

# Recommended Reading for Grades K–2



Use this list of carefully selected books to help choose books for your child to read.

**ABC of Jobs**, Roger Priddy

**ABC I Like Me!**, Nancy Carlson

**Abuela**, Arthur Dorros & Elisa Kleven \*

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**, Judith Viorst & Ray Cruz \*

**All Kinds of Families!**, Mary Ann Hoberman & Marc Boutavant +

**The Amelia Bedelia series**, Peggy Parish

**Anansi the Spider, A Tale From the Ashanti**, Gerald McDermott

**A to Z Mystery series**, Ron Roy & John Steven Gurney

**The Babymouse series**, Jennifer L. Holm & Matt Holm

**The Bad Kitty series**, Nick Bruel

**Bailey**, Harry Bliss \*

**Baseball Saved Us**, Ken Mochizuki & Dom Lee

**Beatrice's Goat**, Page McBrier & Lori Lohstoeter +

**Binky the Space Cat**, Ashley Spires

**Bird, Butterfly, Eel**, James Prosek +

**The Black Lagoon series**, Mike Thaler & Jared Lee \*

**The Boris series** (Branches early chapter books), Andrew Joyner

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition**, William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer +

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**, Bill Martin, Jr. & Eric Carle \*

**The Buzz on Bees**, Shelley Rotner & Anne Woodhull

**The Cam Jansen series**, David A. Adler

**The Can You See What I See? books**, Walter Wick \*

**The Captain Underpants series and Super Diaper Baby series**, Dav Pilkey \*

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**, Bill Martin, Jr., John Archambault & Lois Ehlert \*

**Cinderella Smith**, Stephanie Barden & Diane Goode +

**The Clementine series**, Sara Pennypacker & Marla Frazee

**The Clifford books**, Norman Bridwell \*

**Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs**, Judi Barrett & Ron Barrett

**Cockroach Cooties**, Laurence Yep

**Coral Reefs**, Jason Chin +

**Corduroy**, Don Freeman \*

**The Creepella von Cacklefur series**, Geronimo Stilton

**Creepy Carrots!**, Peter Brown & Aaron Reynolds

**The Critter Club series**, Callie Barkley & Marsha Riti

**David McPhail's Animals A to Z**, David McPhail

**A Den Is a Bed for a Bear**, Becky Baines +

**The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series**, Jeff Kinney

**The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins**, Barbara Kerley & Brian Selznick +

**The Scholastic Discover More series**, various authors +

**Doctor De Soto**, William Steig

**Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friend on the Battlefield & Beyond**, Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

