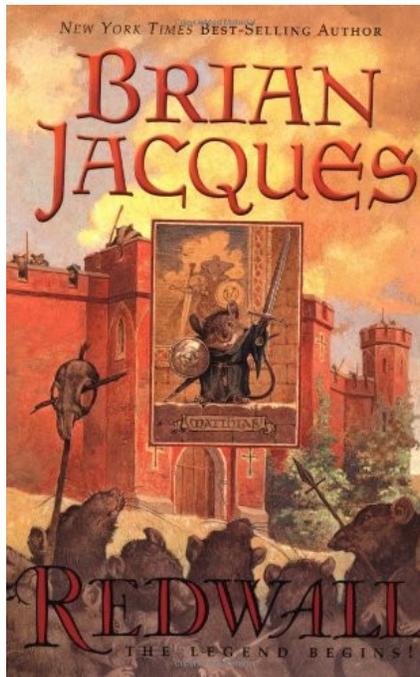


Redwall

by Brian Jacques

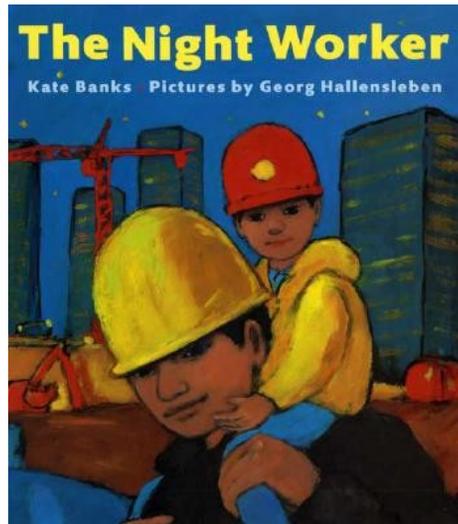
This book is the beginning of a series about mice who live in an abbey. Redwall tells the story of a young mouse named Matthias who can't seem to do anything right! When we first meet him, he is tripping over his sandals and falling on the ground. He lives in the abbey with many other woodland creatures. The community is peaceful and prosperous until rats come and try to attack their home! What will Matthias do to help his friends? Can he be inspired by the legend of his hero Martin the Warrior to help save Redwall Abbey?
(available at Peoples Library New Ken)



The Night Worker

by Kate Banks, illustrated by Georg Hallensleben

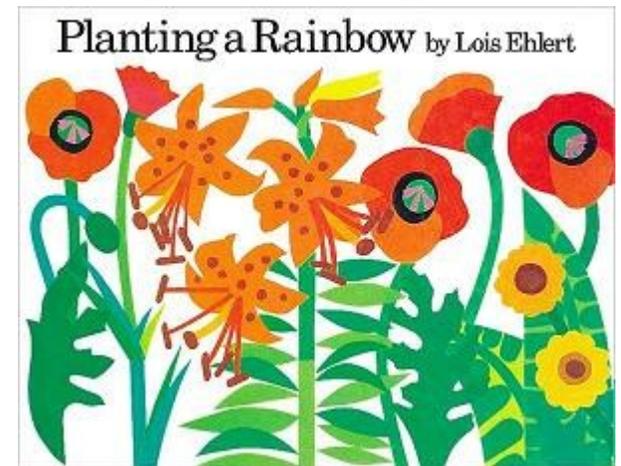
My dad has worked nights my entire life so I particularly liked this book! It tells the story of Alex, whose dad is a construction worker who works nights. In this book, Alex's dad takes him to work, and Alex finds out all about what his dad does at night (while wearing a hard-hat, or course!), gets to see many different types of trucks, and also learns about other types of "night workers."
The illustrations are particularly nice, they are smudgy and have lots of light and dark colors. You really feel like you're looking at a story taking place late at night!
(available at Peoples Library New Ken)



Planting A Rainbow

written and illustrated by Lois Ehlert

This is my favorite of Lois Ehlert's many excellent books for children. There's so much color on every page! This short story is told from a child's point of view about how their family plants a garden each year, starting with planting seeds and bulbs, and ending with the fall harvest and picking bouquets. The beautiful die-cut pages show the different plants they plant, grouped by color.
(available at Peoples Library New Ken & Lower Burrell)



Black Cat

by Christopher Meyers

This Coretta Scott King Award-winning picture book is about a stray black cat who lives in a big city. Told in a question and answer format, the narrator asks the cat questions about his life, and the cat responds by giving descriptions of his day-to-day activities. These include catching mice in subway stations, sunning himself on apartment rooftops, and even jumping through a basketball hoop! The cat points out at the end of the story that the whole city belongs to him, since he knows it better than anybody else. The illustrations are very interesting as well, a mix of photos, paintings, and collage. (available at the New Kensington and Lower Burrell branches!)

