Stories of Memory and Family  
Compiled Kris Dinnison and Peggy Johnsen

Pierre’s Dream Jennifer Armstrong Dial, 1999 “To those of us who are sometimes lazy foolish and prone to naps as a reminder that we must try walking the tightrope from time to time.”

Westlandia Paul Fleischman Candlewick, 1999 Independent thinking, leads a young boy to create a world that he fits into.

Island in the Sun Harry Belafonte and Lord Burgess Dial 1999 Text of the song about an island culture illustrated by Alex Ayliffe.

William Shakespeare and the Globe Aliki HC 1999 The story of the man, the theatre, the history, and the magic, beautifully illustrated in five acts.

I Have an Olive Tree Eva Bunting HC 1999 A girl is given a strange gift by her grandfather that changes her view of her Greek family history forever.

Isn’t My Name Magical James Berry SS 1999 Sister and Brother Poems from different points of view.

Katie Meets the Impressionists James Mayhew Orchard 1997 young girl enters some paintings and experiences the wonder of an impressionist world.

Butterfly House Eva Bunting (Scholastic, 1999) a young girl raises a tiny caterpillar into a butterfly and sets it free. For years to coma her kindness is repaid by butterflies in her garden.

The Gardener Sarah Stewart (FSG, 1997) a girl tells, in letters home, the depression era story of her sourpuss uncle and how she changes his attitude with a rooftop garden.

Joan of Arc Diane Stanley (Morrow, 1998) another great biography by Stanley, a timely character to study.

Sky Sash So Blue Libby Hathorn (SS, 1998) Susannah’s blue sash is a ray of hope in the midst of a slave wedding.

To Be A Drum Evelyn Coleman (AW, 1998) a story that shows the reader African American history as a drumming heart beat that is part of all of us.

True Heart Marissa Moss (HB, 1999) a boy who loads freight for the Union Pacific railroad finally gets to drive one of the trains.

Love Letters Arnold Adoff (Blue Sky, 1997) a collection of feel-good notes that could spark a love not revolution.

Mailing May Michael O’Tunnell (Greenwillow, 1997) based on the true story of a young girl who can’t afford train fare to visit her grandmother, so she gets mulled to her destination.
Anna’s Art Adventure Bjorn Sortland Carolhodu 1999 Anna’s quest for a bathroom takes her on a fantastic adventure through 20th century art.

Magpie Magic April Wilson Dial 1999 A wordless story of a young girl whose drawing comes to life with a bit of mischief.

Gold Fever Verla Kuy Putnam 1999 A rhyming look at a farmer turned miner during the gold rush who wonders if he left a richer life behind.

Love as Strong as Ginger Lenore Look Atheneum 1999 A girl comes to understand her culture through the hard work and love of her Chinese immigrant grandmother.

Taking Charge Sonia Leviton Orchard 1999 Amanda’s adventures continue (from BoomTown) when her mom leaves and she has to take care of the family.

Zelda and Ivy and the Boy Next Door Laura McGee Kvasnosky Candlewick 1999 Three stories of three friends and how they work things out.

Horace and Morris bat Mostly Dolores James Howe Atheneum 1999 Three friends have a rift over boys only and girls only clubs, but they miss each other and create their own club in the end.

Canoe Gary Paulsen DD 1999 “Opening this book is like sitting down in a canoe, taking up a paddle, and gliding out into the summer beauty of a hidden lake”.

In My Momma’s Kitchen Jardine Nolen LLS 1999 “Tells the story of the year’s events in everyone’s favorite room”.

Mary Veronica’s Egg Mary Nethery Orchard 1999 a young girl’s faith in her egg’s specialness leads her to appreciate the treasure inside.

Come On Rain Karen hesse Scholastic 1999 a Young girl waits for rain on a sweltering city day, and her neighborhood is renewed when it finally comes.

The Babe and I David A. Adler HB 1999 A boy during the great depression helps out his family selling newspapers, and has his family’s faith renewed with help from Babe Ruth.

Snowflake Bentley Jacqueline Briggs Martin HM 1998 Caldecott winner, the story of a scientist photographer who’s vision helped us understand snowflakes and our world a little better.

