince Charming to make dreams come true." —The Horn Book*

*For years, 10-year-old Zelly Fried has tried to convince her parents to let her have a dog. After all, practically everyone in Vermont owns a dog, and it sure could go a long way helping Zelly fit in since moving there from Brooklyn. But when her eccentric grandfather Ace hatches a ridiculous plan involving a "practice dog" named OJ, Zelly's not so sure how far she's willing to go to win a dog of her own. Is Ace's plan so crazy it just might work . . . or is it just plain crazy? Erica S. Perl weaves an affectionate and*

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*hilarious tale that captures the enduring bond between grandparents and grandchildren. Even when they're driving each other nuts.*

*Can a vegetable and a dessert really be friends? Find out in this sweet story of solidarity! Cookie and Carrot are a true dynamic duo. Carrot teaches Cookie how to dip (in hummus), and Cookie teaches Carrot how to dunk (in milk). But when Cookie and Carrot's other pals make fun of their friendship, the two start to wonder if different food groups can ever really be friends. Packed with plenty of puns, this satisfying tale of acceptance and forgiveness will leave kids asking for more. Exciting, easy-to-read books are the stepping stone a young reader needs to bridge the gap between being a beginner and being fluent.*

*From Colleen Hoover, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Ends With Us*, a heart-wrenching love story that proves attraction at first sight can be messy. When Tate Collins meets airline pilot Miles Archer, she doesn't think it's love at first sight. They wouldn't even go so far as to consider themselves friends. The only thing Tate and Miles have in common is an undeniable mutual attraction. Once their desires are out in the open, they realize they have the perfect set-up. He doesn't want love, she doesn't have time for love, so that just leaves the sex. Their arrangement could be surprisingly seamless, as long as Tate can stick to the only two rules Miles has for her. Never ask about the past. Don't expect a future. They think they can handle it, but realize almost immediately they can't handle it at all. Hearts get infiltrated. Promises get broken. Rules get shattered. Love gets ugly.*

*Chloe on the Bright Side*

*Based on a True Story*

*The Ninth Night of Hanukkah*

*Ninety-Three in My Family*

**Erica S. Perl and Henry Cole team up once again to deliver spot-on humor with their unforgettable chicken character. In this cheeky (sorry!) sequel to the wildly fun *Chicken Butt!*, the young jokester and his chicken muse are back, but this time they're trying to trick Mom. She thinks she has caught on to the gag, but as she distractedly does the grocery shopping, she falls victim to a flurry of jokes using homonyms and homophones—words such as "dear" and "deer," and "which" and "witch." Wordplay has never been so much fun. Like *Chicken Butt!*, this story encourages children to participate in a call-and-response reading**

format that reinforces their reading skills. Praise for *Chicken Butt's Back!* "Coles' tickled-pink cartoonish artwork gets right into the mix, the chocolate chip to the cookie dough. The denouement is so merrily explosive that just to imagine the shrieking voices of a read-aloud is mightily cheering." –Kirkus Reviews "Cole's kinetic, acrylic and colored pencil cartoons strike the right tone of mild disobedience." –Publishers Weekly "Fans of *Chicken Butt!* are going to love this sequel. This is the kind of book that siblings will beg to read to each other, especially since it's set up for two voices." –School Library Journal

Prepare to be amazed as Louise (AKA The Great Louweezie) predicts the future in the first book of this easy-to-read series! Arnold is a large black bear. His best friend, Louise, is a small chipmunk. But one day, Louise insists she is NOT Louise--she's the Great Louweezie, and she can predict the future! But when the Great Louweezie's demands begin to test Arnold's patience, the game feels much less fun. What will happen if friendship isn't in their future?

