

Book List

Recommended Books for Elementary School Children

Come Fly With Me by Satomi Ichikawa (Philomel). Cosmos, the toy airplane, and Woggy, the stuffed dog, decide to go Somewhere. Together, they travel through the city to the White Dome. Up and up they fly—until they meet the Cloud Monster. Will the two friends make it all the way to Somewhere safely?

I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Book About Understanding and Appreciating Each Other

by Cindy Gainer (Free Spirit). People are alike in many ways. But everyone is different, and that's what makes each person special! This colorful book reminds us to love and appreciate each other, even if someone isn't quite the same as you.

ZooZical by Judy Sierra (Alfred A. Knopf). In the middle of the cold, dark winter, the animals at the zoo are sad and lonely. Just when it seems that the zoo will never be fun again, a hippo and a kangaroo come up with a plan.

Red Knit Cap Girl by Naoko Stoop (Megan Tingley Books). All that Red Knit Cap Girl wants to do is reach the moon. She asks wise Mr. Owl for some advice, then Red Knit Cap Girl and her friends wait patiently for the moon to come out.

Fiesta Fiasco by Ann Whitford Paul (Holiday House). It's Culebra's birthday, so all of his friends go shopping to find him the perfect present. Luckily, Conejo says that he knows exactly what Culebra wants. But does he really? Join these friends on their comical trip to the market and to Culebra's birthday party.

The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster (Michael Di Caula Books). The kitchen window at Nanna and Poppy's house is a very special place. One little girl explains all of the exciting things that can happen outside this magical window.

Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell by Tanya Lee Stone (Christy Ottaviano). In 1847, Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to enroll in an American medical school. This biography describes Blackwell's determination and success as she became the country's first female doctor.

A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea by Michael Ian Black (Simon and Schuster). No matter what you may think, a pig parade is a terrible idea. Pigs won't cooperate to march in lines or even wear majorette uniforms. This funny book details exactly why a pig parade will go horribly wrong.

The Yawn Heard 'Round the World by Scott Thomas (Tricycle Press). Sara isn't ready to go to bed—but then she lets out a great big yawn, which causes her mom to feel a little sleepy, too. Sara's dad yawns while he's on the phone, and suddenly, Sara's great big yawn travels all around the world.

Don't Read This Book! by Jill Lewis (Tiger Tales). The King is about to star in a brand new story—until he discovers that the pages have disappeared! The King and his story writer journey through Storyland to put together the pieces of the new story, meeting characters from classic fairytales along the way. Complicating the matter even more is that someone keeps reading (you!), even after the King tells them stop!



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Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly by Alan Madison (Schwartz and Wade Books). Velma is the youngest of three Gratch sisters, and she wants to make herself stand out from her older sisters. Since science is her favorite subject, Velma learns all she can about butterflies—something neither of her sisters ever did.

Me and My Dragon by David Biedrzycki (Charlesbridge). Forget a dog or a fish—this boy wants a pet dragon. He knows exactly how he'd take care of him, from taking him to get his checkup to giving him baths. And he's already thought about some of the more practical benefits of having a pet dragon, like clearing neighbors' driveways of snow and lighting campfires in the summer.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (HarperCollins). Ivan is a silverback gorilla who lives at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade with an elderly circus elephant and a stray dog. When Ruby, a baby elephant, comes to join them, Ivan promises to make Ruby's life better than the rest of theirs. This emotional tale of captivity and friendship is best read by parents and children together.

Janey and the Famous Author by Mary Downing Hahn (Clarion). Janey loves reading, especially books about Bob the Dog Detective by Lily May Appleton. When her class goes to a book festival where Lily May Appleton is speaking, Janey can hardly contain her excitement. But will her plans of meeting her absolute favorite author go as planned?

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems (Balzer+Bray). Three dinosaurs are just waiting for an unsuspecting girl to wander into their house, eat chocolate pudding and fall asleep—so they can eat her! See how Goldilocks puts a wrench in their plan in this hilarious twist on the classic fairy tale.

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff and Dr. Paula Kahumbu (Scholastic). When a baby hippopotamus is separated from his pod, animal researchers rescue him and bring him to live in Haller Park. The hippo, named Owen, soon develops a close friendship with the most unlikely of animals: Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise.

Crazy Hair Day by Barney Saltzberg (Candlewick). Stanley Birdbaum can't wait for Crazy Hair Day at school today. His mom helps him make his hair perfect with rubber bands, styling gel and colored hair spray. But when Stanley gets to school, he quickly learns that today isn't Crazy Hair Day—it's Class Picture Day.

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein (Candlewick). It's bedtime for Chicken, who asks Papa to read her a story. Each time Papa tries to read one of Chicken's favorites, Chicken interrupts—and she's just not tired enough to fall asleep!

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback (Viking). In this updated version of the classic rhyming story, see what's inside the old lady's stomach as she swallows a fly, a spider and so much more.

Georgie Lee by Sharon Phillips Denslow (Greenwillow). J.D. is spending the summer at his grandmother's farm. Over the course of the summer, he learns to love Georgie Lee, Grandmother's sweet old cow, while having many other adventures.

Our Three Bears by Ron Hirschi (Boyd Mills). There are three types of bears that roam around North America: the black bear, the grizzly bear and the polar bear. Learn fascinating facts about each type of bear, including about their habitat and habits, as well as how they are each adapting to changes in the environment.

