

# **Suggested reading books**

## **Grades Pre-K through Three**

Actual Size, by Steve Jenkins  
Africa Dream, by Eloise Greenfield  
All Night, all Day: A Child's First Book of African American Spirituals, by Ashley Bryan  
All the World, by Liz Garton Scanlon  
Almost to Freedom, by Micheaux Vaunda Nelson  
Amanda Pig, Schoolgirl (Oliver and Amanda), Jean Van Leeuwen  
Amazing Grace, by Mary Hoffman  
Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping, by Peggy Parish  
And Tango Makes Three, by Justin Richardson  
And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street by Dr. Seuss  
Angels Ride Bikes: And Other Fall Poems, by Francisco X. Alarcon  
Ants, by Melissa Stewart  
Ape Escapes!: And More True Stories of Animals Behaving Badly, by Aline Alexander Newman  
Arthur's Loose Tooth, by Lillian Hoban  
Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry, by Ashely Bryan  
Astronauts Today, by Bosanna Hansen  
Aunt Flossie's Hats, by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard  
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky, by Faith Ringgold  
Back to School for Rotten Ralph, by Jack Gantos  
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves - Deputy U.S. Marshal, by Micheaux Vaunda Nelson  
Bear's Hiccups, by Marion Dane Bauer  
Beautiful Blackbird, by Ashley Bryan  
Beatrice Doesn't Want to, by Laura Numeroff  
Beaver Steals Fire: A Salish Coyote Story, by Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes  
Beezy at Bat, by Megan McDonald  
Before John Was a Jazz Giant, by Carole Boston Weatherford  
Before There Was Mozart: The Story of Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-George, by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!, by Geoffrey Hayes  
The Best Book of Spaceships, by Ian Graham  
The BFG, by Roald Dahl  
Big Surprise in the Bug Tank, by Joan Holub  
Big Wolf and Little Wolf, by Nadine Brun-Cosme  
Bill Pickett: Rodeo-Ridin Cowboy, by Andrea Pinkney & Brian Pinkney  
Birds, by Kevin Henkes  
Book fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebramos El dia de los ninos/Eldia de los libros, by Pat Mora  
A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull, by Joseph Bruchac  
Bright Eyes, Brown Skin, by Cheryl Hudson & Bernette Ford  
The Brook Book: Exploring the Smallest Streams, by Jim Arnosky  
Buffy the Burrowing Owl, by Betty Gilbert  
Built to Last, by David Macaulay

Buster, by Denise Fleming  
Cat at Bat, by Susan Schade  
Celebrating Earth Day (Circle the Year With Holidays), by Janet McDonnell and Diana Magnuson  
Chato and the Party Animals, by Gary Soto  
Chicka Chicka ABC, by Bill Martin and John Archambault  
The Chicken Sisters, by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
Chicken Soup with Rice, A Book of Months, by Maurice Sendak  
Children of Clay: A Family of Pueblo Potters, by Rina Swentzell  
Christian, the Hugging Lion, by Justine Richardson and Peter Parnell  
Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henkes Greenwillow  
Clifford's Spring Clean-Up, by Norman Bridwell  
Commander Toad and the Planet of the Grapes, by Jane Yolen  
Count Down to Fall, by Fran Hawk  
D.W. the Picky Eater, by Marc Brown  
Daddy & I, by Eloise Greenfield  
Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp, by Syd Hoff  
A Dark and Noisy Night, by Lisa Thiesing  
A Day in the Life of Murphy, by Alice Provensen  
Deep in the Swamp, by Donna Bateman  
Detective Dinosaur Lost and Found, by James Skofield  
Diary of a Worm, by Doreen Cronin  
Dino-Dinners, by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom  
Discovery in the Cave, by Mark Dubowski  
Doña Flor, by Pat Mora  
The Dream Keeper and Other Poems, by Langston Hughes & Brian Pinkney  
A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder, by Walter Wick  
Drylongso, by Virginia Hamilton  
The Earth and I, by Frank Asch  
The Family Book, by Todd Parr  
Family Plays Music, by Judy Cox  
The Feet in the Gym, by Teri Daniels  
First Day, Hooray!, by Nancy Poydar  
Flat Stanley, by Jeff Brown  
Floating in Space, by Franklyn Branley and True Kelley  
Fly Danny, Fly, by Chip Gilbertson, Gina Restivo, and Michelle Kendrick  
Fox on Wheels, by Edward Marshall  
Freedom River, by Doreen Rappaport  
Freedom Summer, by Deb Wiles  
Frog and Toad All Year, by Arnold Lobel  
Frog and Toad Together, by Arnold Lobel  
Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English, by Alma Flor Ada  
Get Ready for Gabi: A Crazy Mixed Up Spanglish Day, by Marisa Montes  
Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message, by Chief Jake Swamp  
Gracias\*Thanks, by Pat Mora  
Grandmas Trick-or-Treat, by Emily Arnold McCully  
Grandmother's Dreamcatcher, by Becky Ray McCain  
The Great Kapok Tree, by Lynne Cherry  
Green Eggs and Ham, by Dr. Seuss  
Gus and Grandpa and the Two-Wheeled Bike, by Claudia Mills