Taking things in stride is not easy for Kizzy Ann, but with her border collie, Shag, stalwart at her side, she sets out to live a life as sweet as syrup on cornbread. In 1963, as Kizzy Ann prepares for her first year at an integrated school, she worries about the color of her skin, the scar running from the corner of her right eye to the tip of her smile, and whether anyone at the white school will like her. She writes letters to her new teacher in a clear, insistent voice, stating her troubles and asking questions with startling honesty. The new teacher is supportive, but not everyone feels the same, so there is a lot to write about. Her brother, James, is having a far less positive school experience than she is, and the annoying white neighbor boy won't leave her alone. But Shag, her border collie, is her refuge. Even so, opportunity clashes with obstacle. Kizzy Ann knows she and Shag could compete well in the dog trials, but will she be able to enter? From Jeri Watts comes an inspiring middle-grade novel about opening your mind to the troubles and scars we all must bear — and facing life with hope and trust.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • "Driving, wild and hilarious" (The Washington Post), here is the incredible "memoir" of the legendary actor, gambler, raconteur, and Saturday Night Live veteran. When Norm Macdonald, one of the greatest stand-up comics of all time, was approached to write a celebrity memoir, he flatly refused, calling the genre "one step below instruction manuals." Norm then promptly took a two-year hiatus from stand-up comedy to live on a farm in northern Canada. When he emerged he had under his arm a manuscript, a genre-smashing book about comedy, tragedy, love, loss, war, and redemption. When asked if this was the celebrity memoir, Norm replied, "Call it anything you damn like."

Darius & Twig

Kizzy Ann Stamps

The Private Notebook of Katie Roberts, Age 11

Chicken Bedtime Is Really Early

Penny and Clover, Up and Over!

*After being hit by lightning, 12-year-old Lilah, who has a crush on classmate Andrew Finkel, discovers that she can communicate with dead people, including her grandmother who wants Lilah to find a new wife for Lilah's divorced father. Convincing her parents to let her adopt a dog, Zelly is disappointed when her new canine friend's habits including chewing shoes, tracking mud and having accidents on the floor.*

*A young boy explains to the mailman that his family consists of ninety-three members, including his parents, sisters, and an assortment of pets.*

*A new biography series complete with full color illustrations that celebrates amazing women, from acclaimed author Kathleen Krull.*

*A Mighty Bite-y Class Pet*

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*A Novel*

*Totally Tardy Marty*

Mr. Drake 's second grade class has a new class pet. Fluffity appears to be a cute and docile hamster—but the kids soon discover that she is not the cuddly pet they expected. From the moment her cage door opens, Fluffity becomes FEROCIOUS—biting and chasing everyone down the hall and into the library! Will the class be able to tame this beast and bring peace back to their school? The bestselling team behind Chicken Butt! and Chicken Butt 's Back! has crafted another laugh-out-loud tale that 's sure to be a hit with any child who 's ever wanted a pet. Erica Perl 's pitch-perfect rhymes and Henry Cole 's over-the-top animal character make for the perfect classroom read-aloud.

The Definitive Account of the O.J. Simpson Trial, by Legendary Defense Attorney F. Lee Bailey It was called “ The Trial of the Century. ” Beloved football sensation, O.J. Simpson was famous for his prowess on the field, his good looks, and his charm. But all that changed the night his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman were brutally slaughtered in her front yard late at night on June 12, 1994. The media circus that consumed the news cycle for the next eighteen months would forever change the world's opinion of O.J. Simpson, despite the fact that the jury, after nearly a year of sequestration, came to their decision in just a few hours: Not Guilty. Although at least a dozen books have been written about the O.J. Simpson trial, from every possible perspective from provocative to sensationalistic, The Truth About the O.J. Simpson Trial is the most revealing because the writer was the Architect of the Defense. Bailey, shows definitively why the jury was correct in finding that the timeline of the evening made Simpson 's presence at the murder scene impossible, which eclipses the question “ Did he do it? ” and establishes that he simply could not have done it. This book reveals shocking evidence of police corruption, mishandling of blood samples and other materials that formed the basis of the prosecution's case. Bailey includes convincing evidence that was not presented at the trial—including interviews, forensic results, and revelations about the case that have since come to light. Scathing, controversial, and, yes, entertaining, The Truth About the O.J. Simpson Trial will be read and studied by anyone interested in defending the innocent, the history of law enforcement in America,

students of the Law, and all those who are still obsessed with “ The Trial of the Century. ”

It's Hanukkah, and Max and Rachel are excited to light the menorah in their family's new apartment. But, unfortunately, their Hanukkah box is missing. Luckily, their neighbors happily help, offering thoughtful, often humorous, stand-ins each night. Then, just as Hanukkah is nearly done, Max and Rachel, inspired by the shamash ("helper") candle, have a brilliant idea: to celebrate the Ninth Night of Hanukkah as a thank you to everyone!

