

The 2022-2023

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Book List

Recommended Books for Preschool Children

Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer (Nancy Paulsen Books). Join two curious siblings as they go on a “wonder walk” to explore the beauty of nature. Encourage your child to imagine and make new connections with this picture book filled with collage illustrations and poetic text. (*fiction*)

Don't Hug Doug: (He Doesn't Like It) by Carrie Finison (Putnam). Introduce your child to the importance of consent and body autonomy in this cute story about a little boy who doesn't like to be hugged. (*fiction*)

Have You Ever Seen a Flower? by Shawn Harris (Chronicle Books). Readers will go on an imaginative journey using all of their senses inside flowers. The vibrant illustrations and lyrical text in this award-winning picture book will help turn young children into nature lovers. (*fiction*)

Fox at Night by Corey R. Tabor (Balzer + Bray). How can Fox overcome his fear of monsters? Find out in this engaging I Can Read adventure. Readers will enjoy the simple text and sweet illustrations. (*fiction*)

What I Am by Divya Srinivasan (Viking Books for Young Readers). Find out what makes this young narrator unique in this affirming story about the complexities of people. The expressive illustrations in this picture book will delight readers of all ages. (*fiction*)

Amira's Picture Day by Reem Faruqi (Holiday House). Amira is excited to stay home to celebrate Eid, but it's on the same day as school pictures. Follow along with your child as Amira experiences mixed emotions in this colorfully illustrated, award-winning book. (*fiction*)



Summertime Sleepers: Animals That Estivate by Melissa Stewart (Charlesbridge). Does your child know that some animals hibernate in the summer? Learn all about it in this realistically illustrated, fact-filled picture book. (*nonfiction*)

Watercress by Andrea Wang (Neal Porter Books). This Caldecott Medal Winner follows a young girl as she learns more about her family's Chinese heritage. It's a heart-felt autobiographical story of a child of immigrants, filled with captivating watercolor illustrations. (*nonfiction*)

The Longest Storm by Dan Yaccarino (minedi-tionUS). When a single father and his children are stuck inside during a storm, they must learn how to appreciate each other. This optimistic, award-winning story about dealing with hardship highlights the importance of family. (*fiction*)

Mel Fell by Corey Tabor (Balzer + Bray). This light-hearted story about a determined bird trying to fly will foster a can-do attitude in readers young and old. Follow Mel's journey in this fun-to-read book filled with surprises. (*fiction*)

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The Lost Package by Richard Ho (Roaring Brook). Track a lost package as it makes its way to its final destination in this sweet story filled with hope. Young readers will enjoy learning more about the postal service and how it works. *(fiction)*

Let Me Fix You a Plate: A Tale of Two Kitchens by Elizabeth Lilly (Neal Porter Books). Nothing brings family together quite like a homemade meal. The detailed illustrations and descriptive text in this picture book offer a unique perspective of what it's like to grow up in a multi-cultural home. *(memoir)*

Except Antarctica by Todd Sturgell (Sourcebooks Explore). What happens when a turtle and his friends embark on a journey to Antarctica—after the narrator tells them they can't go? Take your child along on this hilarious trip. *(fiction)*

Bodies Are Cool by Tyler Feder (Dial Books). Celebrate the many shapes and sizes that bodies come in with this picture book about body positivity. Rhyming text and bright illustrations make this perfect for reading aloud. *(fiction)*

The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld (Sourcebooks Explore). This is a modern fairy tale about a wooden robot who goes on an action-packed adventure in search of his missing sister. *(fiction)*

Odd Beasts: Meet Nature's Weirdest Animals by Laura Gehl (Abrams Appleseed). Readers will learn about some of the strangest animals in the world in this board book filled with bold illustrations. *(nonfiction)*

Ten Beautiful Things by Molly Griffin (Charlesbridge). Lily's grandmother challenges her to search for unexpected beauty as they make a long drive across Iowa. This heartfelt story coupled with gorgeous illustrations delivers a powerful message. *(fiction)*

A New Alphabet for Humanity Children's Book by Leesa McGregor (Impact Humanity Publishing Inc). Introduce your child to the importance of kindness, acceptance and optimism with this character-building alphabet picture book. *(fiction)*

Keeping the City Going by Brian Floca (Atheneum). Readers will enjoy this story about the essential workers who kept their cities going during the COVID-19 pandemic. This picture book captures an important moment in history. *(fiction)*

Bright Star by Yuyi Morales (Neal Porter Books). A newborn fawn faces several obstacles while traveling through the Sonoran Desert.

The inspiring story with stunning artwork promotes a message of love and healing. *(fiction)*

Eyes that Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho (HarperCollins). Celebrate personal pride and confidence with this beautiful story about a little girl who loves her eyes and her Asian heritage. *(fiction)*

Room for Everyone by Naaz Khan (Atheneum). Join Musa and Dada as they travel on a crowded bus to the shore, picking up extra passengers along the way. Your child will love the colorful illustrations and rhyming text. *(fiction)*

