

Wants and Needs



Littledale, Freya, The magic fish. New York : Scholastic, c1985.

Summary: A greedy fisherman's wife is granted every wish but can't find happiness.

Reading Level: 2.2

Call Number 398.2 LIT

Brisson, Pat. Benny's pennies. New York : Dell Dragonfly Books, 2002.

Summary: Benny sets off in the morning with five shiny new pennies to spend and eventually buys something for his mother, brother, sister, dog, and cat.

Reading Level: 2.0

Call Number E BRI

Brown, Marc Tolon. Arthur's TV trouble. Boston : Little, Brown, c1995.

Summary: When Arthur sees advertisements for the amazing doggy Treat Timer, he decides to earn enough money to buy it for his dog Pal.

Reading Level: 2.6

Call Number E BRO

Chinn, Karen, Sam and the lucky money. New York : Lee & Low Books, c1995.

Summary: Sam must decide how to spend the lucky money he's received for Chinese New Year.

Reading Level: 3.6

Call Number E CHI

Madrigal, Antonio Hernandez. Erandi's braids. New York : Putnam's, c1999.

Summary: In a poor Mexican village, Erandi surprises her mother by offering to sell her long, beautiful hair in order to raise enough money to buy a new fishing net.

Reading Level: 3.5

Call Number E MAD

McBrier, Page. Beatrice's goat. New York, N.Y. : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2001.

Summary: A young girl's dream of attending school in her small Ugandan village is fulfilled after her family is given an income-producing goat. Based on a true story about the work of Project Heifer.

Reading Level: 4.0

Call Number E MCB

Mitchell, Margaree King. Uncle Jed's barbershop. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers,

Summary: Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.

Reading Level: 3.8

Call Number E MIT

Viorst, Judith. Alexander, who used to be rich last Sunday. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1978.

Summary: Although Alexander and his money are quickly parted, he comes to realize all the things that can be done with a dollar.

Reading Level: 3.4

Call Number E VIO

Wells, Rosemary. Bunny money. New York : Viking, 1999.

Summary: Max and Ruby spend so much on emergencies while shopping for Grandma's birthday presents, that they just barely have enough money left for gifts.

Reading Level: 2.8

Call Number E WEL

Williams, Vera B. A chair for my mother. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1982.

Summary: A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

Reading Level: 3.4

Call Number E WIL

Greene, Stephanie. Owen Foote, money man. New York : Clarion Books, c2000.

Summary: Ingenious eight-year-old Owen wants to make money for the things he absolutely needs, such as plastic vomit, so he searches for alternatives to earning an allowance, which seems like to much work.

Reading Level: 3.7

Call Number F GRE

DVD/Videotapes

Hale, Luke. Choices, choices, choices! [Chicago] : SVE & Churchill Media, 2005.

Summary: Explains the differences between wants and needs and goods and services, showing how communities and individuals meet their needs and make choices to obtain their wants.

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