Learning to read doesn't need to be ruff with this rhyming tail about a pair of lovable pups! Penny is a small, frisky puppy. Clover is a big, careful canine. While Penny has no problem jumping over a log, Clover isn't so sure she can do it. Can Clover come up with the courage to take a leap of faith and follow her friend?

with audio recording

By the Architect of the Defense

All Three Stooges

My Response to Your Letters, Your Messages, Your Questions

Ready-to-Read Level 2

Totally Tardy Marty just can't seem to get to school on time. Not when there are so many better things to do in the mornings, like invent Toast-on-a-Rope, fight a giant squid in the laundry, or follow some ants up a tree. And so he's tardy, every day, much to the smug delight of Never-Late Kate, who thinks she's sooo great. But then one day, Kate helps Marty out of a jam (or rather, a tree), and the two end up playing together, have a surprisingly good time, and are both late. An unlikely friendship is born, through which Marty learns a trick or two for punctuality, and Kate discovers the virtues of stopping to smell the roses. From Chicken Butt! author Erica Perl and celebrated illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka comes this playful story of opposites who don't just attract, but also learn a lot from their complementing personalities. Chloe Silver has always been good at looking on the bright side. Even though her parents got divorced and she's moved to a new town, she knows that she will make great friends at her new school. So when she is assigned a science project with offbeat Lucy Tanaka and nerdy Theo Barnes, they have fun creating an experiment that tests out the laws of science through different acts of kindness . . . officially forming The Kindness Club. But when she is also asked join the cool girls' exclusive It Girls club, Chloe feels completely torn between the It Girls and The Kindness Club. Faced with the possibility of upsetting all her new friends, Chloe's capacity for kindness is put to the test. Sometimes mistakes yield the best discoveries, and there is one hypothesis that can always be proven correct: Kindness is the coolest. Inspired by kindness projects and anti-bullying campaigns across the country, the first book of this delightful series will have all readers thinking kind!

SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARD HONOREE FOR OLDER READERS!  
WINNER OF THE NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE! An unforgettable coming-of-age story about comedy, loss, and friendship for fans of Jennifer L. Holm and Gary D. Schmidt. Spoiler alert: This book is not about the Three Stooges. It's about Noah and Dash, two seventh graders who are best friends and comedy junkies. That is, they were best friends, until Dash's father died suddenly and Dash shut Noah out. Which Noah deserved, according to Noa, the girl who, annoyingly, shares both his name and his bar mitzvah day. Now Noah's confusion, frustration, and determination to get through to Dash are threatening to destroy more than just their friendship. But what choice does he have? As Noah sees it, sometimes you need to risk losing everything, even your sense of humor, to prove that gone doesn't have to mean "gone for good." Equal parts funny, honest, and deeply affecting, *All Three Stooges* is a book that will stay with readers long after the laughter subsides. "Perl has created a moving coming-of-age journey steeped in Jewish traditions and comedic history, elegantly balancing humor with an honest look at the impact of suicide. Noah's genuine voice and tricky situation will have readers pulling for him."--Publishers Weekly "This novel is excellent on multiple fronts. A satisfying story that will appeal to all middle grade readers."--SLJ "Watching Noah repeatedly sliding on a banana peel (even, once, literally) gives readers plenty of occasions to wince, to chortle, and ultimately, to applaud."--Booklist "A welcome portrayal of a very difficult situation's impact on someone not ready to deal with it—and there are plenty of funny moments to make it all easier to take."--Horn Book

Charming and quirky friends Whale, Quail, and Snail have a tea party in this all-new Level 2 Ready-to-Read from award-winning author Erica S. Perl! Meet a whale named Whale. She spends most of her time exploring the area near Tiny Island, dreaming of a day when she'll have real friends, not just rock friends. One day, Whale decides to throw a tea party...and it changes everything, especially when Quail and Snail show up!

