

## ***SET SAIL FOR THE READING HIGH SEAS!***

***Embark on a program designed to grow a reader.  
You can start any time before kindergarten!***

From birth to age 5, your child is experiencing a crucial time of growth and development. Reading with them every day helps prepare them for future success as readers and life-long learners. Not to mention you'll be spending quality time together while promoting a love of reading.

Along the way, your librarians are here to support you and cheer you on. Built into the program are reading logs, book recommendations, child development information, prizes, and celebrations, all to help you track your progress and stay motivated.

***We can't wait to set sail with you. Anchors aweigh!***

**LAKEFORESTLIBRARY.ORG/1000**



## 2 ways to participate

- 1) Online and with an app using Beanstack
- 2) With paper log sheets

Both formats have the same milestones and prizes, so you can pick your preferred way to log books and track your progress. You can even use both!

Caregivers may like the app because they can track book titles, whereas youngsters often benefit from the tactile experience of coloring in bubbles on the paper log sheets.

## Getting Started

**Register on Beanstack at**  
**[www.lakeforestlibrary.org/beanstack](http://www.lakeforestlibrary.org/beanstack):**

All 1000 Books participants need to create an account on Beanstack. After joining the 1000 Books program in Beanstack, you do not need to use Beanstack further if you prefer to only use paper forms.

### Log Books on Paper

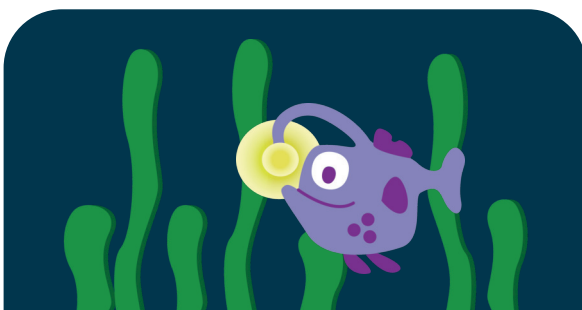
1. Have your child color in a bubble on your log sheet for every book you have read together. Each log sheet contains 100 bubbles, representing one level of the program.
2. When one of your child's log sheets is complete, stop by the Children's Library to pick up your prize and do your photo shoot.

### Log Books on Beanstack

1. Open and log in to Beanstack.
2. Follow the prompts to log your books.

## Reading Milestones

1. Each time your child finishes one level of the program by reading 100 books, stop by the Children's Library for a sticker, a book prize, and a photo shoot. If you're logging on to Beanstack, you also get a digital badge for each 100 books you read.
2. When your child has completed 1000 books before kindergarten, stop by the Library to pick up a fish stuffie, treasure chest prize, book prize, sticker, and photo shoot!
3. Stay tuned to the Library newsletter and web calendar. Periodically we host a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Party with a storytime, a celebration of 1000 Books finishers, and an opportunity for new children to register. When the time comes, be sure to register for the party and join us for fun galore!

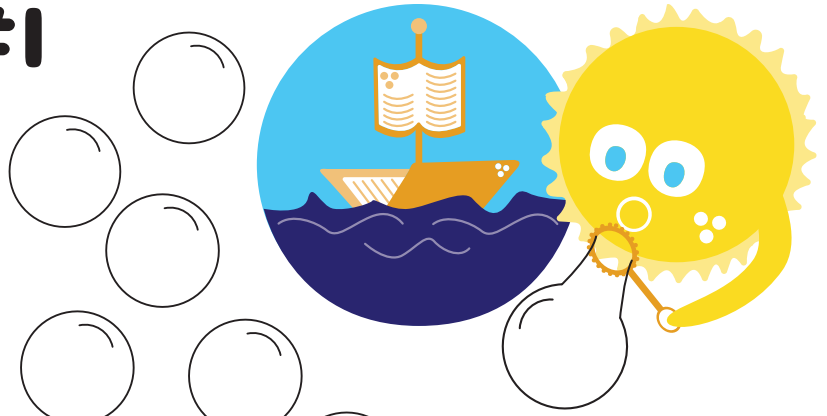


# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

# BOOK LOG #1

COLOR IN A BUBBLE ON YOUR LOG FOR EVERY BOOK YOU AND YOUR CHILD HAVE READ.

WHEN THE LOG IS COMPLETELY COLORED IN AND YOUR CHILD HAS READ 100 BOOKS, STOP BY OR CONTACT THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FOR INFORMATION ON PRIZES.






