

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bemelmans, Ludwig. *MADLINE*. 1939. Caldecott Honor Book.

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an appendicitis attack.

Bourgeois, Paulette. *FRANKLIN IN THE DARK*. 1986.

A turtle, afraid of small dark places and therefore of crawling into its shell, asks a number of animals for advice, only to find out that each has a fear of its own.

Brown, Marcia. *STONE SOUP: AN OLD TALE*. 1947. Caldecott Honor Book.

When three hungry soldiers come to a town where all the food has been hidden, they set out to make soup of water and stones, and the whole town enjoys a feast.

Burton, Virginia Lee. *MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAM SHOVEL*. 1939.

When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to the gasoline, electric, and diesel motor shovels, they go to a little country town where they find that one new job leads to another.

Carle, Eric. *THE GROUCHY LADYBUG*. 1977.

A grouchy ladybug looking for a fight challenges everyone she meets regardless of size or strength.

Carle, Eric. *THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR*. 1970.

A hungry little caterpillar eats his way through a large and varied quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Flack, Marjorie. *THE STORY ABOUT PING*. Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. 1933.

A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening.

Gág, Wanda. *MILLIONS OF CATS*. 1928. Newbery Honor Book.

A hill has "millions and billions and trillions of cats" who eat each other up until there is only one cat left.

Gramatky, Hardie. *LITTLE TOOT*. 1939.

Little Toot visits the beautiful palaces of Venice, travels its secluded waterways, and learns a skill that helps him save the city from thieving pirates.

Hoff, Syd. *SAMMY, THE SEAL*. 1959.

After discovering what it is like outside the zoo, Sammy decides there is no place like home.

Keats, Ezra Jack. *THE SNOWY DAY*. 1962. Caldecott Medal.

The adventures of a little boy occur in the city on a very snowy day.

Krauss, Ruth. *THE CARROT SEED*. Illustrated by Crockett Johnson. 1945.

Simple text and pictures show how the faith of a small boy who planted a carrot seed was rewarded.

Martin, Bill. *BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?*. Illustrated by Eric Carle. 1967.

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.

McCloskey, Robert. *BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL*. 1948. Caldecott Honor Book.

Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with each other's mother.

Minarik, Else Holmelund. *LITTLE BEAR*. Illustrated by Maurice Sendak. 1957.

Four stories center about Mother Bear and her Little Bear, who not only takes a trip to the moon but has a birthday party as well.

Pfister, Marcus. *THE RAINBOW FISH*. 1992.

The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

Potter, Beatrix. *THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT*. 1903.

Peter almost gets caught when he disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden.

Sendak, Maurice. *WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE*. 1963. Caldecott Medal.

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things, where he becomes their king.

Seuss, Dr., *HORTON HATCHES THE EGG*. 1960.

Bored with hatching an egg, a lazy bird persuades Horton the elephant to do the job.

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Spier, Peter. *NOAH'S ARK*. 1977. Caldecott Medal.

This familiar story is retold in pictures to illustrate how a pair of every creature climbed on board Noah's ark and thereby survived the Flood.

White, E. B. *CHARLOTTE'S WEB*. Illustrated by Garth Williams. 1952. Newbery Honor Book.

Wilbur the pig is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend Charlotte decides to help him.

Zion, Gene. *HARRY, THE DIRTY DOG*. Illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham. 1956.

When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.

Additional Books for Preschool and Kindergarten

Anno, Mitsumasa, ANNO'S COUNTING BOOK
Barrett, Judith, CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS
Bates, Lucy, LITTLE RABBIT'S LOOSE TOOTH
Bemelmans, Ludwig, MADELINE SERIES
Berenstain, Stan and Jan, BERENSTAIN BEARS SERIES
Bourgeois, Paulette, FRANKLIN SERIES
Bridwell, Norman, CLIFFORD SERIES
Brown, Margaret Wise, GOODNIGHT MOON and RUNAWAY BUNNY
Brunoff, Laurent de, BABAR SERIES
Burton, Virginia Lee, THE LITTLE HOUSE
Carle, Eric, THE VERY BUSY SPIDER, and THE VERY QUIET CRICKET
Dougherty, James, ANDY AND THE LION
Eastman, Philip O., ARE YOU MY MOTHER?
Ehlert, Lois, RED LEAF, YELLOW LEAF
Flack, Marjorie, ASK MR. BEAR, and ANGUS AND THE CAT
Freeman, Don, CORDUROY, A POCKET FOR CORDUROY, and DANDELION
Galdone, Paul, LITTLE RED HEN
Heller, Ruth, CHICKENS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES
Hoban, Lillian, FRANCES SERIES
Hoff, Syd, DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR
Hunt, Angela Elwell, THE TALE OF THREE TREES
Hutchens, Pat, THE DOORBELL RANG and ROSIE'S WALK
Johnson, Crocket, HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON
Joslin, Sesyle, WHAT DO YOU SAY DEAR?
Keats, Ezra Jack, OVER IN THE MEADOW, PETER'S CHAIR, and A WHISTLE FOR WILLIE
Krauss, Ruth, LEO THE LATE BLOOMER
Leaf, Munro, STORY OF FERDINAND
Lionni, Leo, INCH BY INCH, FREDERICK, and SWIMMY
Lobel, Arnold, FROG AND TOAD SERIES
Marshall, James, GEORGE AND MARTHA
Martin, Bill, CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM
McCloskey, Robert, MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS and ONE MORNING IN MAINE
Milne, A. A., WINNIE THE POOH SERIES
Numeroff, Laura, IF YOU GIVE A MOOSE A MUFFIN and IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE
Payne, Emmy, KATY NO-POCKET
Piper, Watty, THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD
Rey, Hans Augusto, CURIOUS GEORGE SERIES
Seuss, Dr., CAT IN THE HAT and GREEN EGGS AND HAM
Steig, William, SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE
Waber, Bernard, IRA SLEEPS OVER and LYLE, LYLE CROCODILE
Williams, Vera, THE VELVETEEN RABBIT
Zolotow, Charlotte, THE SLEEPY BOOK