

BETWEEN FENCES **Books for Children**

Childress, Rhonda and Olivia Esh. *The Fence Was Too High*. Raintree/Steck Vaughn, 1994.

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

Oliver is frustrated that he cannot see over the fence around his back yard, until another year passes and he finds that he has grown.

Cueno, Mary Louise and Nadine Bernard Westcott. *How to Grow a Picket Fence*. Harpercollins Juvenile Books, 1993.

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

This is the whimsical story of a boy who grows his own picket fence by planting sticks in the ground, fertilizing them with pudding, and covering the sticks with old socks.

Frost, Robert. Edited by Gary D. Schmidt. *Poetry for Young People: Robert Frost*. Sterling Publishing, 1994.

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

This handsome, oversized book for young readers from the *Poetry for Young People* series offers a selection of easy-to-read poems by Robert Frost. The poems are arranged by season and illustrated by beautiful watercolors depicting the landscape of New England. The book includes the poem "Mending Wall."

Gray, William S. *Fun with Dick and Jane*. Grosset and Dunlap, 2003.

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

Dick and Jane books taught American children how to read for over forty years and were in widespread use in the public school system until the 1960s. Designed as wholesome representatives of the typical American childhood, these two characters are among the best-known and loved icons for life behind the white picket fences of the suburban, post-World War II American Dream. Dick and Jane are still a treat for children and also fun for parents who enjoy the nostalgia. Grosset and Dunlap have reprinted additional compilations of these American classics under the following titles *Something Funny, We Look*, and *Guess Who*.

Sutherland, Marc. *Macmurtrey's Wall*. Harry N. Abrams, 2001.

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

In this ecologically conscious tale, a giant named Macmurtrey is not satisfied until he can claim dominion over all things and builds a rock wall to cage in the sea. In the process of building his wall he strips the land bare, until nature restores the balance.

Zimelman, Nathan and David Small. *Mean Chickens and Wild Cucumbers*. Simon and Schuster, 1983.

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

A hole in the fence between their yards caused a feud between two neighbors, and each one strives to build a fence higher than the other's.