



POT LUCK!

A MENU OF BOOKS TO DEVOUR FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM



YUMMY PICTURE BOOKS FOR K-4TH GRADE ABOUT FOOD

Anansi and the Talking Melon. E Kim. A clever spider tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.

Apple Pie and Onions. E Cas. Although she is embarrassed when her grandmother reminisces with an old friend in public, Rebecca loves her and enjoys hearing stories about her grandmother's life in America when she first came from Russia.

The Bee Tree. E Buc. In the rain forests of Malaysia, Nazam waits anxiously to climb the bee tree, proving that he is capable of succeeding his grandfather as leader of the traditional honey-hunting clan.

Bitter Bananas. E Ola. When baboons begin stealing the sweet palm sap that Yusuf sells at the market near his Nigerian village, what is he to do?

The Burger and the Hot Dog. E Ayl. There is a whole world out there in which burgers, hot dogs, sticky buns, ice-cream bars, bologna, popcorn, and all sorts of other food folks exist together and do and go through all the daily stuff we all do.

But No Candy. E Hou. While her Uncle Ted is off fighting in World War II, Lee watches the candy gradually disappear from the shelves of her family's store and realizes that her entire world has changed.

Chato's Kitchen. E Sot. To get the "ratoncitos," little mice, who have moved into the barrio to come to his house, Chato the cat prepares all kinds of good food: fajitas, frijoles, salsa, enchiladas, and more.

Cherries and Cherry Pits. E Wil. Bidemmi draws pictures and tells stories about cherries.

Chocolatina. E Kra. Tina eats so much chocolate that she wakes up one morning and finds that she has turned to chocolate.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. E Bar. Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti. E Hin. Not only does Corey's father make the best spaghetti, but he also dresses up as Batman and acts like a barking dog.

Dinner at Aunt Connie's House. E Rin. Dinner at Aunt Connie's is even more special than usual when Melody meets not only her new adopted cousin but twelve inspiring African-American women, who step out of their portraits and join the family for dinner.

Enemy Pie. E Mun. Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

Everybody Serves Soup. E Doo. While trying to earn money by shoveling snow so she can buy her mother a Christmas present, Carrie comes up with an idea for just the right gift. Includes soup recipes.

Gator Gumbo. E Fle. A hungry alligator, slow with age, hopes to catch some good meat to add to his spicy gumbo.

Hedgie's Surprise. E Bre. Hedgie, the hedgehog, helps Henny, the speckled hen, trick the Tomten who has been eating all of Henny's eggs for breakfast.

High Rise Glorious Skittle Skat Roarious Sky Pie Angel Food Cake. E Wil. As she is preparing a special angelfood cake for her mother's birthday, a girl is surprised by three angels who have dropped in for a taste.

How My Parents Learned to Eat. E Fri. An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.

How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the .United States. E Pri. Since the Cook Shop is closed, the reader is led around the United States to gather coal, cotton, granite, and other natural resources needed to make the utensils for preparing a cherry pie.

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the .World. E Pri. Since the market is closed, the reader is led around the world to gather the ingredients for making an apple pie. Includes recipe.

I Will Not Ever Eat a Tomato. E Chi. A fussy eater decides to sample the carrots after her brother convinces her that they are really orange twiglets from Jupiter.

Kallaloo! E Ger. In this West Indian version of "Stone Soup," an old woman claims to have found a magic shell that can make kallaloo, a popular Caribbean gumbo.

Latkes and Applesauce. E Man. When a blizzard leaves a family housebound one Hanukkah, they share what little food they have with some starving animals who later return the favor

The Lima Bean Monster. E Yac. After Sammy's dumping of the lima beans he does not want to eat starts a neighborhood trend to put rejected vegetables in a hole in a vacant lot, a terrible lima bean monster rises to terrorize the town.

Little Cliff and the Porch People. E Tau. Sent to buy special butter for Mama Pearl's candied sweet potatoes and told to get back lickety-split, Little Cliff is delayed by all his neighbors when they want to contribute their own ingredients.

The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza. E Stu. In this version of the traditional tale, the duck, the dog, and the cat refuse to help the Little Red Hen make a pizza but do get to participate when the time comes to eat it.

Martha Speaks. E Med. Problems arise when Martha, the family dog, learns to speak after eating alphabet soup.

Mucumber McGee and the Half-Eaten Hot Dog. E Loe. When Mucumber eats a hot dog without cooking it first, his sister panics and tells him he will die.

Pickles to Pittsburgh. E Bar. Dozing off while contemplating Grandpa's unusual vacation, Kate dreams about Chewandswallow, where it snows popcorn and rains sandwiches and the fate of falling food intrigues her.

Some Friends to Feed. E See. A poor but clever traveler finds a way to get the townspeople to share their food with him in this retelling of a classic tale, set in Germany at the end of the Thirty Years War.

The Story of Chopsticks. E Com. When Kùai cannot get enough to eat, he begins using sticks to grab food too hot for the hands, and soon all of China uses Kùai zi, or chopsticks.

The Story of Noodles. E Com. Left alone to prepare their family's prize-winning dumplings for the annual cooking contest, the young Kang boys accidentally invent a new dish, "mian tiao," or noodles. Includes a cultural note and a recipe for long life noodles.

Sweet Dream Pie. E Woo. Pa Brindle helps Ma bake her irresistible sweet dream pie, and the whole neighborhood is affected.

Thunder Cake. E Pol. Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms.

Tony's Bread. E DeP. A baker loses his daughter but gains a bakery in the grand city of Milano after meeting a determined nobleman and baking a unique loaf of bread.

Two for Stew. E Num. Because the restaurant has no more stew, and the grandmother who makes it is out for the evening, two friends find a different way to enjoy themselves.

Whopper Cake. E Wil. Grandad bakes Grandma a whopper of a birthday cake. Includes recipe and directions for chocolate cake.

Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on his Tail. E Sal. Epossumondas's mother tells him a story about how his great-great-grandfather became the first possum to have a hairless tail.

There are plenty of other books about food, just ask your librarian to help you find them. And don't forget to look in the Thanksgiving book section for some mouthwatering books. Why wait until November to read them?

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