

BOOKS TO GROW WITH NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2005

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello! This month's issue is devoted to new books coming out this spring that I think will be worth your consideration. I'll be reviewing them more fully in the months to come but below you'll find the titles, organized by topic.

Please note that I have just posted book recommendations at the Lutra Press website at <http://www.lutrapress.com/idea/> as well. These suggestions come from the requests I received at workshops this month.

I'll be speaking at the International Reading Association annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas in early May – if you're going to be there too please let me know – I'd love to connect in person!

NEW BOOKS WORTH CONSIDERING

While I hope you agree that the *best* children's books have nothing to do with the date of publication, it's still exciting to look at the new ones and think about how to incorporate them into our use of children's books to help kids with everyday issues and tough challenges.

The following books are coming out in the next few months:

Adoption

Just Add One Chinese Sister, by Patricia McMahon, illustrated by Karen Jerome.
Waiting for May, by Janet Morgan Stoeke

Siblings

Me and My Sister, by Ruth Ohi.
My Big Sister is so Bossy She Says You Can't Read This Book, by Mary Hershey
Vera's Baby Sister, by Vera Rosenberry.

Friendship

Moon Runner, by Carolyn Marsden.
Chicken Friend, by Nicola Morgan.
Moony Luna/Luna, lunita lunera, by Jorge Argueta, illustrated by Elizabeth Gomez.
Alley Oops, by Janice Levy, illustrated by Cynthia Decker
That Crazy Eddie, by Judy Cox, illustrated by Blanche Sims.

Bullies

Is it Because? By Tony Ross.
Alley Oops, by Janice Levy, illustrated by Cynthia Decker

Prejudice/Differences

Benjamin and the Word/Benjamin y la Palabra, by Daniel Olivas, translated by Gabriela Baeza Ventura, illustrated by Don Dyen.

Antonio's Card/ La Tarjeta de Antonio, by Rigoberto Gonzalez, illustrated by Cecilia Conception Alvarez.

Other Topics of Interest

Roger Gets Carried Away, by Barbara Todd, illustrated by Roge. Glasses.

Helicopter Man, by Elizabeth Fensham. Parental mental illness.

A Season for Mangoes, by Regina Hanson, illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Death of a grandparent.

Queen Sophie Harley, by Stephanie Greene. Being part of a family of gifted people.

Jitterbug Jam, by Barbara Jean Hicks, illustrated by Alexis Deacon. Anxiety.

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