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# Dear Mr Henshaw Leigh Botts 1 Beverly Cleary

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Henry and Ramona  
Bloomsbury Publishing  
Newbery Medal–winning  
Beverly Cleary’s books  
have delighted children for

generations, and beloved characters such as Ramona, Henry Huggins, and Ralph S. Mouse continue to appeal to young readers today. For a taste of Beverly Cleary’s extensive work, this ebook collection features several of her most cherished titles! Henry Huggins: In Beverly Cleary’s first novel, boys and girls alike will instantly be

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charmed by an average boy whose life is turned upside down when he meets a lovable puppy with a nose for mischief. *Ramona the Pest*: Ramona Quimby is excited to finally start kindergarten. Then she gets into trouble for pulling her classmate's boingy curls during recess. Even worse, her crush rejects her in front of everyone. *Beezus* says Ramona needs to quit being a pest, but how can she stop if she was never trying to be one in the first place? *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*: In this imaginative adventure, a young mouse named Ralph is thrown into a world of excitement when a boy and his shiny toy motorcycle check into the Mountain View Inn. *Socks*: Ever since the day Mr. and Mrs. Bricker saved Socks the cat from a life spent in a mailbox drop slot, he has been the center of their world. But when a new baby arrives, suddenly the Brickers have less and less time for Socks. Socks feels left out! What will it take to make Socks realize just how much the Brickers care about him?

*Strider* HarperCollins Espanol Before there was Lois Lowry's *The Giver* or M. T. Anderson's *Feed*, there was Robert Cormier's *I Am the Cheese*, a subversive classic that broke new ground for YA literature. A boy's search for his father becomes a desperate journey to unlock a secret past. But the past must not be remembered if the boy is to survive. As he searches for the truth that hovers at the edge of his mind, the boy—and readers—arrive at a shattering conclusion. "An absorbing, even brilliant job. The book is assembled in mosaic fashion: a tiny chip here, a chip there. . . Everything is related to something else; everything

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builds and builds to a fearsome climax. . . . [Cormier] has the knack of making horror out of the ordinary, as the masters of suspense know how to do.”—The New York Times Book Review “A horrifying tale of government corruption, espionage, and counter espionage told by an innocent young victim. . . . The buildup of suspense is terrific.”—School Library Journal, starred review An ALA Notable Children’s Book A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year A Horn Book Fanfare A Library of Congress Children’s Book of the Year A Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award Nominee Writers’ & Artists’ Yearbook 2021 Knopf Books for Young Readers This sequel to Beverly Cleary’s beloved Newbery Medal-winning classic, *Dear Mr. Henshaw*, stars Strider, a dog who loves to run. Can

a stray dog change the life of a teenage boy? It looks as if Strider can. He’s a dog that loves to run; because of Strider, Leigh Botts finds himself running—well enough to join the school track team. Strider changes Leigh on the inside, too, as he finally begins to accept his parents’ divorce and gets to know a redheaded girl he’s been admiring. With Strider’s help, Leigh finds that the future he once hated to be asked about now holds something he never expected: hope. Strider is a winning dog adventure for kids ages 6-12. It can be read alongside the beloved classic *Dear Mr. Henshaw* or on its own. Otis Spofford Harper Collins Newbery Medal – winning author Beverly Cleary gives readers a hero they’ll relate to, and root for, in

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this comical and inspiring novel about Henry Huggins's mission to prove himself worthy of his very own paper route. All the older kids work their own paper route, but because Henry is not eleven yet, Mr. Capper won't let him. Desperate to change his mind, Henry tries everything he can think of to show he's mature and responsible enough for the job. From offering free kittens to new subscribers, to hauling hundreds of pounds of old newspapers for his school's paper drive, there's nothing Henry won't try. But it might just be the irrepressible Ramona Quimby who shows Mr. Capper just how capable Henry is. The Henry Huggins books have been beloved touchstone classics for generations. They're funny and fast reads with appealing illustrations, sure to be welcomed by both eager and reluctant readers.

*My Own Two Feet*  
Perfection Learning  
The latest book in the hugely popular series about Ramona Quimby. Ramona is just starting the fourth grade and believes this will be 'the best year of her life, so far.' As well as her older sister, Beezus, Ramona now has a new baby sister, Roberta. But best of all, she has a new best friend, Daisy. Beverly Cleary is one of America's most popular authors and has won many prestigious awards, including the American Library Association's Laura Ingalls Wilder Award. This new Ramona book is being published alongside

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the first two Ramona books, Beezus and Ramona and Ramona the Beverly Cleary's Ramona books will also be published in the near future.

Dear Mr. Henshaw Lit Link Gr. 4-6 Harper Collins

Barack Obama delivers a tender, beautiful letter to his daughters in this powerful picture book illustrated by award-winner Loren Long that's made to be treasured! In this poignant letter to his daughters, Barack Obama has written a moving tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation.

