



Intergenerational Themed Books for Children, Youth and Teens

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Almond, David

Kit's Wilderness

New York: Laurel Leaf (2001).

ISBN 034094496X

Thirteen-year-old Kit and his family have moved back to Stoneygate to be with his grandfather who is succumbing to Alzheimer's Disease.

Amateau, Gigi

Claiming Georgia Tate

Cambridge: Candlewick (2005)

ISBN 0763633119

Twelve-year-old Georgia Tate wishes she could stay home in Mississippi forever with her preacher granddaddy and her best friend Ginger. After losing her nana to a heart attack, she desperately wishes she could tell her granddaddy why she can't possibly move in with Daddy — about the things he does that make her feel so ashamed.

Bauer, Joan

Rules of the Road

New York: Puffin (2005)

ISBN 014240425X

Meet Jenna Boller, star employee at Gladstone's Shoe Store in Chicago. Standing a gawky 5'11" at 16 years old, Jenna is the kind of girl most likely to stand out in the crowd—for all the wrong reasons.

Blos, Joan

The Grandpa Days

Aladdin (1994)

ISBN 0671882449

Philip comes up with just the right project to build with Grandpa during their week together, but first he has to learn the difference between wishes and good planning.

Bosak, Susan

Something to Remember Me By

Communication Project (2000)

ISBN: 1896232027

The story begins as a grandmother and her young granddaughter share special times filled with "big warm smiles, and warm snuggly hugs." Many visits end with the grandmother's familiar words, "I want

to give you something to remember me by." As the years pass, it becomes clear that one gift is most precious of all -- the gift of love.

Bowler, Tim

River Boy

New York: Simon Pulse (2002)

ISBN 0689848048

Fifteen-year-old Jess's grandfather has just had a major heart attack, but he insists he finish his painting, *River Boy*. At first, Jess cannot understand why this painting is so important to her grandfather, especially since there doesn't seem to be any boy in it at all. But while swimming in the river herself, Jess begins to feel the presence of a strange boy. Could this be the same one her ailing grandfather struggles to paint? And if so, why has he returned?

Brandenberg, Alik

The Two Of Them

New York, NY: William Morrow & Company (1979)

ISBN 0688073379

"The day she was born, her grandfather made her a ring of silver and a polished stone, because he loved her already." Through the years, the little girl and her grandfather share so many happy times -- playing by the sea, walking in the mountains, working in his store. And when he grows sick, she takes care of him with as much love as he always showed her.

Bunting, Eve

The Wednesday Surprise

New York, NY: William Morrow & Company (1989)

ISBN 0899197213

A loving story about a proud granddaughter and her successful efforts to teach her grandmother to read.

Carson, Jo & Annie Cannon

You Hold Me and I'll Hold You

Orchard Books (1997)

ISBN: 0531070883

When a great-aunt dies, a young child finds comfort in being held and in holding, too.

Chandler, Elizabeth

Dark Secrets

Eastsound, WA: Turtleback (2004)

ISBN 1416994610

In *Legacy of Lies*, Megan has to stay with the uptight grandmother she wants nothing to do with. She's determined to get through the visit without any drama, but when she falls into a twisted love triangle with potentially fatal consequences, Megan may be caught up in her family's legacy in more ways than she realizes.

Coats, Laura

Mr. Jordan in the Park

New York: Macmillan (1988)

From playing as a youth, to caring for his own children, to enjoying a concert as an elderly man, the park is the setting for the cycles of life.

Cooney, Barbara

Miss Rumphius

Viking Pr (1985)

ISBN: 0140505393

Seeking adventure in faraway places, Miss Rumphius fulfills her dream and then sets out to make the world more beautiful.

Cooney, Caroline

Hit the Road

New York: Delacorte (2006)

ISBN 0440229294

Brit has had her driver's license only 11 days when her parents drop her off to stay at her grandmother's house for two weeks while they go on vacation. Little do they know Brit is headed for a three-state road trip with Nannie to pick up her college roommates, Florence, Aurelia, and Daisy, and bring them to their alma mater for their 65th—and most likely final—reunion.

Cosgrove, Stephen & Robin James

Grampa-Lop

Price Stern Sloan Pub (1981)

ISBN 0843105860

Despite the disapproval of their parents, the young rabbits flock to hear old Grampa-Lop tell his magical tales every afternoon.

