



# READING LIST

Birth—  
Preschool

## BOOKS

### BATHE THE CAT

**BY ALICE B. MCGINTY,  
ILLUSTRATED BY DAVID ROBERTS**

*CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781452142708*

Two dads enlist the kids' help to get the house ready for Grandma's visit. The sneaky cat will elicit plenty of giggles as he tries to avoid his bath.

### A BEAR, A BEE, AND A HONEY TREE

**BY DANIEL BERNSTROM,  
ILLUSTRATED BY BRANDON JAMES SCOTT**

*HIPPO PARK, 2022  
ISBN: 9781662640087*

It's bear versus bee in this rhyming picture book. Both want the honey in the beehive, and the bear is determined to figure out a way to grab it from the bees.

### BOOP THE SNOOT

**BY ASHLYN ANSTEE**

*VIKING, 2022  
ISBN: 9780593524817*

Part tongue twister, part interactive story, this book invites readers to boop the snoots of happy dogs, cats, and even a tortoise and hare.

### THE FARMER AND THE CIRCUS

**BY MARLA FRAZEE**

*BEACH LANE, 2021  
ISBN: 9781534446212*

In the third installment in this heartfelt series of wordless picture books, the farmer visits his circus-performer friends, who have become his family, and meets their families as well.

### HELLO, FROG: TOUCH, FEEL, AND REVEAL

**BY ISABEL OTTER,  
ILLUSTRATED BY SOPHIE LEDESMA**

*TIGER TALES, 2022  
ISBN: 9781664350069*

Follow Frog as he meets animals in the rain forest. Includes lift-the-flaps, textures, and die-cut holes.

### HOT DOG

**BY DOUG SALATI**

*KNOPF, 2022  
ISBN: 9780593308431*

A hot pup escapes a sweltering day in the city and heads to the beach to cool down in this summery picture book.

### HOW TO PARTY LIKE A SNAIL

**BY NASEEM HRAB,  
ILLUSTRATED BY KELLY COLLIER**

*OWLKIDS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781771474177*

Snail demonstrates that there are all kinds of ways to socialize. Some animals might enjoy big, noisy parties, while others prefer dancing quietly in their shells.

### HOW WE EAT

**BY SHULI DE LA FUENTE-LAU**

*LITTLE FEMINIST PRESS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781734182491*

This board book is a delectable celebration of the many ways people eat, told through real photographs of diverse families and cuisines.

### I DON'T CARE

**BY JULIE FOGLIANO, ILLUSTRATED BY  
MOLLY IDLE AND JUANA MARTINEZ-NEAL**

*NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780823443451*

Two young girls take turns declaring they don't care what the other thinks, before asserting that, as best friends, what they really care about most is their friendship and feelings.

### I'M A UNICORN

**BY HELEN YOON**

*CANDLEWICK, 2022  
ISBN: 9781536219760*

A young one-horned calf is convinced they are a unicorn! This charming story is sure to bring on lots of giggles.

### I'M NOT SMALL

**BY NINA CREWS**

*GREENWILLOW, 2022  
ISBN: 9780063058262*

A story about being a "big kid" who still feels small sometimes. The text and illustrations encourage young children to explore math concepts like comparison and relative size.

### KIMCHI, KIMCHI EVERY DAY

**BY ERICA KIM**

*SOARING KITE BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781953859273*

A little girl shares all the ways she eats her favorite food in this rhythmic picture book. Includes a glossary and fun kimchi facts.

### LET'S GET THIS POTTY STARTED

**BY ROSE ROSSNER,  
ILLUSTRATED BY VICKI GAUSDEN**

*SOURCEBOOKS WONDERLAND, 2022  
ISBN: 9781728257501*

A sweet and amusing board book that makes potty training fun. It gives toddlers a boost of confidence as they learn to use the potty.

### LITTLE HOUSES

**BY KEVIN HENKES,  
ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA DRONZEK**

*GREENWILLOW, 2022  
ISBN: 9780062965721*

A girl visits her grandparents at the beach and learns about seashells and the creatures who live in them.

## LULI AND THE LANGUAGE OF TEA

BY ANDREA WANG,  
ILLUSTRATED BY HYEWON YUM

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780823446148

Tired of playing alone while her parents attend ESL classes nearby, Luli makes a pot of tea to break the ice and befriend the other children in the playroom.

## ONE SKY

BY AARON BECKER

CANDLEWICK STUDIO, 2022  
ISBN: 9781536225365

View all the different colors of the sky with each page turn in this board book. Along with a simple poem describing the changes, readers can also look through small, frosty panes to see the world in different colors.

## A SEED GROWS

BY ANTOINETTE PORTIS

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780823448920

Beautiful illustrations about the life cycle of a sunflower show what happens below the earth while we are watering and waiting.

## SPACEBLOCK

BY CHRISTOPHER FRANCESCHELLI,  
ILLUSTRATED BY PESKI STUDIO

ABRAMS APPLESEED, 2022  
ISBN: 9781419750991

This chunky lift-the-flap board book will delight tiny future astronauts. On a trip to the planetarium, readers learn all about the solar system, telescopes, and space exploration.

## THIS BOOK IS MY BEST FRIEND

BY ROBIN ROBINSON

SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2023  
ISBN: 9781665906814

When Sunny and Aarush reach for the same book at the library, friendship blossoms as they learn how to share.

## TOO EARLY

BY NORA ERICSON,  
ILLUSTRATED BY ELLY MACKAY

ABRAMS, 2022  
ISBN: 9781419742071

A young child and father take in the cozy serenity of the early morning hours before mama and the baby wake and join them.

## TOO MANY PIGS AND ONE BIG BAD WOLF: A COUNTING STORY

BY DAVIDE CALI,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MARIANNA BALDUCCI

TUNDRA, 2022  
ISBN: 9780735269910

In this clever counting story, the Big Bad Wolf wants to skip ahead to the part where he eats the pigs. But the reader wants a longer, more creative story and keeps adding more pigs.

## WE PLAY SOCCER / JUGAMOS AL FÚTBOL

BY RENÉ COLATO LAÍNEZ,  
ILLUSTRATED BY NOMAR PEREZ

HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2022  
ISBN: 9780823445066

José, who speaks Spanish, and Joe, who speaks English, both love playing soccer. This bilingual picture book with appealing illustrations is great for beginning readers of either language.



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## DIGITAL

### ANIMAL ANTICS

[gse.harvard.edu/apps/early-literacy](https://gse.harvard.edu/apps/early-literacy)

From the Harvard Graduate School of Education, this app allows children and caregivers to create their own stories by taking turns choosing characters and settings and recording dialogue.

### PLAY AND LEARN ENGINEERING

<https://pbskids.org/apps/play-and-learn-engineering.html>

This app teaches children about engineering concepts by building roller coasters and sandwich machines and even rescuing kittens!

### SCRIBBLES AND INK

<https://pbskids.org/scrabblesandink>

Join the cat-and-mouse duo Scribbles and Ink in drawing, painting, and doing many other activities on this interactive website.

### SESAME STREET

[sesamestreet.org/apps](https://sesamestreet.org/apps)

Fans of Elmo and Big Bird can download the free official Sesame Street app to watch videos and play games.

[www.ala.org/alsc](http://www.ala.org/alsc)

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