

Leo Lionni: Bibliography

Fiction

Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse. New York: Knopf/Pantheon, 1974; New York: Pantheon, 1969. 1972 Caldecott Honor Book

Alexander, a real mouse, wants to be a toy mouse like his friend Willy until he discovers Willy is to be thrown away.

The Alphabet Tree. New York: Pantheon, 1968.

A strong wind blows most of the letters off the alphabet tree and those that remain hide among the branches. Then a bug and a caterpillar come along and teach them how to arrange themselves into words and sentences to form a special message.

The Biggest House in the World. New York: Pantheon, 1968.

A snail's father advises him to keep his house small and tells him what happened to a snail that grew a large and spectacular shell.

A Busy Year. New York: A.A. Knopf, 1992.

Mouse twins befriend a tree and watch it grow and change throughout each month of the year.

A Color of His Own. New York: Pantheon Books, 1975; Scarborough, Ont.: Nelson Canada; Albany, NY: Delmar, 1990.

A little chameleon is distressed that he doesn't have his own color like other animals.

Colors to Talk About. New York: Pantheon, 1985.

A group of mice invite the reader to identify colors. On board pages.

Cornelius : A Fable. New York: Pantheon, 1983.

Cornelius, a crocodile who walks upright, sees things no crocodile has ever seen before.

An Extraordinary Egg. New York: Knopf; Distributed by Random House, 1994.

Jessica, the frog, befriends the animal that hatches from an egg she brought home, thinking it is a chicken.

Fish Is Fish. New York: Pantheon, 1970.

When his friend, the tadpole, becomes a frog and leaves the pond to explore the world, the little fish decides that maybe he doesn't have to remain in the pond either.

Frederick. New York: Random House, 1973; New York: Pantheon, 1967. 1968 Caldecott Honor Book

Frederick, the poet mouse, stores up something special for the long cold winter.

Geraldine, the Music Mouse. New York: Pantheon, 1979.

After nibbling an enormous piece of parmesan cheese into the shape of a giant mouse holding a flute, Geraldine hears music for the first time.

The Greentail Mouse. New York: Pantheon, 1973.

The mice become so involved in their Mardi Gras masquerade they forget it is all in fun.

I Want to Stay Here! : I Want to Go There! : A Flea Story. New York: Pantheon, 1977. Two fleas, one who loves to travel and one who prefers staying home, decide to go their separate ways.

In the Rabbitgarden. New York: Pantheon, 1975.

Despite the old rabbit's warning, two young rabbits find a way to get apples from the apple tree without being caught by the fox.

Inch by Inch. New York: I. Obolensky, 1960; 1st Mulberry ed. New York: Mulberry, 1995. 1961 Caldecott Honor Book

To keep from being eaten, an inchworm measures a robin's tail, a flamingo's neck, a toucan's beak, a heron's legs, and a nightingale's song.

It's Mine!. New York: Knopf; Distributed by Random House, 1986.

Three selfish frogs quarrel over who owns their pond and island, until a storm makes them value the benefits of sharing.

Let's Play. Random House, 1993.

Two mice imagine all the things they could do until bedtime -- eat cheese, play ball, gather leaves, and go swimming.

Letters to Talk About. Pantheon, 1985.

Playful mice introduce the letters of the alphabet. On board pages.

Matthew's Dream. New York: Knopf, 1991.

A visit to an art museum inspires a young mouse to become a painter.

Mouse Days : A Book of Seasons. By Leo Lionni; with text by Hannah Solomon. 1st ed. New York: Pantheon, 1981.

A group of mice experience the weather and activities characteristic of each month of the year.

Mr. McMouse. New York: Knopf; Distributed by Random House, 1992.

Timothy, a city mouse who has been transformed into a tiny man, searches for his true identity among a group of field mice.

Nicolas, Where Have You Been?. New York: A.A. Knopf; Distributed by Random House, 1987. Mishap turns to adventure as a young mouse learns that all birds aren't the enemies he thought they were.

Numbers to Talk About. New York: Pantheon, 1985.

A group of mice introduce the numbers one through ten. On board pages.

On My Beach There Are Many Pebbles. New York: Obolensky, 1961; 1st Mulberry ed. New York: Mulberry, 1994.

Pictures and words describe the many different shapes and markings of pebbles--"fishpebbles," "peoplepebbles," "letterpebbles"--found on the beach.

Note: Mulberry ed. is titled On the Beach There Are Many Pebbles

Pezzettino. 1st ed. New York: Pantheon, 1975.

Little Pezzettino is so small he is convinced he must be a piece of somebody else. A wise man helps him discover the truth.

Six Crows : A Fable. New York: Knopf, 1988.

An owl helps a farmer and some crows reach a compromise over the rights to the wheat crop.

Swimmy. New York: Random House, 1973; New York: Pantheon, 1963. 1964 Caldecott Honor Book: A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.

Theodore and the Talking Mushroom. New York: Pantheon, 1971.

The blue mushroom says only one strange word but Theodore the mouse convinces his friends that it means nice things about him.

Tico and the Golden Wings. New York: Pantheon/Knopf, 1975; Pantheon, 1964.

A wingless bird is granted his wish for a pair of golden wings.

Tillie and the Wall. New York: Knopf, 1989.

Unlike the other mice, who are incurious about the wall that has always been part of their world, Tillie is determined to find out what lies on the other side of the wall.

What? : Pictures to Talk About. New York: Pantheon, 1983. Mice explore such well-known objects as a telephone, eyeglasses, and a book.

When? : Pictures to Talk About. New York: Pantheon, 1983.
Mice experience day, night and seasons.

Where? : Pictures to Talk About. New York: Pantheon, 1983.
Mice discover such places as trees, boxes, shoes, and mouseholes.

Who? : Pictures to Talk About. New York: Pantheon, 1983.
Friendly mice discover the other animals who share their world.

Words to Talk About. New York: Pantheon, 1985.
Playful mice introduce vocabulary words for the beginning reader. On board pages.