

Book List

Recommended Books for Preschool Children

Dancing with the Dinosaurs by Jane Clarke (Imagine Publishing). From a tap-dancing raptor to moonwalking Miss Maia and the All-saur All-star ballet, these dinosaurs sure know how to move!

Brave Squish Rabbit by Katherine Battersby (Viking). Squish is a little rabbit who is afraid of a lot of things—especially the dark. But playing with his friend Twitch makes things not so scary. One day, Twitch doesn't show up at their secret tree house. See what happens when Squish is a very brave little rabbit and conquers his fears.

Toot Toot Zoom! by Phillis Root (Candlewick). Pierre is in search of a friend, so he gets in his little red car to drive over the mountain to find one. On his way, he meets Goat, Sheep and Bear, who join in his search—and turn out to do much more than just go along for the ride.

I Want to Be an Astronaut by Byron Barton (HarperCollins). Flying on the shuttle, wearing a space suit and sleeping in zero gravity ... who wouldn't want to be an astronaut? Discover even more components of space travel as you and your child explore what goes into being an astronaut.

One Mitten by Kristine O'Connell George (Clarion). There's so much to do with just one mitten, like have a mitten shadow show or make a mitten flag. And with two mittens, you can do even more, from making binocular eyes to waving mitten goodbyes!

Press Here by Hervé Tullet (Chronicle). What will happen when your child presses the yellow dot on the cover of this book? Follow the directions and see what happens as the dots multiply, change color and move all across the pages.

Musical Beds by Mara Bergman (Margaret K. McElderry). It's time for bed, but Josie, Ruby and Little Rick can't sleep! They each search for somewhere more comfortable ... until it's time for Dad to go to bed, and he can't get comfortable either.

This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen (Candlewick). A tiny fish steals a tiny hat from a much bigger fish, who probably won't even notice. See if the tiny fish gets away with his caper in the 2013 Caldecott Award winner.

Best Bear by Emma Dodd (Good Books). It's time for bed, and one little boy snuggles up with his best bear friend. Even though the teddy bear is a little worn, he's still a wonderful companion for jumping on the bed—and keeping monsters away.

One Foot, Two Feet by Peter Maloney and Felicia Zekauskas (G.P. Putnam's Sons). One foot—and two feet. One mouse—and three mice. Practice counting with this clever, colorful book that reviews some irregular plurals.

Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Roaring Brook). Your child knows that lemons aren't red—they're yellow! With fun cutouts and bright illustrations, this book reviews the color of regular, everyday objects.



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Ollie by Paola Opal (Simply Read). Ollie is a little elephant trying to help his Mommy. After she sends him to play down in the river, Ollie thinks of a way to help. This board book shows that even the simplest of things can be a big help!

Up! Tall! And High! by Ethan Long (G.P. Putnam's Sons). Which bird is tallest? Who can fly highest? See how a few birds hold a friendly competition—and work together to help each other out (like figuring out a way for their penguin friend to fly!). This charming, bright book is also a great review of opposites.

My Little Polar Bear by Claudia Rueda (Scholastic). When a polar bear cub asks his mom if she's sure he's a polar bear, she replies that he most certainly is: He is white as snow, he can smell seals from far away and he can walk on snow and melting ice. The cub gets some extra reassurance from his mother that she'll teach him all of the things he still needs to know.

No, David! by David Shannon (Blue Sky). David is an energetic little boy who keeps getting in trouble. See what kind of mischief David gets into, from playing with his food to tracking dirt into the house. And your young reader will love chiming in with David's mom, saying, "No, David!"

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert (Harcourt). Learn about the life cycle of a sugar maple tree, from the seeds sprouting through its journey to the nursery and to the narrator's backyard. Included in this bright book are labels of animals and plants, as well as even more facts about sugar maple trees.

Hurry! Hurry! by Eve Bunting (Harcourt). It's a big day on the farm! Hurry over to see what's happening! Filled with repetition and colorful illustrations, your young reader will love identifying familiar farm animals in this book.

My Truck Is Stuck! by Kevin Lewis and Daniel Kirk (Hyperion). A great big dump truck is driving down the road—and it goes right into a hole! See who comes along to help the truck. What rotten luck. Will he ever get un-stuck?

The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle (Philomel). Meet a talented artist who loves painting animals in unusual colors, from a pink rabbit to a black polar bear in this beautiful book from the classic author.

And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano (Roaring Brook). Waiting for spring can take quite a while. Join a boy and his dog as they plant a garden. Watch the yard transform from brown at the end of winter to a beautiful green in spring.

Melvin and the Boy by Lauren Castillo (Henry Holt and Company). One little boy really wants a pet, even though his parents keep saying *no*. They finally let him take a turtle home from the park, and the boy names his new friend Melvin. But soon, the boy realizes that Melvin may not be the perfect pet that he was hoping for.

Three Feet Small by Michael J. Rosen (Gulliver). A little bear is tired of being small in a world of big things. He can't touch the floor when he sits at his desk, he can't see what's in the sink, and he definitely can't reach the ice cream in the freezer. But when he starts needing new shoes and others tell him he's getting bigger, he starts to wonder: Could he finally be growing?

Hot Hot Hot! by Neal Layton (Candlewick). Meet Oscar and Arabella, woolly mammoths who lived a long time ago in the Ice Age. They love the winter, and they don't like summer at all. When summer comes around, the woolly mammoths and the other animals start thinking of ways that they can stay cool.

