

Book Recommendations

All books are recommended by librarians and literature consultants. However, it is up to you to approve both content and reading level material. Please check the reviews to make sure the content is appropriate for your child. Reviews can be found on amazon.com, goodreads.com, or embracingthechild.com.

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> Books from 2016 or 2017

★ Newbery Award Winner

🏆 Caldecott Award Winner

Book Title	Author	Publication Year	Age	**
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	1994	1-3 yrs	
Gossie and Gertie	Olivier Dunrea	2007	1-5 yrs	
The Mitten	Jan Brett	1996	1-5 yrs	
Sakes Alive! A Cattle Drive	Karma Wilson	2005	1-6 yrs	Prop
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site	Sherrí Duskey Rinker	2011	1-6 yrs	
Bark, George	Jules Feiffer	1999	2-5 yrs	
> There's a Bear on My Chair	Ross Collins	2016	2-5 yrs	
Bear Snores On	Karma Wilson	2005	2-7 yrs	Prop
Bear Wants More	Karma Wilson	2008	2-7 yrs	Prop
Bear Stays Up for Christmas	Karma Wilson	2008	2-7 yrs	Prop
Bear's New Friend	Karma Wilson	2009	2-7 yrs	Prop
> Oops Pounce Quick Run!: An Alphabet Caper	Mike Twohy	2016	2-8 yrs	
> Still a Gorilla!	Kim Norman	2016	3-5 yrs	
Jack	Tomie dePaola	2014	3-5 yrs	
Ten Orange Pumpkins	Stephen Savage	2013	3-5 yrs	
> Guess Who, Haiku	Deanna Caswell	2016	3-5 yrs	Prop
Three Bears in a Boat	David Soman	2014	3-5 yrs	
The First Day of Winter	Denise Fleming	2012	3-5 yrs	Prop
🏆 They All Saw a Cat	Brendan Wenzel	2016	3-6 yrs	
Turtle's Penguin Day	Valeri Gorbachev	2008	3-6 yrs	Prop
> Is That Wise, Pig?	Jan Thomas	2016	3-6 yrs	

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Stick and Stone	Beth Ferry	2015	3-6 yrs	Prop
The Pigeon Needs a Bath	Mo Willems	2014	3-6 yrs	
Ah Ha!	Jeff Mack	2013	3-6 yrs	
> Horrible Bear!	Ame Dyckman	2016	3-6 yrs	
Lucky Ducklings	Eva Moore	2013	3-6 yrs	
Chicken Little	Rebecca Emberley	2009	3-7 yrs	Prop
> Penguin Problems	Jory John	2016	3-7 yrs	Prop
> Quit Calling Me a Monster	Jory John	2016	3-7 yrs	Prop
Moo!	David LaRochele	2013	3-7 yrs	
Sophie's Squash	Pat Zietlow Miller	2013	3-7 yrs	Prop
Tiger in My Soup	Kashmira Sheth	2013	3-7 yrs	
The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywalt	2013	3-7 yrs	Prop
How to Train a Train	Jason Carter Eaton	2013	3-7 yrs	
The Great Lollipop Caper	Dan Krall	2013	3-7 yrs	
Book! Book! Book!	Deborah Bruss	2001	3-7 yrs	Prop
Creepy Carrots!	Aaron Reynolds	2012	3-7 yrs	Prop
Epossumondas	Coleen Salley	2002	3-7 yrs	Prop
Why Epossumondas Has No Hair on His Tail	Coleen Salley	2004	3-7 yrs	Prop
Epossumondas Saves the Day	Coleen Salley	2006	3-7 yrs	Prop
Epossumondas Plays Possum	Coleen Salley	2009	3-7 yrs	Prop
I Don't Want to Be a Frog	Dev Petty	2015	3-7 yrs	Prop
A Visitor for Bear	Bonny Becker	2012	3-7 yrs	Prop
A Birthday for Bear	Bonny Becker	2013	3-7 yrs	Prop
A Bedtime for Bear	Bonny Becker	2010	3-7 yrs	Prop
I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly	Nadine Bernard Westcott Rose Bonne	1984	3-7 yrs	Prop
I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie	Alison Jackson	2002	3-7 yrs	Prop
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Trout	Teri Sloat	2002	3-7 yrs	Prop

