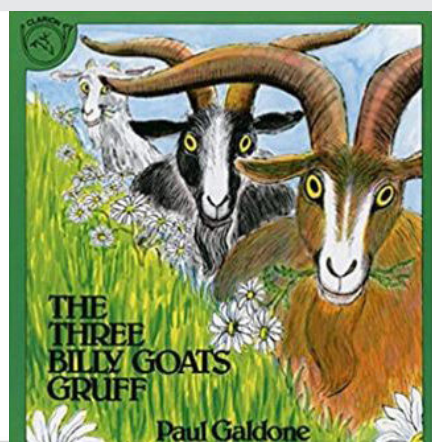
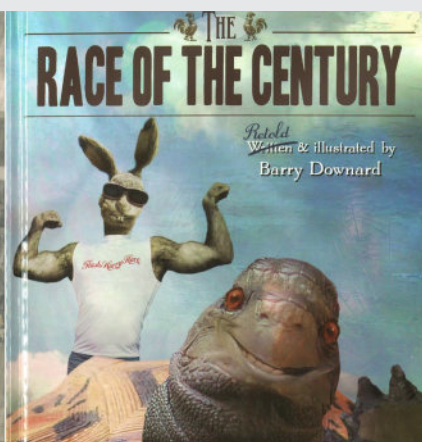
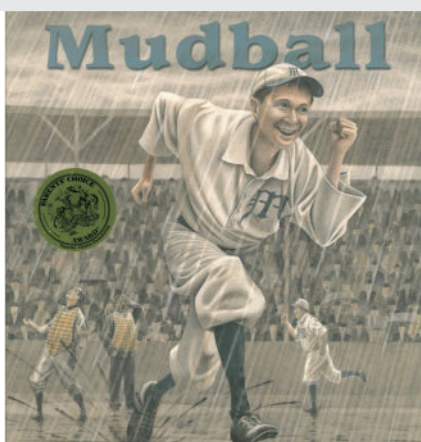
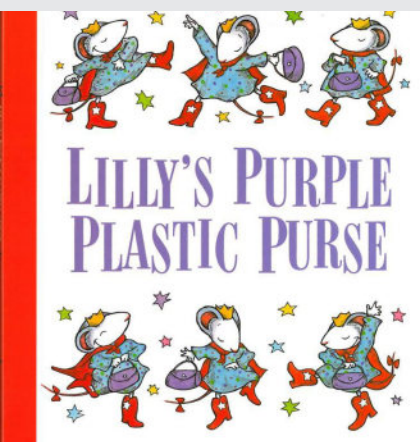


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SOMEBODY, WANTED, BUT, SO, THEN



**TITLE & MAIN CHARACTERS****WANTED****BUT (PROBLEM/CONFLICT)****SO (RISING ACTION)****THEN (SOLUTION or RESOLUTION)***After the Fall***OBJECT** | Humpty Dumpty, an egg

Humpty wanted to go back to the wall to be with the birds.

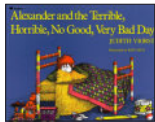
PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But he was afraid to climb back up on the wall after his previous fall.

So he remained sad and stayed off the wall until he lost his paper airplane over the wall.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then he faced his fears and forced himself to go after his airplane. As he climbed up to the top of the wall, he hatched and emerged as a bird.

*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day***PEOPLE** | Alexander & his family

Alexander wanted things to go his way.

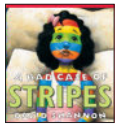
PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But he woke up with gum in his hair, and everything got worse as the day went on.

So he got frustrated and into trouble everywhere he went.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then Alexander's mother explained to him that some days are good and sometimes you just have a really bad day.

*A Bad Case of Stripes***PERSON** | Camilla

Camilla wanted to fit in with the kids at school, so she denied the truth about liking lima beans.

PROBLEM WITH HERSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But as Camilla got dressed for the first day of school, her skin changed and was suddenly covered in stripes.

So her skin changed into anything someone said.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then Camilla realized that if she didn't worry about what everyone else thought, she would be free of the illness.