## I READ 100 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

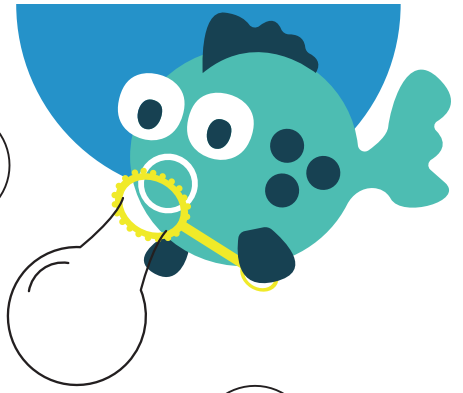
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## I READ 200 BOOKS!

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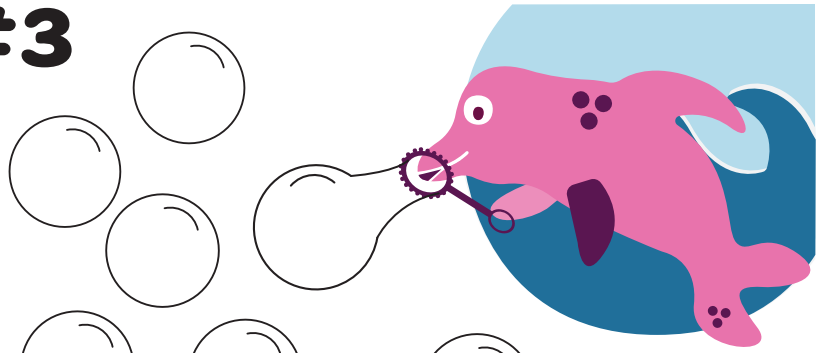
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## I READ 300 BOOKS!

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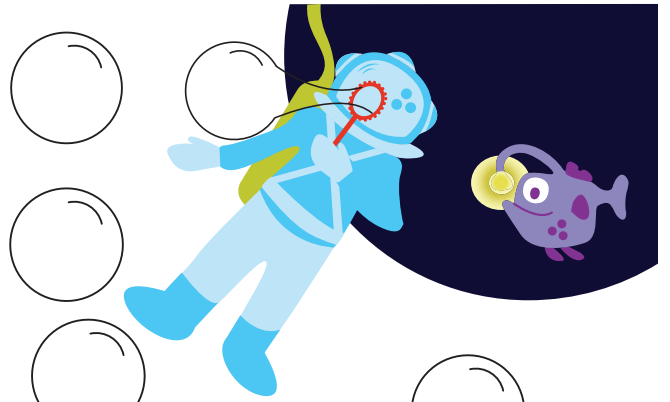
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## I READ 400 BOOKS!

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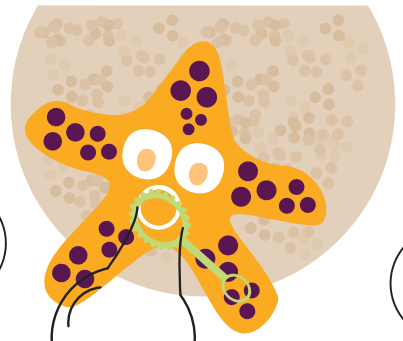
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## I READ 500 BOOKS!

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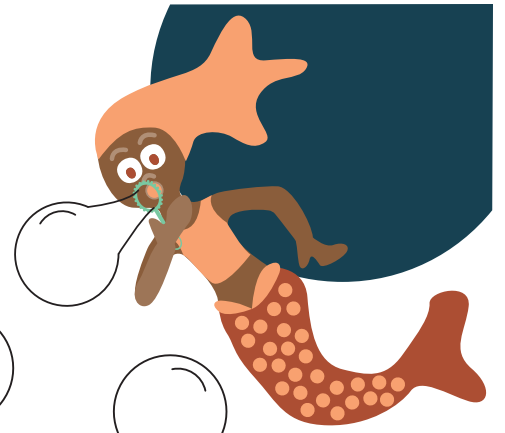
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# BOOK LOG #6

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## I READ 600 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE BOOK WAS \_\_\_\_\_

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# BOOK LOG #7

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## I READ 700 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

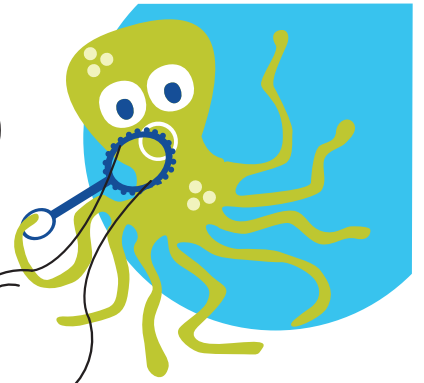
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## I READ 800 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

