

Sidman, Joyce **RED SINGS FROM TREETOPS: A YEAR IN COLORS**
 illus: Zagarenski, Pamela ISBN# 978-0-547-01494-4 Series: AD+
 \$16.00 Houghton Mifflin 2009 E 2 - 6

This collection of poems features the changing of colors through the seasons. In spring green is new in fall it is tired and dusty. Pink is the color of newborns in spring and of dawn on snow in winter. Through each season colors are described in familiar ways such as a yellow school bus or a blue spring sky but also less familiar contexts such as the grey underbellies of frogs and moth wings or the purple of squishy wormy plums. The poems use a variety of poetic conventions such as alliteration, metaphor, and rhythm. The mixed media art, by Pamela Zagarenski features whimsical characters and animals that help clarify the words.
 Paula Wittmann (Seattle) – O

Silverman, Erica **HORSE IN THE HOUSE**
 illus: Lewin, Betsy ISBN# 978-0-15-205390-1 Series: Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa AD+
 \$15.00 Harcourt 2009 E 1 - 2

Cowgirl Kate wakes up to find her talking horse, Cocoa, in her bedroom. Cocoa always wanted to see what the inside of the house looked like, so Kate shows him the bathroom and living room, but the best “stall” of all for Cocoa is the kitchen because the refrigerator is full of food. Kate takes Cocoa back to the barn as her parents come home and tells Cocoa that the best thing about the barn is Cocoa. This is a warm-hearted and fun very easy chapter book about a girl and her beloved horse. Lots of colorful sketchy illustrations add to the feeling of the book.
 Teresa Wittmann (Edmonds) – O

Skewes, John; Schwartz, Robert **SEATTLE ABC**
 illus: Skewes, John ISBN# 978-1-57061-590-0 Series: Larry Gets Lost AD
 \$16.95 Sasquatch Books 2009 979.7 Pre - 1

This ABC book is written by John Skewes and Robert Schwartz and illustrated by John Skewes. The cover refers to this book as “A Larry Gets Lost Book” only this time Larry and Pete are looking for letters as they walk down the street. On some pages the terms are directly related to places or things in Seattle with additional “headings” while other letters are general information about things that are common to the area. Fans of the first book will want to look at this one as well.
 Kay Evey (Tukwila) – O

Sorrells, Walter **ERRATUM**
 illus: ISBN# 978-0-525-47832-4 Series: R
 \$17.99 Dutton Juvenile 2008 FIC 4 - 5

Quirky and clever, Erratum has as much charm as its universe-saving heroine, Jessica Sternhagen. Saving the universe (all 26 dimensions of it) seems like a lot to ask of a kid, but Jessica has always been different. When she encounters a strange book about her own life, able to partially foretell her future yet riddled with printer’s errors, it confirms her lifelong feeling that our reality is much more than what it seems. The wordplay, the creepy-yet-enchanting library setting, and the power of books and words make this an excellent choice for the advanced reader or bibliophile. This unique work will appeal to readers who enjoy the idiosyncratic wit of A Series of Unfortunate Events.
 Audrey Kentor (UW ISchool) – W

Spangler, Brie **THE GRUMPY DUMP TRUCK**
 illus: ISBN# 978-0-375-85839-0 Series: R
 \$15.99 Knopf Books 2009 E Pre - 1

This is a cute story about a dump truck who is very grouchy. All day long he works but complains about everything. Then one day, he meets a porcupine who is cheery. But a quill gets in his tire. The porcupine would never hurt anyone on purpose and proceeds to help the dump truck. Not only does he pull out the quill, but he also fixes the truck. After that, the dump truck changes his tune. A good story to show how one person can change the mood of another. Big, bold and colorful illustrations help make the point of the story.
 Didi Kearsley (Mercer Island) – W

Spires, Ashley **BINKY THE SPACE CAT**
 illus: ISBN# 978-1-55453-309-1 Series: AD+
 \$16.95 Kids Can Press 2009 813 2 - 5

His people might think that Binky is an ordinary pet cat, but he is not. Binky is on a mission to save the world from alien invaders (insects). He trains for life as an astronaut and works hard to build a space ship out of ordinary household materials. Along with his stuffed mouse he prepares to venture into the unknown. But wait! Who will take care of his humans? Binky reprioritizes his plans to stay with his humans who certainly need his help catching all those pesky aliens. Cat lovers and comic lovers will enjoy this new graphic novel.
 Paula Wittmann (Seattle) – W

Stanley, George E. **CORETTA SCOTT KING: FIRST LADY OF CIVIL RIGHTS**
 illus: Henderson, Meryl ISBN# 978-1-4169-6800-9 Series: Childhood of Famous Americans R*
 \$5.99 Aladdin 2008 N/A 3 - 5

This is one of the *Childhood of Famous American* series. Coretta was the wife of Martin Luther King. This book tells about her childhood before her marriage and continues until her death. It starts off with the birth of Coretta and then goes into the family life during the depression. This family was lucky enough to keep their home as long as they worked hard. They grew their own food and Mr. Scott