

100 BOOKS TO READ IN KINDERGARTEN

HELP YOUR CHILD STAY ON TRACK WITH THESE BOOKS!

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Imagination

Encourage kids to think about all possibilities – real and imagined. Laugh, ask questions, be curious and playful.

- Journey* by Aaron Becker
- Dragonfly kites* 🍁 by Tomson Highway
- This is Sadie* 🍁 by Sara O’Leary
- Not a box* by Antoinette Portis
- Duck! Rabbit!* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- Where the wild things are* by Maurice Sendak
- Press here* by Hervé Tullet
- Harry and Horsie* 🍁 by Katie Van Camp
- If I had a gryphon* 🍁 by Vikki VanSickle
- Zoom at sea* 🍁 by Tim Wynne-Jones

Community & Family

We are all connected to each other and the world around us. Celebrate your own traditions while also learning about all types of families.

- King Baby* 🍁 by Kate Beaton
- A day with Yahah* 🍁 by Nicola I. Campbell
- Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
- Everybody cooks rice* by Norah Dooley
- Monday is one day* by Arthur A. Levine
- A family is a family is a family* 🍁 by Sara O’Leary
- When we were alone* 🍁 by David Robertson
- Town is by the sea* 🍁 by Joanne Schwartz
- One family* by George Shannon
- A chair for my mother* by Vera B. Williams

Who I Am

Everyone is different and that’s awesome! Explore self-expression, self-discovery and building confidence.

- Where Oliver fits* 🍁 by Cale Atkinson
- Mr. Tiger goes wild* by Peter Brown
- Sometimes I feel like a fox* 🍁 by Danielle Daniel
- Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes
- Bread and jam for Frances* by Russell Hoban
- Lovely* by Jess Hong
- How to* 🍁 by Julie Morstad
- Kindergarten diary* by Antoinette Portis
- Larf* 🍁 by Ashley Spires
- Maggie’s chopsticks* 🍁 by Alan Woo

Exploring Concepts

There is so much to learn about how things work. Experiment, measure, compare, observe and ask lots of questions.

- Building our house* by Jonathan Bean
- Ada Twist, scientist* by Andrea Beaty
- Big and small, room for all* 🍁 by Jo Ellen Bogart
- Count your chickens* 🍁 by Jo Ellen Bogart
- My heart is like a zoo* by Michael Hall
- Sam sorts* 🍁 by Marthe Jocelyn
- A squiggly story* 🍁 by Andrew Larsen
- Lemons are not red* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- Round is a tortilla: a book of shapes* by Roseanne Thong
- Is a blue whale the biggest thing there is?* by Robert E. Wells

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Stories That Shape Us

Story helps us understand ourselves and the world around us. These books tell tales that are well-known across cultures.

Folk and Fairy Tales

- The three little pigs* by Paul Galdone
- Twelve dancing princesses* by Rachel Isadora
- The lion & the mouse* by Jerry Pinkney
- Beauty and the beast* by Cynthia Rylant
- Just so stories* by Ian Wallace

Traditional Indigenous Stories

- Rabbit's snow dance* by James Bruchac
- The two sisters* 🍁 by E. Pauline Johnson
- A Coyote Columbus story* by Thomas King
- The thundermaker* 🍁 by Alan Syliboy
- Raven brings the light* 🍁 by Roy Henry Vickers

Try, Try Again

Making mistakes is an important part of learning. Kids can reflect on what they did and figure out a better way to do things next time.

- Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candace Fleming
- Something from nothing* 🍁 by Phoebe Gilman
- Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats
- If you give a mouse a cookie* by Laura Joffe Numeroff
- The dot* by Peter H. Reynolds
- Rain school* by James Rumford
- Miss Bindergarten has a wild day in kindergarten* by Joseph Slate
- Caps for sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
- The most magnificent thing* 🍁 by Ashley Spires
- The little hummingbird* 🍁 by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas

Classics

We think children will still be reading these books for years to come!

- Franklin in the dark* 🍁 by Paulette Bourgeois
- The very hungry caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer
- Stella, star of the sea* 🍁 by Marie-Louise Gay
- The wonderful pigs of Jillian Jiggs* 🍁 by Phoebe Gilman
- Harold and the purple crayon* by Crockett Johnson
- The snowy day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- The paper bag princess* 🍁 by Robert Munsch
- The cat in the hat* by Dr. Seuss
- What's the most beautiful thing you know about horses?* 🍁 by Richard Van Camp

Exploring Emotions

Kids have all kinds of different feelings: happiness, anger, excitement and many more. Enjoy the good feelings and explore how to deal with tough ones too.

- When Sophie gets angry - really, really angry* by Molly Bang
- Llama Llama red pajama* by Anna Dewdney
- The cranky ballerina* 🍁 by Elise Gravel
- Lila and the crow* 🍁 by Gabrielle Grimard
- Pete the cat: I love my white shoes* by Eric Litwin
- The feel good book* by Todd Parr
- The thing Lou couldn't do* 🍁 by Ashley Spires
- Boo hoo bird* 🍁 by Jeremy Tankard
- Scaredy Squirrel* 🍁 by Mélanie Watt
- My friend is sad* by Mo Willems

Getting Along

A big part of Kindergarten is learning how to be around other kids. Building friendships, sharing and seeing things from someone else's perspective will help the transition go more smoothly.

- The mitten* by Jim Aylesworth
- A visitor for bear* by Bonny Becker
- Buddy and Earl* 🍁 by Maureen Fergus
- How to grow a friend* 🍁 by Sara Gillingham
- A weekend with Wendell* by Kevin Henkes
- That's (not) mine* by Anna Kang
- Yak and Dove* 🍁 by Kyo Maclear
- George and Martha* by James Marshall
- Fox and Squirrel make a friend* 🍁 by Ruth Ohi
- Little blue truck leads the way* by Alice Schertle

The Natural World

We live in a beautiful place with lots of trees, water, wildlife and different types of weather. Learn more about everything outside inside of a book.

- Wild Berries* 🍁 by Julie Flett
- Have you heard the nesting bird?* by Rita Gray
- Drumheller dinosaur dance* 🍁 by Robert Heidbreder
- Fox on the ice* 🍁 by Tomson Highway
- Wave* by Suzy Lee
- The branch* 🍁 by Mireille Messier
- Up in the garden and down in the dirt* by Kate Messner
- Picture a tree* 🍁 by Barbara Reid
- Tree song* 🍁 by Tiffany Stone
- Singing away the dark* 🍁 by Caroline Woodward

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