Crowe, Chris

The Mississippi Trial, 1955

New York: Puffin (2003)

ISBN 0142501921

At first Hiram is excited to visit his hometown in Mississippi. But soon after he arrives, he crosses paths with Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago who is also visiting for the summer, and Hiram sees firsthand how the local whites mistreat blacks who refuse to "know their place." When Emmett's tortured dead body is found floating in a river, Hiram is determined to find out who could do such a thing. But what will it cost him to know?

Daly, Niki

Papa's Lucky Shadow

Simon & Schuster (1999)

ISBN 0689824300

Sugar and Papa Lucky, a girl and her grandfather, are two of a kind. Papa Lucky likes to talk about the early days when he was a dancer, and Sugar likes to hear all about it. They both enjoy golden oldies like "Me and My Shadow." And, even though Sugar's mother doesn't exactly approve, together they perform on the street.

Daly, Niki

Not So Fast Songololo

Aladdin Paperbacks (2001)
ISBN 0689801548

Songololo goes into the city with Gogo to help her do the shopping. Gogo walks very slowly, but Songololo likes to take his time as well. Grandmother and grandson enjoy a leisurely stroll around the busy African city, ending with a special reward for Songololo, for helping Gogo so well.

Delgado, Maria Isabel
Chave's Memories

Arte Publico Pr (1996)
ISBN 1558850848

A charming bilingual picture book for children that revisits an enchanting childhood and depicts the beauty of life on the U.S.-Mexico border as a gateway to two cultures.

dePaola, Tomie

Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs

New York, NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons (1973)
ISBN 0698118367

Tommy is four years old, and he loves visiting the home of his grandmother, Nana Downstairs, and his great-grandmother, Nana Upstairs. But one day Tommy's mother tells him Nana Upstairs won't be there anymore, and Tommy must struggle with saying good-bye to someone he loves.

dePaola, Tomie

Now One Foot, Now the Other

New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons (1980)
ISBN 0399207740

When grandfather has a stroke, little Bobby helps him to relearn many of the things that he taught Bobby as a toddler.

dePaola, Tomie

Tom

Paper Star (1997)
ISBN 0698114485

Aside from having the same name, Tommy and his grandfather Tom share a wonderful sense of humor, a happy array of adventures, and a warm and special relationship.

Dionetti, Michelle

Coal Mine Peaches

New York: Orchard Publishing (1991)
ISBN 0531059480

Beginning with her grandfather's boyhood in Italy, a young girl describes his arrival in the United States and the life he lived with her grandmother and their children and grandchildren.

Disalvo-Ryan, Dvanne

Uncle Willie & the Soup Kitchen

Mulberry Books (1997)
ISBN 0688152856

"A straightforward fictional view of an urban soup kitchen, as observed by a boy visiting it with his 'Uncle Willie,' who works there every day....The difficult lives of those fed (including children)--as well as

the friendly, nonintrusive attitude of the kitchen workers toward them--are presented sensitively but without sentimentality.

Dowell, F.O & G. Krause

Chicken Boy

New York: Atheneum (2005)

ISBN 1416934820

Meet Tobin McCauley. He's got a near-certifiable grandmother, a pack of juvenile-delinquent siblings, and a dad who's not going to win father of the year any time soon. To top it off, Tobin's only friend truly believes that the study of chickens will reveal...the meaning of life? Getting through seventh grade isn't easy for anyone, but when the first day of school starts out with your granny's arrest, you know you've got real problems.

Farber, Norma

How Does It Feel To Be Old?

New York, NY: E. P. Dutton (1979)

ISBN 0140547592

A touching book in which a grandmother relates her feelings on growing old to her granddaughter, with poignant pictures that blend scenes from past with those of the present.

Fellows, Rebecca Nevers

A Lei for Tutu

Albert Whitman & Co (1998)

ISBN 0807544264

It's almost Lei Day in the Hawaiian islands, and Nahoia wakes up to help Tutu, her grandmother, make the most beautiful Lei for this year's contest. But Tutu is in the hospital and Nahoia's mother says Tutu needs her rest. But the spunky little girl comes up with a way to make her grandmother feel better--and also wins the grand prize!

