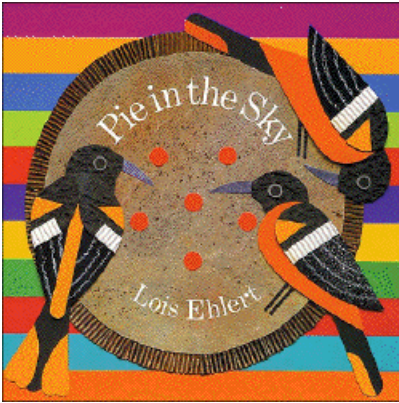


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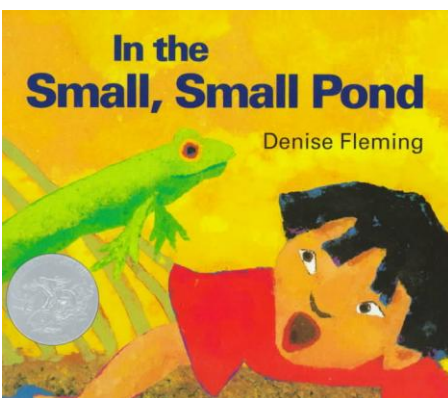
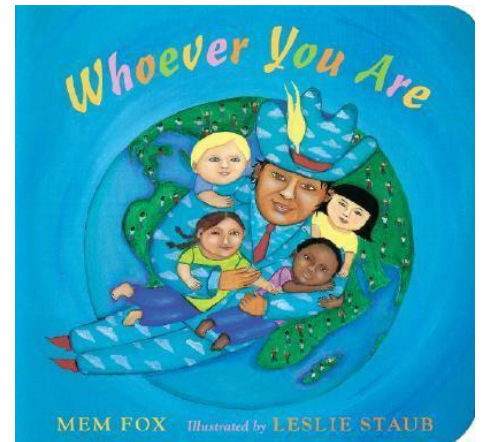


### Ehlert, Lois    **PIE IN THE SKY**

In this well-designed picture book, an unseen child wonders about what his father calls the "pie tree." Through dialogue, the child observes the tree; in the summer it bears fruit: cherries for the birds and raccoons and also for pie (recipe included). The main text, short and well suited to reading aloud.

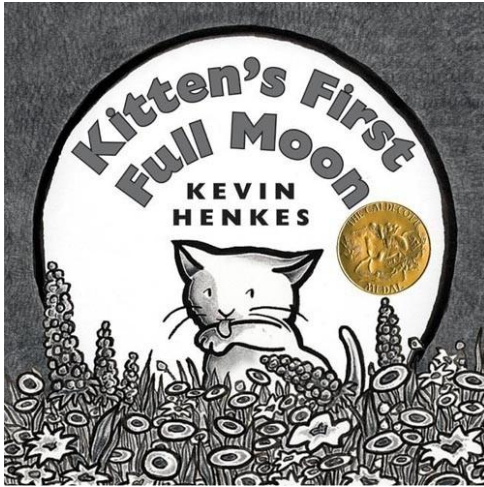
### Fox, Mem    **WHOEVER YOU ARE**

The reader will celebrate human connections in this lovely picture book. "Little one, whoever you are," she explains, there are children all over the world who may look different, live in different homes and different climates, go to different schools, and speak in different tongues but all children love, smile, laugh, and cry. Their joys, pain, and blood are the same, "whoever they are, wherever they are, all over the world."



### Fleming, Denise **IN A SMALL, SMALL POND**

This book contains rhyming text ("waddle, wade, geese parade"), in bold black, beautifully integrated into art created in the process of making paper from pulp dyed in brilliant colors. This time, the child observer is Oriental; and where the first book moved from noon to night, the implicitly suggested cycle here is from tadpole and gosling to "Chill breeze, winter freeze." Another perfect introduction to nature for the very young.



## Henkes, Kevin—KITTEN'S FIRST FULL MOON

In this beautiful picture book, winner of the 2005 Caldecott Medal, [Kevin Henkes](#), captures the sweet, sometimes slapstick struggle of Kitten, who sees her first full moon and thinks it's a bowl of milk in the sky.

## Martin Jr., Bill—CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM

The 26 characters in this rhythmic, rhyming baby book are a lowercase alphabet with attitude. "A told b, and b told c, 'I'll meet you at the top of the coconut tree'" - which probably seemed like a good idea and the other 23 members of the gang decided to follow suit.

