# Beginning Nonfiction

### Winner

How Long? Crazy Ways to Compare Length
By Jessica Gunderson
Picture Window Books 2013



How long is an elephant's trunk? It's 42 peanuts long! This is just one of the unusual ways to compare length found in this book. Jessica Gunderson takes young readers on a humorous journey into the land of measurement and

numbers. The creative comparisons and illustrations will keep young readers giggling while they learn.

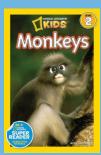
### Honor Books

Monkeys by Anne Schreiber National Geographic 2013



The Eye of the Whale:

A Rescue Story
by Jennifer O'Connell
Tilbury House, 2013





What Is Part This, Part That? by Harriet Ziefert Blue Apple Books 2013

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The Watermelon Seed By Greg Pizzoli Disney/Hyperion 2013

All kids have wondered what happens if you swallow a watermelon seed.

Crocodile loves watermelon! One day he swallows a seed and starts to worry. Will he turn pink? Will it grow in his stomach? Greg Pizzoli's simple colorful illustrations allow young readers to see into the working of crocodile's imagination. The text is simple enough for early readers and perfect for a story time read aloud.

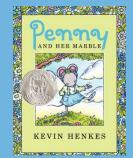
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Penny and Her Marble By Kevin Henkes Green Willow 2013



Outfoxed By Mike Twohy Simon & Schuster 2013

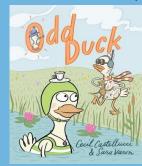


The Loopy Coop Hens:
Letting Go
By Janet Morgan Stoeke
Dial Books 2013

### Transitional Fiction

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Odd Duck
By Cecil Castellucci
First Second 2013

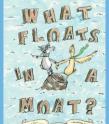


A quirky tale of friendship and individuality, *Odd Duck* charms readers with Theodora, a duck of distinctive (not odd!) habits, and Chad, her brash and decidedly unique (not odd!) new neighbor. Despite their differences, these two

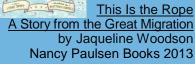
This Is the Rope

outsider ducks become inseparable friends. Presented in a hybrid format, *Odd Duck* combines easy reader short chapters and large text with Sara Varon's colorful full spread illustrations and graphic novel-style bubbles and panels.

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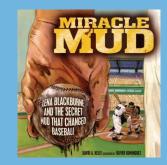
What Floats in a Moat? by Lynne Berry Simon & Schuster 2013





Bink & Gollie: Best Friends Forever
By Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee
Candlewick Press 2013

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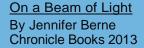
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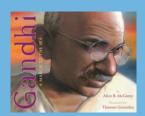
Miracle Mud
By David A Kelly
Millbrook Press 2013

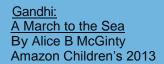
This delightful narrative non-fiction title relates the story of a not-sogreat ball player who

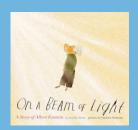
makes his mark on major league baseball in an unexpected way: the "invention" of baseball rubbing mud, a product still used in every MLB game today. With direct, uncomplicated text, lively illustrations, and thoughtfully composed back matter, Miracle Mud will excite new readers and give them a fun, unknown baseball secret to share with sports fans and non-fans alike.

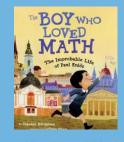
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The Boy Who Loved Math By Deborah Heiligman Roaring Book Press 2013