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### The Snowy Day Penguin

The magic and wonder of winter's first snowfall is perfectly captured in Ezra Jack Keat's Caldecott Medal-winning picture book. Young readers can enjoy this celebrated classic as a full-sized board book, perfect for read-alouds of all kinds and a great gift for the holiday season. In 1962, a little boy named Peter put on his snowsuit and stepped out of his house and into the hearts of millions of readers. Universal in its appeal, this story beautifully depicts a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever. This big, sturdy edition will bring even more young readers to the story of Peter and his adventures in the snow. Ezra Jack Keats was also the creator of such classics as *Goggles*, *A Letter to Amy*, *Pet Show!*, *Peter's Chair*, and *A Whistle for Willie*. (This book is also available in Spanish, as *Un día de nieve*.) Praise for *The Snowy Day*: "Keats made Peter's world so inviting that it beckons us. Perhaps the busyness of daily life in the 21st century makes us appreciate Peter even more—a kid who has the luxury of a whole day to just be outside, surrounded by snow that's begging to be enjoyed." —The Atlantic "Ezra Jack Keats's classic *The Snowy Day*, winner of the 1963 Caldecott Medal, pays homage to the wonder and pure pleasure a child experiences when the world is blanketed in snow."—*Publisher's Weekly Kitten for a Day* Penguin

From the Caldecott Medal-winning author of *The Snowy Day*, Ezra Jack Keats, *Peter's Chair* is a picture book classic about a sibling rivalry. Peter, the hero of many of Ezra Jack Keats' award-winning books, has a new baby sister. When she arrives, his parents paint his old baby furniture pink for the new baby. There's only one thing they haven't painted yet, though: his little blue chair. He'll do whatever it takes to save it—even run away! This is a gentle and reassuring story about sibling rivalry and a perfect gift for any family expecting

a new baby.

### **The Snowy Day** Penguin

Generations of children have read, re-read, and loved Ezra Jack Keats's award-winning, classic stories about Peter and his neighborhood friends. Now, for the first time, *Peter's Chair*, *A Letter to Amy*, and *Goggles!* are available in paperback exclusively from Puffin. "A master of ingenious collages, Keats has made brilliant variegated pictures."—The Horn Book Ezra Jack Keats (1916-1983) was the beloved author and/or illustrator of more than eighty-five books for children.

### Ezra Jack Keats Literature Activities--Pet Show! Teacher Created Materials

Named one of the best books of 2017 by NPR, the Huffington Post, Publishers Weekly, Kirkus Reviews, the Los Angeles Times, the Boston Globe, the Horn Book Magazine, the News & Observer, BookPage, Chicago Public Library, and more The barbershop is where the magic happens. Boys go in as lumps of clay and, with princely robes draped around their shoulders, a dab of cool shaving cream on their foreheads, and a slow, steady cut, they become royalty. That crisp yet subtle line makes boys sharper, more visible, more aware of every great thing that could happen to them when they look good: lesser grades turn into As; girls take notice; even a mother's hug gets a little tighter. Everyone notices. A fresh cut makes boys fly. This rhythmic, read-aloud title is an unbridled celebration of the self-esteem, confidence, and swagger boys feel when they leave the barber's chair—a tradition that places on their heads a figurative crown, beaming with jewels, that confirms their brilliance and worth and helps them not only love and accept themselves but also take a giant step toward caring how they present themselves to the world. The fresh cuts. That's where it all begins. Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut is a high-spirited, engaging salute to the beautiful, raw, assured humanity of black boys and how they see themselves when they approve of their reflections in the mirror.

### Becoming Ezra Jack Keats Turtleback Books

When his family moves to a new

neighborhood, Louie has to leave his friends behind. Sad and lonely, Louie creates a city scene inside a shoe box. The tiny diorama has a magical effect, sending his imagination back to old friends and old times. Then the spell ends, and a real-life adventure begins as Louie joins some new friends for Halloween night.

### Whistle for Willie Penguin

A procession travels to Bethlehem, bringing gifts for the newborn baby Jesus. The little drummer boy comes along, although he is too poor to bring a present fit for a king. Instead, he plays a song on his drum for the Christ Child. Within the little drummer boy's seemingly simple gift lies the true spirit of Christmas. Ezra Jack Keats' vivid, jewel-toned artwork perfectly illustrates this classic holiday carol. Music for the song appears at the back of the book. "Keats evocatively portrays this story." -Publishers Weekly

### **Ezra Jack Keats** HarperCollins

When Maggie's pet cricket is stolen, she and her friends embark on a search for the "pirate" thief which ensues in a small tragedy, but the making of a new friend.

### The Snowy Day Penguin

Since it was first published in 1964, *Whistle for Willie* has delighted millions of young readers with its nearly wordless text and its striking collage artwork depicting the story of Peter, who longs to whistle for his dog. The New York Times wrote: "Mr. Keats' illustrations boldly, colorfully capture the child, his city world, and the shimmering heat of a summer's day."

### **Ezra Jack Keats Literature Activities--Hi, Cat!** Teacher Created Materials

On his way to hang out with the neighborhood kids, Archie very innocently greets a stray cat who follows him and gets in the way. The cat ruins everything - Archie's street show is a mess and his audience drifts away. But things aren't all bad: when Archie goes, the cat follows him all the way home, too!

