

Reading with Preschooler

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Choosing books for Preschoolers:

These books are suggestions only and are intended to indicate books which support preschool reading development. The books here are available at most libraries, educational book shops and online. It is not intended that preschoolers read all of the books listed here. Family and teachers are involved in the preschool child's early reading development, reading to and with preschoolers, encouraging preschoolers to read themselves and make their own reading choices and ensuring that books chosen include a variety of information texts and imaginative stories.

Books with Rhythm and Rhyme

- **All the Ways to Be Smart** Davina Bell
- **Are You My Mother?** P.D. Eastman
- **The Best Nest** P.D. Eastman
- **I Went Walking** Sue Machin, Julie Vivas
- **My Cat Likes To Hide In Boxes** Eve Sutton
- **It's the Bear!** Jez Alborough
- **Where's My Teddy?** Jez Alborough
- **Alexander's Outing** Pamela Allen
- **Mr McGee (series)** Pamela Allen
- **The Pear in the Pear Tree** Pamela Allen
- **Who Sank the Boat?** Pamela Allen
- **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do YouSee?** Bill Martin, Eric Carle
- **Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do YouHear?** Eric Carle
- **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You See?** Eric Carle
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** Eric Carle
- **Boo To a Goose** Mem Fox
- **Hattie and the Fox** Mem Fox
- **I Am Australian Too** Mem Fox
- **Possum Magic** Mem Fox
- **Shoes From Grandpa** Mem Fox
- **The Magic Hat** Mem Fox
- **Where is the Green Sheep?** Mem Fox
- **Whoever You Are** Mem Fox
- **Delicious** Helen Cooper
- **Pumpkin Soup** Helen Cooper
- **One Duck Stuck** Phyllis Root
- **The Little Yellow Digger** Betty Gilderdale
- **The Tiger Who Came to Tea** Judith Kerr
- **The Very Cranky Bear** Nick Bland
- **We're Going On a Bear Hunt** Michael Rosen
- **Where the Wild Things Are** Maurice Sendak
- **Wonky Donkey** Craig Smith
- **Old MacDonald Had a Farm** Pam Adams
- **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** Dr Seuss
- **Green Eggs and Ham** Dr Seuss
- **The Cat in the Hat** Dr Seuss
- **Fox in Sox** Dr Seuss
- **Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy** Lynley Dodd
- **Hairy Maclary's Bone** Lynley Dodd
- **Slinki Malinki** Lynley Dodd
- **The Gruffalo** Julia Donaldson
- **The Gruffalo's Child** Julia Donaldson
- **Room On a Broom** Julia Donaldson
- **The Snail and the Whale** Julia Donaldson
- **The Smartest Giant in Town** Julia Donaldson
- **A Squash and a Squeeze** Julia Donaldson
- **Stick Man** Julia Donaldson
- **Monkey Puzzle** Julia Donaldson
- **Night Monkey Day Monkey** Julia Donaldson
- **Super Worm** Julia Donaldson
- **Tabby McTat** Julia Donaldson
- **The Highway Rat** Julia Donaldson
- **The Singing Mermaid** Julia Donaldson
- **What the Ladybird Heard** Julia Donaldson
- **Zogg** Julia Donaldson

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The preschool child has so much **knowledge** about books and being a reader. Preschoolers understand the correct way to hold and handle a book and that **story** books are read from front to back. Reading **familiar** stories over and over again supports the preschool child to see that the **message** on each page stays constant and that the **meaning** comes from the pictures and the words.

Books That Connect

- **Caps For Sale** Esphr Slobodkina
- **Care for Our World** Karen Robbins
- **Collecting Colour** Kylie Dunstan
- **Dogger** Shirley Hughes
- **Draw Me A Star** Eric Carle
- **Mister Seahorse** Eric Carle
- **The Grouchy Ladybird** Eric Carle
- **The Mixed Up Chameleon** Eric Carle
- **The Tiny Seed** Eric Carle
- **The Very Busy Spider** Eric Carle
- **The Very Lonely Firefly** Eric Carle
- **The Very Quiet Cricket** Eric Carle
- **Harry The Dirty Dog** Gene Zion
- **Harry By the Sea** Gene Zion
- **No Roses For Harry** Gene Zion
- **A Child of Books** Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston
- **Here We Are** Oliver Jeffers
- **How To Catch a Star** Oliver Jeffers
- **I'm Sorry** Sam McBratney
- **Lost and Found** Oliver Jeffers
- **Once Upon An Alphabet** Oliver Jeffers
- **Stuck** Oliver Jeffers
- **L'uovo E La Gallina (The Chicken and the Egg)** Iela Mari
- **Owl Babies** Martin Waddell
- **Peace At Last** Jill Murphy
- **Robert the Rose Horse** Joan Heilbroner
- **Where the Forest Meets the Sea** Jeannie Baker
- **Window** Jeannie Baker
- **The Hidden Forest** Jeannie Baker

- **Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge** Mem Fox
- **Words and Your Heart** Kate Jane Neal
- **Would You Rather?** John Burningham
- **The Shopping Basket** John Burningham
- **Grandpa** John Burningham
- **Oi! Get Off Our Train** John Burningham
- **Courtney** John Burningham
- **Corduroy** Don Freeman
- **P is For Pterodactyl** Chris Carpenter
- **Harold and the Purple Crayon** Crockett Johnson
- **Going to the Footy** Debbie Coombs
- **The Day the Crayons Quit** Drew Daywaldt
- **The Giving Tree** Shel Silverstein
- **The Kissing Hand** Audrey Penn

Information Books

- **The World That We Want** Kim Michelle Toft
- **Yucky Worms** Vivian French
- **A Planet Full of Plastic** Neal Layton
- **In the Bin** Kellie Bollard
- **What a Waste** Jess French
- **Tilly's Reef Adventure** Rhonda Garward
- **Playing With Collage** Jeannie Baker
- **My Grandad Marches on ANZAC Day** Catriona Hoy
- **Colours of Australia** Bronwyn Bancroft
- **Patterns of Australia** Bronwyn Bancroft

- **Everybody Counts** Kristin Rosifkte
- **The Lego Ideas Book** DK Publishing

Beginners' Chapter Books

- **Bollygum** Garry Fleming
- **Boy** Roald Dahl
- **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** Roald Dahl
- **Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator** Roald Dahl
- **Danny The Champion of the World** Roald Dahl
- **Esio Trot** Roald Dahl
- **George's Marvelous Medicine** Roald Dahl
- **Going Solo** Roald Dahl
- **Matilda** Roald Dahl
- **The BFG** Roald Dahl
- **Magic Finger** Roald Dahl
- **The Twits** Roald Dahl
- **Charlotte's Web** E.B.White
- **Kingdom of Silk (series)** Glenda Millard
- **Magic On the Map (series)** Courtney Sheinmel Bianca Turetsky
- **Tashi (series)** Anna Feinberg
- **The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh** A.A. Milne
- **The Worst Witch (series)** Jill Murphy

Reading aloud with young children is the single most important activity for building knowledge and skills they require to learn to read themselves.

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Becoming A Reader