*Bagel in Love***OBJECT** | Bagel, a bagel

Bagel wanted to enter the dance contest.

PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. SOCIETY

But no one wanted to be his dance partner.

So he asked several other pastries to be his dance partner, but they all turned him down.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then Bagel met Cupcake, and together they wowed the judges with their dance moves and won the contest.

*The Big Orange Splot***PERSON** | Mr. Plumbean

Mr. Plumbean wanted to make his house different after a splot of orange paint landed on his roof.











PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. SOCIETY

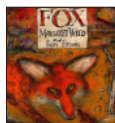
But his neighbors wanted him to remove the big orange splot from his roof so that his house would look just like everyone else's on the street.

So one of his neighbors came over to talk about removing the spot. Mr. Plumbean shared his hopes and dreams for his life with the neighbor.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then one by one, his neighbors started to break from conformity and all painted their homes to match their individuality.

 TITLE & MAIN CHARACTERS	 WANTED	 BUT (PROBLEM/CONFLICT)	 SO (RISING ACTION)	 THEN (SOLUTION or RESOLUTION)
 <p><i>Cinderella</i> PEOPLE Cinderella & stepfamily</p>	<p>Cinderella wanted to attend the King's ball.</p>	<p>PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER But Cinderella's stepmother forced her to do chores in an attempt to keep her from attending the King's ball.</p>	<p>So the Fairy Godmother magically granted all Cinderella needed to attend the ball. When the magic disappeared at midnight, Cinderella ran off leaving behind a glass slipper.</p>	<p>SOMEONE HELPED Then the prince searched for an owner of the lost slipper. When he found Cinderella, she showed him that she had the perfect match. They got married.</p>
 <p><i>Come On, Rain!</i> PEOPLE Tess & Mamma</p>	<p>Tess & Mamma eagerly wanted the rain to come to change the hot temperatures.</p>	<p>PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. NATURE But it hadn't rained in weeks and continued to be hot.</p>	<p>So they kept watching for any sign of rain and notified the neighbors that rain was coming.</p>	<p>SOMETHING CHANGED Then, as the rain finally came down, Tess, her friends, and their mamas all ran into the streets and rejoiced with renewed energy.</p>
 <p><i>Dex The Heart of a Hero</i> ANIMAL/SUPERHERO Dex, a flying dog</p>	<p>Dex wanted to be a hero.</p>	<p>PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. SOCIETY But Clevis the cat and the other neighborhood animals made fun of him for being so little.</p>	<p>So Dex started training to be a superhero and tried to be ready for an emergency.</p>	<p>SOMEONE HELPED Then Dex even saved Clevis, who had been a bully. Dex proved that he was indeed a superhero who would truly help anyone in need.</p>
 <p><i>Fireflies!</i> PERSON A boy</p>	<p>After catching fireflies, a young boy wanted to keep them for himself.</p>	<p>PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF CHARACTER V. SELF But the fireflies, who needed freedom, grew dim after being captured in a jar.</p>	<p>So the boy wrestled with the decision to either keep them for himself knowing they would die or release them and let them live.</p>	<p>SOMETHING CHANGED Then the boy realized he was holding on to something he loved so tightly, it was suffocating. So he released the beloved fireflies and saw their lights brighten when he did.</p>
 <p><i>Flood</i> PEOPLE A family</p>	<p>A family wanted to stay safe in their home.</p>	<p>PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. NATURE But the rising river forced the family to evacuate their home as a storm closed in and caused the nearby river to flood.</p>	<p>So the river rose and damaged the house.</p>	<p>SOMETHING CHANGED Then the family returned home once the water receded. They learned that as long as they had each other, they could work together to rebuild their home.</p>

**TITLE & MAIN CHARACTERS****WANTED****BUT (PROBLEM/CONFLICT)****SO (RISING ACTION)****THEN (SOLUTION or RESOLUTION)***Fox***ANIMALS** | Dog, Magpie, and Fox

Dog with his missing eye and Magpie with her burnt wing wanted to help each other to get around.

