

# Family Sunday Book List

## November 2021 Theme: On Paper

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### BOARD BOOKS

#### **A Little Paper Caper**

By Oliver Jeffers

There was once a forest where everyone was contentedly going about their business—until the strangest thing suddenly started happening. Without any warning, branches started disappearing from trees. Something would have to be done, everyone agreed—everyone, that is, except for someone who was acting very mysteriously indeed. A thrilling tale of mystery, crime, a forest, paper planes and a bear who wanted to win!

#### **Paper Peek: Animals**

By Chihiro Takeuchi

With intricate cut-paper artwork, this search-and-find book highlights animals across the globe. Head to Africa, with its bountiful wildlife: can you spot one lion, two giraffes, four zebras, and more among the teeming herds? When visiting South America, do you see one sloth, three toucans, and five armadillos? How about two tigers in Asia, three emperor penguins in Antarctica, five wolves in Europe, and other creatures in Oceania, North America, and the wide oceans? Featuring hundreds of small animal shapes forming dizzying patterns, this colourful board book promises a world of discovery and delight on every page.

#### **Paper Peek: Colors**

By Chihiro Takeuchi

Innovative die cuts and cut-paper artwork create a search-and-find book that homes in on colours and counting. Peek through a shaped opening to spy a beautifully patterned green leaf, a red apple, a white cloud. Turn the page to discover a world of animals and objects, familiar and new, hidden within the patterns. Can you find two orange basketballs? Three pink flamingos? Five yellow butterflies? Simple, fresh, and satisfying, this stylish board book offers hours of engagement for young children.

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**ART GALLERY** [KWAG.CA](http://KWAG.CA)

### PICTURE BOOKS

#### **What Matters**

By Alison Hughes

What happens when one small boy picks up one small piece of litter? He doesn't know it, but his tiny act has big consequences. From the miniscule to the universal, *What Matters* sensitively explores nature's connections and traces the ripple effects of one child's good deed to show how we can all make a big difference.

#### **One Little Bag: An Amazing Journey**

By Henry Cole

From a tall tree growing in the forest to the checkout counter at the grocery store, one little bag finds its way into the hands of a young boy on the eve of his first day of school. So begins the incredible journey of one little bag that is used and reused and reused again. In a three-generation family, the bag is transporter of objects and keeper of memories. And when Grandfather comes to the end of his life, the family finds a meaningful new way for the battered but much-loved little bag to continue its journey in the circle of life.

#### **The Paper Dolls**

By Julia Donaldson

A string of five paper dolls goes on a fantastical adventure through the house and out into the garden. They soon escape the clutches of the toy dinosaur and the snapping jaws of the oven-glove crocodile, but then a very real pair of scissors threatens. A stunning, rhythmical story of childhood, memory and the power of imagination from the author of *The Gruffalo*, and new illustrating talent Rebecca Cobb.



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### JUNIOR FICTION

#### **The Friendship Lie**

By Rebecca Donnelly

Cora Davis's life is garbage. Literally. Her professor parents study trash after it gets thrown away, and between their separation and a fallout with her best friend, fifth grade has left Cora feeling like she has been tossed into the dumpster. But Cora has learned a couple of things from her parents' trash-tracking studies: things don't always go where they're supposed to, and sometimes the things you thought were gone come back. And occasionally, one person's trash is another's treasure, which Cora and Sybella learn when they find a diary detailing best-friendship problems. Told in two intertwining points of view, comes a warm, wry story of friendship, growing up, and being true to yourself.

#### **Awesome Dawson**

By Chris Gall

Everything can be used again! That's Dawson's motto. He collects junk that people throw away and turns it into something stupendous. But when Dawson uses his skills to create a machine to do his chores for him, he discovers he might have invented something a little too... awesome. Can he stop the rampaging robot before it destroys the entire town? Inspire kids to reuse, repurpose, and recycle in this inventive adventure about a boy superhero who turns trash into treasures—and saves the world while he's at it!

#### **Just Grace Goes Green**

By Charise Harper

Grace can do a lot of things... but can she save the planet? Or at the very least, can she help her best friend Mimi get her favourite stuffed animal back? Mimi's older cousin Gwen is coming to stay with Mimi, and Grace and Mimi aim to inspire their classmates with their "green project" by conserving plastic bottles. But more importantly, Gwen has taken a strong liking to Mimi's favourite stuffed toy, Willoughby. Just Grace uses her empathy superpower to figure out ways to make her best friend feel better, and she makes a difference for the environment too.

### TEEN FICTION

#### **Ship Breaker**

By Paolo Bacigalupi

In America's flooded Gulf Coast region, oil is scarce, but loyalty is scarcer. Grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts by crews of young people. Nailer, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota—and hopefully live to see another day. But when he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life.

#### **Wildfire**

By Carrie Mac

Annie and Pete know each other better than anyone, and they've been on more adventures than they can count. And they've always been just friends. But lately, Annie has been mentally replaying all the times they were almost something more. Now they're heading out on their next great quest: a ten-day backpacking trip through the mountains of Washington State ending at Fire Camp, where they'll learn to fight the area's growing wildfire problem. The woods spark with the promise of adventure, but a freak climbing accident interrupts their progress, and as the wildfires close in, Annie and Pete wander farther from the trail.

#### **I Am Still Alive**

By Kate Alice Marshall

Jess is alone. Her cabin has burned to the ground. She knows if she doesn't act fast, the cold will kill her before she has time to worry about food. Before, Jess hadn't seen her survivalist dad in over a decade. But after a car crash killed her mother and left her injured, she was forced to move to his cabin in the remote Canadian wilderness. Just as Jess was beginning to get to know him, a secret from his past paid them a visit, leaving her father dead and Jess stranded. With only her father's dog for company, Jess must forage for food, build shelter, and keep herself warm. Some days it feels like the wild is out to destroy her, but she's stronger than she ever imagined. Jess will survive. She has to. She knows who killed her father... and she wants revenge.