### The Snowy Day and the Art of Ezra Jack Keats Penguin

"Over in the Meadow in the sand in the sun Lived an old mother turtle and her little turtle one." So begins this classic nursery poem, written by Olive A

Wadsworth in the late 19th century, a favorite counting rhyme for generations of children. Anna Vojtech's sweet illustrations depict a sun-drenched meadow filled with loving animal families—from mother turtle with her one baby to ten little beavers embraced by their doting mother. There are lots to count in the cleverly designed pictures, and sharp-eyed youngsters will delight in finding a corresponding number of background details on each spread.

#### A Poem for Peter Penguin

Each book in the "Family Ties" series explores a particular aspect of how families stay together, play together, learn together, grow together, and resolve conflicts together. The series celebrates the differences among various cultures, both here and abroad, while emphasizing the similarities among them all. Readers learn how our values emerge and are expressed through holidays, food, stories, and especially through what we are taught by parents and teachers.

#### **Crown** Penguin

Susie and Roberto are putting on a puppet show and all of their friends have come to see it, including she Louie. As the show begins, Louie becomes fascinated by the smiling puppet Gussie and shouts "Hello!" in front of a silent audience. After the show, Louie goes home and dreams about Gussie. When he wakes up, he discovers that his friends have left a gift for him. This classic Ezra Jack Keats story of love and generosity is as meaningful today as when it was first published more than twenty years ago.

#### **Maggie and the Pirate** Pelican Publishing

These quick activities help students enjoy the influential literature of Ezra Jack Keats. Here, students focus on the story Peter's Chair. Before-, during-, and after-reading activities are provided for a comprehensive study of the story.

#### **Keats's Neighborhood** Penguin

Ezra Jack Keats is widely acknowledged as one of the first people to feature realistic, friendly, multi-ethnic urban settings in his picture books—forever changing the landscape of children's literature in the process. Now this beautiful collection brings together nine of his best-loved stories, including the 1963 Caldecott Medal-winning book *The Snowy Day* and Caldecott Honor book *Goggles!*, plus *Whistle for Willie*, *Peter's Chair*, Apt. 3, and others. Also included is artwork from an unfinished picture book, *The Giant Turnip*, published here for the very first time. An introduction by celebrated critic of children's literature Anita Silvey outlines

Keats's career and inimitable contributions. In addition, five of the most important writers and illustrators working in the field today share their thoughts on Keats and the legacy he left behind. An afterword describes his incredible life, from his childhood in Brooklyn to children's book legend.

#### **Over in the Meadow** Penguin

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#### *One Red Sun* Penguin

A celebration of the extraordinary life of Ezra Jack Keats, creator of *The Snowy Day*. The story of *The Snowy Day* begins more than one hundred years ago, when Ezra Jack Keats was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. The family were struggling Polish immigrants, and despite Keats's obvious talent, his father worried that Ezra's dream of being an artist was an unrealistic one. But Ezra was determined. By high school he was winning prizes and scholarships. Later, jobs followed with the WPA and Marvel comics. But it was many years before Keats's greatest dream was realized and he had the opportunity to write and illustrate his own book. For more than two decades, Ezra had kept pinned to his wall a series of photographs of an adorable African American child. In Keats's hands, the boy morphed into Peter, a boy in a red snowsuit, out enjoying the pristine snow; the book became *The Snowy Day*, winner of the Caldecott Medal, the first mainstream book to feature an African American child. It was also the first of many books featuring Peter and the children of his — and Keats's — neighborhood. Andrea Davis Pinkney's lyrical narrative tells the inspiring story of a boy who pursued a dream, and who, in turn, inspired generations of other dreamers.

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#### *Ezra Jack Keats Literature Activities--Peter's Chair* Teacher Created Materials

A counting book of colorful collages features such objects as red suns, white snowflakes, and playful pooches. *My Dog Is Lost!* Univ. Press of Mississippi Winner of the 1963 Caldecott Medal! No book has captured the magic and sense of possibility of the first snowfall better than *The Snowy Day*. Universal in its appeal, the story has become a favorite of millions, as it reveals a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever. The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. "Keats's sparse collage illustrations capture the wonder and beauty a snowy day can bring to a small child."—Barnes & Noble "Ezra Jack Keats's classic *The Snowy Day*, winner of the 1963 Caldecott Medal, pays homage to the wonder and pure pleasure a child experiences when the world is blanketed in snow."—*Publisher's Weekly* "The book is notable not only for its lovely artwork and tone, but also for its importance as a trailblazer. According to *Horn Book* magazine, *The Snowy Day* was "the very first full-color picture book to feature a small black hero"—yet another reason to add this classic to your shelves. It's as unique and special as a snowflake."—Amazon.com

#### *The Ezra Jack Keats Collection* Agate Publishing

Can a puppy be a kitten? This puppy thinks he is. As he plays with four kittens, he tumbles and stumbles, thumps and slurps, spills and falls. Then his mother arrives. Will the five new friends be able to play again? Award-winning author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats's appealing illustrations will have readers purring with contentment. "A visually delightful book." (The Horn Book)