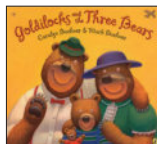
PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But Fox, who was jealous of their relationship, convinced Magpie to ride his back so she could feel like she was actually flying.

So Fox took her out into the desert and left her there far away from Dog.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then Magpie realized she'd been naive about the value of her friendship with Dog. Magpie thought of Dog and how strong they were together; she began the long journey back to him.

*Goldilocks & the Three Bears***PERSON & ANIMALS** | Goldilocks & three bears

Goldilocks wanted to find someone to play with her when she came to a house in the woods.

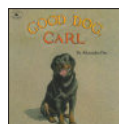
PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But when no one was home, Goldilocks went inside anyway.

So as she looked around the house for someone, she tried the food, chairs, and beds, looking for the one that was just right.

SOMETHING HELPED

Then the bears came home to find Goldilocks asleep. Goldilocks was startled as she woke up to the owners of the house staring at her. She jumped out of bed and ran away from the house, embarrassed for being caught in a place she didn't belong.

*Good Dog, Carl***ANIMAL & PEOPLE** | Carl (a dog), Mom, and Baby

Carl, a huge Rottweiler, wanted to be a good dog.

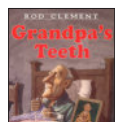
PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But when Mom left the house, she told Carl to take care of the baby.

So Carl tried to keep the baby safe from harm while Mom was gone.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then Mom got home finally. Carl was exhausted and glad to not be in charge.

*Grandpa's Teeth***PERSON** | Grandpa

Grandpa wanted to wear his false teeth.

PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But Grandpa's teeth had been stolen.

So his family, the police, and the whole town tried to help him find them.

SOMEONE HELPED

The town pitched in to buy a new set for Grandpa, but his old teeth were there all along.

*The Harmonica***PERSON** | a Jewish boy

Henryk wanted to play his harmonica and remember his mother and father.

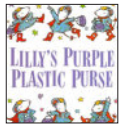
PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. SOCIETY

But the commandant in the concentration camp demanded Henryk play for him every night.

So he felt guilty for playing something so beautiful for the terrible commandant.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then another prisoner thanked him for playing the harmonica for the commandant because they got to hear and enjoy it, too.

**TITLE & MAIN CHARACTERS****WANTED****BUT (PROBLEM/CONFLICT)****SO (RISING ACTION)****THEN (SOLUTION or RESOLUTION)**

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

PEOPLE | Lilly & Mr. Slinger

Lilly wanted to show the class her new purse right away.

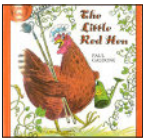
PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But Mr. Slinger told her she had to wait until recess. She felt that she couldn't wait that long. When she took it out in the middle of class, Mr. Slinger took it away.

So while she was angry, she wrote a mean note about Mr. Slinger. After school, she felt terrible for what she had done.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then Lilly wrestled with her guilt overnight and immediately apologized the next day. Mr. Slinger forgave her for the mean note.



The Little Red Hen

ANIMALS | Little Red Hen & three animal friends

The Little Red Hen wanted help with growing some wheat.

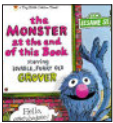
PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But the other animals would not help her because they were too lazy.

So the Little Red Hen did all the work by herself since no one would help her.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then she ate all the bread that she made by herself, and the animals realized that they needed to put in the work and effort if they wanted to reap the reward.



The Monster at the end of this Book

ANIMAL/CARTOON | Grover

Grover wanted to keep the reader away from the end of the book because he'd heard there was a monster.

PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But the reader just kept turning the pages.

So Grover begged and pleaded with the reader to stop on every page.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then Grover realized he'd panicked because there was really nothing to be afraid of since he was the "monster."



Mudball

PERSON | Little Andy Oyler

Little Andy wanted to hit the baseball when he was up to bat during the rain shower.

