

The 2019-2020

BUILDING READERS

Book List

Recommended Books for Preschool Children

A New Home by Tania de Regil (Candlewick). Moving to a new city can be both exciting and scary. In this endearing illustrated tale, two young children ponder the differences between life in New York City and Mexico City. Readers discover that the two places, and the two children, have a lot in common. (*fiction*)

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae (Cartwheel Books). Gerald the giraffe wants to dance but his thin and crooked legs make it difficult. He finally learns to move to his own beat after getting some encouraging advice from a friend. (*fiction*)

Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel by Adam Rubin (Dial Books for Young Readers). In this hilarious follow-up to the award-winning *Dragons Love Tacos*, the characters face a crisis: The world is out of tacos! Follow the dragons as they travel back in time to find their favorite food. (*fiction*)

Don't Touch My Hair! by Sharee Miller (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). Everyone wants to touch Aria's curls but she has had enough! This picture book helps young readers learn about boundaries and consent. (*fiction*)

Water Land by Christy Hale (Roaring Brook Press). Young readers will learn about bodies of water and land masses in this informative book with textured pictures. (*nonfiction*)

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers). CJ has lots of questions for his grandmother as they ride the bus across town. Her answers help CJ see the beauty in the world around him. (*fiction*)

The Sun Is So Quiet by Nikki Giovanni (Square Fish). This collection of simple poems paired with colorful drawings is a delightful introduction to poetry for preschoolers. (*poetry*)

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). Winner of the 2019 Caldecott Medal, this picture book introduces young readers to the daily life of a lighthouse keeper. (*fiction*)

Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall (Greenwillow Books). What happens when a blue crayon is mislabeled red? Find out in this heart-warming tale about being true to your inner self. (*fiction*)

The Elephant by Jenni Desmond (Enchanted Lion Books). Did you know that elephants walk on the tips of their toes? Discover more about these magnificent creatures in this fact-filled book with award-winning illustrations. (*nonfiction*)

Imagine! by Raúl Colón (Simon & Schuster). Art comes to life in this delightful wordless picture book about a young boy's visit to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. (*fiction*)



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Lena’s Shoes Are Nervous: A First-Day-of-School Dilemma by Keith Calabrese (Simon & Schuster). Lena is excited about her first day of kindergarten. But how will she convince her favorite shoes to be brave? Find out in this charming book with colorful illustrations and humorous text. *(fiction)*

In the Past: From Trilobites to Dinosaurs to Mammoths in More than 500 Million Years by David Elliott (Candlewick). Young readers will learn about our planet’s former residents in this dynamic book that combines art, poetry and science. *(poetry)*

A Big Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). This award-winning picture book tells a sweet story about the phases of the moon. *(fiction)*

Night Job by Karen Hesse (Candlewick). A young boy accompanies his father to his night job as a school custodian in this delightfully simple picture book. Join him as he explores the quiet magic of a school after hours. *(fiction)*

The Rough Patch by Brian Lies (Greenwillow Books). In this touching story about love and hope, a fox named Evan mourns the loss of his pet dog. Evan learns that beauty can grow in the darkest of places as he experiences the healing power of friendship. *(fiction)*

The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin (Random House Books for Young Readers). This beautifully illustrated story with simple rhyming text encourages children to be kind, clever and bold, to take care of the small and to help things grow. *(fiction)*

The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak (Dial Books for Young Readers). This *New York Times* best seller is a perfect read-aloud book for preschoolers, filled with kid-friendly comedy, nonsense words and fun for everyone. *(fiction)*

Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang (Random House Books for Young Readers). It’s a sunny day, but Jim the chimpanzee is in a terrible mood. See what happens when his friends try to cheer him up. Young readers will enjoy the funny illustrations and discover the importance of *feeling* their feelings. *(fiction)*

Bloom: A Story of Fashion Designer Elsa Schiaparelli by Kyo Maclear (HarperCollins). When Elsa was a little girl, she didn’t feel pretty. Discover how she became a famous fashion designer who dared to be different. *(biography)*

The Wall in the Middle of the Book by Jon Agee (Dial Books for Young Readers). A small knight assures the reader that the large wall in the center of the book protects his side from the dangerous other side—but the illustrations tell a very different story! *(fiction)*

Music is ... by Brandon Stosuy (Little Simon). This boldly illustrated board book introduces young children to different types of musical instruments—and all of the wonderful things that music can be. *(fiction)*

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson (Nancy Paulsen Books). Join a brave little girl as she enters a new classroom. Although her classmates seem different from her, she finds a way to reach out and make friends. *(fiction)*

