## **Stories without Words**

The following list is a sample of stories told through illustrations rather than words. In addition to being wonderful stories, these books can be great tools for reluctant readers who can make up their own narratives to go along with the illustrations. These titles are shelved in the Picture Book section by the first three letters of the author's last name. Need help? Ask a librarian!



Becker, Aaron. Journey. (E BEC)

Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor. (If you like this book, check out the sequels: **Quest** and **Return**.)

Cole, Henry. Spot, the Cat. (E COL)

In this wordless picture book, a cat named Spot ventures out an open window and through a city on a journey, while his owner tries to find him.





Cole, Henry. <u>Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad.</u> (E COL)

In this wordless picture book, a young Southern farm girl discovers a runaway slave hiding behind the corn crib in the barn and decides to help him.

Colón, Raúl. Draw! (E COL)

In this wordless picture book, a boy who is confined to his room fills his sketch pad with lions and elephants, then imagines himself on a safari.



Fleischman, Paul and Hawkes, Kevin. Sidewalk Circus. (E FLE)

A young girl watches as the activities across the street from her bus stop become a circus.



Idle, Molly. Flora and the Peacocks. (E IDL)

In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a little girl named Flora forms a friendship with two peacocks as the three learn to dance together. (Also try <u>Flora and the Flamingo</u>, <u>Flora and the Penguin</u>)





A little girl collects wildflowers while on a walk with her distracted father. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter.



Lee, JiHyeon. Pool. (E LEE)

Two shy children meet at a noisy pool and dive beneath the crowd into a magical undersea land, where they explore a fantastical landscape and meet various creatures.

Lehman, Barbara. The Red Book. (E LEH)

A young girl crosses oceans and continents to meet a new friend, in a wordless book-within-a-book story.





Murrow, Vita. The Whale. (E MUR)

There is a legend that a Great Spotted Whale lives in the ocean. Now two young whale watchers each set out to find the whale. The spectacular wordless adventure is brought to life with stunning graphite drawings.

Newgarden, Mark & Megan Montague Cash. <u>Bow-Wow's Nightmare Neighbors</u>. (E NEW) Bow-Wow, an expressive dog, tangles with some unruly neighbors in this wordless, spooky Halloween picture book.



THE GIRL AND

Pett, Mark. The Girl and the Bicycle. (E PET)

A wordless picture book in which a girl sees a bicycle she wants to buy, works hard for a kindly neighbor to earn the money for it, then gets a pleasant surprise. (Also try <u>The Boy and the Airplane</u>.)

Pinkney, Jerry. The Lion & the Mouse. (E PIN)

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.



Raschka, Chris. Daisy Gets Lost. (E RAS)

A young dog experiences the fear of being lost and the joys of being found when she becomes separated from her owner. (Also try A Ball for Daisy.)

Savage, Stephen. Where's Walrus? (E SAV)

In this wordless picture book, follow Walrus on a happy-go-lucky spree through the big city, as he tries on different hats to disguise himself from the chasing zookeeper. (Also try Where's Walrus? and Penguin?)





Staake, Bob. Bluebird. (E STA)

A wordless picture book about the inspiring friendship that develops between a bluebird and a young boy.

Timmers, Leo. Bang. (E TIM)

When a driver, who is not paying attention to where he is going, crashes into a trash can, he sets off a series of accidents with unexpected outcomes.



A polar bear's dreamy road trip along awe-inspiring islands and colorful animal friends.





Wiesner, David. Flotsam. (E WIE)

A bright boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam--anything floating that has washed ashore. While there, he discovers a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera with its own secrets to share.

Wiesner, David. Tuesday. (E WIE)

Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.