From the artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe, to the courage of Jackie Robinson, to the patriotism of George Washington, Obama sees the traits of these heroes within his own children, and within all of America's children. Breathtaking, evocative illustrations by award-winning artist Loren Long at once capture the personalities and achievements of these great Americans and the innocence and promise of childhood. This beautiful book celebrates the characteristics that unite all Americans, from our nation's founders to generations to come. It is about the

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potential within each of us to pursue our dreams and forge our own paths. It is a treasure to cherish with your family forever.

*The Wheels on the Bus* Penguin

Explore the ultimate first-person narrative through the eyes of a young boy and his tale of self-discovery. Our resource is developmentally appropriate for students with special needs who read at a lower grade level. Students predict who Mr. Henshaw might be, and why he would be receiving a letter. Find antonyms to the vocabulary words found in the novel.

Answer multiple choice questions about Leigh. Students become Leigh and write their own list of questions for Mr. Henshaw. Solve the mystery of the lunch thief. Create a to-do list for writing based on what Mrs. Badger suggests to Leigh. Imagine how Leigh and Mr. Henshaw's relationship would progress through the years and write a new letter from Leigh as an adult. Aligned to your State Standards, additional crossword, word search, comprehension quiz and answer key are also included. About the Novel: This Newbery Medal-winning classic story is about Leigh Botts, a

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young boy who lives with his divorced mother and misses his father. The book is a deal about writing collection of letters and about himself. written from Leigh to Mr. Henshaw, his favorite author. The letters show increasing emotional and literary complexity as Leigh grows. They also reflect his desire to become a writer. Through his journal, Leigh learns a great deal about writing and about himself. The diary reveals Leigh's loneliness at school and details his troubles with an unknown schoolmate. When Leigh is in sixth grade, Mr. Henshaw writes back to answer the ten questions Leigh sent to him for the Author

Report assignment. Through his journal, Leigh learns a great deal about writing collection of letters and about himself. I Am the Cheese Harper Collins In this sixth book in the series Ramona is in the third grade and is big enough to ride the school bus on her own. She's determined to enjoy the third grade - that is until she gets sick and throws up right in front of everyone in the class! But being a patient isn't all bad, and although being eight isn't easy - it's never dull. *Of Thee I Sing* Harper Collins "Both children and adults with roar

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with  
laughter."—School  
Library Journal  
Newbery Medal-  
winning author  
Beverly Cleary  
charms readers with  
yet another lovable  
character—Socks, a  
jealous cat who  
must learn to share  
his owners with  
their new baby.  
Socks is one happy  
cat. He lives the  
good life with his  
affectionate  
owners, Mr. and  
Mrs. Bricker. Ever  
since the day they  
saved him from a  
life spent in a  
mailbox drop slot,  
Socks has been the  
center of their  
world. And he  
always has  
everything he

needs—tasty kitty  
treats and all the  
lap room he could  
want! But when a  
new baby arrives,  
suddenly the  
Brickers have less  
and less time for  
Socks. Little  
Charles William is  
the one getting all  
the attention.  
Socks feels left  
out—and to show it,  
he starts getting  
into all sorts of  
trouble! What will  
it take to make  
Socks realize just  
how much the  
Brickers care about  
him?

*Dear Mr. Henshaw -  
Literature Kit Gr. 5-6  
Harper Collins*

Dear Mr. Henshaw  
Harper  
Collins

**Dear Mr. Henshaw** Knopf  
Books for Young



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Readers

When "The Wheels on the Bus," by Caldecott Medalist Paul O.

Zelinsky, broke onto the scene back in 1990, it created a sensation with its clever characters, sly subplots, luscious colors, and the incomparable flair of its moving parts.

Almost a million young readers have enjoyed the wheels that go round, doors that open and shut, and people who go bumpety-bump. Today it remains as fresh and engaging as when it was first published.

*Ramona and Her*

*Father* Open Road

Media

The first Grimm tale illustrated by 1998 Caldecott medalist Paul O. Zelinsky is once again available in hardcover.

Originally published in 1984, Zelinsky's paintings for Hansel and Gretel are as compelling as his later work and will captivate readers with their mysterious beauty, emotional power, and brilliant originality. Each spread brings to life a world as rich and real as our own—detailed, colorful, sensual—yet filled with the unearthly shadowed magic of the Hansel and Gretel folktale. Whether portraying the fear and anguish of children abandoned by their parents, the delicious sumptuousness of a candy house, or the joy of being reunited with one's family, the artist captures

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the subtle nuances of emotion and the tactile quality of the physical world with exquisite accuracy and elegance. The hauntingly spare retelling of this perennial favorite by the poet Rika Lesser perfectly complements the vivid storytelling of Zelinsky's artwork. Once again this gifted artist gives us a unique interpretation of a beloved fairy tale, allowing us to both see it anew and rediscover its eternal truths.

*Anastasia Krupnik*

HarperCollins

Dear Mr. Henshaw, I wish somebody would stop stealing the good stuff out of my

I guess I wish a lot of other things, too. I wish someday Dad and Bandit would pull up in front in the rig ... Dad would yell out of the cab, "Come on, Leigh. Hop in and I'll give you a lift to school." Leigh Botts has been author Boyd Henshaw's number one fan ever since he was in second grade. Now in sixth grade, Leigh lives with his mother and is the new kid at school. He's lonely, troubled by the absence of his father, a cross-country trucker, and angry because a mysterious thief steals from his lunchbag. Then Leigh's teacher assigns a letter-writing project.