Happy Birthday, Good Knight, by Jennifer Plecas  
Henry and Mudge and the Sneaky Crackers, by Cynthia Rylant  
Hi! Fly Guy, by Tedd Arnold  
Hispanic Scientists: by Ellen Ochoa, Carlos A. Ramirez, Eloy Rodriguez, Lydia Villa-Komaroff, Maria Elena Zavala  
Horton Hears a Who, by Dr. Seuss  
Hot City, by Barbara Joosse  
How Chipmunk Got His Stripes, by James Bruchac and Joseph Bruchac  
How Much is a Million, by David Schwartz  
How People Learned to Fly, by Fran Hodgkins and True Kelley  
How to Eat Fried Worms, by Thomas Rockwell  
I Always, Always Get My Way, by Thad Krasnesky  
I Am Rosa Parks, by Rosa Parks & James Haskins  
I Am the Turkey, by Joy Allen  
I Can Read With My Eyes Shut, by Dr. Seuss  
I Dream of Trains, by Angela Johnson  
If I Built a Car, by Chris Van Dusen  
In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers, by Alan Schroeder  
In My Family, by Carmen Lomas Garza  
In the Land of Words: New and Selected Poems, by Jan Spivey Gilchrist  
Inspector Hopper, by Doug Cushman  
Iris and Walter, by Elissa Haden Guest  
Itse Selu: Cherokee Harvest Festival, by Daniel Pennington  
I've Seen the Promised Land: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Walter Dean Myers  
Jazzy Miz Mozetta, by Brenda C. Roberts  
Jitterbug Jam, by Barbara Jean Hicks  
Juan Bobo Goes to Work, by Marisa Montes  
Just a Dream, by Chris Van Allsburg  
Knots on a Counting Rope, by John Archambault  
Kunu's Basket: A Story from Indian Island, by Lee DeCora Francis  
Leaf Jumpers, by Carole Gerber  
Let It Shine, by Ashely Bryan  
Let's Celebrate Earth Day, by Peter Roop  
Letters From a Desperate Dog, by Eileen Christelow  
The Library, by Sarah Stewart  
Lionel at School, by Stephen Krensky  
Little Eight John, by Jan Wahl  
Little Rat Rides, by Monika Bang-Campbell  
Little Skink's Tail, by Janet Halfmann  
Loose Tooth, by Lola M. Schaefer  
The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss  
Lost and Found, by Oliver Jeffers  
Mama & Papa Have a Store, by Amelia Lau Carling  
Market Day, by Eve Bunting  
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale, by Carmen Agra Deedy  
Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Doreen Rappaport  
Mary McLeod Bethune, by Eloise Greenfield  
Minnie and Moo Go to Paris, by Denys Cazet  
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman, by Alan Schroede

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, by Joseph Slate  
Miss Nelson Is Missing!, by Harry Allard  
Mommy, Mama, and Me, by Lesléa Newman  
The Moon Over Star, by Dianna Hutts Aston  
The Moon Ring, by Randy DuBurke  
Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11, by Brian Floca  
Morning on the Lake, by Jan Bourdeau Waboose  
Morris and Boris at the Circus, by Bernard Wiseman  
Mr. Garbage, by William H. Hooks  
My Name is Yoon, by Helen Recorvits  
My People, by Langston Hughes  
My Uncle's Wedding, by Eric Ross and Tracy K Greene  
Nacho and Lolita, by Pam Munoz Ryan  
The Napping House, by Audrey and Dan Wood  
Neeny Coming, Neeny Going, by Karen English  
No, David!, by David Shannon  
Ocean Hide and Seek, by Jennifer Evans Kramer  
Our Big Home, by Linda Glaser  
Our Generous Garden, Anne Nagro  
Pablo's Tree, by Pat Mora  
The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children, by Gregorie Christie  
Papa's Mark, by Gwendolyn Lavert  
The Patchwork Quilt, by Valerie Flournoy  
Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends, by Kate McMullan  
The Piano Man, by Debbie Chocolate  
Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai, by Claire A. Nivola  
Polar Slumber, by Dennis Rockhill  
Poppleton in Winter, by Cynthia Rylant  
Powwow's Coming, by Linda Bowden  
The Quilt, by Ann Jonas  
Race Car Alphabet, by Brian Floca  
Rain, Rain, Rain Forest, by Brenda Z. Guiberson  
A Rainbow at Night: The World in Words and Pictures, by Bruce Hucko  
Rainbow Tulip, by Pat Mora  
Ray Charles, by Sharon Bell Mathis  
Recycle! : A Handbook for Kids, by Gail Gibbons  
Red Sings from Treetops, a year in color, by Joyce Sidman  
Rhino and Mouse, by Todd Starr Palmer  
River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River, by Hudson Talbott  
Rosa, by Nikki Giovanni  
Running the Road to ABC, by Denize Lauture  
She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader, by J.G. Annino  
Sheep in a Jeep, by Nancy Shaw  
Snapshots from the Wedding, by Gary Soto  
Something Beautiful, by Sharon Wyeth  
Songs of Shiprock Fair, by Luci Tapahonso  
Sunpainter: Eclipse of the Navajo Sun, by Baje Whitehorne  
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt, by Deborah Hopkinson  
Thanks to the Animals, by Allen Sockabasin

The Secret Olivia Told Me, by N. Joy  
The Spirit of Tío Fernando, by Janice Levy  
The Story of Ruby Bridges, by Robert Coles  
The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos, by Lucia Gonzalez and Lulu Delacre  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle  
There's a Zoo in Room 22, by Judy Sierra  
Thunder Rose, by Nolen, Jerdine  
Twas the Day Before Zoo Day, by Catherine Ipcizade  
Yertle the Turtle, by Dr. Seuss  
Visiting Langston, by Bryan Collier  
We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball, by Kadir Nelson  
Wemberley Worried, by Kevin Menkes  
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?, by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page  
When I Am Old With You, by Angela Johnson  
When Pigs Fly (Fitch & Chip), by Lisa Wheeler  
When Tiny Was Tiny, by Cari Meister  
Where the Wild Things are, by Maurice Sendak  
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman, by Kathleen Krull & David Diaz  
Wonder Horse, Emily by Arnold McCully  
Xochtil and the Flowers, by Jorge Argueta

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