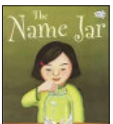
PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. SOCIETY

But he was small, not any good, and everyone made fun of him.

So the wet ball slipped from the pitcher's hand and came close to Andy's head. As he ducked, the bat actually made contact with the ball.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then Andy and his teammates all made it across home plate when the outfielders couldn't find the ball for all the mud puddles in the field.



The Name Jar

PERSON | Unhei

Unhei had just moved to America and wanted to fit in at school.

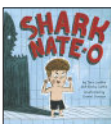
PROBLEM WITH HERSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But on the first day of school, the kids on the bus made fun of her Korean name that was hard to pronounce. She was so embarrassed that she wouldn't tell her class her real name.

So the teacher made a name jar and the class put in suggestions of American names to use.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then her friend, Joey, took the name jar from the classroom when he found out what her real name was. He helped her see how important her name and heritage really were.

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ANIMAL** | James &
his dog ZeusJames, a runaway
slave, wanted
to escape in the
middle of the night.**PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE
CHARACTER V. CHARACTER**But his loud dog, Zeus,
followed James, risking his
recapture. James tried to
force the dog to turn back
and leave him alone.So Zeus kept following
James and saved him
in each moment of
peril throughout their
journey.**SOMEONE HELPED**Then James realized the faithfulness
of his dog and decided to always
keep his trusted companion nearby.*The Race of the
Century***ANIMALS** | Tortoise
& HareA very fast rabbit
(hare) and a very
slow turtle (tortoise)
wanted to race one
another.**PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE
CHARACTER V. CHARACTER**But the rabbit, who relished
all the attention, was much
faster than the turtle and was
sure he was going to win.So Rabbit, being so sure
of his victory, stopped
along the way to take a
nap.**SOMETHING CHANGED**Then the slow and steady tortoise
won the race because he didn't stop
or give up.*Roller Coaster***PERSON** | A young girlA young girl wanted
to be brave and ride
a roller coaster for
the first time.**PROBLEM WITH HERSELF
CHARACTER V. SELF**But she felt uneasy while
standing in line for her very
first ride.So she faced all the ups
and downs of the wild
ride.**SOMETHING CHANGED**Then she realized after facing her
fears, it really wasn't so bad and was
ready to ride again.*Scaredy Squirrel***ANIMAL** |
Scaredy SquirrelScaredy Squirrel
wanted to stay safe
in his nut tree with
his typical routine.**PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF
CHARACTER V. SELF**But even though he prepared
himself for every emergency,
he fell out of the nut tree.So, even though he didn't
have his emergency kit, he
instinctively stretched out
his arms and found himself
gliding down to safety.**SOMETHING CHANGED**Then Scaredy Squirrel realized that
he was already equipped for some
situations and learned that change is
not always a bad thing.*Shark Nate-O***PERSON** | NateNate wanted to
swim like a shark.**PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF
CHARACTER V. SELF**But even though he pretended
to be a shark, he did not even
know how to swim. Nate had to
be saved from the water at his
first swim lesson.So Nate went back
to the pool for many
lessons, learning all
the necessary skills for
swimming like a shark.**SOMETHING CHANGED**Then, Nate joined the school's swim
team where the crowds cheered
him on as he finally swam with the
"Sharks."

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Sister Anne's Hands

PEOPLE | Anna & Sister Anne

Anna wanted to like her new black teacher, Sister Anne.

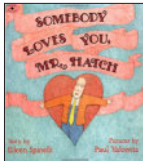
PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. SOCIETY

But, someone in the class wrote a mean poem about Sister Anne being black.

So Sister Anne taught the students about how black people were being treated in society with unfair rules.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then, after getting to know Sister Anne that year, Anna learned that all people can be beautiful no matter the color of their skin.



Someday Loves You, Mr. Hatch

PERSON | Mr. Hatch

Mr. Hatch wanted to find the secret person who loved him and to feel loved.

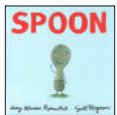
PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But he wasn't sure who had sent him the secret Valentine's candy and if he was really worth loving.