Fleischman, Paul

Seedfolks

Harper (1997)

Young and old, black and white, neighbors help transform a decaying urban neighborhood with a community garden.

Flournoy, Valerie

The Patchwork Quilt

New York, NY: Penguin Books (1985)

ISBN 0803700970

Using scraps cut from the family's old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family's life.

Fox, Mem

Night Noises

Harcourt Brace, 1992

ISBN: 0152574212

As elderly Lily Laceby dozes by the fire, her dog, Butch Aggie, becomes alarmed by strange noises outside. Finally awakened by Butch Aggie's growls and barks, Lily finds a lovely surprise waiting for her.

Fox, Mem, Aminah Brenda & Lynn Robinson

Sophie

Harcourt Brace (1997)

ISBN 0152015981

Sophie loves her Grandpa. And her Grandpa loves Sophie. They are best friends. And then one day there is no Grandpa. Family love and the natural cycle of birth, life, and death are tenderly portrayed in this moving story.

Fox, Mem

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge

Brooklyn, NY: Kane/Miller Productions (1989)

ISBN 091629126X

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge lives next door to a nursing home in which resides Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, his favorite friend, because she has four names as well. When Miss Nancy "loses" her memory, the intrepid Wilfrid sets out to find it for her.

Gerstein, Mordicai

The Old Country

New York: Roaring Press (2005)

ISBN 159643192X

Gisella stares a moment too long into the eyes of a fox, and she and the fox exchange shapes. Gisella's quest to get her girl-body back takes her on a journey across a war-ravaged country that has lost *its* shape. She encounters magic, bloodshed, and questions of power and justice -- until finally, looking into the eyes of the fox once more, she faces a strange and startling choice about her own nature.

Gilman, Phoebe

Something from Nothing

Scholastic Trade (1993)

ISBN: 0590472801

In this retelling of a traditional Jewish folktale, Joseph's baby blanket is transformed into ever smaller items as he grows until there is nothing left--but then Joseph has an idea.

Glaser, Linda & Nancy Cote

The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes

Albert Whitman & Co (1997)

ISBN 0807508411

It's the last night of Hanukkah, and more relatives are coming than originally planned. Rachel decides to borrow potatoes from Mrs. Greenberg. She asks Mrs. Greenberg, who is all alone, to come for Hanukkah. But Mrs. Greenberg is very stubborn!

Greenfield, Eloise

William and the Good Old Days

HarperCollins Publishers (1993)

ISBN 0060210931

A little boy remembers his grandmother before she became ill, and during her long recovery he tries to imagine how things will be when she comes home from the hospital.

Grimm, Wilhelm

Dear Mili

Farrar Straus & Giroux (2004, 2nd Ed.)

ISBN: 0374317623

Young Mili escapes a horrible war by living for thirty years in the forest with a kindly and mysterious old man, in a long-lost Grimm tale, illustrated by the Caldecott Medalist for *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Hesse, Karen

Poppy's Chair

New York, Macmillan (1993)

ISBN 0439161304

Leah visits her grandparents every summer, but this year is different. Her grandfather has passed away. Leah and Gramm do the things they always do, but Leah doesn't talk about Poppy - she can't even sit in his chair. Finally, after a long talk with Gramm, Leah is able to express her fears about death, to think about Poppy, and to feel happy about her memories.

Hest, Amy

The Midnight Eaters

Macmillan (1989)

ISBN 0689718462

All of us need older role models who can play and safely stretch the rules. Samantha wonders how it will be when she shares her room with her grandmother, who is recuperating from an operation. Their nightly ice cream raids answer her question. Lots of unexpected pleasure!

Hoffman, Mary

Amazing Grace

Magi Publications (2007)

ISBN: 1854303368

Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black...But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it...

Hoffman, Mary

My Grandma Has Black Hair

Dial Books for Young Readers (1988)

ISBN 0803705107

This book portrays the charming relationship between a child and her modern grandmother, who wears jeans, drives a convertible and is a disastrous knitter and cook. But tales of her childhood in the circus keeps her granddaughter enthralled.

Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Aunt Flossie's Hat (and Crab Cakes Later)

Clarion Books (1995)

ISBN 039572077X

Sunday afternoons are special for Sarah and Susan because that's when they visit Aunt Flossie -- she has a memorable collection of hats, each with a special story.

