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A competitive race-car driving dog learns that some things are more important than being number one.

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Demonstrates the many ways that torn, crinkled, and smudged bits of paper can be transformed into various shapes and images.

The Most Magnificent Thing / Ashley Spires

A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks.

Non-Fiction

Perfectionism: What's Bad about Being Too Good / Miriam Adderholdt-Elliott

Discusses the dangers of being a perfectionist, with tips for easing up on oneself, gaining control over life, and getting professional help. (j 155.232 Ell)

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for children in preschool through second grade*

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the picture book section under the author's last name.*

Giraffes Can't Dance / Giles Andreae

Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

Loretta: Ace Pinky Scout / Keith Graves

Loretta, unrelenting perfectionist, is devastated when she fails to earn the Golden Marshmallow Badge, but her grandmother's picture gives her a new perspective on things.

Slip! Slide! Skate! / Gail Herman (*easy reader* - j Er HERMAN)

A young girl who wants to be the best ice skater in the whole class learns that it is just as important to have fun.

The Beetle Bush / Beverly Keller (*easy reader* - j Er KELLER)

A little girl is convinced she is a failure at everything she tries until she begins a garden.

Princesses Are Not Perfect / Kate Lum

Three princesses, each with a particular skill, decide they are bored with what they do and swap jobs.

It's Okay to Make Mistakes / Todd Parr

Presents a series of situations in which taking chances and trying new things can lead to good results, even if there were mistakes along the way.

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes / Eric Litwin (j Ea PETE)

As he walks down the street, Pete the cat sings about his brand new white shoes as they change from red to blue to brown to wet.

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons / Eric Litwin (j Ea PETE)

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