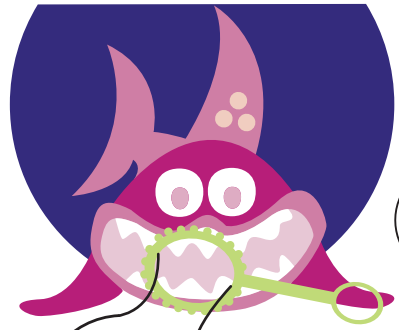
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## I READ 900 BOOKS!

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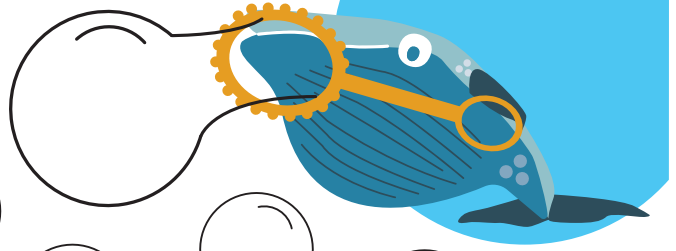
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## I READ 1000 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE BOOK WAS \_\_\_\_\_

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# Growing Readers

## Early Literacy Practices



### READ

- Prepare your child to be a successful reader by reading with them every day.
- Books contain rich language that we do not typically use in conversation, which will broaden your child's vocabulary.
- Have conversations with your child about books. Point out pictures and ask open-ended questions. Be patient while waiting for responses and expand on your child's responses with more comments and questions.
- Point out and talk about the elements of a book, such as the title, author, and illustrator.



### WRITE

- Both reading and writing represent the spoken word.
- Plan activities that promote fine motor skill development.
- Set aside time to draw with your child and ask them to tell you about their picture.
- Write your child's name and point out each letter. Emphasize the sound of the first letter in their name.
- Create a book and have your child draw pictures to tell a story. Then, have your child tell you the story and write parts of the story underneath their pictures.



### SING

- Singing to your child slows down language, making it easier for them to hear sounds in words.
- Singing is a great way to teach your child new vocabulary.
- Sing songs, such as the ABC song or nursery rhymes ("Mary Had A Little Lamb", "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", "London Bridge Is Falling Down", etc. ) to your child and act out the motions.
- Clap, bounce, or tap along to the rhythm of a song.



### PLAY

- Play is essential to a child's social, emotional, and physical development. It is how they learn about the world.
- Children learn how to problem solve, think critically and creatively, communicate, compromise, and much more during playtime!
- Make connections with stories or real life experiences during playtime.
- Provide props, such as stuffed animals, puppets, costumes, dolls, and real life items with print like newspapers and food containers.

### TALK

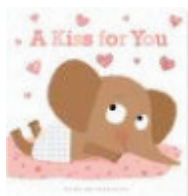
- Talk and interact with your child as much as possible throughout the day,
- Talking with your child helps build their vocabulary, which will positively impact their ability to comprehend the text they read.
- Talk about anything and everything, including something you are doing, putting away, or passing by, and ask your child open-ended questions about these experiences.
- Be an attentive listener when your child talks to you. Even if they are too young to make words or sentences, listen to what they say and respond as you would in a conversation.





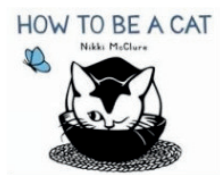
# READING LIST

## Favorites for 1 year olds



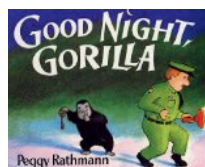
**A Kiss for You**  
by Guido van Genechten

You are so kissable from head to toe! A sweet celebration of babies and kisses.



**How To Be a Cat**  
by Nikki McClure

A delightful picture book, perfect for cat lovers of all ages! Simple text with cut-paper illustrations.



**Good Night, Gorilla**  
by Peggy Rathmann

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.



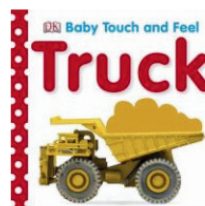
**Who is Sleeping?**  
by Petr Horacek

"Who is sleeping in the tree? Who is sleeping under the leaf?" Children can lift the flap and say good night to the animals before falling asleep themselves.



