

# Pre-School Booklist for the Well-Read Child



## Core Classics

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

*Babylit® Storybook Series*

*Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

*Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans

*The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Robert Bender

*Big Red Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown

*Mr. Gumpy's Outing* by John Burningham

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

*Jamberry* by Bruce Degen

*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

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*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

*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

*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  
*Telephone* by Mac Barnett  
*Never Take a Shark to the Dentist* by Judi Barrett  
*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  
*The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle  
*Pancake! Pancake!* by Eric Carle  
*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle  
*Don't Slam the Door!* by Dori Chaconas  
*Full, Full, Full of Love* by Trish Cooke  
*Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin  
*Billions of Bricks* by Kurt Cyrus  
*Mice Squeak, We Speak* by Tomie de Paola  
*Charlie Needs a Cloak* by Tomie de Paola  
*The Mercy Watson Collection* by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Giant Jumperee* by Julia Donaldson  
*Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman  
*Drummer Hoff* by Barbara Emberley  
*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* 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  
*A Hole is to Dig* by Ruth Krauss  
*Swimmy* by Leo Lionni  
*Frederick* by Leo Lionni  
*Once I Ate a Pie* by Patricia MacLachlan  
*Madeline says Merci* by John Bemelmans Marciano

*Tap the Magic Tree* by Christie Matheson  
*To Market To Market* by Anne Miranda  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff  
*Bee-bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park  
*Mouse Mess* by Linnea Riley  
*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak  
*First the Egg* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
*A Perfect Day* by Lane Smith  
*Noah's Ark* by Peter Spier  
*Tops & Bottoms* by Janet Stevens  
*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  
*I Really Like Slop* 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® Board book Series* by Jennifer Adams  
*Ten, Nine, Eight* by Molly Bang  
*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  
*From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle  
*Hello, Baby!* by Mem Fox  
*"Paddle," Said the Swan* by Gloria Kamen  
*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  
*All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon  
*The Rooster Struts* by Richard Scarry  
*Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw  
*Come Along, Daisy!* by Jane Simmons  
*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.  
*A is for Annabelle* by Tasha Tudor



## **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

*Hush! A Thai Lullaby* by Minfong Ho

*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

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

## **Bibles & Devotionals**

*The Miracles of Jesus* by Tomie dePaola

*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

## **Birthday**

*On the Night You Were Born* by Nancy Tillman

*A Little House Birthday* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

## **Discovery**

*Dem Bones* by Bob Barner

*The Bernstein Bears Nature Book* by Stan and Jan Bernstein

*Feathers for Lunch* by Lois Ehlert

*Good Enough to Eat* by Lizzy Rockwell

*Water Can Be...* by Laura Purdie Salas

*Me and My Place in Space* by Joan Sweeney

*Me on the Map* by Joan Sweeney



*Me and My Amazing Body* by Joan Sweeney  
*Me Counting Time* by Joan Sweeney  
*Me and My Family Tree* by Joan Sweeney

### **Around the Year**

*A Bear's Year* by Kathy Duval  
*In the Small, Small Pond* by Denise Fleming  
*And the Good Brown Earth* by Kathy Henderson  
*The Year at Maple Hill Farm* by Alice and Martin Provensen  
*Snowy, Flowy, Blowy* by Nancy Tafuri  
*A Time to Keep* by Tasha Tudor  
*Around the Year* by Tasha Tudor  
*A Child's Calendar* by John Updike  
*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  
*Frozen Noses* by Jan Carr  
*Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert  
*The First Day of Winter* by Denise Fleming  
*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner  
*Little Penguins* by Cynthia Rylant  
*Best in Snow* by April Pulley Sayre  
*Winter on the Farm* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*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. Skarmeas

### **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**

*Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candace Fleming



In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming  
And Then it's Spring by Julie Fogliano  
When Spring Comes by Kevin Henkes  
My Garden by Kevin Henkes  
Little White Rabbit by Kevin Henkes Birds by Kevin Henkes  
Bunny's First Spring by Sally Lloyd-Jones  
The Rose in My Garden by Arnold Lobel  
Watersong by Tim McCanna  
Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner  
Raindrops Roll by April Pulley Sayre

### **Easter**

A Tale for Easter by Tasha Tudor  
The Easter Story by Patricia A. Pingry

### **Summer**

*Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd  
*And then Comes Summer* by Tom Brenner  
*Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwell  
*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  
*Nuts to You* by Lois Ehlert  
*Red Are the Apples* by Marc Harshman  
*Count Down to Fall* by Fran Hawk  
*In the Middle of Fall* by Kevin Henkes  
*The Biggest Pumpkin Ever* by Steven Kroll  
*In November* by Cynthia Rylant  
*Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep* by April Pulley Sayre  
*Full of Fall* by April Pulley Sayre  
*Because of an Acorn* by Lola M. Schaefer  
*The Busy Little Squirrel* by Nancy Tafuri  
*Pumpkin, Pumpkin* by Jeanne Titherington  
*County Fair* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*The Leaves on the Trees* by Thom Wiley

### **Halloween**

*Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson

Pumpkin Jack by Will Hubbell  
Pumpkin Moonshine by Tasha Tudor

### **Thanksgiving**

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie by Alison Jackson  
This First Thanksgiving Day by Laura Krauss Melmed  
The Story of Thanksgiving by Nancy J. Skarmeas  
Give Thanks to the Lord by Karma Wilson

### **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  
Christmas in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder



## 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  
*A Child's Book of Prayers* by Michael Hague (illustrator)  
*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