

Retired By Cynthia Rylant

"These five stellar stories . . . can be read aloud or silently, alone or in a group, at Christmas or in July, and by adults or children. . . . Ordinary places (and) . . . ordinary people . . . suddenly become extraordinary. . . . Unforgettable fiction"--The Horn Book, starred review.

When Tinka the dog follows her owner to school and creates havoc, the children discover a way to let her stay in the classroom and help.

Cynthia Rylant and Brendan Wenzel explore the beauty and tenacity of life. Life begins small, then grows... There are so many wonderful things about life, both in good times and in times of struggle. Through the eyes of the world’s animals—including elephants, monkeys, whales, and more—Cynthia Rylant offers a moving meditation on finding beauty around us every day and finding strength in adversity. Brendan Wenzel’s stunning landscapes and engaging creatures make this an inspiring and intriguing gift for readers of all ages.

The many friends of the wounded tropical bird Harry adopts refuse to fly south without their companion and take up residence in the tree outside Harry’s bedroom window, refusing to budge even as the first snowstorm of the season approaches.

"This book seeks to reinvigorate the teaching of writing by harkening back to the original principles of the writing workshop, offering teachers a meaningful way to teach children how to write with enthusiasm and expertise. The author argues that we must focus again on genuine curiosity, individual choice, big blocks of time, quality conversations, and powerful children’s literature"--

Ellie’s Log

Duck for Turkey Day

The Van Gogh Cafe

If You’ll Be My Valentine

The Voices of Sleeping Birds

Every year at Christmas a rich man rides a train through Appalachia and throws gifts to the poor children who are waiting, in order to repay a debt he owes the people who live there.

This lovely book illuminates all the possibilities a day offers—the opportunities and chances that won’t ever come again—and also delivers a gentle message of good stewardship of our planet. Newbery Medal winner Cynthia Rylant’s poetic text, alongside Nikki McClure’s stunning, meticulously crafted cut-paper art, makes this book not only timeless but appealing to all ages, from one to one hundred.

When a storm separates Stumpy the squirrel from her newborn babies, her animal friends come to the rescue.

Snoopy and Woodstock become roommates in this Level 2 Ready-to-Read based on the new Apple TV series, The Snoopy Show! Snoopy accidentally smashes Woodstock’s nest and feels terrible. But then he has a great idea—Woodstock can move into Snoopy’s doghouse and live with him! After all, they’re best friends; what could possibly go wrong? © 2021 Peanuts Worldwide LLC

Justin loves soccer—but he doesn’t love being teased. Learn how to handle a bully in this Level 2 Ready-to-Read with audio from Tony and Lauren Dungy. Justin is thrilled to be on a soccer team. But at his very first practice, he is approached by a tall girl who calls him “Shorty.” She tells him he’s too little to be on the team and that he should just go home. Justin doesn’t know what to do. He loves soccer, but he doesn’t want to be teased. How do you deal with a bully? Children will love this inspirational Level 2 Ready-to-Read with audio that features the Dungy children, written by Tony and Lauren Dungy.

Enemy Pie (Reading Rainbow Book, Children S Book about Kindness, Kids Books about Learning)

A Fine White Dust

Exploring the Forest Where the Great Tree Fell

Nerdy Birdy

Cynthia Rylant

The monsters of the Fright Club have gathered for a Thanksgiving feast at Vlad’s home, but his family arrives unexpectedly and puts their own spin on every dish.

Mr. and Mrs. Moose try to invite a turkey to their Thanksgiving feast.

Away at school, Sally Copeland has always dreamed of going home, but now that she’s there, she feels frightened and unsure of herself.Will her brother and sister accept her? Will she be able to do things for herself? And what will it be like to go to a regular school and be the only one with cerebral palsy?

Now an old man, John is haunted by memories of enlisting to fight in World War II, a decision which forced him to face the horrors of war and changed his life forever.

Thomas the train engine thinks that all the other engines are too busy to help him celebrate his birthday, but he is in for a surprise.

