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Following are titles of books recently appearing in paperback, either for the first time, or after a long absence from the marketplace. All are recommended as decent reading.

Anello, Christine. *The Farmyard Cat*. Scholastic, 1990. ISBN 0-590-42852-7. \$3.95. Unpaginated. Grades K-2. The delightfully smug and bright farmyard cat, complete with spoon and fork neatly tucked in his pocket, proves that he who laughs last, laughs best!

Brown, Margaret Wise. *Wait Till the Moon Is Full*. Harper & Row, 1989. ISBN 0-06-443222-X. \$3.95. Unpaginated. Grades Pre-school-2. The same lullaby warmth that charmed young listeners years ago, reproduced with loving detail, large sized pictures (some colored), and little raccoon's curiosity still intact.

Emberley, Barbara and Ed. *One Wide River to Cross*. Little Brown, 1992. ISBN 0-316-23445-1. \$4.95. Unpaginated. Grades K-3. All the brilliant color and strong silhouette design that led this book to the Caldecott runner-up position is once more available. Includes the music to the old folk song.

Hammer, Jeff. *Dying To Know*. Avon Books, 1991. ISBN 0-380-76143-2. \$2.95. 171 pp. Grades 9-12. High school gossips can be a real pain; but they usually don't end up murdered!

Harris, Jesse. *The Fear Experiment*. A. A. Knopf, 1992. ISBN 0-679-82266-6. \$3.50. 173 pp. Grades 8-12. McKenzie finally finds a way to harness her psychic powers—only to find she's in the power of a frightening pseudo-psychologist. Volume 3 in *The Power Series*.

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Jones, Diana Wynne. *Eight Days of Luke*. A. A. Knopf, 1990. ISBN 0-394-84339-8. \$3.50. 150 pp. Grade 6. Luke is an unusual boy who prefers school to home (with aunts and uncles); but when he becomes involved in a wild struggle for power—between the old Gods—his own problems take a back seat.

Kalb, Jonah and Viscott, David. *What Every Kid Should Know*. Houghton Mifflin, 1976. ISBN 0-395-62983-7. \$4.95. 127 pp. Grades 6-10. A guide to recognizing what's going on inside you (and with all your friends) and how to make it better.

Lewis, Thomas P. *Clipper Ship*. HarperTrophy, 1992. ISBN 0-06-444160-1. \$3.50. 63 pp. Grades 2-6. An *I Can Read* story of a clipper ship's voyage around the Cape to San Francisco and the Captain's family who makes it.

Perrine, Mary. *Nannabah's Friend*. Houghton Mifflin, 1989. ISBN 0-395-52020-7. \$4.95. Unpaginated. Grades 1-3. Life is lonely for Nannabah when she learns to herd the sheep; but courage brings her a new friend.

Shura, Mary Francis. *Some Kind of Friend*. Avon Books, 1992. ISBN 0-380-71181-8. \$3.50. 119 pp. Grades 4-5. Jane thinks a best friend is what she wants more than anything in the world; but a best friend like Natalie (who knows magic) can turn out to be something quite different.

Wood, Dora. *500 Wacky Knock-Knock Jokes*. Ballantine Books, 1992. ISBN 0-345-38080-0. \$3.99. 131 pp. Grades 6-9. This is a slightly uneven collection, but it has a few door-openers such as:

"Knock-knock. Who's there? Stevie. Stevie who? Stevie on?"	or	"Knock-knock. Who's there? Horatio. Horatio who? Horatio to the corner!"
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Wright, Betty Ren. *The Pike River Phantom*. Scholastic, 1990. ISBN 0-590-42808-X. \$2.75. 153 pp. Grade 5. It isn't bad enough that Charlie has to live down his father's prison record in Pike River—now he's the only one who can see the ghost!