**Dolphin Baby!**, Nicola Davies & Brita Granström +

**Donovan's Word Jar**, Monalisa DeGross & Cheryl Hanna

**The Dot**, Peter H. Reynolds

**Eats, Shoots & Leaves: Why Commas Really Do Make a Difference!**, Lynne Truss & Bonnie Timmons

**Edgar Allen's Official Crime Investigation Notebook**, Mary Amato

**The Elephant and Piggie series**, Mo Willems

**The EllRay Jake series**, Sally Warner

**The Encyclopedia Brown series**, Donald J. Sobol & Leonard Shortall

**The Escape of Oney Judge: Martha Washington's Slave Finds Freedom**, Emily Arnold McCully

**Escaping Titanic: A Young Girl's True Story of Survival**, Marybeth Lorbiecki & Kony S. Heinzen +

**Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth**, Nicola Davies & Neal Layton +

**Family Pictures/Cuadros de familia**, Carmen Lomas Garza +

**The Fancy Nancy books**, Jane O'Connor & Robin Preiss Glasser

**First the Egg**, Laura Vaccaro Seeger +

**The Flat Stanley series**, Jeff Brown & Macky Pamintuan

**The Fly Guy series**, Tedd Arnold +

**Freckle Juice**, Judy Blume

**Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins**, Carole Boston Weatherford & Jerome Lagarrigue +

**Frog & Toad Are Friends**, Arnold Lobel

**The Froggy books**, Jonathan London & Frank Remkiewicz \*

**The Fudge series**, Judy Blume

**Galaxy Zack series**, Ray O'Ryan & Colin Jack

# Recommended Reading for Grades K–2 (continued)

**The Geronimo Stilton series,**  
Geronimo Stilton

***Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women,*** Catherine Thimmesh & Melissa Sweet +

**The Goosebumps series,** R.L. Stine \*

***The Greedy Triangle,*** Marilyn Burns

***Grin and Bear It,*** Leo Landry

***Growing Vegetable Soup,***  
Lois Ehlert \* +

***Harold and the Purple Crayon,***  
Crockett Johnson \*

**The Henry and Mudge series,**  
Cynthia Rylant & Suçie Stevenson

**The Henry Huggins series,**  
Beverly Cleary

***Here Come the Girl Scouts!,***  
Shana Corey & Hadley Hooper +

***The Houdini Box,*** Brian Selznick

***A House Is a House for Me,***  
Mary Ann Hoberman & Betty Fraser +

***The House That George Built,***  
Suzanne Slade & Rebecca Bond +

**How Do Dinosaurs books,**  
Jane Yolen & Mark Teague \*

**The I Spy series,**  
Jean Marzollo & Walter Wick

***Icky Bug Shapes,*** Jerry Pallotta & Shennen Bersani

***If Rocks Could Sing: A Discovered Alphabet,*** Leslie McQuirk +

***If You Decide to Go to the Moon,***  
Faith McNulty & Steven Kellogg +

***If You Take a Mouse to School,***  
Laura Numeroff & Felicia Bond \*

***Insect Detective,*** Steve Voake & Charlotte Voake +

***Into the Sea,*** Brenda Z. Guiberson +

***It's a Dog's Life: How Man's Best Friend Sees, Hears, and Smells the World,*** Susan E. Goodman & David Slonim +

***It's Moving Day!,*** Pamela Hickam & Geraldo Valerio +

***Iva Honeysuckle Discovers the World,*** Candice Ransom & Heather Ross

**The Ivy and Bean series,**  
Annie Barrows & Sophie Blackall

**The Judy Moody series,** Megan McDonald & Peter H. Reynolds

**The Junie B. Jones series,**  
Barbara Park & Denise Brunkus \*

***Just Behave, Pablo Picasso!,***  
Jonah Winter & Kevin Hawkes \*

**The Katie Woo series,**  
Fran Manushkin

**The Library Mouse books,**  
Daniel Kirk

***Little Dog Lost,*** Monica Carnesi +

***Little Pink Pup,*** Johanna Kerby +

***Living Sunlight: How Plants Bring the Earth to Life,*** Molly Bang & Penny Chisholm +

***Lola at the Library,*** Anna McQuinn & Rosalind Beardshaw \*

***Looking Down,*** Steve Jenkins +

**Lucky Stars series,** various authors

***The Magic Fish,*** Freya Littledale

***The Magic School Bus Rides the Wind,*** Anne Capeci & Carolyn Bracken +

***The Magic School Bus & the Climate Change,*** Joanna Cole & Bruce Degen

**The Magic Tree House series,** Mary Pope Osborne & Sal Murdocca

**The Mal and Chad series,**  
Stephen McCranie

***Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,*** Doreen Rappaport & Bryan Collier +

***Math for All Seasons: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles,***  
Greg Tang +

***Meadowlands: A Wetlands Survival Story,*** Thomas F. Yezeriski +

***Me and My Amazing Body,***  
Joan Sweeney & Annette Cable +

***Me...Jane,*** Patrick McDonnell +

***Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse,*** Marilyn Singer & Josee Masse

***Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11,***  
Brian Floca +

***Mouse Loves School,*** Lauren Thompson & Buket Erdogan \*

**The Mr. Putter and Tabby series,**  
Cynthia Rylant & Arthur Howard +

**The My Weird School series,**  
Dan Gutman

**The Nate the Great series,**  
Marjorie W. Sharmat & Marc Simont

**National Geographic: *Everything Rocks and Minerals,***  
Steve Tomecek +

**National Geographic Kids *First Big Book of Why,*** Amy Shields +

**National Geographic Kids *Readers: Saving Animal Babies,***  
Amy Shields +

***The New Kid on the Block,***  
Jack Prelutsky

***Nic Bishop Marsupials,*** Nic Bishop +

***Nic Bishop Snakes,*** Nic Bishop +

***No, David!,*** David Shannon \*

***Ocean Sunlight,*** Molly Bang & Penny Chisholm +

***One Hen,*** Katie Smith Milway & Eugenie Fernandes

***Orani: My Father's Village,***  
Claire A. Nivola +

***Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship,*** Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, Paula Kahumbu & Peter Greste \* +

***The Pain and the Great One,***  
Judy Blume

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***Pancakes for Breakfast,***

