

*Two Eggs, Please* – Sarah Weeks and Betsy Lewin – (Atheneum, 2003)

As multiple animals enter a diner and each order two eggs in different variations, they initially reflect on their differences, but ultimately recognize that they are not so different from one another. The simple text and vibrant illustrations provide a great opportunity to appreciate our similarities and differences.

Recommended Grade Levels: K-3

*The Cats in Krasnicki Square* – Karen Hesse and Wendy Watson – (Scholastic Press, 2004)

A picture book of historical fiction, it portrays a young Polish girl who escaped the Warsaw Ghetto but still knows others who suffer within the ghetto walls. The abandoned cats of the city, as well as this young girl, help to smuggle food into the ghetto.

Recommended Grade Levels: 4-6

*Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* -- Sharon Creech – (Harper Trophy, 2005)

An ode to Italian grandmothers who always know what to say, this is an engaging book in which Granny Torrelli helps 12-year old Rosie with the ups and downs of friendship through the sharing of family recipes and stories, sprinkled with fun Italian phrases.

Recommended Grade Levels: 4-6

*How do you Raise a Raisin?* – Pamela Muñoz Ryan and Craig Brown – (Charlesbridge, 2003)

Rhyming inquiries about raisins are paired with informative text answering these questions in a kid-friendly way. We learn about the process of making raisins as well as raisins' utilization throughout history. This amusing book closes with three easy raisin-related recipes.

Recommended Grade Levels: K-3

*The Peanut-Free Café* – Gloria Koster and Maryann Cocca-Leffler – (Albert Whitman & Company, 2006)

When a new student with a peanut allergy arrives at Nutley School, the principal and students make accommodations; a “peanut-free café” is established, but is met with resistance from peanut butter-loving Simon. A lesson in tolerance, this picture book includes age-appropriate information about peanut allergies and an endnote for adults.

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