So Mr. Hatch met his neighbors and started making friends. When he learned the Valentine was sent to him by mistake, he retreated back to being sad and alone again.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then the neighbors noticed that Mr. Hatch wasn't happy anymore and decided to show him how much they all loved him.



Spoon

OBJECT | Spoon & his family of spoons

Spoon wanted to have an exciting life.

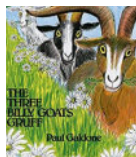
PROBLEM WITH HIMSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But Spoon thought his life was boring compared to his friends like Knife and Fork.

So his mom told him all the things he got to do that other utensils could not do.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then his parents helped him realize that being an individual has its advantages.



Three Billy Goats Gruff

ANIMALS | Three billy goats & the troll

The Three Billy Goats Gruff wanted to eat grass on the other side of the bridge.

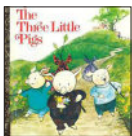
PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But the troll who lived under the bridge wanted to eat the goats.

So each goat walked across the bridge and told the troll that the next goat would be much bigger and better to eat.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then as the troll waited for the biggest one, the biggest billy goat rammed into the troll and knocked him into the river with nothing to eat.



The Three Little Pigs

ANIMALS | Three pigs & the wolf

The Three Little Pigs each wanted to build houses of their own.

PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But wanting to build their houses quickly, the first two pigs used cheap materials of straw and sticks.

So the wolf, looking for something to eat, went to straw and stick houses, easily blowing them down and eating the pigs.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then when the wolf went to the third pig's house built of strong and sturdy bricks, he could not easily blow it down. The wolf went down the brick chimney where he met his demise in a pot of hot water.

**TITLE & MAIN CHARACTERS****WANTED****BUT (PROBLEM/CONFLICT)****SO (RISING ACTION)****THEN (SOLUTION or RESOLUTION)***Train to Somewhere***PERSON |** Marianne

Marianne, an orphan, wanted to be with her mother.

PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING CHARACTER V. SOCIETY

But her mother went out West to make a new life for them and didn't return.

So Marianne boarded the orphan train hoping at each stop to find her mother waiting for her.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then at the final stop, Marianne was the only child left. Although her mother was not there, a nice elderly couple were excited to take Marianne home and become her new family.

*Unspoken***PERSON |** A young girl

During the Civil War, a young girl wanted to stay safe on her family's farm.

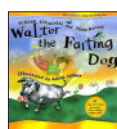
PROBLEM WITH HERSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But as she walked in the barn by the corn crib, she realized a runaway slave was taking shelter from the men who were looking for him.

So each day, she secretly took food to the runaway slave as he rested in the shelter. One day, men came to her farm looking for the slave and offered a reward, but she kept him a secret.

SOMEONE HELPED

Then one morning, she took food to the runaway. Only this time, he was gone and had left a small cornhusk doll dressed in her napkin to thank her for her kindness.

*Walter the Farting Dog***ANIMAL & PEOPLE |** Walter (a dog) & his family

Walter wanted to be a member of the family.

PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE CHARACTER V. CHARACTER

But Walter's farts smelled so bad that Dad announced he was sending the dog back to the pound in the morning.

So that night, burglars broken into the home, and Walter's awful odor sent the burglars running out of the house to then be caught by the police.

SOMETHING CHANGED

Then his family realized that Walter saved them and decided to keep him since he was a hero.

*When Jessie Came Across the Sea***PERSON |** Jessie

An orphan, Jessie wanted to stay with her only family member— her grandmother.

PROBLEM WITH HERSELF CHARACTER V. SELF

But the rabbi chose Jessie to use his ticket to travel to America. At 13 years old, Jessie left Europe to travel by boat all alone to New York City to start a new life.

So she lived with the rabbi's family using the sewing skills her grandmother taught her, learned English, and saved her money.

SOMETHING HELPED

Then after many years of sewing lace for bridal gowns, Jessie finally had saved enough money to bring her grandmother to New York City.