**Tooth**  
by Leslie Patricelli

Ouch. Baby's mouth feels funny. It's a new tooth! Baby's dental adventure is sure to give little teething buddies something to chew on.



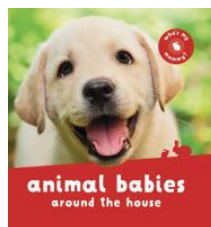
**Baby Touch and Feel Trucks**  
by Dawn Sirett

Trucks that rumble and trucks that go vroom! Your little one will love this hands-on book full of different trucks and exciting tactile elements to touch and feel.



**Yoga Baby**  
by Amy Hovey

Can you roar like a lion? Flutter like a butterfly? This exuberant rhyming book celebrates the simple joy of yoga and having fun!



**Animal Babies Around the House**  
Board Book A

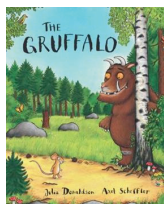
Meet fluffy kittens and bouncing puppies in this super cute interactive guessing game book about baby animals around the house.





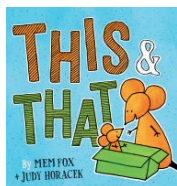
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**The Gruffalo**  
by Julia Donaldson  
Illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake—only to have to outwit that creature as well.



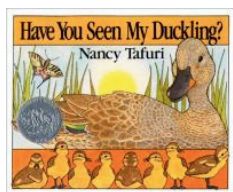
**This & That**  
by Mem Fox  
Illustrated by Judy Horacek

In this delightful tale, two mice set off on a storytelling adventure that takes them through cavernous caves, atop crazy giraffes, and over palace walls until they return safely home to the comfort of their beds.



**Forever**  
by Emma Dodd

A bedtime tale that reveals how the love between a parent and child lasts forever.



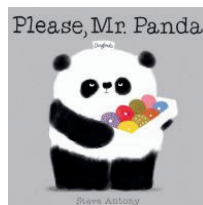
**Have You Seen My Duckling?**  
by Nancy Tafuri

An anxious mother duck leads her brood around the pond as she searches for one missing duckling.



**Tomie's Little Mother Goose**  
by Tomie DePaolo

This charming board book lovingly brings to life Little Miss Muffett, Humpty Dumpty, Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, and Little Boy Blue, as well as a host of other favorites for children to laugh with and treasure.



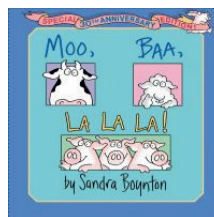
**Please, Mr. Panda**  
by Steve Antony

What is the proper way to ask Mr. Panda for doughnuts? Steve Antony has captured a cute panda, delightful animals hungry for doughnuts, and a manners lesson in this delightful book.



**Old Bear**  
by Kevin Henkes

When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again, enjoying each of the four seasons.



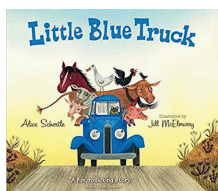
**Moo, Baa, La La La!**  
by Sandra Boynton

This raucous story about the sounds animals make—including three pigs who say "la la la!"—is just right for reading aloud.



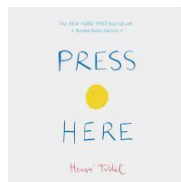
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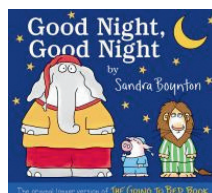
**Little Blue Truck**  
by Alice Schertle  
Illustrated by Jill McElmurry

A small blue truck finds his way out of a jam, with a little help from his friends.



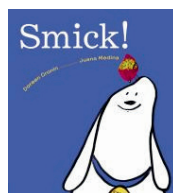
**Press Here**  
by Henne Tullet

Press the yellow dot on the cover of this interactive children's book, follow the instructions within and embark upon a magical journey!



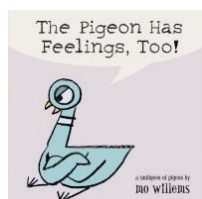
**Good Night, Good Night**  
by Sandra Boynton

A motley crew of Boynton critters get ready for bed aboard a boat. "The sun has set not long ago, now everybody goes below..."



**Smick!**  
by Doreen Cronin  
Illustrated by Juana Medina

Meet Smick. And Chick. And...Stick! But what happens when they meet each other? Filled with action, rhymes, and wordplay! Smick is terrific!