Johnston, Tony

Yonder

New York: Dutton (1988)

ISBN 1586851802

Tony Johnston uses a plum tree to trace the generations of a 19th-century farm family.

Kass, Pnina

Real Time

Boston: Graphia (2006)

ISBN 061869174X

Set in contemporary Israel, this powerful novel is narrated in real time by many voices: Sixteen-year-old Thomas, from Berlin, seeking answers to questions about his grandfather, a Nazi officer in World War II. Vera from Odessa, reclaiming her Jewish heritage. Baruch Ben Tov, a Holocaust survivor. Sameh Laham, illegally employed at a diner. His boss. Sameh's friend Omar. A Palestinian doctor in an Israeli hospital. A mother. A soldier. A newscaster . . .

Kesselman, Wendy

Emma

New York, NY: Harper and Row (1980)

ISBN 0064430774

Motivated by a birthday gift, a 72-year-old woman begins to paint.

Kopen, Pamela

Grandpa's Magic Drawer

Padakami Pr (1992)

ISBN 096289141X

A young bear shares some special time exploring the treasures in Grandpa's desk drawer.

Lachtman, Ofelia

A Good Place for Maggie.

Houston: Arte Publico Press (2002)

ISBN 1558853723

"Twisted Creek? Are you sure?" a gas station attendant asks Maggie Cruz, when she stops in a gas station alongside a desolate road. The old man's questions stay with Maggie as she drives up into the mountains toward Twisted Creek, but Maggie is on a mission. She is hoping to escape the lonely house her mother keeps in Los Angeles, and she hopes to reconnect with the memories of her late father through her beloved grandfather, a resident of Twisted Creek.

Leavitt, Martine

Keturah and Lord Death

Honesdale, PA: Front Street (2006)

ISBN 1932425292

Keturah Reeve is a beautiful young woman of sixteen who lives with her grandmother in a cottage near the forest owned by Lord Temsland. Keturah is renowned in the village for her captivating storytelling. She tells of her experience of being lost in the forest, her eventual meeting with a dark

figure on horseback who is Lord Death and her bargaining with him for her life-and for the lives of the villagers who are threatened by an onset of the plague.

Levin, Betty

The Unmaking of Duncan Veerick

Honesdale, PA: Front Street (2007)

ISBN 1932425969

Duncan has no intention of getting involved with the crazy lady who lives down the street. But when she has a stroke, his parents insist that he go down and take care of her ratty little dog. Her house is a warren of old junk, literally- her husband was a junk dealer, and, it turns out there is some treasures mixed in. When the lady's nephew shows up to put things in order, she starts to get paranoid, thinking someone's stealing her treasures, and she ropes Duncan into helping her hide them. And that's when things start to go bad.

Lynch, Chris

Freewill

New York: Harper Teen (2002)

ISBN 0064472027

Why are you here? Will was destined to be a pilot, to skim above surfaces. So why is he in wood shop class? He doesn't know -- or maybe he just doesn't want to admit the truth. **What do you know?** When the local teens begin committing suicide, their deaths all have one thing in common: beautifully carved wooden tributes that appear just after or before their bodies are found. **What will you do?** Will's afraid he knows who's responsible. And lurking just behind that knowledge is another secret, so explosive that he might not be able to face it and live....

Martin, Bill Jr. & John Archambault

Knots on a Counting Rope

New York: Henry Holt and Company (1985)

"Tell me the story again, Grandfather. Tell me who I am," the haunting rhythm of a Native American tale begins. And so once more the grandfather tells of the boy's beginning so that he will remember - for the old man will not be there forever. It's a tale of love and hope and courage.

Mathis, Sharon Bell

The Hundred Penny Box

New York: Viking Children's Books (1975)

ISBN 014240702X

In this classic, a Newbery Award Winner, Michael protects his grandmother's hundred penny box when everyone else wants to get the clutter out of the way. With candor and realism, conflict and compassion are portrayed in this story of a family dealing with caregiving.

