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*Little Miss Stubborn* Scholastic Canada

Jillian is on a mission... to catch a monster! Jillian Jiggs wakes up one night to find her little sister Rebecca crying because she is afraid of monsters. With their usual creativity, Jillian and her friends use their problem-solving skills to help Rebecca deal with her fears: they decide to make a monster machine and set off on a monster hunt!

**The Wrong-Way Rabbit** Penguin

The pampered Princess Prunella has an important life-lesson to learn, and a wise old woman is just the person to teach her! When the old lady comes to the palace begging for food and the spoiled princess rudely shoos her away, the old woman casts a strange and terrible spell. Now the princess is aghast to discover a hideous purple peanut is growing from the point of her nose! The only way for Princess Prunella to break the spell is for her to perform three good deeds. Margaret Atwood's Princess Prunella and the Purple Peanut is a charming children's book with spirited illustrations by Maryann Kovalski.

**Something From Nothing** Random House Digital, Inc.

Counts from one to ten using objects typically found in Canada, such as polar bears, maple leaves, and hockey players.

**Lucy Tries Luge** Orca Book Publishers

Victoria's grandma takes her out for a special, fancy birthday lunch. But how special can a restaurant be if it doesn't serve hamburgers or tacos or PB & J? Victoria is about to find out!

*The Balloon Tree* Markham, Ont. : Scholastic Canada

"It has snowed overnight, and the snow is PERFECT--for snowmen, for forts, for a whole school coming together to make the greatest snow structure ever! Barbara Reid takes on a quintessentially Canadian topic in her famous Plasticine style--with an exciting new twist! Even though a snow day isn't declared, first-grader Scott and fourth-grader Jim are looking forward to playing in the snow at recess and lunch. They daydream the morning away, making plans: Jim doodles snowmen; Scott plans the Totally Massive Indestructible Snow Fortress Of Doom. Things don't turn out quite as planned, but by the end of the day the whole school has pitched in to make something even better, and Jim and Scott, formerly strangers, have become friends. Barbara blends the schoolyard of her own Toronto childhood with the ones she visits today into a seamless, timeless Canadian tale that will transport every reader to his or her own favourite snowy day. Barbara Reid begins with her trademark Plasticine art and adds bright watercolour spots in a sequential panel style to add to the story. The combination takes Barbara's work to the next level--not a word or an image out of place, a fun, mixed-media delight that Canadian kids and adults will enjoy on many levels."--

*The Wonderful Pigs of Jillian Jiggs* Markham, Ont. : Scholastic Canada

A Phoebe Gilman classic, reissued in a larger format for the first time! Little Blue Ben and his brother Blue Cat are sick and tired of eating the blue eggs their mother boils, bakes, toasts and fries for them. So they decide to play hide and seek--whoever loses has to eat all the other's blue eggs. Fans young and old will love searching for Blue Ben as he disappears into the pages of the book. Phoebe Gilman has taken the classic Mother Goose rhyme and extended it into a favourite picture book, with whimsical illustrations that will delight readers of all ages.

Kids Can Press Ltd

A refreshing new look for this beloved classic! Because her noodle pudding is so delicious, a band of pirates kidnaps Grandma and her parrot, Oliver. When her granddaughter Melissa tries to save them, she gets captured too. Life aboard the pirate ship isn't so bad - Grandma makes lots of noodle puddings and Melissa helps to sail the ship. But the pirates are mean and nasty. At last Melissa comes up with a plan: they'll stop trying to get away from the pirates, and let the pirates get away

from them. Join Grandma, Melissa and Oliver for a rollicking adventure as they take to the high seas with three hungry, savage pirates.

**Alexandra and the Awful, Awkward, No Fun, Truly Bad Dates** Kids Can Press Ltd  
Joseph's grandfather transforms his blanket many times over the years, but what can be done when the final item is lost? Gilman's version of this Yiddish folk tale won the 1993 Ruth Schwartz Award.

*Miss Mousie's Blind Date* Scholastic Canada

Jillian Jiggs and her friends are back... and this time they're putting on a show! Jillian doesn't have any money to buy her little sister Rebecca's birthday present. Her friends Peter and Rachel remind her that the best presents are the ones that you make, so Jillian decides that they should surprise Rebecca by putting on a play. But things don't happen exactly the way she planned and Jillian winds up with a few surprises of her own!

**My Big Dog** Skyhorse Publishing Inc.

Caldecott Honor winner and bestselling author-illustrator David Shannon makes readers laugh aloud when young Spencer's mountain of toys becomes overwhelming. A book that will be read again and again. Spencer has too many toys! His father trips over them, his mother falls over them, and the house is overflowing with junk. Now its time to give some of the mountain of goodies away, but Spencer finds it hard. In the end, he fills a box, but decides the one toy he can't part with is the box!  
*KATY AND THE BIG SNOW EBK* Scholastic Canada  
Mortimer will not be quiet and go to sleep. Not for his mother, or his father, or his seventeen sisters and brothers, not even for the police. A newly designed Classic Munsch picture book introduces this unforgettable noise-maker to a new generation of young readers.

*Jillian Jiggs* Markham, Ont. : Scholastic Canada

A comical, rhyming tale about a bunny who likes to do things backward.

*Two by Two* Scholastic Inc.

Jillian Jiggs has finally cleaned up her room! And after discovering that a jar of buttons she found during the cleanup look just like pigs' noses, Jillian Jiggs embarks on an extravagant pig-making enterprise. She makes pirate pigs, princess pigs, striped pigs and plaid pigs, and plans to sell them for ten cents each. But can Jillian part with her pigs so full of personality?

*Little Blue Ben* Golden Books

Two friends discuss how different they are from each other, and each decide, after wishing they were like the other, that it's best to accept one's own individuality.

**Move Over, Rover** Golden Books

Jillian Jiggs Markham, Ont. : Scholastic Canada

**Jillian Jiggs to the Rescue** Annick Press

A story about self-acceptance and love lost then found, told through the eyes of a mouse and her possibly-not-so-handsome suitor, Mole, offers a timeless message to young readers.

*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* Simon and Schuster

Jillian's plan to sell the toy pigs she has made falls through when she discovers she loves her pigs too much to give them up.

*Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow* Markham, Ont. : Viking

When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his safe and dry doghouse all to himself but he soon finds that various other animals, including a skunk, also want a cozy place to sit out the rain.

*Jillian Jiggs Book and Doll* Scholastic Canada

Springtime is wonderful -- except for the gazillion blackflies and mosquitoes. But Helen has a plan . . .

*And His Adventures Down the River* Kids Can Press Ltd

When pirates discover that a treasure chest is actually a cradle holding a baby, they decide to raise the child as their own. Pearl is a great pirate but she has the bad habit of giving treasure away.

When Prince Basil shows up one day, he recognizes Pirate Pearl as Princess Pearl, the long lost heir

to the throne.

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