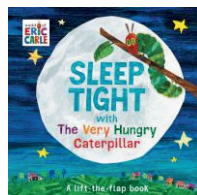
**The Pigeon Has Feelings too!**  
by Mo Willems

How does it feel to be a pigeon? Throughout this hilarious board book, Pigeon runs through his signature gamut of emotions while attempting to thwart his old nemesis, the bus driver.



**Llama Llama Seasons of Fun!**  
by Reed Duncan

Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall! Join Llama and all his friends as they discover all the seasons in this push-and-pull board book!



**Sleep Tight with the Very Hungry Caterpillar**  
by Eric Carle

Join the Very Hungry Caterpillar and all his friends as they get ready for bed. With a lift-the-flap surprise on every spread, it's a perfect bedtime read!



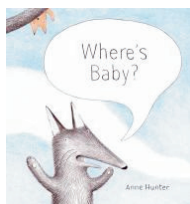
**Wild Animal Sounds**  
by Ruth A. Musgrave

Roar, ribbit, squeak, snore! Children will love imitating the noises made by creatures in the wild, from lions to monkeys and elephants and more!



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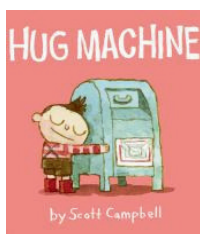
**Where's Baby?**  
by Anne Hunter

Baby is off on an adventure! Baby is never far away as Papa looks in, over, under, up, around, and behind. Poor Papa can't find Baby anywhere. Can you?



**Look!**  
by Ted Lewin

Each line of text is illustrated by a two-page spread with a beautiful painting of an animal Ted Lewin has seen on his journeys to Africa. At the end of the story, a boy reads, plays, and dreams, surrounded by toy animals that represent each of the real ones.



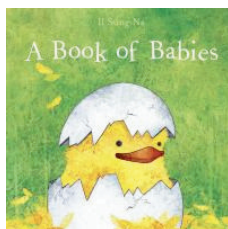
**Hug Machine**  
by Scott Campbell

The hug machine is available to hug anyone, any time, whether they are square or long, spikey or soft.



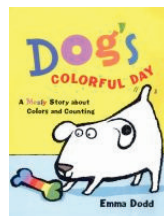
**Grumpy Pants**  
by Claire Messer

Penguin is having a grumpy day, and no matter what he does, he just can't shake it! Sometimes the only thing left to do is wash the grumpy day away and start over



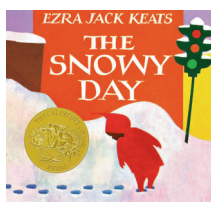
**A Book of Babies**  
by Il Sung Na

While baby animals are born—some with fur and some with scales, some with lots of brothers and sisters, some with none—a curious duck watches.



**Dog's Colorful Day**  
by Emma Dodd

In this colorful story of a sloppy dog, you can count on a happy ending.



**The Snowy Day**  
by Ezra Jack Keats

The magic and wonder of winter's first snowfall are perfectly captured in Ezra Jack Keat's Caldecott Medal-winning picture book.



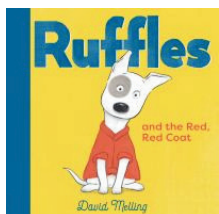
**The Watermelon Seed**  
by Greg Pizzoli

Crocodile loves watermelon, but what will happen when his greatest fear of swallowing a watermelon seed comes to pass? Only one thing is certain: his wild imagination will have kids laughing out loud and begging for another read.



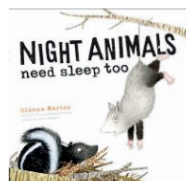
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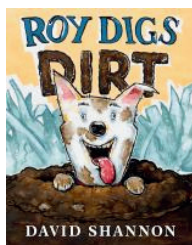
**Ruffles and the Red, Red Coat**  
by David Melling

Ruffles does not love his new red coat. But when Ruffles wants to play outside with his friend Ruby, perhaps he'll decide that wearing his coat isn't so bad after all.



**Night Animals Need Sleep too**  
by Gianna Marino

It's daytime and all the night animals are sleeping soundly. Well, all except for possum. The more places that possum tries to sleep, the more night animals he wakes up!



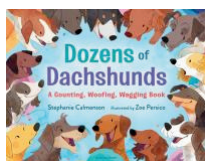
**Roy Digs Dirt**  
by David Shannon

Roy loves to dig in the dirt and mud—even though he does not like the bath that may follow the digging!