How I Saved Hanukkah

Ugly Love

Women Who Broke the Rules: Judy Blume

Chicken Butt!

The Kindness Club

**The author shares his thoughts on his life with Nicole Brown Simpson, his children, the media, the judicial system, spouse abuse, religion, racism, and his innocence of the murder of his wife**

**Emma McGraw just can't sit back and watch someone being teased, especially**

one of her friends. So when class bully Jared Matthews chooses EllRay Jakes as his next target, Emma can't hold back. But unfortunately for Emma, her good deed is not appreciated. Instead of helping EllRay, Emma just embarrassed him. What boy wants to be "saved" by a girl?! Now everyone is calling her Super Emma, and Jared has set his sights on her. Who will rescue Emma now that Jared is tossing around threats? Her superhero may be someone she would never have thought of.

The girls: Maya, Brianna, Darcy, Renee?and popular, fascinating, dangerous Candace. Five friends ruled by one ringleader who plays games to test their loyalty?and then decides who's in the group and who's out. Each of the girls has her say in this fast-paces and absolute believable novel set in the war zone of middle school cliques. The author of the highly appraised *The Ashwater Experience*, Amy Koss has once again crafted a "truly original piece of fiction brimming with humor and insight. " (Starred Horn Book Review for *The Ashwater Experience*)

After getting a job in a vintage clothing shop and quickly bonding with two older girls, fifteen-year-old Veronica finds herself making bad decisions in order to keep their friendship.

The Girls

Happy Fell #3

A Whale of a Tea Party

When Carrot Met Cookie

Goatlocks and the Three Bears

***"This sweet story is a delightful, quick read with a wonderfully charming cast of characters. The delicious descriptions of baked goods are sure to make readers' mouths water; fortunately, three recipes are included. A refreshing and uplifting book filled with friendship, heartache, and a generous sprinkling of love." -- Kirkus Reviews "The Markses excel at creating goofy but appealing characters: extrovert Jack seems beyond embarrassment, yet he honors Jillian's wish to keep her mom's story private; Grandma Rita has no cooking skills, but she rocks at martial arts and plumbing repairs; and Phineas Farnsworth exploits everyone he encounters but has a soft spot for the memory of the nanny who raised him." -- Kay Weisman, Booklist A delicious tale of rivalry, friendship, heartache, and dessert! Fame-obsessed Jack and somber Jillian, who is mourning the loss of her mother, become a mismatched duo selected to compete for \$150,000 in a high-stakes baking contest jam-packed with hilarious high jinks. Exploding with loud, rock 'n' roll attitude, eleven-year-old Jack Fineman dreams of becoming the greatest pastry chef who ever lived. His plans are thrown off course when his butterscotch basil brownies are upstaged at his sixth-grade holiday party by a simple plate of chocolate rugelach brought in by Jillian Mermelstein-the new girl at school whose mother has just***

***died and who only wants to be left alone. These budding bakers' lives are mixed together when they are selected to compete as teammates in a nationally televised competition. For Jack, this is his chance to advance one step closer to culinary greatness. For Jillian, it's an opportunity to help her father by winning her share of the \$150,000 top prize. Preparing to face bakers from the city's other middle schools, Jack and Jillian struggle to find the right recipe for working together. Along the way, they make the world's most irresistible oatmeal cricket cookies, battle Jack's checkered-pants-wearing brother for miniature golf supremacy, and discover the troubling reasons why each of them was chosen for the contest. When her grandfather suggests Zelly Fried show her parents she's ready for the responsibility of taking care of a dog by making a "practice dog" out of an orange juice jug, she is not entirely sure about the idea.***

***Most people know the story of Balto, the world famous dog who led his dogsled team through a blizzard to deliver a lifesaving serum to the stricken people of Nome, Alaska, in 1925. Balto shot to instant stardom; a company named dog food after him, a famous sculptor erected a statue of him that stands in Central Park to this day, and the dog even starred in his own Hollywood movie. But what happened to Balto after the hoopla died down? With a lively, informative text and humorous, vibrant illustrations, Meghan McCarthy captures the extraordinary life of Balto beyond his days as a celebrity.-- Provided by publisher.***

***Wild Girl***