

Pre-School Booklist for the Well-Read Child



Core Classics

Don't leave the pre-school years without reading these old & new classics

Babylit® Series (storybooks) by Jennifer Adams
Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Robert Bender
Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Mr. Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Jamberry by Bruce Degen
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Mary Engelbreit's Nursery & Fairy Tales Collection by Mary Engelbreit
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Over in the Meadow by John Langstaff
The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Frog and Toad Books by Arnold Lobel
Little Bear Books by Else Holmelund Minarik
Winnie-the-Pooh: The Pop-up Collection by A.A. Milne
The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Curious George Books by H.A. Rey
Mr. Putter & Tabby Books by Cynthia Rylant
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
My First Little House Books Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
The Napping House by Audrey Wood



Great Reads

These old & new titles are more than worthwhile choices

Once Upon a Banana by Jennifer Armstrong
To Everything by Bob Barner
Dem Bones by Bob Barner
Telephone by Mac Barnett
Never Take a Shark to the Dentist by Judi Barrett
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
It Could Have Been Worse by A.H. Benjamin
Paddington by Michael Bond
Hedgie's Surprise by Jan Brett
The Foolish Tortoise by Richard Buckley
It Chanced to Rain by Kathleen Bullock
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
Don't Slam the Door! by Dori Chaconas
Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin
Mice Squeak, We Speak by Tomie de Paola
The Mercy Watson Collection by Kate DiCamillo
The Giant Jumperee by Julia Donaldson
Drummer Hoff by Barbara Emberley
Hello Baby! by Mem Fox
Millions of Cats by Wanda Ga'g
Little Fox in the Forest by Stephanie Graegin
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
Waiting by Kevin Henkes
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Stuck by Oliver Jeffers
Mama, Do You Love Me? By Barbara M. Joose
Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan
"Paddle," Said the Swan by Gloria Kamen

A Hole is to Dig by Ruth Krauss
The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield
Once I Ate a Pie by Patricia MacLachlan
Madeline says Merci by John Bemelmans Marciano
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.
Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson
To Market To Market by Anne Miranda
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Mouse Mess by Linnea Riley
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
First the Egg by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Come Along, Daisy! by Jane Simmons
A Perfect Day by Lane Smith
Noah's Ark by Peter Spier
Grumpy Cat by Britta Teckentrup
You and Me and the Wishing Tree by Nancy Tillman
Press Here by Herve Tullet
A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
Elephant & Piggie Books by Mo Willems
Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood





Great Reads by Occasion

Picture books for particular times during the pre-school years

Infant & Toddler Favorites

Babylit® Series (board books) by Jennifer Adams
Doggies by Sandra Boynton
But Not the Hippopotamus by Sandra Boynton
The Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton
Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton
Hey! Wake Up! by Sandra Boynton
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
My First Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne
Winnie-the-Pooh Picket-Fence Box Set by A.A. Milne
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
Potty by Leslie Patricelli
Higher! Higher! by Leslie Patricelli
No No Yes Yes by Leslie Patricelli
Quiet Loud by Leslie Patricelli
Busy Builder, Busy Week by Jean Reidy
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
The House in the Night by Susan Marie Swanson

ABCs

Classic Lit A to Z by Jennifer Adams
A is for Art by Lanaya Gore
A to Z Look and See by Audean Johnson
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.

Bibles & Devotionals

100 Bible Stories 100 Bible Songs by Stephen Elkins
The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones
Jesus Calling for Little Ones by Sarah Young
Jesus Calling Storybook by Sarah Young
Jesus Calling: My First Bible Storybook by Sarah Young

Art

Baby Einstein's Windows to Color by Julie Aigner-Clark

A Child's Book of Art: Great Pictures, First Words by Lucy Micklethwait

Bedtime

The Moon Shines Down by Margaret Wise Brown

Nighttime Ninja by Barbara DaCosta

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Time to Sleep by Denise Fleming

Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy by Denise Fleming

Sleep, Baby, Sleep by Michael Hague

Pooh's Bedtime Book by A.A. Milne

Night is Coming by W.Nikola-Lisa

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep: Action Prayers, Poems, and Songs for Bedtime by Debbie Trafton O'Neal

Go to Sleep, Little Farm by Mary Lyn Ray

On the Night You Were Born by Nancy Tillman

It's Time to Sleep, My Love by Nancy Tillman

Around the Year

A Bear's Year by Kathy Duval

And the Good Brown Earth by Kathy Henderson

Snowy, Flowy, Blowy by Nancy Tafuri

A Time to Keep by Tasha Tudor

Around the Year by Tasha Tudor

Sing a Season Song by Jane Yolen

Winter

No Two Alike by Keith Baker

The Mitten by Jan Brett

The Hat by Jan Brett

Animals in the Snow by Margaret Wise Brown

Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton

Frozen Noses by Jan Carr

Snowballs by Lois Ehlert

The First Day of Winter by Denise Fleming

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Little Penguins by Cynthia Rylant

Winter Days in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day by Gail Gibbons

The Story of Valentine's Day by Nancy J. Skarneas

St. Patrick's Day

Tim O'Toole and the Wee Folk: An Irish Tale Told and Illustrated by Gerald McDermott

Patrick Patron Saint of Ireland by Tomie dePaola

Spring

A Seed is Sleepy by Dianna Aston

An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Aston

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming

In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming

And Then it's Spring by Julie Fogliano

Have You Heard the Nesting Bird? by Rita Gray

When Spring Comes by Kevin Henkes

Little White Rabbit by Kevin Henkes

Birds by Kevin Henkes

Watersong by Tim McCanna

When the Earth Wakes by Ani Rucki

Lost in the Woods by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stoick

Easter

The Easter Story by Patricia A. Pingry

Summer

Flashlight by Lizi Boyd

And then Comes Summer by Tom Brenner

Night in the Country by Cynthia Rylant

Summertime in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Autumn

The Little Yellow Leaf by Carin Berger

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert

Red Are the Apples by Marc Harshman

The Leaves on the Trees by Thom Wiley



Thanksgiving

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie by Alison Jackson

A Turkey for Thanksgiving by Eve Bunting

Christmas

Gingerbread Christmas by Jan Brett

Dream Snow by Eric Carle

Snowmen at Christmas by Alison Jacks

Song of the Stars by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Santa Claus and the Three Bears by Maria Modugno

The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore, illustrated by Scott Gustafson

Poetry



Great selections for the pre-school years

Poems and Prayers for the Very Young by Martha Alexander

Eric Carle's Animals Animals by Laura Whipple and Eric Carle

Mary Engelbreit's Mother Goose by Mary Engelbreit

Step Gently Out by Helen Frost

When We Were Very Young by A.A. Milne

Now We are Six by A.A. Milne

Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson

Land of Nod by Robert Louis Stevenson