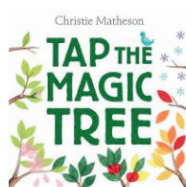
**Slug in Love**  
by Rachel Bright  
Illustrated by Nadia Shireen

Doug the slug needs a hug. But who wants to hug a slug called Doug? An irresistible story of one slug's search for love in this endearing rhyming picture book.



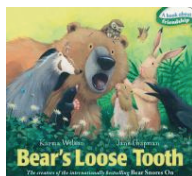
**Dozens of Dachshunds**  
by Stephanie Calmenson  
Illustrated by Zoe Persico

An exuberant counting story featuring delightful dachshunds in creative costumes, inspired by real and hilarious dachshund parades.



**Tap the Magic Tree**  
by Christie Matheson

"There's magic in this bare brown tree. Tap it once. Turn the page to see." Watch a bare tree sprout one leaf, then many, then buds, flowers, and finally apples. Shaking the book causes the apples to fall with a "plop, plop, plop."



**Bear's Loose Tooth**  
by Karma Wilson  
Illustrated by Jane Chapman

Bear and his friends are munching on their lunch when all of a sudden... Bear feels something wiggling and wobbling in his mouth. It's Bear's first loose tooth!



**Dino Pajama Party**  
by Laurie Wallmark  
Illustrated by Michael Robertson

"Dinos rock, and dinos roll. Dinos stomp, and dinos stroll." Dinosaurs from all around gather together to play instruments, dance and sing before bedtime.





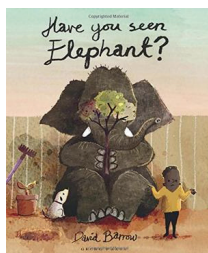
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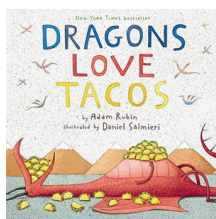
**The Rabbit Listened**  
by Cori Doerrfeld

When Taylor's block castle is destroyed, all the animals think they know just what to do, but only the rabbit quietly listens to how Taylor is feeling.



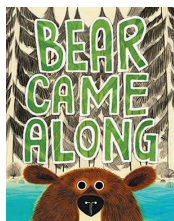
**Have You Seen Elephant?**  
by David Barrow

Elephant wants to play hide and seek. See if you can help the others find him—he's very good! Have you seen Elephant?



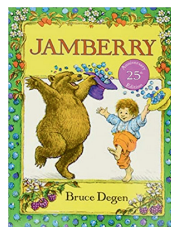
**Dragons Love Tacos**  
by Adam Rubin  
Illustrated by Daniel Salmieri

Explores the love dragons have for tacos and the dangers of feeding them anything with spicy salsa.



**Bear Came Along**  
by Richard T. Morris  
Illustrated by LeUyen Pham

In this Caldecott Honor book, an assortment of animals living separate lives discover they need each other when they have a chance encounter on a river.



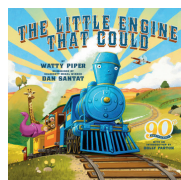
**Jamberry**  
by Bruce Degen

They're off! A boy and an endearing, rhyme-spouting bear, who squires him through a fantastic world of berries. And their adventure comes to a razzamatazz finale under a strawberry sky.



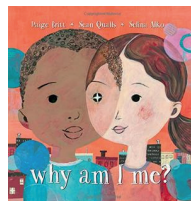
**Blown Away**  
by Rob Biddulph

An unexpected adventure with his friends and a kite convinces Penguin Blue that he is not built for flying and that he belongs on solid ice.



**The Little Engine that Could**  
by Watty Piper  
Illustrated by Dan Santat

Cherished by readers for ninety years, this is a classic tale of a little engine that, despite her size, triumphantly pulls a train full of wonderful things to the children waiting on the other side of a mountain.



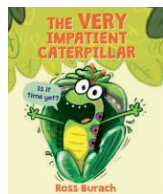
**Why Am I Me?**  
by Paige Britt  
Illustrated by Selina Alko & Sean Qualls

In a poetic, philosophical exchange, two children of different races ask themselves why they are who and what they are, and speculate on how they could be different.



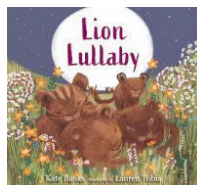
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## Favorites for 4 year olds



**The Very Impatient Caterpillar**  
by Ross Burach

This clever send-up of every child's biggest challenge—being patient! A laugh-out-loud comedy about metamorphosis.



