

The 2018–2019

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# Book List

## Recommended Books for Preschool Children

***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*** by Dan Santat (Roaring Brook Press). What happens after Humpty Dumpty falls? Find out in this beautifully illustrated story, filled with lessons about not giving up. (*fiction*)

***Everyone*** by Christopher Silas Neal (Candlewick). Everyone has feelings—from the animals in the woods to the neighbors in their homes. This short book helps young children identify and appreciate emotions. (*folktale*)

***Why Am I Me?*** by Paige Britt (Scholastic Press). As two strangers ride the train home, they look at each other and wonder “Why am I me ... and not you?” This compassionate tale celebrates diversity and promotes a strong spirit of connection. (*poetry*)

***Accident!*** by Andrea Tsurumi (HMH Books for Young Readers). When Lola, a clumsy armadillo, spills red juice on a white sofa, she runs to the library to hide. On her way, she is joined by several friends who have all had mishaps of their own. Readers will learn that everyone makes mistakes—and that’s OK. (*fiction*)

***Wordy Birdy*** by Tammi Sauer (Doubleday Books for Young Readers). Wordy Birdy has lots to say and her friends can’t get a word in edgewise. What happens when this distracted bird walks right into danger? (*fiction*)

***Be Glad Your Dad ... Is Not an Octopus!*** by Matthew Logelin (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). Two siblings imagine swapping their dad for an animal dad. Then, they realize theirs isn’t so bad after all! (*fiction*)

***Wolf in the Snow*** by Matthew Cordell (Feiwel and Friends). What happens when a little girl comes across a wolf pup left behind by its pack? Find out in this award-winning book about strength and compassion, told with illustrations instead of words. (*fiction*)

***I Am Not a Chair!*** by Ross Burach (HarperCollins). On his first day in the jungle, everyone mistakes Giraffe for a chair. In this touching story, young readers will learn how to find the courage to stand up for themselves. (*fiction*)

***The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig*** by Steve Jenkins (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). This

is the true story of social media sensation Esther the Wonder Pig—and it teaches readers that love comes in all shapes and sizes! (*nonfiction*)

***La Princesa and the Pea*** by Susan Middleton Elya (G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers). This whimsical twist on the classic fairy tale will delight readers with its award-winning illustrations and Peruvian flare. The use of English and Spanish words is an added bonus! (*folktale*)



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***The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)*** by Patrick McDonnell (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). This high-energy ABC picture book story follows a little red cat on an exciting alphabet adventure. Where will it take him? (*fiction*)

***You Can Read*** by Helaine Becker (Orca Book Publishers). Celebrate the joy of reading with this fun rhyming book about the many places people can read. The silly illustrations will keep young readers giggling. (*fiction*)

***Use Your Voice*** by Kat Kuan (One Curious Kat). Grace uses her voice to introduce herself and to talk about things she likes. This interactive picture book will show young children how to speak up and express themselves. (*fiction*)

***Big Cat, Little Cat*** by Elisha Cooper (Roaring Brook Press). This tale of two feline friends is a gentle, reassuring story about loss—perfect for young readers who have lost a pet. (*fiction*)

***We're All Wonders*** by R.J. Palacio (Knopf Books for Young Readers). Auggie feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way. Young readers will learn lessons of empathy and kindness in this story about the longing to belong. (*fiction*)

***Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World*** by Susan Hood (HarperCollins). This uplifting book introduces young readers to 14 revolutionary young women who have made the world a better place. The poems and illustrations are as unique and inspiring as the women they describe. (*poetry, nonfiction*)

***When Your Lion Needs a Bath*** by Susanna Leonard Hill (Little Simon). What do you do when your lion needs a bath? Discover all the sneaky ways to coax a lion into a tub in this beautifully illustrated board book. (*fiction*)

***Baabwaa and Wooliam*** by David Elliott (Candlewick). When two sheep friends meet a wolf in sheep's clothing, an unexpected friendship blossoms. (*fiction*)

***A Greyhound, a Groundhog*** by Emily Jenkins (Schwartz & Wade). A groundhog meets a greyhound and craziness ensues—until they are both worn out. This story comes to life with lively text and simple illustrations. (*fiction*)

***Triangle*** by Mac Barnett (Candlewick). Triangle wants to play a sneaky trick on his friend Square. Follow him as he travels to Square's house, making his way through a world of shapes. (*fiction*)

***Warthog: A Counting Adventure*** by Birdie Black (Nosy Crow).

Join a warthog as he explores the area surrounding his village. Readers will enjoy lifting the flaps to count hidden animals. (*fiction*)

***When's My Birthday?*** by Julie Fogliano (Roaring Brook Press). This book captures the anticipation of a birthday celebration. Told from a child's perspective, the story's rapid-fire text and unique illustrations make it the perfect birthday book. (*fiction*)

***Aberdeen*** by Stacey Previn (Viking Books for Young Readers). Travel along with a young mouse as he follows a wandering balloon and encounters unexpected adventures. (*fiction*)