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There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat!	Lucille Colandro	2005	3-7 yrs	Prop
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell!	Lucille Colandro	2008	3-7 yrs	Prop
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves!	Lucille Colandro	2010	3-7 yrs	Prop
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Chick!	Lucille Colandro	2010	3-7 yrs	Prop
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover!	Lucille Colandro	2012	3-7 yrs	Prop
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Books!	Lucille Colandro	2012	3-7 yrs	Prop
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow!	Lucille Colandro	2013	3-7 yrs	Prop
Oh, No!	Candace Fleming	2012	3-7 yrs	Prop
> Five Little Ducks	Denise Fleming	2016	3-8 yrs	Prop
The Cow Loves Cookies	Karma Wilson	2010	3-8 yrs	Prop
A Frog in the Bog	Karma Wilson	2003	3-8 yrs	
I'm Bored	Michael Ian Black	2014	3-8 yrs	Prop
⚠ Leave Me Alone!	Vera Brosgol	2016	4-7 yrs	
> A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A Story About Knitting and Love	Michelle Edwards	2016	4-7 yrs	
> Lion Lessons	Jon Agee	2016	4-7 yrs	
We Forgot Brock	Carter Goodrich	2015	4-7 yrs	
Wolfie the Bunny	Ame Dyckman	2015	4-7 yrs	
I Feel a Foot!	Maranke Rinck	2008	4-7 yrs	Prop
Leaf Man	Lois Ehlert	2005	4-7 yrs	Prop
Armadilly Chili	Helen Ketteman	2004	4-7 yrs	Prop
Blizzard	John Rocco	2014	4-7 yrs	
> Little Red Writing	Joan Holub	2016	4-7 yrs	
⚠ Du Iz Tak?	Carson Ellis	2016	4-8 yrs	
I Yam a Donkey!	Cece Bell	2015	4-8 yrs	Prop
Are You A Horse?	Andy Rash	2009	4-8 yrs	Prop
Naked!	Michael Ian Black	2014	4-8 yrs	
A Pet for Fly Guy	Tedd Arnold	2014	4-8 yrs	

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That is Not a Good Idea!	Mo Willems	2013	4-8 yrs	
My Grandfather's Coat	Jim Aylesworth	2014	4-8 yrs	Prop
> Rules of the House	Mac Barnett	2016	4-8 yrs	
> Daniel Finds a Poem	Micha Archer	2016	4-8 yrs	
> School's First Day of School	Adam Rex	2016	4-8 yrs	Prop
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild	Peter Brown	2013	4-9 yrs	
Tumtum and Nutmeg	Emily Bean	2008	5-7 yrs	
Mama Seeton's Whistle	Jerry Spinelli	2015	5-8 yrs	
My Teacher Is a Monster! (No, I Am Not.)	Peter Brown	2014	5-8 yrs	
The Book with No Pictures	B.J. Novak	2014	5-8 yrs	
Author Day for Room 3T	Robin Pulver	2005	5-8 yrs	Prop
Chukfi Rabbit's Big, Bad Bellyache: A Trickster Tale	Greg Rodgers	2014	5-10 yrs	Prop
♫ Freedom in Congo Square	Carole Boston Weatherford	2016	6-8 yrs	
Punctuation Takes a Vacation	Robin Pulver	2004	6-8 yrs	
Dory Fantasmagory	Abby Hanlon	2014	6-9 yrs	
Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich	Adam Rex	2011	6-9 yrs	Prop
♻️ Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan	Ashley Bryan	2016	6-10 yrs	
♫ Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat	Javaka Steptoe	2016	6-10 yrs	
Odd Duck	Cecil Castiellucci	2013	7-10 yrs	
Locomotive	Brian Floca	2013	8-10 yrs	
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets	Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderley & Marjory Wentworth	2017	8-12 yrs	
> The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	2016	8-12 yrs	
♻️ El Deafo	Cece Bell	2014	8-12 yrs	
Nuts to You	Lynne Rae Perkins	2014	8-12 yrs	
The Only Thing Worse Than Witches	Lauren Magaziner	2014	8-12 yrs	
The Secrets of Eastcliff-by-the-Sea	Eileen Beha	2014	8-12 yrs	