**Lion Lullaby**  
by Kate Banks  
Illustrated by Lauren Tobia

The sun begins to set on the savanna and ten little lions must find their way home. As the moon rises, they finally curl up together, just in time to drift off to sleep.



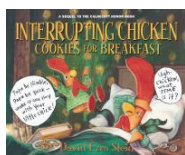
**Heads and Tails Underwater**  
by John Canty

"Swimming, gliding, croaking, or clawing"...can you guess which underwater creature will appear next? Crab or an eel, a frog or a starfish, an octopus or a seahorse...what is that sneaking in the water?



**Penguin in Love**  
by Salina Yoon

Penguin goes looking for love and finds, instead, a mitten but as he tries to locate the mitten's owner, he knits his way through a blizzard to an unexpected meeting.



**Interrupting Chicken Cookies for Breakfast**  
by David Ezra Stein

The little red chicken wakes up hungry for one thing: cookies! What better way to persuade Papa than by jarring him awake and gleefully interjecting cookies—and herself—into every nursery rhyme they read together.



**Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn**  
by Shannon Hale  
Illustrated by Leuyen Pham

Kitty, who looks like a kitten yet feels she is actually a unicorn, begins to doubt herself until she meets a real unicorn. A delightful story that celebrates the magic of friendship.



**First Notes of Spring**  
by Jessica Kulekjian  
Illustrated by Jennifer Bower

Juniper can't wait to audition for the orchestra that melts away winter and wakes up spring. With her strong sticks, thumpity toadstool, and rowdy rhythms, she plays with all her might.



**It's So Quiet**  
by Sherri Duskey Rinker  
Illustrated by Tony Fucile

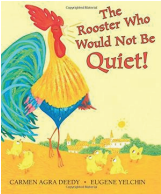
It's time for bed, but one little mouse just can't get to sleep—it's TOO QUIET! A silly, noisy bedtime book that will have readers squealing, croaking, and laughing!





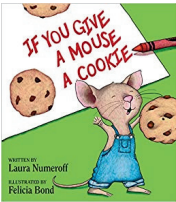
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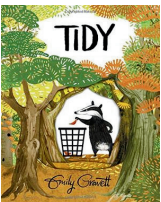
**The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet**  
by Carmen Agra Deedy  
Illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

The mayor of the noisy city of La Paz institutes new laws forbidding all singing, but a brave little rooster decides he must sing, despite the severe punishments he receives for continuing to crow.



**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**  
by Laura Numeroff  
Illustrated by Felicia Bond

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young boy's day. This book is a great first introduction to Mouse, the star of the "If You Give ..." series.



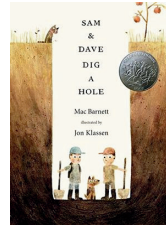
**Tidy**  
by Emily Gravett

Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy at all times, but what starts as the collecting of one fallen leaf escalates quickly and ends with the complete destruction of the forest. Will Pete realize the error of his ways and reverse his tidying habit?



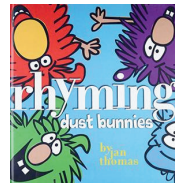
**Good Morning, City!**  
by Pat Kiernan  
Illustrated by Pascal Campion

A picture book about how the different inhabitants of a city wake up and start their day.



**Sam and Dave Dig a Hole**  
by Mac Barnett  
Illustrated by Jon Klassen

Sam and Dave are on a mission. A mission to find something spectacular. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. And they find ... nothing. Yet the day turns out to be pretty spectacular after all.



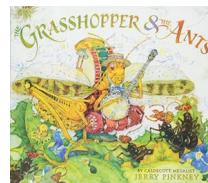
**Rhyming Dust Bunnies**  
by Jan Thomas

As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.



**Duncan the Story Dragon**  
by Amanda Driscoll

Duncan the Dragon loves to read, but he keeps accidentally lighting his book on fire. He wants to get to the end of his story, so he tries to find a friend to read to him.



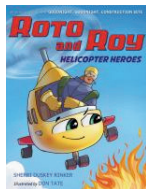
**The Grasshopper & the Ants**  
by Jerry Pinkney

In this retelling of the classic Aesop fable, hardworking ants stock up for the winter while a fun-loving grasshopper plays all year long until the cold weather arrives and he realizes his mistake in not planning ahead.



