

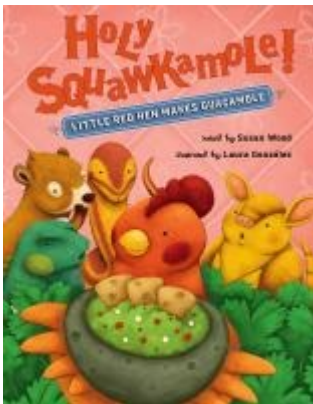
***The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier, pictures by Sonia Sanchez**

From [Scholastic](#): “Ruby’s mind is always full of ideas. One day, she finds some old boards and decides to build something. She invites her brothers to help, but they just laugh and tell her she doesn’t know how to build. “Then I’ll learn,” she says. And she does! When she creates a dazzling fort that they all want to play in, it is Ruby who has the last laugh.

With sprightly text and winsome pictures, this modern spin on a timeless favorite celebrates the pluck and ingenuity of young creators everywhere!”

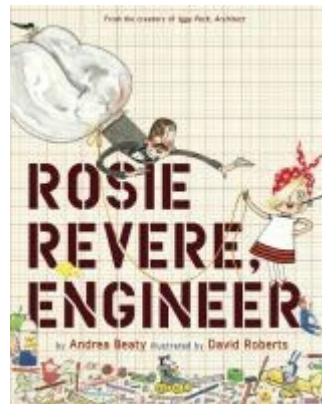
Readalikes for *The Little Red Fort*:

- Building/engineering/STEAM
- Imagination
- Perseverance
- Strong girls
- Cooperation/teamwork
- Little Red Hen and adaptations

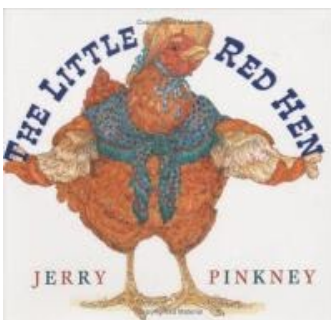


[Holy Squawkamole!](#)

Little Red Hen Makes Guacamole
by [Wood, Susan](#)



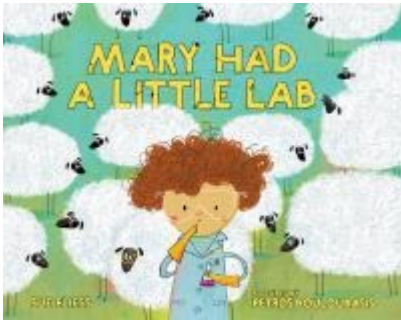
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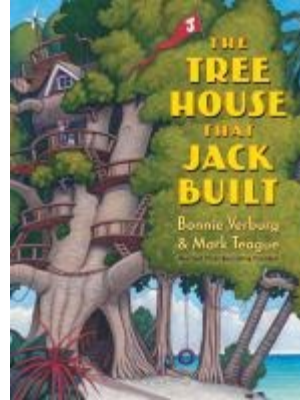
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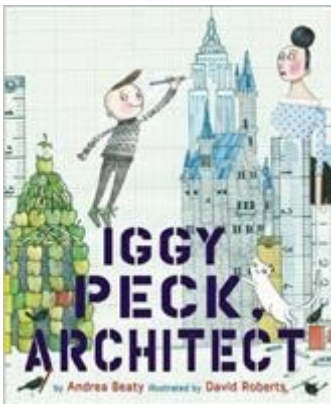
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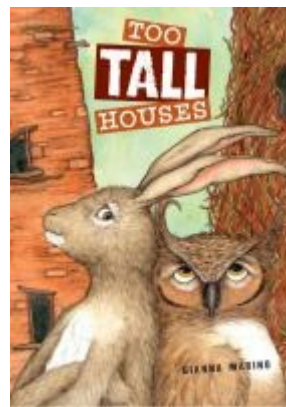
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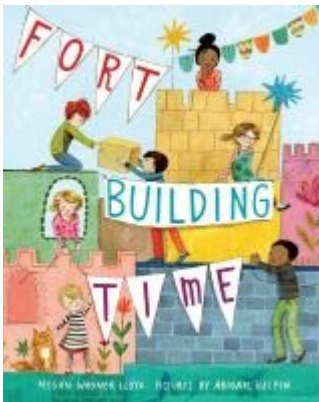
[The Tree House That Jack Built](#)
by [Verburg, Bonnie](#)