Tomie dePaola

***Panda Kindergarten,*** Joanne Ryder & Katherine Feng <sup>+</sup>

***Paul Bunyan,*** Steven Kellogg

***Polar Bear Math,*** Ann Whitehead Nagda & Cindy Bickel

***The Poppleton series,*** Cynthia Rylant & Mark Teague

***Rachel Carson,*** Ron Fontes & Justine Fontes <sup>+</sup>

***The Rainbow Magic series,*** Daisy Meadows <sup>\*</sup>

***The Ramona Quimby series,*** Beverly Cleary <sup>\*</sup>

***The Ricky Vargas series,*** Alan Katz & Stacy Curtis

***Ron's Big Mission,*** Rose Blue, Corrine Naden & Don Tate <sup>+</sup>

***Rubia and the Three Osos,*** Susan Middleton Elya & Melissa Sweet <sup>\*</sup>

***Sarah, Plain and Tall,*** Patricia MacLachlan <sup>\*</sup>

***The Scrambled States of America,*** Laurie Keller <sup>+</sup>

***The Scream Team series,*** Bill Doyle & Jared Lee

***The Secret Life of a Snowflake: An Up-Close Look at the Art and Science of Snowflakes,*** Kenneth Libbrecht <sup>+</sup>

***Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing,*** James Rumford <sup>+</sup>

***The Shocking Truth About Energy,*** Loreen Leedy <sup>+</sup>

***Sideways Stories From Wayside School,*** Louis Sachar

***Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down,*** Andrea Pinkney & Brian Pinkney <sup>+</sup>

***The Skippyjon Jones series,*** Judy Schachner

***The Sleepover Squad series,*** P. J. Denton & Julia Denos

***Smart About the Presidents (Smart About History),*** Jon Buller, Susan Schade & Jill Weber <sup>+</sup>

***The Spray-Paint Mystery,*** Angela Shelf Medearis & Robert Papp

***Star of the Sea: A Day in the Life of a Starfish,*** Janet Halfmann & Joan Paley <sup>+</sup>

***Starring Jules series,*** Beth Ain

***Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs,*** Michaela Muntean, K. C. Bailey & Steve Kazmierski <sup>+</sup>

***The Stink series,*** Megan McDonald

***Stone Fox,*** John Reynolds Gardiner & Marcia Sewall

***The Story of Ferdinand,*** Munro Leaf & Robert Lawson <sup>\*</sup>

***The Story of the Statue of Liberty,*** Betsy Maestro & Giulio Maestro <sup>+</sup>

***A Strange Place to Call Home: The World's Most Dangerous Habitats & the Animals That Call Them Home,*** Marilyn Singer & Ed Young <sup>+</sup>

***Strega Nona,*** Tomie dePaola <sup>\*</sup>

***The Tale of Tricky Fox,*** Jim Aylesworth & Barbara McClintock

***Ten Black Dots,*** Donald Crews <sup>\*</sup>

***There Was an Old Lady . . . books,*** Lucille Colandro & Jared D. Lee <sup>\*</sup>

***Those Rebels, John & Tom,*** Barbara Kerley & Edwin Fotheringham <sup>+</sup>

***Thunder Cake,*** Patricia Polacco

***A Topps League series,*** Kurits Scaletta & Eric Wright

***The Trouble With Chickens: A J. J. Tully Mystery,*** Doreen Cronin & Kevin Cornell

***The True Story of the Three***

***Little Pigs!,*** Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

***Unite or Die: How Thirteen States Became a Nation,*** Jacqueline Jules & Jef Czekaj <sup>+</sup>

***A Warmer World: From Polar Bears to Butterflies, How Climate Change Affects Wildlife,*** Caroline Arnold & Jamie Hogan <sup>+</sup>

***Water Buffalo Days: Growing Up in Vietnam,*** Huynh Quang Nhuong, Jean Tseng & Mou-Sien Tseng <sup>+</sup>

***Wemberly Worried,*** Kevin Henkes <sup>\*</sup>

***What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?,*** Steve Jenkins & Robin Page <sup>+</sup>

***What Is Weather?,*** Ellen Lawrence <sup>+</sup>

***What to Do About Alice?: How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!,*** Barbara Kerley & Edwin Fotheringham <sup>+</sup>

***Where the Wild Things Are,*** Maurice Sendak

***White Rabbit's Color Book,*** Alan Baker <sup>\*</sup>

***Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints,*** Jim Arnosky <sup>+</sup>

***Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again,*** Craig Hatkoff, Juliana Hatkoff & Isabella Hatkoff <sup>+</sup>

***Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse,*** Emily Arnold McCully <sup>+</sup>

***You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World,*** Barbara Kerley <sup>\*+</sup>

***You Are Stardust,*** Elin Kelsey & Soyeon Kim <sup>+</sup>

***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!,*** Jonah Winter & Andre Carrilho <sup>+</sup>