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🌀 Wonder	R. J. Palacio	2012	8-12 yrs	
> The Door by the Staircase	Katherine Marsh	2017	8-12 yrs	
> It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	Firoozeh Dumas	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Ghosts	Raina Telgemeier	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Raymie Nightingale	Kate DiCamillo	2016	8-12 yrs	
> When Mischievous Came to Town	Katrina Nannestad	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Forest of Wonders (Wing & Claw series, Book 1)	Linda Sue Park	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Booked	Kwame Alexander	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Full of Beans	Jennifer L. Holm	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Pax	Sara Pennypacker	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Soar	Joan Bauer	2017	8-12 yrs	
> Ms. Bixby's Last Day	John David Anderson	2016	8-12 yrs	
> All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook	Leslie Connor	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Dog Man	Dav Pilkey	2016	8-12 yrs	
> The Dog Ray	Linda Coggin	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Friday Barnes, Girl Detective	R. A. Spratt	2017	8-12 yrs	
> Fuzzy	Tom Angleberger and Paul Dellinger	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Hercufleas	Sam Gayton	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story	Nora Raleigh Baskin	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Save Me a Seat	Sara Weeks and Gita Varadarajan	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Slacker	Gordon Korman	2016	8-12 yrs	
> Wish	Barbara O'Connor	2016	8-12 yrs	
🌀 The Crossover	Kwame Alexander	2014	8-12 yrs	
🌀 The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	2015	8-12 yrs	
Absolutely Almost	Lisa Graff	2014	9-11 yrs	
The Fourteenth Goldfish	Jennifer L. Holm	2014	9-11 yrs	
Rain Reign	Ann M. Martin	2014	9-11 yrs	

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Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt	2015	9-11 yrs	
Circus Mirandus	Cassie Beasley	2015	9-12 yrs	
Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms	Katherine Rundell	2014	9-12 yrs	
Sisters (<i>companion to <u>Smile</u>, 2010</i>)	Raina Telgemeier	2014	9-13 yrs	
Anybody Shining	Frances O'Roark Dowell	2014	10-12 yrs	
Fallout	Todd Strasser	2015	10-13 yrs YA	
The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel	Deborah Hopkinson	2015	10-13 yrs Historical Fiction	
☼ Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson	2014	10-13 yrs	
The War that Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	2015	10-13 yrs	
Better Nate Than Ever	Tim Federle	2014	10-13 yrs	
Five, Six, Seven, Nate!	Tim Federle	2014	10-13 yrs	
☼ The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Kelly Barnhill	2016	10-14 yrs	
☼ The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog	Adam Gidwitz	2016	10-14 yrs	
☼ Wolf Hollow	Lauren Wolk	2016	10-14 yrs	
☼ Doll Bones	Holly Black	2015	10-14 yrs	
Hold Fast	Blue Balliett	2015	10-14 yrs	
Goodbye Stranger	Rebecca Stead	2015	10-14 yrs	
> Falling Over Sideways	Jordan Sonnenblick	2016	11-13 yrs	

Mimi recommends the following books for children from birth on:

Any board book by Sandra Boynton, *Dawdle Duckling*, *Ready or Not, Dawdle Duckling*, *Do Like a Duck Does*, *Polar Bear Polar Bear*, *Brown Bear*, *Froggie Gets Dressed*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Gossie and Gertie*, *Ollie*, and *Bark, George*. And the finger plays: *5 Little Monkeys Swinging in a Tree*, *5 Little Monkeys Jumping on a Bed*, *5 Green and Speckled Frogs*, *5 Little Ducks Went out to Play*, and *6 Little Ducks That I Once Knew*.

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Publisher's Weekly's Most-Anticipated Books of Spring 2017!

Picture Books

> Mighty, Mighty Construction Site	Sherri Duskey Rinker	2017	2-5 yrs
> Olivia the Spy	Ian Falconer	2017	3-7 yrs
> Princess Cora and the Crocodile	Laura Amy Schlitz	2017	4-8 yrs
> Triangle	Mac Barnett	2017	5-9 yrs
> We're All Wonders	R.J. Palacio	2017	4-8 yrs

Middle Grade

> Amina's Voice	Hena Khan	2017	8-12 yrs
> Fish Girl	Donna Jo Napoli & David Wiesner	2017	10-12 yrs
> Flying Lessons & Other Stores	edited by Ellen Oh	2017	9-12 yrs
> The Lottery Plus One	Emma Donoghue	2017	8-12 yrs
> The Warden's Daughter	Jerry Spinelli	2017	9-12 yrs

Young Adult

> The Bone Witch	Rin Chupeco	2017	12+ yrs YA horror
> Gem & Dixie	Sar Zarr	2017	12+ yrs YA
> The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	2017	12+ yrs YA
> Strange the Dreamer	Laini Taylor	2017	12+ yrs YA
> The Whole Thing Together	Ann Brashares	2017	12+ yrs YA

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