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All Alone by Kevin Henkes
When you are alone, you can do all sorts of things -- pretend you are tiny (or enormous), hear things other people can’t hear, and see things they can’t see. Being alone is fine -- sometimes.

Amanda’s Book by Kerry Westell
A delightful story about what happens when Amanda is given a scrapbook for her birthday.

An Ordinary Day by Libby Gleason & Armin Greder
As he walks to school, Jack is not very happy, but bit by bit his imagination creates a wonderful world for him.

Angel and the Polar Bear by Marie-Louise Gay
Angel woke up one morning. There was water all over her apartment! “Well,” said Angel, “what should I do now? I can’t swim. Then Angel got a good idea...

Amon’s Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno
A counting book depicting the growth in a village and surrounding countryside during twelve months.

An Ordinary Day by Libby Gleason & Armin Greder
Records in drawings the author’s journey through northern Europe and his impressions of the land, the people at work and play, and their art, architecture, folklore, and fairy tales.

Baby Uggs Are Hatching by Jack Prelutsky
A collection of twelve humorous poems about such strange creatures as the sneepy and the quossible.

Backward Day by Ruth Krauss
Having decided that it is backward day, a boy dresses himself first in his coat, last in his socks, and continues in that way with the cooperation of his family.

Beware, Beware by Susan Hill
An adventurous child slips out of her mother’s warm kitchen to explore the mysteries of a cold winter evening, but, in the dark woods, her imagination creates fearsome images which drive her home to her mother’s arms.

Bonnie McSmithers You’re Driving Me Dithers by Sue Ann Alderson
Bonnie tries to entertain herself, but only causes mischief and angers her mother.

Changes by Anthony Browne
As he waits at home for his parents to return, a young boy ponders his father’s remark “Things are going to change around here” and begins to imagine all kinds of changes in the world around him.

Clean Enough by Kevin Henkes
I must be getting bigger because the tub feels smaller every time, thinks the hero of this appealing book. He sits in his bath, playing, remembering, and wondering -- anything but washing.

Daydreamer by Ian McEwan
The adult Peter Fortune reveals the secret journeys and adventures of his childhood in these interconnected short stories.

Drac and the Gremlin by Allan Baillie
Playing in the backyard, a young girl, pretending to be Drac, the Warrior Queen of Tirnol Two, unites with a young boy, pretending to be the Gremlin, to save the White Wizard’s planet from the Terrible Tongued Dragon.

Elephantom by Ross Collins
What’s a little girl to do when a pesky, mischievous, bothersome elephantom turns up uninvited and just won’t go away? Parents are no help at all but a Granny with ghost pets of her town might just have the solution.

Emperor’s New Clothes by Hans Christian Andersen
Two rascally weavers convince the emperor they are making him beautiful new clothes, visible only to those fit for their posts, but when he wears them during a royal procession, a child recognizes that the emperor has nothing on.
Falling Angels by Colin Thompson
Sally, gifted with flight, flies to remote lands and fulfills her dying grandmother's wishes by bringing her snow in the summer, and taking her on a journey to the islands in the winter.

Farmer Fred's Cow by Margaret Wild
On Farmer Fred's farm there were four old animals: Cow, Horse, Dog and Donkey. When Cow died, something extraordinary happened; she grew big beautiful wings, she soared up high over the world and she could go everywhere and see everything. For the first time Farmer Fred and the animals began to imagine life beyond the farm, and it was beautiful.

Flying Dimitri by Blair Drawson
Bittersweet, imaginative tale of a boy's bedtime flight, which comes at tooth-brushing time at the end of a happy day--his father's birthday.

Geranimal, Daddy Lion, and Other Stories by Francesca Vivenza
On the night of his father's birthday, a young boy named Dimitri has a magical adventure and travels to Mars. The Martians beg him to rescue their queen, a beautiful woman who has been abducted by a terrible dragon. Could the queen be Dimitri's missing mother?