A Delicious Tale

But I’ll Be Back Again

Silver Packages

With audio recording

It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one. Luckily Dad had a surefire way to get rid of enemies: Enemy Pie. But part of the secret recipe is spending an entire day playing with the enemy! In this funny yet endearing story, one little boy learns an effective recipes for turning your best enemy into your best friend. Accompanied by charming illustrations, Enemy Pie serves up a sweet lesson in the difficulties and ultimate rewards of making new friends.

An illustrated introduction to where birds make their homes, all across the globe. Birds make many kinds of nests in many kinds of places, to keep their eggs safe and to raise their chicks. In this colorful picture book, acclaimed artist Michael Garland introduces more than twenty species of birds and the intriguing homes they make, from puffins' burrows to orioles' hanging nests. With simple text, accessible for new readers, this is a perfect introduction to the many ways animals make their homes. The vibrant artwork, created with traditional woodcuts and digital coloring techniques, is labeled with the English common names of each bird shown. A 2018 NSTA-CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book for Students K-12! A Bank Street Best Book of the Year (Outstanding Merit)

IF YOU’LL BE MY VALENTINE Cynthia Rylant and Fumi Kosaka If You’ll Be My Valentine sweetly celebrates the true meaning of Valentine’s Day. Charming prose and captivatingly sweet art create an adorable tableau of loving wishes from one little boy to all the members of his family. Describes the autumn activities and traditions that November’s cooling temperatures bring.

Stumpy, Murray, Gwendolyn, and Kona recruit Herman the crow and 200 owls to help with their Master Plan to assist the animals of Gooseberry Park that are in trouble because of a months-long drought.

Above and Beyond the Writing Workshop

Fangsgiving

Roses Sing On New Snow

Children of Christmas

Every Living Thing

Dive deep with Gail Gibbons as she explains the mechanics and discoveries of deep-sea exploration. The surface of the moon is more familiar to us than the deep sea of our own planet. Many oceanographers are trying to change that. To explore the deep sea, they climb into submersibles and employ Remotely Operated Vehicles to find out more about the ocean and ocean floor. In Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea, nonfiction rockstar Gail Gibbons invites readers along for a journey to the depths of the ocean. Without leaving home, readers will learn about the types of animals found at different sea levels. With her trademark combination of clearly-labeled diagrams, infographics, and accessible language, Gibbons explains the technology for exploration, and the many fascinating discoveries scientists have made in the darkest reaches of the ocean. A perfect introduction for aspiring oceanographers, marine biologists, and conservationists, this new edition has been vetted by an expert oceanographer.

Here are twelve deeply moving short stories from the perceptive pen of Cynthia Rylant. Each captures the moment when someone’s life changes -- when an animal causes a human being to see things in a different way, and, perhaps, changes his life.

A grandmother tells her grandchild their family history, from the time that their house was built to the time that the grandchild’s parents added on a nursery.

Thirteen-year-old Pete Cassidy, a troubled, insecure teenager, finds new meaning in his life when he encounters the itinerant Preacher Man, until betrayal leaves Pete to wrestle with grief, doubt, and his belief in God.

From Newbery Medalist Cynthia Rylant and illustrator Arthur Howard comes the third book in the beloved Gooseberry Park middle grade series. Kona the Labrador and Gwendolyn the hermit crab love how much it’s been raining in Gooseberry Park. But the weather brings trouble to their home when a lost bobcat kitten is swept down from the mountain and away from his family. Murray the bat rescues the cub, but to bring him home, Kona and Murray will have to venture beyond the comfort and safety of their beloved park...and prepare themselves to say goodbye to their young new friend.

Justin and the Bully

The Missing Cupcake Mystery

Ready-to-Read Level 2

Appalachia

Dozens of Cousins

"At a family reunion, dozens of 'beastie' cousins spend the day running wild, playing in the creek, filling up on food, and making mischief."

