



Good Books for Children

There are lots of books for children to choose from, but sometimes it's hard to know which ones are good for young children. Here's a list of suggestions to help you get started. Ask your childcare provider, librarian, or bookseller for more suggestions.

Letters and Numbers

Alphabet Adventure by Audrey Wood
Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming
B Is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC by Jeanne Sobel
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault
Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
One Gorilla: A Counting Book by Anthony Browne
Richard Scarry's Best Counting Book Ever by Richard Scarry
Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews

Family and Friends

The Colors of Us by Karen Katz
Families by Ann Morris
Jonathan and His Mommy by Irene Smalls
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
Papa and Me by Arthur Dorros
A Splendid Friend, Indeed by Suzanne Bloom
Toot and Puddle by Holly Hobbie
You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World by Barbera Kerley

Colors

A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
Colors Everywhere by Tana Hoban
Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue? by Tana Hoban
Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni
Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo by Maya Christina Gonzalez
Red Is a Dragon: A Book of Colors by Roseanne Thong
Spicy Hot Colors by Sherry Shahan

Music and Sound

City Lullaby by Marilyn Singer
Hush! by Minfong Ho
Jazz Baby by Lisa Wheeler
The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

Moses Goes to a Concert by Isaac Millman
Night in the Country by Cynthia Rylant
Violet's Music by Angela Johnson
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin by Lloyd Moss

Ramps

Mama Zooms by Jane Cowen-Fletcher
Red Sled by Lita Judge
Roller Coaster by Marla Frazee
Samantha on a Roll by Linda Ashman
Ten on the Sled by Kim Norman

Houses and Building

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins
Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming
Beau Beaver Goes to Town by Frances Bloxam
Building a House by Byron Barton
Castles, Caves, and Honeycombs by Linda Ashman
A House Is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hobermann
Houses and Homes by Ann Morris
Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty
The Three Little Javelinas by Susan Lowell

Plants/Food

Bread Comes to Life: A Garden of Wheat and a Loaf to Eat by George Levenson
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
A Fruit Is a Suitcase for Seeds by Jean Richards
Jack's Garden by Henry Cole
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
A Tree Is Nice by Janice May Udry
The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin
What's This? by Caroline Mockford

Water

All the Water in the World by George Ella Lyon
Come On, Rain! by Karen Hesse
A Cool Drink of Water by Barbara Kerley
Rain by Manya Stojic
Red Rubber Boot Day by Mary Lyn Ray and Lauren Stringer
River Story by Meredith Hooper
Wash Up! by Gwennyth Swain
Who Sank the Boat? by Pamela Allen

Wordless Books

Bluebird by Bob Staake

Chalk by Bill Thomson

The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie dePaola

Rainstorm by Barbara Lehman

School by Emily Arnold McCully

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

The Secret Box by Barbara Lehman