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Grandfather's Pencil and the Room of Stories by Michael Foreman
A grandfather tells his young grandson about a pencil he once had which magically wrote tales of his life and the lives of its friends: the paper, table, door, and floor.

Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
A mouse is taking a stroll through the deep, dark wood when along comes a hungry fox, then an owl, and then a snake. The mouse is good enough to eat but smart enough to know this, so he invents... the gruffalo! As Mouse explains, the gruffalo is a creature with terrible claws, and terrible tusks in its terrible jaws, and knobbly knees and turned-out toes, and a poisonous wart at the end of its nose. But Mouse has no worry to show. After all, there's no such thing as a gruffalo...

How Sleep Found Tabitha by Maggie de Vries
Tabitha can't sleep! One by one, the things she cherishes offer to help her.

I Hate to Take a Bath by Judi Barrett
Reviews the more entertaining aspects of taking a bath--swimming, sailing ships, being a submarine or turtle.

I Wished for a Unicorn by Robert Heidbreder
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Imagine A Night by Sarah L. Thomson
Presents a night when imagination takes over and gravity does not work quite as expected.

Incredible Painting of Felix Clousseau by Jon Agee
A painter becomes famous when his paintings come to life.

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Last Train by Kim Lewis
Sarah and James play in an abandoned northern English railroad cottage, imagining old steam trains rumbling by, and in the hissing rain of a sudden thunderstorm, a train comes--but is it real, or is it a phantom from the past?

A Lion for Lewis by Rosemary Wells
When Lewis plays make-believe with his older siblings, he always gets the least desirable role until a lion suit found in a corner turns him into a king.

Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Andersen
The wares of the poor little match girl illuminate her cold world, bringing some beauty to her brief, tragic life.
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Madlenka's Dog by Peter Sis
PZ7 .S6219 MAD 2002
Madlenka wants a dog! She doesn't really care what kind, so long as it's a dog that she can put on a leash and walk around the block. But her mother and father say NO! What is Madlenka to do? It just takes some imagination . . . Madlenka's friends on the block all play along, remembering the dogs of their childhood, and in the end it seems quite possible that there's more to Madlenka's dog than we can see.

Magic Island by Janet Marsh
PZ7 .M3532 MG 1984
The Magic Island describes the adventures of Janet's two small children, Laura and Edmund, in the natural surroundings by their riverside home in Hampshire. It is a world of beauty, excitement— and danger— the otter, pike who lives in the river wears a white linen table-napkin and thinks small boys make tasty snacks.

Margo Thinks Twice by Monica Arnaldo
PZ7 .A7535 Mar 2002
Although she's still a caterpillar, Margo loves to imagine what life will be like when she finally grows up and gets her wings. Only then will she be ready to make the journey to Mexico.

Most Beloved Sister by Astrid Lindgren
PZ7 .L6585 Mo 2002
Barbara has a secret friend who lives in the garden. It's her twin sister, Lalla-Lee, and Barbara doesn't have to share her with her. What's even better is that Lalla-Lee calls Barbara her Most Beloved Sister. Together, the girls bravely ride their horses through the Great Horrible Forest, where the nasty Frights live, to visit the Kind Ones in the meadow. The Kind Ones always give them cookies and caramels. And best of all, Barbara and Lalla-Lee go to the Most Beautiful Valley in the World, where the trees and the flowers sing. At the end of this particular adventure, Barbara knows that she must say goodbye to Lalla-Lee for the final time. But when she arrives home, there is a wonderful surprise waiting for her.

My Book of Dreams by Ian Beck
PZ7 .B4152 My 2000
Everyday events become memorable and gently fantastic in a realm where anything is possible and everything is fun!

My Puppy by Mike Thaler
PZ7 .T3 MY 1980
A boy with more imagination than money gets an extraordinary puppy.

No Dinosaurs in the Park by Dorothy Joan Harris
PZ7 .H37 NO 1990
Grandpa stopped all of a sudden and said, "Bless my socks! Just look over there—a diplodocus!" Mom says there are no dinosaurs in the park—but Grandpa and I know better.