I See the Rhythm Michael Wood Children’s Book Press 1998 Coretta Scott King a “visual and poetic introduction to the history of African American music”

Snow Uri Shulevitz FSG 1998 Caldecott Honor a simply told story of a boy anticipating the first snowfall and the pessimists around him.

Tibet through the Red Box Peter Sis FSG 1998 The autobiographical story of sis’ encounter with his father’s diary and the stories he found there.
The Bat Boy and His Violin Gavin Curtis SS 1998 A boy who loves the violin has a father who is a manager in the Negro baseball league, eventually his father accepts him for who he is.

Duke Ellington Andrea Davis Pinkney Hyperion 1998 Tells the story of this Jazz great’s rise to the top.

I Have Heard of a Land Joyce Carol Thomas HC 1998 The story of an African American woman during the Oklahoma Land rush, beautiful language.

The Storytellers Ted Lewin LLS 1998 An Arab boy goes through the marketplace with his grandfather and then joins them setting up as a weaver of stories.

The Silence in the Mountains Liz Rosenberg Orchard 1999 War breaks out in a young boy’s county, he immigrates to America, and his grandfather helps him adjust by finding some of the same beauty here as he knew at home.

Hope Isabell Monk Carolrhoda 1999 Weekends with a great-aunt help a young girl find pride in her bi-racial history.

My House Has Stars Megan McDonald Orchard 1996 Children from around the world look up at the same stars and describe their lives.

Cowboy on the Steppes Song Nan Zhang Tundra 1997 Diary of a city teenager who is forced into the Mongolian countryside during the Chinese revolution and must learn to be a cowboy, true story.

La Mariposa Francisco Jimenez HM 1998 Unsentimental account of a Mexican Schoolchild’s struggle to learn English, and how his imagination helps him learn.

Tomas and the Library Lady Pat Mora Knopf 1997 a young migrant boy goes to the local library in search of new stories and makes a friend in the librarian there.

America is Her Name Luis J. Rodriguez Curbstone Press 1997 A young Mexican immigrant deals with her new life through expression in poetry.

Erandi’s Braids Antonio Hernandez Madrigal Putnam 1999 A young girl’s family needs money for a new fishing net, and she sells her braids to the hair buyers to help.

Carribean Dream Rachel Isadora Putnam 1998 Children in the West Indies enjoy the same things all children do.

Journey Home Lawrence McKay Jr LL 1998 a mother takes her daughter back to Vietnam to try to find a family lost during the war.

Once I Was Niki Clark Leopold Putnam 1999 a Poetic exploration of what we were and how we change as we grow.

My Name is Georgia Jeanette Winter HB 1998 A look at the artist Georgia O’Keefe and how her unique way of seeing the world changed her and her art.

Just Like Me Hariret Rohmer Children’s Book 1997 14 children’s book artists
provide autobiographies and self-portraits.

The Little Ships Louise Borden McElderberry 1997 True story of the ships that sailed from England to rescue troops at Dunkirk
A Band of Angels Deborah Hopkinson Atheneum 1999 Story of the Jubilee singers who created the first black school and saved some of the world’s best known spirituals from being lost forever.

Stone Girl, Bone Girl Laurence Anholt Orchard 1998 Story of Mary Anning who discovered her first dinosaur fossil at the age of 12 and went on to become one of the most important paleontologists of the 19th century.

Elisabeth Claire A. Nivola FSG 1997 The story of the author’s mother and her childhood during WW2, and how she passed what was precious to her on to her daughter and granddaughter.

Circle of Thanks Susi Gregg Gowler Scholastic 1998 A Native American look at the circle of life and giving in nature.

A Name on the Quilt Jeannine Atkins Atheneum 1999 A young girl remembers her Uncle, who died of Aids, through making a piece of quilt for him.

The Lady in the Box Ann McGovern Turtle 1997 Two children who see a homeless woman in their neighborhood befriend her and help her be a part of the community.

The Wild Boy Mordicai Gerstein FSG 1998 Based on the true story of the wild boy found in France and how he learned to become part of society.