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Books For Young Children

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Children love to be held on parents’ laps and they love to be read to. The parents’ question is, “Which books would be good for my youngster? How do I select them?” Here is a list that can help.

We selected seven sources that recommend books for children. The recommendations in all seven are made and/or supported by authorities in the field of children’s literature. Most of them reflect children’s responses to the books as well as adult reaction.

From the seven sources, we listed all the books that were recommended for children of preschool and kindergarten age. The list included 400 books. To reduce the number to a more manageable and usable size, we selected from that list all the children’s books that had been recommended by at least four out of the seven sources. The final list includes 52 books. Books with a single asterisk (*) were recommended in five of the seven sources. A double asterisk (**) indicates the book was recommended by six or seven of the seven sources.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

  Beim, Lorraine and Jerrold Beim, Two is a Team. Illustrated by Ernest Crichlow. Harcourt, 1945.
* Bemmelmans, Ludwig, Madeline. Viking, 1939.
* Dennis, Wesley, Flip. Viking, 1941.
* Duvoisin, Roger, A For Ark. Lothrop, 1952.
  Ets, Marie Hall, Play With Me. Viking, 1955.
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* Flack, Marjorie, **Angus and the Ducks.** Doubleday, 1930.
* Flack, Marjorie, **Ask Mr. Bear.** Macmillan, 1932.
* Flack, Marjorie, **The Story About Ping.** Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. Viking, 1933.
* Francoise, **Jeanne-Marie Counts Her Sheep.** Scribner, 1957.
** Gag, Wanda, **The ABC Bunny.** Coward, 1933.
** Gag, Wanda, **Millions of Cats.** Coward, 1928.
* Grammtyk, Hardic, **Little Toot.** Putnam, 1939.
* Guilfoile, Elizabeth, **Nobody Listens to Andrew.** Illustrated by Mary Stevens. Follett, 1957.
 Hader, Berta, and Elmer Hader, **The Big Snow.** Macmillan, 1948.
 Heyward, Du Bose, **The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes, as told to Jenifer.** Illustrated by Marjorie Flack, Houghton, 1939.
 Ipcear, Dahlov, **Brown Cow Farm.** Doubleday, 1959.
 Kahl, Virginia, **The Duchess Bakes a Cake.** Scribner, 1955.
** Keats, Ezra Jack, **The Snowy Day.** Viking, 1962.
** Keats, Ezra Jack, **Whistle for Willie.** Viking, 1964.
* Langstaff, John, **Over In The Meadow.** Illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky. Harcourt, 1957.
** Leaf, Munro, **The Story of Ferdinand.** Illustrated by Robert Lawson. Viking, 1936.
 Lionni, Leo, **Inch by Inch.** Astor-Honor, 1960.
 Lionni, Leo, **Swimmy.** Pantheon, 1963.
** McCloskey, Robert, **Make Way For Ducklings.** Viking, 1940.
 McGinley, Phyllis, **All Around the Town.** Illustrated by Helen Stone. Lippincott, 1948.
* Minari, Bruno, **Bruno Munari's ABC.** World, 1960.
** Potter, Beatrix, **The Tale of Peter Rabbit.** Warne, 1903.
** Rey, Hans A., **Curious George.** Houghton, 1941.
* Sendak, Maurice, **Where the Wild Things Are.** Harper, 1963.
* Seuss, Dr., **And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street.** Vanguard, 1937.
 Seuss, Dr., **Horton Hatches the Egg.** Random House, 1940.
 Shulevitz, Uri, **One Monday Morning.** Scribner, 1967.
* Slobodkina, Esphyr, **Caps For Sale.** Scott, 1947.


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