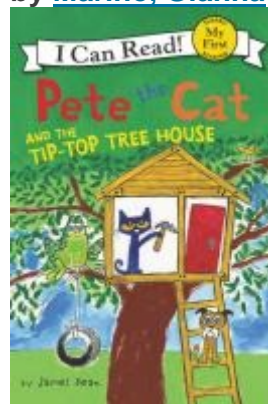
[Iggy Peck, Architect](#)
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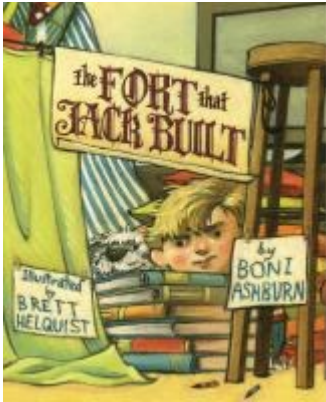
[Too Tall Houses](#)
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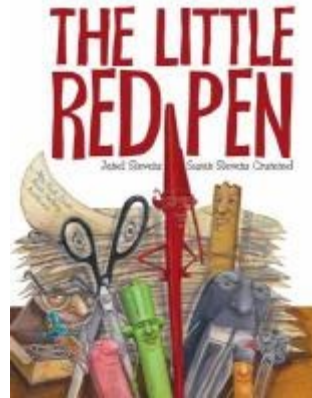
[Fort-building Time](#)
by [Lloyd, Megan Wagner](#)



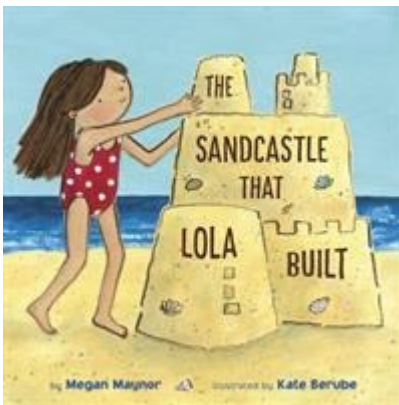
[Pete the Cat and the Tip-top Tree House](#)
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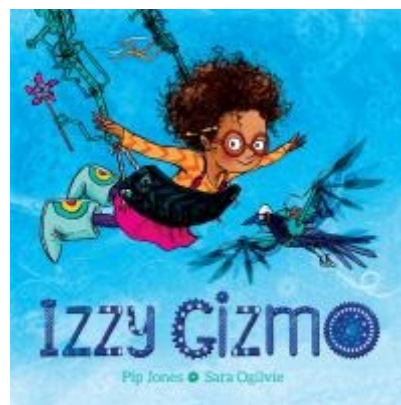
[The Fort That Jack Built](#)
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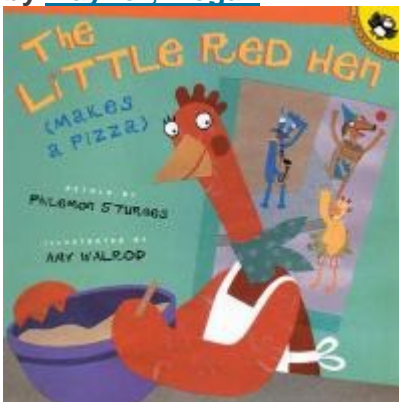
[The Little Red Pen](#)
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[The Sandcastle That Lola Built](#)
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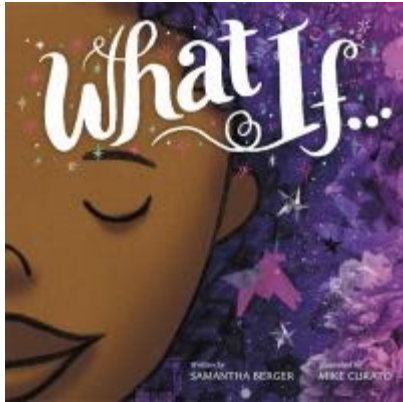
[Izzy Gizmo](#)
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[The Little Red Hen \(makes A Pizza\)](#)
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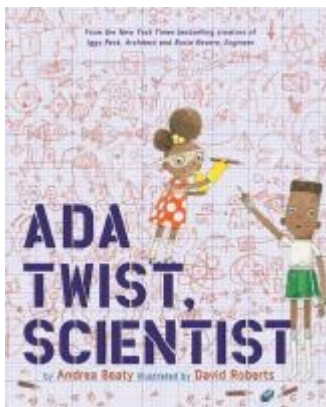
[Made by Maxine](#)
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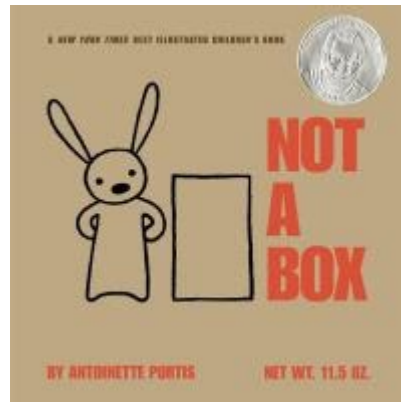
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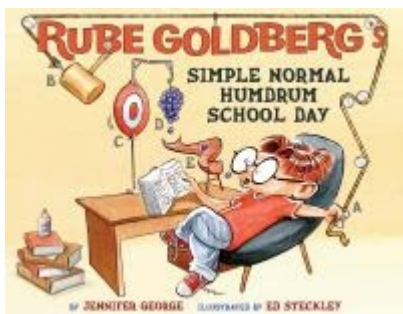
Georgia's Terrific, Colorific Experiment
by Persico, Zoe



