

## Picture Books – Series Sequels of the Year

As the new year begins, I thought I would take a look back at some of the books that made an appearance in 2010. In particular, I wanted to highlight some of the picture book series that have continued their adventures over the course of the year. If you haven't picked up these series, I encourage you to take a look or check out any of the terrific series we have at the library.

**Meeow and the Pots and Pans** by Sebastien Braun – This book marks the third time Meeow has made an appearance (**Meeow and the Little Chairs** and **Meeow and the Big Box**). This time he is in the kitchen with his friends, but what will he do with the pots and pans...will he bake a cake? A very cute book with eye-catching illustrations. Ages 2 and up

**Up and Down** by Oliver Jeffers – Jeffers is one of my favorite picture book authors and he doesn't disappoint with this new book. The boy met a penguin in **Lost and Found**, which marked the beginning of a quirky but loving friendship. Now the boy sets out to help the penguin learn how to fly, which leads to a few mishaps. A simple, masterful story with magnificent and eccentric watercolor illustrations. Ages 3 and up

**I Don't Want a Cool Cat!** By Emma Dodd – A companion to **I Don't Want a Posh Dog!** A little girl informs the reader of what qualities she doesn't want in her cat. She ends the book with exactly what she wants: a cat to call her own. Funny illustrations add to this delightful tale. Ages 3 and up

**Knuffle Bunny Free** by Mo Willems – The third and final book in the Knuffle Bunny series (**Knuffle Bunny** and **Knuffle Bunny Too**). This beautiful and touching book tells the story of Trixie and her beloved stuffed animal, Knuffle Bunny as they fly to the Netherlands to visit Trixie's grandparents. Unfortunately, she loses Knuffle Bunny on the plane. Over the course of her vacation Trixie realizes she has grown up and dreams of Knuffle Bunny making other children happy. On the way home she finds Knuffle Bunny, but it's time for both of them to move on. Bittersweet but perfect, this is a great ending to a fantastic series. Ages 4 and up

**There Are No Cats in This Book!** by Viviane Schwarz – In the first book (**There Are Cats in This Book**) the cats wanted to play. Now, the cats want to explore the world! The lift-the-flap pages invite the reader to help the cats find adventure. Lots of fun! Ages 4 and up

**Zero** by Kathryn Otoshi – A companion to the brilliant book **One, Zero** tell the story of...you guessed it, a zero! The zero feels unappreciated and unloved but the other numbers help him realize just how important he really is. A heartfelt story about self-worth. Ages 5 and up

**The Pout-Pout Fish and the Big-Big Dark** by Deborah Diesen – The Pout-Pout Fish made his appearance in the book aptly titled, **The Pout-Pout Fish**, where we met the frowning fish and his friends. The second book has the fish experiencing a new adventure; one that is a little scary. He agrees to help his friend Mrs. Clam find her

pearl, but finds himself swimming into deeper and darker waters. Mr. Fish is afraid of the dark, but with the help of his friends he is able to keep his promise. Full of great rhymes and colorful illustrations, this book is a crowd pleaser! Ages 5 and up

**Library Mouse: A World to Explore** by Daniel Kirk – This book is the third adventure for Library Mouse. He also appeared in **Library Mouse** and **Library Mouse: A Friend's Tale**. Sam is a mouse who lives in the library and loves to read at night when the library is closed. In this book he meets Sarah, another library mouse. Sam shows her the wonderful worlds found in books while Sarah helps Sam conquer his fears. Ages 6 and up

So, why not stop by the library in 2011 to find new titles in your favorite series or discover a whole new world in picture books!

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