

100 Picture Books to Read Before Kindergarten

1. Hug – Jez Alborough
2. Old Black Fly – Jim Aylesworth
3. Ten, Nine, Eight – Molly Bang
4. Machines at Work – Byron Barton
5. Madeline – Ludwig Bemelmans
6. The Mitten: a Ukrainian Folktale – Jan Brett
7. Goodnight Moon – Margaret Wise Brown
8. Mr. Gumpy’s Outing – John Bunting
9. Little Cloud – Eric Carle
10. The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle
11. Maisy Goes Swimming – Lucy Cousins
12. Ten Black Dots – Donald Crews
13. Freight Train – Donald Crews
14. Click Clack, Moo: Cows That Type – Doreen Cronin
15. Andy and the Lion – James Daugherty
16. Good Dog, Carl – Alexandra Day
17. Jamberry – Bruce Degen
18. Gossie – Olivier Dunrea
19. Are You My Mother – P.D. Eastman
20. Go, Dog, Go – P.D. Eastman
21. Eating the Alphabet – Lois Ehlert
22. Planting a Rainbow – Lois Ehlert
23. Color Zoo – Lois Ehlert
24. Go Away, Big Green Monster – Ed Emberly
25. Olivia – Ian Falconer
26. Bark, George – Jules Feiffer
27. Lunch – Denise Fleming
28. In the Tall, Tall Grass – Denise Fleming
29. Mama Cat Has Three Kittens – Denise Fleming
30. Corduroy – Don Freeman
31. Millions of Cats – Wanda Gag
32. The Three Bears – Paul Galdone
33. Is Your Mama a Llama? – Deborah Guarino
34. Kitten’s First Full Moon – Kevin Henkes
35. Off to School, Baby Duck! – Amy Hest
36. Where’s Spot? – Eric Hill
37. Bread and Jam for Frances – Russell Hoban
38. The Wind Blew – Pat Hutchins
39. Julius – Angela Johnson
40. Harold and the Purple Crayon – Crockett Johnson
41. Henry Hikes to Fitchburg – D.B. Johnson
42. Round Trip – Ann Jonas
43. Hello, Goodbye Window – Norton Juster
44. The Snowy Day – Ezra Jack Keats
45. Whistle for Willie – Ezra Jack Keats
46. Leo the Late Bloomer – Robert Kraus
47. The Carrot Seed – Ruth Krauss
48. The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf
49. Swimmy – Leo Lionni
50. Froggy Gets Dressed – Jonathan London
51. George and Martha – James Marshall
52. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? – Bill Martin
53. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom – Bill Martin
54. Goin’ Someplace Special – Patricia McKissack
55. Martha Speaks – Susan Meddaugh
56. The Random House Book of Mother Goose
57. I Kissed the Baby! – Mary Murphy
58. The Jacket I Wear in the Snow – Shirley Neitzel
59. If You Give a Mouse a Cookie – Laura Numeroff
60. We’re Going on a Bear Hunt – Helen Oxenbury
61. What Do You Do With A Tail Like This? – Robin Page
62. The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter
63. Goodnight Gorilla – Peggy Rathmann
64. Officer Buckle and Gloria – Peggy Rathmann
65. Curious George – H.A. Rey
66. My Friend Rabbit – Eric Rohmann
67. The Line-up Book – Mariabina Russo
68. First the Egg – Laura Vaccaro Seeger
69. Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak
70. Hop On Pop – Dr. Seuss
71. One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish – Dr. Seuss
72. Duck on a Bike – David Shannon
73. No, David! – David Shannon
74. It Looked Like Spilt Milk – Charles G. Shaw
75. Sheep in a Jeep – Nancy E. Shaw
76. Come Along Daisy – Jane Simmons
77. The Stray Dog – Marc Simont
78. Fire Truck – Peter Sis
79. Caps for Sale – Esphyr Slobodkina
80. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble – William Steig
81. Dinosaur Roar – Paul Stickland
82. There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly – Simms Taback
83. Have You Seen My Duckling? – Nancy Tafuri
84. Polar Express – Chris Van Allsburg
85. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day – Judith Viorst
86. Ira Sleeps Over – Bernard Waber
87. Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile – Bernard Waber
88. Mouse Paint – Ellen Stoll Walsh
89. Tuesday – David Wiesner
90. Max Cleans Up – Rosemary Wells
91. Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus – Mo Willems
92. Knuffle Bunny – Mo Willems
93. I Went Walking – Sue Williams
94. A Chair for My Mother – Vera B. Williams
95. The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear – Audrey Wood
96. The Napping House – Audrey Wood
97. How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? – Jane Yolen
98. It Could Always Be Worse: a Yiddish Folk Tale – Margot Zemach
99. Trashy Town – Andrea Zimmerman
100. Harry the Dirty Dog – Gene Zion

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