

The ABCs of Children's Authors for Parents: Among Our Very Best



Picture Books (Easy):

* Very highly recommended.

This list is designed to help you make fast picks by noting a popular series or describing an author's characteristic content or style.

- *Aardema, Verna. Folklore--African
- Ahlberg, Allen and Janet. Variety
- Alexander, Martha G. Fantasy
- *Aliko. Often educational
- *Anderson, Hans Christian. Illustrated fairy tales
- Anno, Mitsumasa. Often educational
- Appelt, Kathi. Variety
- Aylesworth, Jim. Humor

- Balian, Lorna. Some holidays
- Bang, Molly. Some folklore
- Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline*
- Bourgeois, Paulette. *Franklin*
- Bottner, Barbara. Humor
- Brett, Jan. Animals & Christmas
- Brown, Marc. *Arthur*
- *Brown, Margaret Wise. *Goodnight, Moon*
- *De Brunhoff, Jean or Laurent. *Babar the Elephant*
- Bunting, Eve. Some Holidays
- Burningham, John. Variety

- Calhoun, Mary. Cats & Folklore
- *Carle, Eric. *The Hungry Caterpillar, etc.*
- Carlson, Nancy. Real life problems
- Carrick, Donald and Carol. *Patrick's Dinosaurs*
- Cazet, Denys. Some holidays
- Child, Lauren. Family life
- Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys*
- Coombs, Patricia. *Dorrie*
- Crews, Donald. Real world
- Cronin, Doreen. Funny

- *Dartez, Cecilia. New Orleans
- Day, Alexandra. Carl books with few or no words
- *De Paola, Tomie. Modern classic
- DR. SEUSS—see Geisel, Theodore

- Egielski, Richard. Humor
- Emberley, Ed. Easy drawing methods

- Feiffer, Jules. Humor
- Fleischman, Sid. McBrooms tales
- *Fleming, Denise. Nature
- *Fontenot, Mary Alice. New Orleans
- *Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*

- Gackenbush, Dicky. Fantasy
- Galdone, Paul. Fairy Tales

**Geisel, Theodore Seuss = Dr. Seuss
Goble, Paul. Indian folklore
Grifalconi, Ann. Africa. African-
American families
*Grimm, Brothers. Illustrated fairy tales

Heller, Ruth. School subjects
*Henkes, Kevin. Real life problems
*Hoban, Lillian. *Frances & old Arthur*
Hoban, Tana. Photographs or shapes
Hoberman, Mary Ann. Poetry
Hogrogian, Nonny.
Holabird, Katharine. Angelina
Howe, James. Pinky & Rex
Hurd, Thatcher. Humor

Inkpen, Mick. *Kipper*
Isadora, Rachel. Some on ballet

*Joyce, William. Louisiana native

Keller, Charles. Riddles/nonsense
*Keats, Ezra Jack. *A Snowy Day*
Kimmel. Folklore and Judaica
Kipling, Rudyard. Jungles
Kirk, David. *Miss Spider*

Leedy, Loreen. Educational
Lewis, Earl B. African American
*Lionni, Leo. Nature
*Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad* first
chapter books
London, Jonathan. *Froggy*

McCully, Emily. Mice
McDermot, Gerald. Folktales
*McKissack, Patrice and Frederick.
African American
McPhail, David. Humor
Marshall, James. *George and Martha*
*Martin, Bill, Jr. *Brown Bear, Brown
Bear*
*Mayer, Mercer. *Little Monster*
Meddaugh, Susan. *Martha*
Mollet, Tolowa. Africa
Munsch, Robert. *Love You Forever*

Noble, Trinka. *Jimmy's Boa*
Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Mouse a
Cookie*

Ormerod, Jan. Babies

Park, Linda Sue. Korean-American
*Polacco, Patricia. Family life
Pilkey, Dav. Not tasteful, but funny
Pinkwater, Daniel. Crazy plots

Raschka, Christopher
*Rey, H. A. *Curious George*
Rice, James. Cajun folktales, etc.
Ringgold, Faith. African American &
collage
Ryder, Joanne. Nature
*Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge*

San Souci, Robert. Folklore
Seibold, J. Otto. Olive the Other
Reindeer
*Sendak, Maurice. All-time favorite
SEUSS, DR—see Geisel, Theodore
Sharmat, Marjorie. *Nate the Great*
Silverstein, Shel. Poetry. African-
American
Sis, Peter. Variety
Smith, Lane. Satire
*Steig, William. Guy thought up *Shrek*
Stevenson, James. Fantasy