McLaughlin, Kirsten

The Memory Box

Centering Corp (2001)

ISBN 1561231363

"How could Grandpa die when he promised to take me fishing." A young child shares his feelings after Grandpa dies. He talks about all the things he will miss doing with Grandpa. The child decides to make a

memory box out of Grandpa's tackle box. He fills it with special items and all the memories of his Grandpa.

Miller, William

The Piano

Lee & Low (2000)

A young girl's love for music leads her to a job in the home of an older woman who teaches her not only to play the piano but also to care for others.

Moses, Shelia

The Legend of Buddy Bush

New York: Simon Pulse (2005)

ISBN 1416907165

The day Uncle Goodwin "Buddy" Bush came from Harlem all the way back home to Rehobeth Road in Rich Square, North Carolina, is the day twelve-year-old Pattie Mae Sheals' life changes forever.

Nomura, Takaaki, translated by Amanda Mayer Stinchecum

Grandpa's Town

Kane/Miller (1991)

ISBN 091629157X

When grandma dies in Japan, the family comes to bring grandpa back to the States. While they are still in Japan, grandson accompanies grandpa through his daily activities - the market, the visit with older friends, the communal bath. He discovers the many warm connections and neighborhood activities his grandpa has by "aging in place."

Oberman, Sheldon & Ted Lewin

The Always Prayer Shawl

Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mill Press (1994)

ISBN 1590783328

Adam is a young Jewish boy in Czarist Russia. When the revolution engulfs his village, his family decides to leave their home and start a new life across the ocean. Before Adam embarks on his journey, his grandfather hands the boy his prayer shawl, which was given to him by his own grandfather.

Orr, Glenna

Hearts Always Open

VSP Books (2010)

ISBN 189362224X

Hearts Always Open, is a realistic fiction book that takes its readers on a journey through the unassuming eyes of children and through the open hearts of seniors who have a lifetime experiences to share.

Placide, Jaira

Fresh Girl

New York: Laurel Leaf (2004)

ISBN 0440237645

Mardi was born in New York, but her parents sent her to Haiti to be raised in her grandmother's house while they worked. When a coup d'état means 12-year-old Mardi and her sister must flee, they suddenly arrive in Brooklyn to live with parents they hardly know. Now it's two years later. Mardi has adapted to

her new life, while savoring sweet memories of her home in Haiti. But she is also haunted by her secret: a soldier raped her when she fled. This ambitious first novel is an insightful story of how family love and support can heal and help us move from world to world.

Polacco, Patricia

Babushka's Doll

Aladdin (1995)

ISBN 0689802552

A girl spends the day with her grandmother, Babushka, and discovers a doll that was Babushka's as a child. It does not take her long to realize how busy she keeps her grandmother.

Polacco, Patricia

The Bee Tree

Puffin (1998)

ISBN 0698116968

When Mary Ellen gets bored with her reading, Grandpa knows a hunt for a bee tree is just what she needs. Half the town joins the exciting chase, but it's not until everyone returns home that Mary Ellen makes a discovery of her own.

Polacco, Patricia

Bun Bun Button

Putnam Juvenile (2011)

ISBN 0399254722

This heartwarming story celebrates the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren, and is perfect for children who imagine their toys have secret adventures when no one's watching.

Polacco, Patricia

Chicken Sunday

Puffin (1998)

ISBN 0698116151

After being initiated into a neighbor's family by a solemn backyard ceremony, a young Russian American girl and her African American brothers' determine to buy their gramma Eula a beautiful Easter hat. But their good intentions are misunderstood, until they discover just the right way to pay for the hat that Eula's had her eye on.

Polacco, Patricia

The Keeping Quilt

Aladdin (2001)

ISBN 0153052120

From a basket of old clothes, Anna's babushka, Uncle Vladimir's shirt, Aunt Havalah's nightdress and an apron of Aunt Natasha's become *The Keeping Quilt*, passed along from mother to daughter for almost a century. For four generations the quilt is a Sabbath tablecloth, a wedding canopy, and a blanket that welcomes babies warmly into the world. Patricia Polacco tells the story of her own family, and the quilt that remains a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

Polacco, Patricia

Mrs. Katz and Tush

Doubleday Books (2009)

ISBN 05530081225

In this special Passover story, Larnel Moore, a young African-American boy, and Mrs. Katz, an elderly Jewish woman, develop an unusual friendship through their mutual concern for an abandoned cat named Tush.