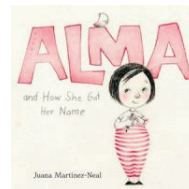
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## Favorites for 5 year olds



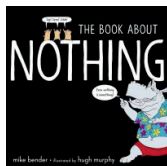
**Roto and Roy  
Helicopter Heroes**  
by Sherri Duskey Rinker  
Illustrated by Don Tate

Meet Roto and Roy, helicopter heroes! They're braver than brave, tougher than tough, and nothing will stop this firefighting crew from completing their mission.



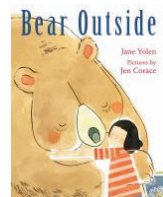
**Alma and How She  
Got Her Name**  
by Juana Martinez-Neal

If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.



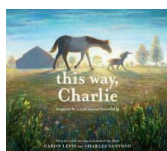
**The Book About Nothing**  
by Mike Bender  
Illustrated by Hugh Murphy

There will be no rainbows, canoes, or underpants in this book. What there will be is "nothing": a cleaned room (nothing on the floor), an empty cookie jar, and a flushed toilet. A fun and clever concept book!



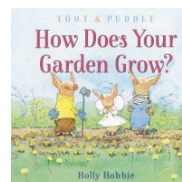
**Bear Outside**  
by Jane Yolen  
Illustrated by Jen Corace

In this imaginative picture book, a girl explores the many ways she expresses herself by imagining that she wears a bear as her personal protective shell.



**This Way, Charlie**  
by Caron Levis  
illustrated by Charles Santoso

A standoffish goat named Jack likes to keep to himself. That is until a horse named Charlie arrives. Charlie is energetic and full of good cheer and is blind in one eye. A wonderful story about patience, kindness, and friendship.



**How Does Your  
Garden Grow?**  
by Holly Hobbie

Toot and Puddle are determined to figure out who keeps eating all the vegetables in their garden every night. Not wanting to share with the thief, they try everything all to keep out the unwanted visitor.



**Something's Wrong!**  
by Jory John  
Illustrated by Erin Kraan

Jeff the bear is sure he has forgotten something when he sets out from his home. It couldn't have anything to do with the fact that he's wearing underwear...over his fur...could it?



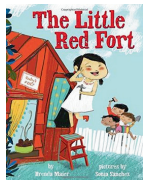
**The Best Place in the  
World**  
by Petr Horacek

Hare's meadow is a beautiful place, but he can't tell whether it's the best place in the world. He visits green fields, gushing rivers, and starlit deserts before missing his friends back home.



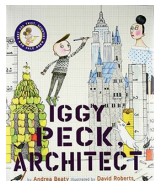
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**The Little Red Fort**  
by Brenda Maier  
Illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

In this adaptation of the Little Red Hen fable, Ruby wants to build a fort, but her three brothers refuse to help, so when the fort is finished Ruby will not let them join her—until the boys come up with a few embellishments for the fort.



**Iggy Peck, Architect**  
by Andrea Beaty  
Illustrated by David Roberts

Iggy has one passion: building. When his second-grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture, Iggy faces a challenge. He loves building too much to give it up!



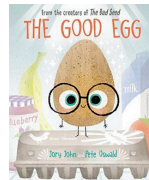
**The Night Gardener**  
by Terry Fan & Eric Fan

Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.



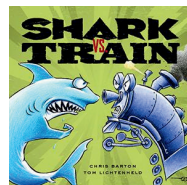
**Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away**  
by Meg Medina  
Illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

From Newbery Medalist Meg Medina comes the bittersweet story of two girls who will always be each other's número uno, even though one is moving away.



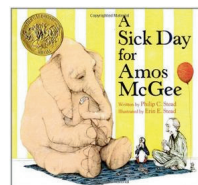
**The Good Egg**  
by Jory John  
Illustrated by Pete Oswald

As the other eggs in the dozen behave badly, the good egg starts to crack from all the pressure of feeling like he has to be perfect. So, he decides enough is enough! It's time for him to make a change.



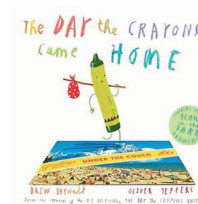
**Shark vs. Train**  
by Chris Barton  
Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

In this hilarious and wacky picture book, Shark and Train egg each other on for one competition after another, including burping, bowling, Ping Pong, piano playing, pie eating, and many more!



**A Sick Day for Amos McGee**  
by Philip C. Stead  
Illustrated by Erin E. Stead

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the animals at the zoo. But one day he woke with sniffles and sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests.



**The Day the Crayons Came Home**  
by Drew Daywalt  
Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.