Tafari. Mostly animals

*Van Allsburg, Chris. Fantasy
Viorst, Judith. Real life
*Waber, Bernard. *Lyle the Crocodile*
Wahl, Jan. Some holidays, folklore,
animals
*Wells, Rosemary. *Max & Ruby*
Whatley, Bruce. Humor
*Wiesner, David. Fantasy
Wild, Margaret. Real life
Wildsmith, Brian. Animals. Christianity
Williams, Barbara. Family life
Wolff, Ashley. Animals

Yaccarino, Dan
Yolen, Jane. Fairy tales. Fantasy
Young, Ed. Fables
Yorinks, Arthur. Fantasy

*Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dog*
Zolotow, Charlotte. Real life

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Grifalconi, Mollel

African-Americans

Grifalconi, Lewis, McKissack,
Ringgold, Silverstein

Animals

Brett, Calhoun, Day, McCully, Tafuri,
Wahl, Wildsmith, Wolff

Babies

Ormerod

Ballet

Isadora

Christianity

Wildsmith

Educational topics

Aliki, Anno, Emberly, Dr. Seuss,
Grifalconi, Heller, Leedy, Martin

Fairy Tales & Fables (Illustrated)

Aesop, Anderson, Galdone, Grimm,
Kipling, Yolen

Family Life

Child, Grifalconi, Hoban, Marshall,
Munsch, Mayer, Polacco, Wells,
Williams

Fantasy

Alexander, De Paola, Gackenbush, Dr.
Seuss, Howe, Kirk, Rey, Sendak, Steig,
Stevenson, Van Allsburg, Wiesner,
Yolen, Yorinks

Folklore

Aardema, Bang, Goble, McDermot,
Mollel, San Souci, Wahl, Young

Holidays

Balian, Brett, Bunting, Cazet, Wahl

Humor

Aylesworth, Bottner, Cronin, Egielski,
Feiffer, Howe, Hurd, Keller, McPhail,
Nobel, Pilkey, Pinkwater, Smith,
Whatley

Louisiana/New Orleans

Dartez, Fontenot, Joyce, Rice

Korean-American

Park

Nature

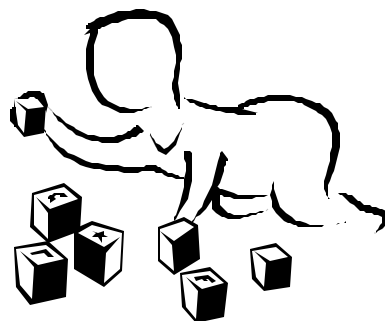
Fleming, Lionni, Ryder

Poetry

Hoberman, Silverstein

Real World

Carlson, Crews, Henkes, Hoban, Viorst,
Wild, Zolotow



Beginning Readers and Chapter Books (Kindergarten to 2nd grade)

By encouraging kids to read more of their favorite authors, they can anticipate the joy of reading and experience a sense of accomplishment as they “discover” quality entertainment. Some are classics, and others are just hugely popular.

Dr. Seuss (under G for Geisel, Theodore Seuss). *The Cat in the Hat* and more
Brown, Marc. PBS’s Arthur
Lobel, A. *Frog and Toad* and more
Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*
Park, Barbara. Junie B. Jones series
Adler, David A. Cam Jansen mysteries
Rylant, Cynthia. *Poppleton* series

3rd Grade Readers

By this time, your children should be familiar with the library and with books and able to seek out the high quality fiction that is often NOT a series. The Newbery Medal and Honor books are chosen for the quality of writing, and are often written at a fourth grade level or higher.

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We hold ample copies of the following popular series: Amber Brown (Paula Danziger), American Girls (various authors), Animal Ark, Animorphs, Babysitters Club, Goosebumps, Hardy Boys, Magic Tree House, and Nancy Drew.

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Times to Share Books & Stories During a Busy Day

You know about bedtime stories, and you try to fit in some reading when you can, but did you know about:

Mealtimes: You can tell stories and sing songs while you are feeding a baby or toddler. Share something from the newspaper with your older kids.

In the Car or On the Bus Keep a few books in the car or in your bag to make trips go faster for your children.

At Child Care Drop Off Calm a crying child at good-bye time with a favorite story or lullaby.

At the Doctor’s Office. Read something calming to them while they wait. Encourage the older kids to bring along a book to read silently.

At the Grocery Store Keep a small board book or cloth book for the trips around the aisles. Read signs and labels for the older kids.

At Nap Time. Help even small babies to calm down and relax enough for sleep with a soothing and familiar storybook.

At Day’s End. You can lie on the floor or the bed and read or show pictures. Use recorded books sometimes.

At Bath Time. Singing and telling jokes can keep the peace. Use plastic waterproof books in the bath itself.

At A Time for Yourself. Find time for some personal reading, either a novel or a book about something you enjoy.

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