

The 2020-2021

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# Book List



## Recommended Books for Preschool Children

***Black Is a Rainbow Color*** by Angela Joy (Roaring Brook Press). This award-winning picture book explores what it means to be Black from a child's perspective. The bold illustrations and lyrical text celebrate the beauty and richness of Black culture and history. (*fiction*)

***¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat*** by Raúl the Third (Versify). When Little Lobo offers to pick up lunch for his friends, he visits the local food trucks. Filled with simple Latin-American Spanish vocabulary and colorful illustrations, this tale leaves readers hungry for more! (*fiction*)

***Cat Dog Dog: The Story of a Blended Family*** by Nelly Buchet (Schwartz & Wade). Find out what happens when two dogs and one cat have to learn how to live together in this hilarious story about the complexities of blended families. (*fiction*)

***Washy Wash! And Other Healthy Habits*** by Sesame Workshop (Random House). Elmo and friends teach readers about washing hands, social distancing and more. The rhyming text and bright illustrations will encourage kids to adopt healthy habits. (*fiction*)

***Outside In*** by Deborah Underwood (HMH Books for Young Readers). This award-winning picture book shows how people are connected to nature—even when they are inside. The rhythmic text and color-washed illustrations urges readers to go outside and explore nature's beauty. (*fiction*)

***Julián at the Wedding*** by Jessica Love (Candlewick). When Julián and his grandmother go to a wedding, Julián makes a new friend. This is a heartwarming story about friendship and acceptance, filled with compassion and striking illustrations. (*fiction*)



***Ruth Objects: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*** by Doreen Rappaport (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). Learn all about the impressive life of Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in this fact-filled picture book biography. (*nonfiction*)

***One Little Bag: An Amazing Journey*** by Henry Cole (Scholastic). Follow a paper bag as it is used, reused and reused again. Young audiences will learn about conservation as they enjoy exploring the detailed illustrations in this wordless picture book. (*fiction*)

***Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built*** by Angela Burke Kunkel (Schwartz & Wade). This inspiring picture book is based on the true story of a Colombian garbage man who collected discarded books and created a community library in his home. (*nonfiction*)

***My Monster and Me*** by Nadiya Hussain (Viking Books for Young Readers). Help young children cope with anxiety with this hopeful story about a boy and the "monster" who follows him everywhere. (*fiction*)

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***Where's Baby?*** by Anne Hunter (Tundra Books). Papa Fox needs help finding his baby. Introduce young readers to prepositions as they help Papa Fox search *up*, *under*, *over* and *all around*. This interactive story encourages engagement. *(fiction)*

***See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog*** by David LaRochelle (Candlewick). Max tries to convince the storyteller that he is a dog ... not a cat! Humorous text and cartoon-like drawings are sure to make this award-winning picture book a family favorite. *(fiction)*

***Milo Imagines the World*** by Matt de la Peña (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers). As Milo rides the subway, he studies the people around him and imagines what their lives must be like. Readers will enjoy the thought-provoking story and poetic text. *(fiction)*

***Big Feelings*** by Alexandra Penfold (Knopf Books for Young Readers). This vibrant picture book with rhyming text helps young children navigate the emotional challenges they face in their daily lives. *(fiction)*

***A Hatful of Dragons: And More than 13.8 Billion Other Funny Poems*** by Vikram Madan (Word-song). Preschoolers will love the quirky collection of poems in this laugh-out-loud picture book. It features all different types of poetry, unusual characters and amusing illustrations. *(poetry)*

***Home Base: A Mother-Daughter Story*** by Nikki Tate (Holiday House). Who says a girl can't be a baseball player and a mom can't be a bricklayer? Follow this mother-daughter duo as they challenge themselves and achieve success. *(fiction)*

***G My Name Is Girl: A Song of Celebration from Argentina to Zambia*** by Dawn Masi (Doubleday Books for Young Readers). Broaden horizons with this alphabet picture book featuring girls from 26 different countries. Thoughtful descriptions and illustrations provide a lovely introduction to the variety of cultures in the world. *(fiction)*

***There's a Superhero in Your Book*** by Tom Fletcher (Random House Books for Young Readers).

Superhero needs readers' help to stop the Scribbler from scribbling all over the book! This silly picture book teaches kids that kindness is the best super power of all. *(fiction)*

***No Pants!*** by Jacob Grant (Viking Books for Young Readers). What happens when Pablo refuses to put on his pants for a party? Find out in this hilarious glimpse into a father-son relationship. *(fiction)*

***Someone Builds the Dream*** by Lisa Wheeler (Dial Books). Explore the many types of work that that are involved in building bridges, homes,

amusement parks and more in this eye-opening picture book that celebrates skilled workers everywhere. *(fiction)*

***What's Inside A Flower?*** by Rachel Ignotofsky (Crown Books for Young Readers). Satisfy budding scientists' curiosity with this beautiful in-depth look at how flowers grow. *(nonfiction)*

***The Paper Kingdom*** by Helena Ku Rhee (Random House Books for Young Readers). When Daniel's babysitter cancels, he must join his parents at work. Watch as a boring night is transformed into a majestic fantasy. *(fiction)*

