

The 2020-2021

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Book List



Recommended Books for Preschool Children

The Cool Bean by Jory John (HarperCollins). When one bean tries to fit in with the “cool beans,” he learns that generosity and kindness are what really matter. This whimsical picture book shows kids that it’s cool to be kind. (*fiction*)

Another by Christian Robinson (Atheneum Books for Young Readers). Join a little girl and her cat on a journey into another world. Winner of multiple awards, this wordless picture book will spark young readers’ imaginations. (*fiction*)

Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot! by Cece Bell (Candlewick). Chick tries to teach his friend Brain manners, but it’s not easy. Created by an award-winning author and illustrator, this goofy, four-chapter graphic story is perfect for budding readers. (*fiction*)

The Sea Book by Charlotte Milner (DK Children). Encounter a variety of sea animals and discover the importance of keeping our oceans clean in this brightly-illustrated, informational picture book. There’s even a fun craft activity inside! (*nonfiction*)

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales (Neal Porter Books). Travel with Yuyi and her infant son as they leave their home in Mexico and create a new life in the United States. It’s a moving story filled with stunning illustrations that will delight readers of all ages. (*nonfiction*)

Firefighters’ Handbook by Meghan McCarthy (Simon & Schuster). Inspire your future firefighter with this entertaining, informative picture book that explores the training and day-to-day lives of firefighters. (*nonfiction*)



The Book Hog by Greg Pizzoli (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). A little pig who loves books has a big secret: He can’t read. This endearing picture book shows young children the joy of learning how to read. (*fiction*)

When Sadness is at Your Door by Eva Eland (Random House Books for Young Readers). Sadness can be a scary emotion for young children. This simple, yet comforting picture book can help kids of all ages understand and cope with feelings of sadness. (*fiction*).

Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor (Philomel Books). This award-winning tale from Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor features characters with different types of disabilities. It’s a story about inclusion and embracing what makes each of us unique. (*fiction*)

My Village: Rhymes from Around the World compiled by Danielle Wright (Frances Lincoln Children’s Books). This collection of poems from 22 countries is coupled with brightly-colored collage illustrations and will help young readers fall in love with poetry. (*poetry*)

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Flubby Is Not a Good Pet! by J. E. Morris (Penguin Workshop). Flubby is a lazy, grumpy cat. But he knows just how to comfort his owner when times are rough. Young children will enjoy the simple text and silly illustrations. (*fiction*)

Hey, Water! by Antoinette Portis (Neal Porter Books). This simple introduction to water in its many forms is a perfect way to inspire interest in science. The bold illustrations and descriptive text will engage readers. (*nonfiction*)

A Big Bed for Little Snow by Grace Lin (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). When a young boy gets a big new fluffy bed, will he be able to resist jumping on it? Find out in this beautifully-illustrated playful story. (*fiction*)

My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero (Kokila). An engaging story about the relationship between a father and daughter comes alive in this award-winning book. Follow as Daisy zooms around her hometown on the back of her father's motorcycle. (*fiction*)

Tiny T. Rex and the Very Dark Dark by Jonathan Stutzman (Chronicle Books). Two friends face their fears together during a backyard camp out. Perfect for youngsters who are afraid of the dark, this humorous adventure will show children how to be brave. (*fiction*)

The Balcony by Melissa Castrillón (Simon & Schuster). A little girl moves to an apartment in the city. Watch how the plants she brings transform her new home in this unique wordless picture book. (*fiction*)

Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend! by Cori Doerrfeld (Dial Books). Change can be difficult. This heart-warming story helps young readers cope with transitions and learn that when one experience ends, another begins. (*fiction*)

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard (Penguin Workshop). The award-winning verse and illustrations tell a compelling story about the powerful connection between culture and food. (*fiction*)



Tomorrow I'll Be Kind by Jessica Hische (Penguin Workshop). Promote empathy, compassion, and consideration with this sweet picture book. Readers will savor the charming illustrations and uplifting message. (*fiction*)

A Little Book About 123s by Leo Lionni (Random House Books for Young Readers). Join a group of adorable mice as they gather party supplies for a big celebration. Numbers take center stage in this colorfully-illustrated counting board book. (*fiction*)

Why? by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Neal Porter Books). Bear's curious friend Rabbit always asks *why*. Find out what happens when Bear runs out of answers. Parents and children will delight in the sweet story and charming watercolor illustrations. (*fiction*)

Hello Hello by Brendan Wenzel (Chronicle Books) The simple, rhyming text and cheerful pictures in this award-winning book introduce readers to the infinite variety of the animal kingdom. (*fiction*)