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Young children are drawn to
the familiar. They like to eat the
same foods, sing the same songs
and wear the sames shirt as often
as their parents allow.

They also can't get caught of
their favorite characters. Kids
will read about a character, then
watch him on television and
then take the stuffed-animal
version to be,
Popular characters featured in
new books include Bob the
Builder, the Rugrats and
Paddington Bear.

Paddington bear.

Paddington Fare a coutdoors – and of his neighbors – in
Paddington Bear in the Garden
(HarperCollins, ages 3-8,
12-36). The story, in which
Paddington even takes off his
trademark red hat as he works
up a sweat gardening, is by
Michael Bond and illustrated by
R.W. Alley.
Paddington then is forced to
think on his paws after his marmalade gets mixed with the
cement at a nearby construction
project. His cerentivity pays off in

cement at a nearby construction project. His creativity pays off in the form of the most beautiful rock garden he and the National Garden Day judges have ever

seen.
Biscuit, a golden-colored

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLERS

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1. Self Matters: Creating Your
Life from the Inside Out by
Phillip C. McGraw (Simon &
Schuster)
2. The Wisdom of Menopaus
tam)
3. Master of the Senate by
Robert Caro (Knopf)
4. Find Me by Rosie O'Donnoll (Warner)
5. The Healthy Kitchen by
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Mary Higgins Clark (Simon &
Schuster)
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5. The Healthy Kitchen by
Andrew Weil and Rosic Daloy
(Knopf)
6. Lucky Man: A Memoir by
Michael J. Fox (Hyperion)
7. Stupid White Men: And
Other Sorry Excuses for the
State of the National by Michael
Noore (HarperCollins)
8. Who Moved My Cheese! by
Spencer Johneson (Putnam)
9. Body for Life by Bill
Phillips and Michael D'Orso
(HarperCollins)
10. The Right Words at the
Right Time by Marlo Thomas

puppy, has two fun-filled days in puppy, has two inn-linea days, in Biscuit Meets the Neighbors and Biscuit Goes to the Park' (HarperCollins, ages 2-6, \$4.95 each) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, with colorful illustrations by Pat

Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
6. A Thousand Country Roads by Robert James Walter (John M. Hardy)
6. City of Bones by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
7. Everything's Eventual by Stephen King (Scribner)
8. The Summons by John Grisham (Doubleday)
9. Aloncement by Ian McEwan (Doubleday)
10. Sea Glass by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown)

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Biscuit and his pal, Daisy the kitty, roll out the welcome mat in the Neighbors' story. They also dig up the yard as they fetch flowers for their new friends.

In the Park story, Biscuit and Puddles, his scruffy sidekick, decide they'd ruther chase but terflies and kites than the base ball they brought with them.

Barney, the purple dinosaur, is featured in four new books, including Gonig to My Big Bed (Scholastic, ages 1-4, 85.99), which is part of the Little Lessons' series. In the story, which is part of the Little Lessons' series. In the story, which is part of the Little Lessons' series. In the story of Monmies, Barney; Where's Barney's and Minel Minel Mine, and Minel Minel Mine, and Little Lessons' books. Afraid that she won't be teenter of attention at her school's Career Day, Angelica hes being and Barney. Hooray Barney and Minel Minel Minel Black Tooks.

Afraid that she won't be teenter of attention at her school's Career Day, Angelica Hold (Simon Spotlight, ages 3-7, \$3.50). Angelica makes sure on her makeshift shee phone, The Secretary of Steak says Mommy's on a special a-spyment right now in Tim-Buck-Tooth?'

By the end of the book, by Sarah Willson and illustrated by Wengroup at Idea Plus Design Works, only Angelica's rival Sussi figures out the truth. Aspiring carpenters can get head start with new Bob the Builder board books in the







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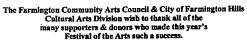
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