

**NEW!**  
Read-Along  
feature and  
Author  
Interviews.

# Spring 2009

**NEW RELEASES**



Our new **Read-Along** feature allows children to follow each word as it is simultaneously narrated and highlighted on the screen, strengthening vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. DVDs now offer three options: Read-Along, closed-caption subtitles or no text at all.



## CRAZY HAIR DAY

by Barney Saltzberg  
(Candlewick Press)  
Ages 5-8

Stanley arrives at school, all set to celebrate Crazy Hair Day, only to find out he has mixed up the date with School Picture Day. In this uplifting story of friendship and kindness, what starts out as a worst-ever experience takes a surprising turn as Stanley's best friend and his classmates, concoct a creative show of solidarity. Narrated by Zach Braff. Music by Barney Saltzberg and Eric Eckstein. Includes bonus interview with Barney Saltzberg.

*Friendship, Feelings, Compassion, School*  
**DVD850** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD** **Read-Along!** **\$59.95**  
*Animated, 10 mins.*  
**HCD850** **HARDCOVER BOOK/CD, 10 mins.** **\$29.95**  
**PCD850** **PAPERBACK BOOK/CD, 10 mins.** **\$18.95**  
 Lexile®: AD560L Guided Reading Level: M April 2009 Release

Don't  
Let the  
Pigeon  
Drive  
the  
Bus!



by Mo Willems (Hyperion) Ages 2-6

★CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK  
 ★ALA NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOK  
 ★SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR  
 ★BOOKLIST BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place – a pigeon! But you've never met one like this before. Narrated by Mo Willems and Jon Scieszka with animation and music by Pete List. Includes bonus interview with Mo Willems. *Humor, Problem Solving, People at Work*

**DVD853** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD, Read-Along!** **\$59.95**  
*Animated, 5 mins.*  
**HCD853** **HARDCOVER BOOK/CD, 5 mins.** **\$29.95**  
 Lexile®: 120L Guided Reading Level: G March 2009 Release

## First the Egg

by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Roaring Brook) Ages 2-6

★CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK ★THEODORE SEUSS GEISEL HONOR BOOK  
 Which came first? The chicken or the egg? A book about transformations...from egg to chicken, seed to flower, and caterpillar to butterfly. An entirely fresh and memorable presentation on the concepts of transformation and creativity. Narrated by Elle Fanning, with music by Jack Sundrud and Rusty Young and animation by Cha-Pow! Includes bonus interview with Laura Vaccaro Seeger.



*Science, Growth and Change, Creativity*  
**DVD857** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD, Read-Along!** **\$59.95**  
*Animated, 5 mins.*  
**HCD857** **HARDCOVER BOOK/CD, 5 mins.** **\$29.95**  
 Lexile®: NP Guided Reading Level: E February 2009 Release



## HENRY'S FREEDOM BOX

A TRUE STORY FROM THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD  
 by Ellen Levine, ill. by Kadir Nelson (Scholastic) Ages 7-10

★CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK  
 ★IRA NOTABLE BOOK FOR A GLOBAL SOCIETY

Henry dreams of a world where his life belongs to him. But when his family is sold, he risks everything for what he knows is right. With the strength and conviction of the best kind of hero, Henry makes a harrowing journey in a wooden crate – and mails himself to freedom! Narrated by Jerry Dixon with music by David Mansfield. Includes bonus interview with Ellen Levine.

*Biography, Multicultural, History and Government, Compassion*  
**DVD854** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD, Read-Along!** **\$59.95**  
*Iconographic, 10 mins.*  
**HCD854** **HARDCOVER BOOK/CD, 10 mins.** **\$29.95**  
 Lexile®: AD380L Guided Reading Level: O February 2009 Release

## KNUFFLE BUNNY TOO

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

by Mo Willems (Hyperion)

Ages 2-7

★CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK★ALA NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOK  
 ★KIRKUS REVIEWS BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR  
 ★SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

Trixie can't wait to bring Knuffle Bunny to school and show him off. But an awful surprise awaits her: someone else has the exact same bunny! Thus begins an exciting, frustrating and ultimately revelatory 24 hours of chaos, where Trixie loses her beloved bunny and gains him back, along with something new: her very first best friend. Narrated by Mo and Trixie Willems with music by Scotty Huff and Robert Reynolds and animation by Karen Villarreal. Includes bonus interview with Mo Willems.

*Families, Relationships, Humor, Problem-Solving*  
**DVD833** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD, Read-Along!** **\$59.95**  
*Animated, 10 mins.*  
**HCD833** **HARDCOVER BOOK/CD, 10 mins.** **\$29.95**  
 Lexile®: 120L Guided Reading Level: K February 2009 Release



## Lincoln and Douglass: An American Friendship

by Nikki Giovanni, ill. by Bryan Collier (Henry Holt)

Ages 4-8

In celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday in February 2009, we present this story of the unusual friendship between two great American leaders. At a time when racial tensions were high and racial equality was not yet established, Lincoln and Douglass formed a strong bond over shared ideals. Narrated by Danny Glover with music by Ernest V. Troost. Includes bonus interview with Nikki Giovanni.

*Friendship, Leadership, History and Government, Multicultural, Biography*  
**DVD860** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD, Read-Along!** **\$59.95**  
*Iconographic, 16 mins.*  
**HCD860** **HARDCOVER BOOK/CD, 16 mins.** **\$29.95**  
 Lexile®: n/a Guided Reading Level: O January 2009 Release



## MATH CURSE

by Jon Scieszka, ill. by Lane Smith (Viking)

Ages 6-9

★ALA NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOK  
 ★SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR  
 ★BOOKLIST EDITOR'S CHOICE

One morning a little girl wakes up to find everything in life arranging itself into a math problem, and she must find her way out of the *Math Curse!* Narrated by Nancy Wu with music by Scotty Huff and Robert Reynolds. Animation by Dan Ivanick. Includes bonus interview with Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith.

*Math, Problem-Solving, Humor, School*  
**DVD848** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD, Read-Along!** **\$59.95**  
*Animated, 13 mins.*  
**HCD848** **HARDCOVER BOOK/CD, 13 mins.** **\$29.95**  
**PCD848** **PAPERBACK BOOK/CD, 13 mins.** **\$18.95**  
 Lexile®: 560L Guided Reading Level: N February 2009 Release



## GETTING TO KNOW MO WILLEMS

This beloved, award-winning author, who has made us chuckle while capturing the essence of childhood and family life, discusses his art and inspiration. All Ages  
**DVD834** **CC/SUBTITLED DVD** **\$39.95**

*Live action, approx. 25 minutes*  
 February 2009 Release