A collection of poetry accompanied by photographs documenting the country during the Great Depression

Justin, Jordan, and Jade’s mother agrees to buy cupcakes if the trio will wait until after dinner to eat them, but one cupcake goes missing and until the mystery is solved, no one will get dessert.

It’s almost Thanksgiving, and Tuyet is excited about the holiday and the vacation from school. There’s just one problem: her Vietnamese American family is having duck for Thanksgiving dinner—not turkey! Nobody has duck for Thanksgiving. What will her teacher and the other kids think? To her surprise, Tuyet enjoys her yummy thanksgiving dinner anyhow, and an even bigger surprise is waiting for her at school on Monday. Dinners from roast beef to lamb to enchiladas adorned the Thanksgiving tables of her classmates, but they all had something in common—family! Kids from families

with different traditions will enjoy this warm story about “the right way” to celebrate an American holiday.

Every Living ThingSimon and Schuster

A Turkey for Thanksgiving

Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea

Gooseberry Park and the Master Plan

Stories for the Season

Birds Make Nests

With help from her parents, a forest manager and a wildlife biologist, and in the company of new friend Ricky, eleven-year-old Ellie Homesly fills a field notebook with sketches and notes about nature in the woods near her home. Includes suggestions on how to keep a field notebook. A teacher’s guide is available online.

Nerdy Birdy likes reading, video games, and reading about video games, which immediately disqualifies him for membership in the cool crowd. One thing is clear: being a nerdy birdy is a lonely lifestyle. When he’s at his lowest point, Nerdy Birdy meets a flock just like him. He has friends and discovers that there are far more nerdy birdies than cool birdies in the sky.

In this straightforward autobiography, Newbery medalist Cynthia Rylant describes some of the most profound influences on her life: her grandmother, a tiny town called Beaver, the Beatles (especially Paul McCartney), and Robert Kennedy.

Discusses the life and work of author Cynthia Rylant, including her writing process and methods, inspirations, a critical discussion of her books, biographical timeline, and awards.

Scarecrows. They perch high above gardens and fields, with borrowed coats and button eyes and pie-pan hands that glint in the sun. What else is there to know about them? Perhaps more than we realize. Newbery Medalist Cynthia Rylant’s rich and poignant story, powerfully illustrated by Lauren Stringer, will resonate deeply in the hearts of readers, who just might find themselves seeing the world in a whole new way.

Watch the Stars Come Out

Mine for Keeps

Ready-for-Chapters

A Little Shopping

Scarecrow

For eleven years in a row, John Applefeller has entered his highly original apple desserts in The Worldwide Dessert Contest. And every year he’s watched his delectable treats turn into disasters while the evil Sylvester Sweet wins first prize. But this year, when John’s greatest creation, the world’s largest pancake, flops, he and his sidekick the King of dessert chefs, the magical Captain B. Rollie Ragoon.

Maylin cooks delicious meals every day in her father’s restaurant, but her lazy brothers take all the credit. One day a contest is held to honor the visiting governor of South China, and Maylin’s brothers decide to pass off her cooking as their own. But when neither they nor the governor can replicate Maylin’s wonderful dish, they all learn to cook like her. This is a story about cooking that’s as delicious as the food it describes. Paul Yee’s charming text and Harvey Chan’s dramatic watercolors transport the reader to another time and culture in this engaging tale.

Grandma tells about her mama’s journey to America by boat, years ago.

Rosie, Lily, and Tess, three cousins who are living together with their aunt, decide to make a miniature flower shop just like Aunt Lucy’s real shop, and give it to her as a gift.

The Van Gogh Cafe, located in Flowers, Kansas, has magic in its walls, causing strange and mysterious events to occur there.

I Had Seen Castles

Tree of Birds

Life

Happy Birthday, Thomas!

Homeplace

Text and illustrations explore the countryside and people of Appalachia.

A Kitten in Gooseberry Park

THE WORLDWIDE DESSERT CONTEST

An Appalachian Christmas Story

Nest Friends

Gooseberry Park