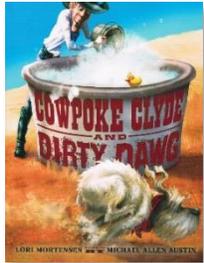
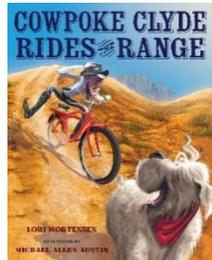


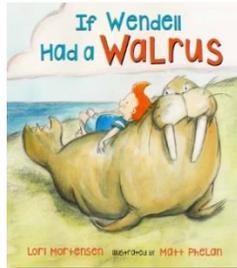
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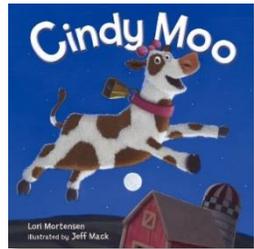
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 "This is a story that begs to be read aloud"
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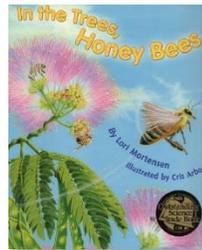
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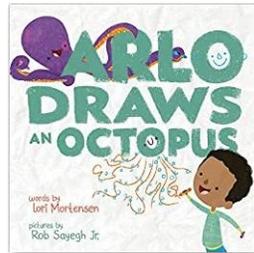
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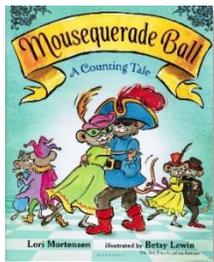
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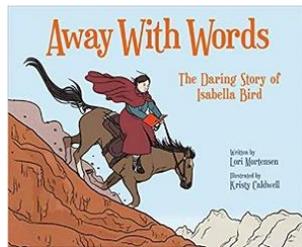
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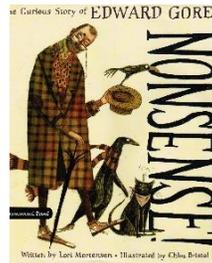
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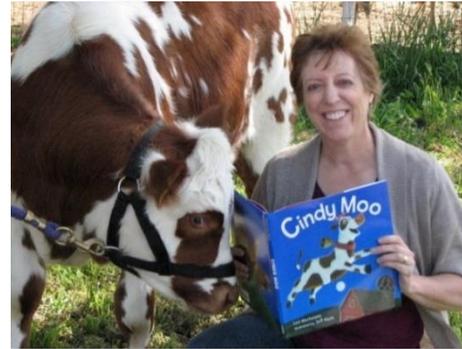
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"Wonderful and unique" SLJ

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Wendell Had a Walrus (Henry Holt) *Chicken Lily* (Henry Holt), *Mousequerade Ball* (Bloomsbury) illustrated by *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Betsy Lewin, and *Cowpoke Clyde Rides the Range* (Clarion) a sequel to *Cowpoke Clyde and Dirty Dawg*, one of Amazon's best picture books of 2013. Other titles include *Cindy Moo* (HarperCollins), *Come See the Earth Turn – The Story of Léon Foucault* (Random House) a Smithsonian Notable Book for Children, 2010, and *In the Trees Honey Bees!* (Sourcebooks) a 2010 NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Book K-12 Winner.

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