Ada Twist, Scientist
by Beaty, Andrea



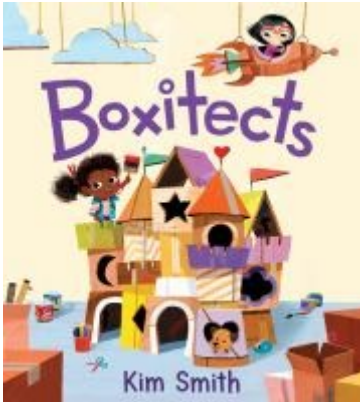
Not A Box
by Portis, Antoinette



Rube Goldberg's Simple Normal Humdrum School Day
by George, Jennifer



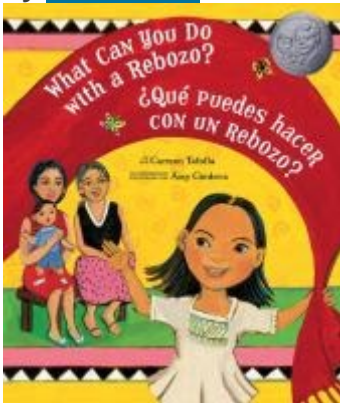
Be A Maker
by Howes, Katy



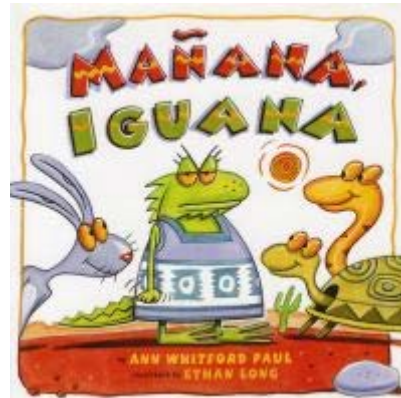
Boxitects
by **Smith, Kim**



Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
by **Beaty, Andrea**



What Can You Do With A Rebozo?
by **Tafolla, Carmen**



Manana, Iguana
By **Ann Whitford Paul**

Program Ideas:

Build your own fort!

- With cushions, blankets, and furniture
- With cardboard, shoe boxes, and other found items
- Outside with whatever you can find!

Activities that require teamwork/cooperation/working together

Host a "Family Fort Night" program: invite families to build forts in the library after hours (example from Jbrary: <https://jbrary.com/family-fort-night/>)

Build a "fort" with pre-cut out shapes on construction paper

Play with Lego bricks: Ruby built a fort, what can you build with Legos?

Incorporate other "maker" themes to inspire creativity and collaboration--what can you build with ____? (think of the spaghetti-marshmallow challenge)

Little Red Fort/Construction/Building themed coloring stations

Read-alike book displays

Tips for Reading Aloud:

Additional Resources:

- Author Site: <http://www.brendamaier.com/home-bio.html>
- [Scholastic Guide](https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/lesson-plans/17-18/little-red-fort-teaching-guide.pdf) <https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/lesson-plans/17-18/little-red-fort-teaching-guide.pdf>
- Illustrator Info: <https://bookmarkliterary.com/2015/12/26/soniasanchez/>
- Publisher's Weekly Review: <https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-545-85919-6>
- Mem Fox: A lesson in reading aloud <https://memfox.com/for-teachers/for-anyone-interested-a-read-aloud-lesson/>
- PEER Method for Reading aloud: <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/use-peer-when-you-read-aloud>