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Naturally Leigh chooses to write to Mr. Henshaw, whose surprising answer changes Leigh's life. This is a high-quality Spanish language edition of the beloved Beverly Cleary classic. Cuando Leigh Botts envía a su escritor preferido una extensa lista de preguntas, el Señor Henshaw le responde con otra lista de preguntas. Al principio, Leigh se enoja muchísimo pero cuando termina de responderle, se da cuenta de que en papel se puede expresar de una forma que jamás se hubiera atrevido personalmente. Las cartas de Leigh y el diario que éstas le inspiran a escribir, originan un libro conmovedor y divertido acerca de encontrarse a sí mismo.

*Mick Harte Was Here*  
Penguin  
Newbery Medal Winner  
\* Teachers' Top 100 Books for Children \*  
ALA Notable  
Children's Book  
Beverly Cleary's timeless Newbery Medal-winning book explores difficult topics like divorce, insecurity, and bullying through the thoughts and emotions of a sixth-grade boy as he writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw. After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling

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to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh's life forever. From the beloved author of the Henry Huggins, Ramona Quimby, and Ralph S. Mouse series comes an epistolary novel about how to navigate and heal from life's growing pains.

**Muggie Maggie** S&S Learning Materials  
How could someone like Mick die? He was the kid who freaked out his mom by putting a

ceramic eye in a defrosted chicken, the kid who did a wild dance in front of the whole school--and the kid who, if only he had worn his bicycle helmet, would still be alive today. But now Phoebe Harte's twelve-year-old brother is gone, and Phoebe's world has turned upside down. With her trademark candor and compassion, beloved middle-grade writer Barbara Park tells how Phoebe copes with her painful loss in this story filled with sadness, humor--and hope. Chosen by Publishers Weekly

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as one of their Best Books of 1996. "A full-fledged and fully convincing drama" (Publishers Weekly).

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Nursery Rhyme Comics

Harper Collins

Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary brings her warm humor to this funny story of a girl readers will recognize—and love. This funny realistic friendship story captures the intensity of kids' emotions and is the second book beloved author Beverly Cleary published. Ellen Tebbits has an embarrassing secret that she'll never share with anyone. That is, until she meets Austine—and

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discovers that Austine has the exact same secret! Soon the girls are best friends who do everything together—attending dance class, riding horses, and dodging pesky Otis Spofford, the neighborhood troublemaker. But then Ellen does something terrible . . . and now Austine isn't speaking to her. Ellen desperately wants her best friend back. How can she show Austine how sorry she is? Ellen Tebbits is a funny school and friendship story that stands the test of time—perfect for independent reading for second and third graders.

**Ramona Quimby, Age 8**

On The Mark Press

In this humorous and relatable novel from Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary,

a girl must overcome her rebellious attitude toward learning cursive. At first, Maggie is just feeling stubborn when she declares she won't learn cursive. What's wrong with print, anyway? And she can easily type on a computer, so why would she need to know how to read those squiggly lines? But soon all her classmates are buzzing about Maggie's decision, especially after her teacher, Mrs. Leeper, says Maggie's cursive is so sloppy that her name looks like "Muggie." With "Muggie Maggie" ringing in her ears, Maggie absolutely, positively won't back down...until she's appointed class mail messenger. All the letters that Mrs. Leeper sends to the office are in cursive,

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and Maggie thinks they are written about her. But there's only way to know for sure...so what's Maggie going to do? For generations, Beverly Cleary has captivated readers of all ages with beloved characters such as Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, Ribsy, and Ralph S. Mouse. Muggie Maggie follows suit with what School Library Journal calls "a likable, funny heroine whom readers will want to know."

**Querido Senor Henshaw**  
Oxford University  
Press, USA

Join Joey and his sister Mary Alice as they spend nine unforgettable summers with the worst influence imaginable—their grandmother!

**Socks** Classroom  
Complete Press  
First Second is very

proud to present Nursery Rhyme Comics. Featuring fifty classic nursery rhymes illustrated and interpreted in comics form by fifty of today's preeminent cartoonists and illustrators, this is a groundbreaking new entry in the canon of nursery rhymes treasuries. From New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast's "There Was a Crooked Man" to Bad Kitty author Nick Bruel's "Three Little Kittens" to First Second's own Gene Yang's "Pat-a-Cake," this is a collection that will put a grin on your face from page one and keep it there. Each rhyme is one to three pages long, and simply paneled and lettered

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to ensure that the  
experience is  
completely accessible  
for the youngest of  
readers. Chock full  
of engaging full-  
color artwork and  
favorite characters  
(Jack and Jill! Old  
Mother Hubbard! The  
Owl and the  
Pussycat!), this  
collection will be  
treasured by children  
for years to come.