On the Merry-Go-Round by B.P. Nichol
PZ7 .N52 ON 1991
A girl imagines what the animals of an amusement park merry-go-round can do.

Paper Nights: Story by Gilles Tibo
PZ7 .T42 PA 1992
Pikolo's room is overflowing with the wonderful paper cut outs he has made. He has taped them to the walls and strung them over his bed so they float and turn slowly around him. Sometimes he feels as if he is in the middle of the jungle. Pikolo imagines he can hear animals calling to each other from far away. Miraculously, one of his cut outs, a little man named Max, comes to life and leads Pikolo through his closet to a magical fantasy land made of paper.

Pirates of Bedford Street by Rachel Isadora
PZ7 .I763 PI 1988
After Joey and his sisters see a pirate film at the movie theater, the adventures of Captain Redbeard continue— if only in Joey's imagination.

Pocket Rocks by Sheree Fitch
PZ7 .F56045 Po 2004
No matter how hard he tries, Ian Goobie can't do the things that other children in his class can do. Then he finds a rock, a rock that fits perfectly into his pocket, a rock that touches all his senses and whisks him away into a whole other world. From then on, as long as he has a rock in his pocket, Ian Goobie can begin to cope with his daily challenges. That is until he stuffs so many rocks in his pockets that his pants fall down right outside in the schoolyard.
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Roxaboxen by Alice McLerran
A hill covered with rocks and wooden boxes becomes an imaginary town for Marian, her sisters, and their friends.

Scribble by Deborah Freedman
After drawing a scribble cat on her older sister’s drawing of Princess Aurora, young Lucy follows Scribble into the picture and tries to set things right.

Sidewalk Rescue by Hazel Hutchins
When Josie jumps into her sidewalk drawing to pick beautiful flowers, her sister Morgan races to get help. It’s a good thing she does, because Josie has a great many adventures awaiting her. And when she is chased by a huge and nasty lion, the whole neighborhood rushes to the rescue.

Simon at the Circus by Gilles Tibo
The ever-imaginative little character, Simon, dreams of being the ringmaster of a circus. In a cardboard box he creates a circus with his animal friends, but his efforts to stage the show are frustrated. When he acts as lion tamer to a paper lion, a goat tries to eat the star attraction. When he tries to walk a tightrope, he is foiled by a flock of tame birds.

Simon’s Disguise by Gilles Tibo
The ever-imaginative Simon dreams of the great adventures he can have if only he could be in disguise. In his fantasies he becomes a magician, a daring knight, a funny clown, a scary bear, and even the trunk of a tree.

Star Climbing by Lou Fancher
When he cannot sleep, a little boy imagines himself on a nighttime journey across the sky where he can run and dance with star constellations.

Stella, Fairy of the Forest by Marie-Louise Gay
Stella’s little brother, Sam, wonders whether fairies are invisible. Stella assures him that she has seen hundreds of them and says that if she and Sam venture across the meadow and into the forest, they are likely to find some.

Stella: Queen of the Snow by Marie-Louise Gay
It is Sam’s first snowstorm so Stella and her little brother are spending the day playing in the snow. The forest, snowballs, snow angels and the snow itself provide fuel for Sam’s questions and Stella’s answers as they discover the world of winter together.

Tale of the Hidden Story by Sheree Fitch
A little girl discovers that the best stories are the ones she carries in her imagination.

Unicorn City by Dyan Sheldon
When Dan’s eye catches the flash of a unicorn’s silvery tail, he gradually introduces his skeptical teacher and classmates to a new, almost magical land.

What If? by Jonathan Shipton
A young boy imagines an adventure among the clouds with an amazing girl named Arabella who encourages him to try things he has never done.

Where’s Julius? by John Burningham
He’s too busy to eat! Julius is always too busy to come to meal time. He’s riding Egyptian camels by the pyramids, cooling hippos in the Lombo Bombo river, or doing any number of important and daring activities which make it difficult to get to the dinner table.