

Suggested Reading for Children

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There are hundreds of excellent books for children. The following lists provide a good beginning. Ask your local librarian to help you with additional authors and titles.

For the Baby and Toddler

Author	Title
Richard Scarry	Early Words Little Word Book
Dorothy Kunhardt	Pat the Bunny
Stephen Lewis	Zoo City
Any toy catalog	

For the 2- to 3-year-old

Tana Hoban	Count and See
Leo Lionni	Swimmy
Anne Maley	Have You See My Mother?

For the 3- to 5-year-old

Mercer Mayer	Frog Goes to Dinner
Maurice Sendak	Where the Wild Things Are
Dr. Seuss	The Cat in the Hat
Paul Galdone	The Little Red Hen

For the 6- to 8-year-old

Dubose Heyward	The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes
James Marshall	George and Martha
I CAN READ BOOKS, published by Harper and Row. Authors include Syd Hoff, Edith Hurd, Carla Greene, Nathaniel Benchley, Russell Hoban and Lillian Hoban. They also publish I CAN READ sports books, EARLY I CAN READ BOOKS, I CAN READ science books, and I CAN READ mystery books.	

For the 8- to 10-year-old

Laura Ingalls Wilder	Little House on the Prairie
E.B. White	Charlotte's Web

For the 10- to 12-year-old

Author	Title
Roald Dahl	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Judy Blume	Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret

50 of the Best Authors for Young Children

Author	Title
Anno, Mitsumasa	Anno's Alphabet Anno's Counting Book Anno's Journey
Bemelmans, Ludwig	Madeline Madeline and the Bad Hat Madeline in London Madeline's Rescue
Brown, Marcia	The Three Billy Goats Gruff All Butterflies How, Hippo Once a Mouse Stone Soup
Brown, Margaret Wise	Four Fur Feet The Noisy Book Nibble, Nibble The Runaway Bunny 1,2,3 An Animal Counting Book Where Have You Been?
Buckley, Helen E.	Grandfather and I Grandmother and I Michael is Brave My Sister and I
Burningham, John	Mr. Gumpy's Outing Mr. Gumpy's Motorcar Seasons John Burningham's ABC
Burton, Virginia Lee	Mike Mulligan and His Steamshovel Katy and the Big Snow The Little House
Carle, Eric	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Do You Want to Be My Friend? 1,2,3 to the Zoo

Author	Title
dePaola, Tommie	Strega Nona Charlie Needs a Cloak The Cloud Book Watch Out for Chicken Feet in Your Soup Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs
de Regniers, Beatrice S.	May I Bring a Friend? A Little House of Your Own Poems Children will Sit Still For It Does Not Say Meow What Can You Do With a Shoe?
Domanska, Janina	The Turnip Din, Dan, Doin, It's Christmas I Saw a Ship a-Sailing If All the Seas Were One Sea Spring Is What Do You See?
Dr. Seuss	The Cat in the Hat Green Eggs and Ham Horton Hatches the Egg Horton Hears a Who The Sleep Book The ABC Book The Shape of Me and Other Stuff
Duvoisin, Roger	Petunia Petunia, I Love You Petunia's Treasure Veronica See What I Am
Ets, Marie Hall	Play With Me Gilberto and the Wind In the Forest Talking Without Words
Fisher, Aileen	Cricket in a Thicket Feathered Ones and Furry Going Barefoot In One Door and Out the Other Listen Rabbit The Ways of Animals Where Does Everyone Go?
Flack, Majorie	Ask Mr. Bear The Story about Ping
Freeman, Don	Dandelion Corduroy Mop Top Quiet! There's a Canary in the Library
Gag, Wanda	Millions of Cats Nothing at All

Author	Title
Hoban, Russell	A Birthday for Frances A Bargain for Frances Bedtime for Frances Bread and Jam for Frances
Hoban, Tana	Look Again Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue? Circles, Triangles and Squares Dig, Drill, Dump Over, Under, and Through Push Pull, Empty Full
Hutchins, Pat	Rosies's Walk Changes, Changes Don't Forget the Bacon Goodnight, Owl The Surprise Party
Keats, Ezra Jack	The Snowy Day Goggles Hi, Cat Louie Peter's Chair Whistle for Willie
Krauss, Ruth	The Carrot Seed The Backward Day A Hole is to Dig A Very Special House
Langstaff, John	Over in the Meadow Frog Went a'Courtin Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go
Lionni, Leo	Swimmy Alexander and the Wind Up Mouse Fish is Fish Frederick Little Blue and Little Yellow On My Beach There are Many Pebbles Inch by Inch The Biggest House in the World
McCloskey, Robert	Make Way for Ducklings One Morning in Maine Blueberries for Sal Lentil
Milne, A.A.	When We Were Very Young Now We are Six
Minarik, Else H.	Little Bear Father Bear Comes Home A Kiss for Little Bear Little Bear's Friend Little Bear's Visit

Author	Title
Munari, Bruno	Bruno Munari's ABC Animals for Sale The Birthday Present Bruno Manari's Zoo The Circus in the Mist The Elephant's Wish Who's There? Open the Door
Pienkowski, Jan	Shapes Numbers
Piper, Watty	The Little Engine That Could
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Peter Rabbit The Sly Old Cat The Tale of Benjamin Bunny The Tale of Jemima Puddleduck The Tale of Jeremy Fisher The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy Winkle The Tale of Tom Kitten
Reiss, John J.	Numbers Colors
Rey, H.A.	Curious George (and The Curious George Series) Anybody at Home?
Rockwell, Harlow	My Doctor My Dentist Machines I Did It
Scarry, Richard	Best Word Book Ever Cars and Trucks and Things That Go Best Counting Book Ever All Day Long Busy Busy World Find Your ABCs
Sendak, Maurice	Where the Wild Things Are Pierre Chicken Soup with Rice Alligators All Around In the Night Kitchen Really Rosie
Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for Sale
Spier, Peter	Fast-Slow, High-Low Crash, Bang, Boom The Erie Canal To Market, To Market
Step toe, John	Stevie
Tresselt, Alvin	Hide and Seek Fog The Beaver Pond The Dead Tree The Mitten

Author	Title
Viorst, Judith	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Waber, Bernard	Ira Sleeps Over A Firefly Named Torchy The House on East 88th Street Lyle, Lyle Crocodile
Wildsmith, Brian	Brian Wildsmith's Mother Goose Brian Wildsmith's ABCs Brian Wildsmith's 1,2,3s Brian Wildsmith's Wild Animals
Williams, Garth	The Rabbits' Wedding Baby's First Book
Yashima, Taro	Umbrella Crow Boy Momo's Kitten Plenty to Watch Seashore Story Youngest One
Zion, Eugene	Harry the Dirty Dog (and the Harry The Dog Series) Dear Garbage Man The Plant Sitter
Zolotow, Charlotte	William's Doll The Hating Book My Grandson Lew When I Have a Son Big Sister and Little Sister Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present

Recommended Magazines for Children

Highlights for Children, 2300 West Fifth Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43216
Ages 2-12

Humpty Dumpty's Magazine, Parents Magazine
Enterprises, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York,
NY 10017
Ages 3-7

Jack and Jill, 1100 Waterway Blvd, Box 5678,
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Ages 5-12

Sesame Street Magazine, Children's Television
Workshop, 1 Lincoln Plaza, New York, NY 10023
Ages 3-5

Refer to:

- 8.1 Reading With Your Child
- 8.3 Pre-Reading Skills