Polacco, Patricia

Picnic at Mudsock Meadow

Puffin (2009)

ISBN 0142413925

It's time for the annual Halloween picnic. But the kids are worried about the ghost of Titus Dinworthy. Except William, who's pretty sure old Titus is just swamp gas; it's Hester Bledden he's worried about. Every time William is about to win a contest, Hester shows up, sticks out her tongue, and shouts, "Peeee youuuuu!" But when something eerie rises out of the swamp, William gets a chance to show both Titus and Hester what a boy from Mudsock Meadow is made of.

Polacco, Patricia

Renchenka's Eggs

Puffin (1996)

ISBN 0698113853

Preparing her eggs for the Easter Festival, Old Babushka takes in Rechenka, an injured goose, who shows her that miracles can really happen, in a story that is enhanced by illustrations of Ukrainian painted eggs.

Polacco, Patricia

Thunder Cake

Puffin (1997)

ISBN 0698115813

Grandma consoles her frightened granddaughter by telling her that the dark clouds of the impending storm are nothing more than the ingredients for a Thunder Cake.

Sakai, Kimiko

Sachiko Means Happiness

Talman Publishers (1990)

ISBN 0892391227

A Japanese-American child deals with the pain of living with a grandmother who has dementia. Working through her anger, she comes to have compassion and find a way to have a creative connection.

Sathre, Vivian

On Grandpa's Farm

Houghton Mifflin Co (1997)

ISBN 0395765064

The child is thrilled to be part of the farm routine and proud of her contributions. And Grandpa enjoys both her companionship and her help.

Say, Allen

Grandfather's Journey

Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin (1993)

ISBN 0547076800

At once deeply personal yet expressing universally held emotions, this tale of one man's love for two countries and his constant desire to be in both places captured readers' attention and hearts.

Shriver, Maria

What's Happening to Grandpa?

Little, Brown (2004)

ISBN 0316001015

Kate works to help her grandpa through his memory loss, and her own feelings, by creating a photo album to hold their memories in their hearts.

Shusterman, Neal

Red Rider's Hood

New York: Puffin (2005)

ISBN 0142406783

Red rides around his tough urban neighborhood in his blood red Mustang. It satisfies his urge to wander, and it usually keeps him safe from the gangs in town, the Wolves and the Crypts. But when Red's grandmother is mugged by some members of the Wolves, Red can no longer sit on the sidelines. He decides to join the Wolves as a pledge so he can learn how to defeat them. Soon he uncovers their terrible secret: they are werewolves with a thirst for human blood.

Spinelli, Eileen

Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch

Bradbury Press (1991)

ISBN 0689718462

Mr Hatch lives alone, works alone and is isolated from people in his neighborhood. Then a mis-sent valentine bearing the message, "Somebody loves you!" changes his whole attitude toward others. He has many friends by the time the mistake is discovered.

Taulbert, Clifton L.

Little Cliff and the Porch People

Penguin Group (1999)

ISBN 0803721749

Little Cliff lives with his great-grandmother and grandfather in a tightly knit black community in 1950's segregated Mississippi. Sent down the road to buy a vital ingredient for his great-grandmother's candied sweet potatoes, Cliff interacts with his elderly neighbors along the way. Each neighbor offers a special ingredient for the recipe. As supertime rolls around all the impromptu contributors show up to help enjoy the special dish. Ages 4-8.

Waddell, Martin

My Great Grandpa

New York: Putnam Publishing Group (1990)

A child reaches beyond the limits of blindness and frailty to expand the world of her grandfather. In return, the gift of knowledge and special insights is received: "He's slow, his eyes are weak, his legs don't go. He knows things no one else knows."

Wood, Audrey

The Napping House

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2009)

ISBN-13: 9780152567088

This rhyming book shares the consequences of too many sleepy animals and people sharing one bed.

Yumoto, Kazumi

The Letters

New York: Laurel Leaf (2003)

ISBN 0374343837

When Chiaki learns of the death of her and her mother's former landlady, Mrs. Yanagi, she feels compelled to go to the funeral, although she hasn't seen Mrs. Yanagi in years. As she prepares for the trip, she also begins a journey through memory, beginning right after her father's death, when her mother took an apartment at Poplar House.