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Bird



Cat

Beginner Books

All children, just beginning to read, benefit from using several approaches. The phonics method assigns a sound to each letter; children may also memorize words (called sight words) that cannot be sounded out easily. Some children will also recognize and “read” words by using the illustrations as clues. Also, the content of the story may sometimes lead to the recognition of new words. Another helpful way to make reading easier is to look at a vocabulary list before reading so that when the word appears in the text it may be recognized. For some, this might help to make reading smoother instead of a stop/start-again routine. By using various techniques or a combination of them, most children and their parents will find learning to read a positive and rewarding adventure.

The following books have limited vocabularies, and some have word lists in the back of the book. These books are appropriate for children just beginning to read independently. They are shelved alphabetically by author in the “JP” section unless otherwise noted. Authors' names preceded by an asterisk (*) have many more titles suitable for this reading level. Look for them in the “JP” section also.

Anderson, Peggy	<u>I Can Help!</u>
Andrews, Alexa	<u>At the Beach.</u>
Armstrong, Jennifer	<u>The Snowball.</u>
Arnold, Tedd	<u>Hi! Fly Guy!</u>
Barnett, Mac	<u>Jack Blasts Off.</u>
* Berenstain, Stan	<u>Old Hat, New Hat.</u>
Bjorkman, Steve	<u>Look Out, Mouse!</u>
Blevins, Wiley	<u>Max Finds an Egg.</u>
Bolger, Kevin	<u>Fun with Ed and Fred: Teaches 50+ Sight Words!</u>
Bonsall, Crosby	<u>Mine's the Best.</u>
* Brimmer, Larry Dane	<u>Cats!</u>
Brown, Margaret Wise	<u>I Like Bugs.</u>
* Capucilli, Alyssa Satin	<u>Biscuit.</u>
Carle, Eric	<u>Can a Cat Do That?</u>
Cepeda, Joe	<u>I Dig.</u>

Cohen, Caron Lee	<u>How Many Fish?</u>
* Crow, Melinda	<u>Little Lizard's New Pet.</u>
* Dean, James	<u>Pete at the Beach.</u>
Degen, Bruce	<u>Nate Likes to Skate.</u>
DePaola, Tomie	<u>When Andy Met Sandy.</u>
Eastman, P.D.	<u>Aaron Is a Good Sport.</u>
Eastman, P.D.	<u>Go, Dog, Go!</u>
Fenske, Jonathan	<u>We Need More Nuts!</u>
Florian, Douglas	<u>Pig and Cat Are Pals!</u>
Garland, Michael	<u>Pizza Mouse.</u>
Garton, Sam	<u>Oh No, Bath Time!</u>
George, Kallie	<u>Snowy Surprise.</u>
Godwin, Laura	<u>Happy and Honey.</u>
Gorbachev, Valerie	<u>Not Me!</u>
Grant, Judyanne	<u>Chicken Said, "Cluck!"</u>
Henry, Steve	<u>Cat Got a Lot.</u>
* Hillert, Margaret	<u>The Three Goats.</u>
Houran, Lori Haskins	<u>Stop, Fox!</u>
Jinks, Jerry	<u>Bear's Cave.</u>
Joven, C.C.	<u>Basketball Break.</u>
Joven, C.C.	<u>Gymnastics Jump.</u>
Karlin, Nurit	<u>I See, You Saw.</u>
Keller, Laurie	<u>We Are Growing.</u>
Kirsch, Vincent	<u>Can You Find Pup?</u>
Kugler, Tina	<u>Snail and Worm.</u>
Lewin, Betsy	<u>Good Night, Knight!</u>
Long, Ethan	<u>Dance, Dance, Dance!</u>
Lopshire, Robert	<u>Put Me in the Zoo.</u>
Marzollo, Jean	<u>I Spy an Egg in the Nest.</u>
Mayer, Mercer	<u>No One Can Play.</u>
McCully, Emily Arnold	<u>Little Ducks Go.</u>
Meisel, Paul	<u>I See a Cat.</u>
Meister, Cari	<u>Tiny's Bath.</u>

Membrino, Anna	<u>Big Shark, Little Shark.</u>
Milgrim, David	<u>Moo Bird.</u>
Moffatt, Judith	<u>Who Stole the Cookies?</u>
Moran, Alex	<u>Come Here, Tiger.</u>
Morris, J. E.	<u>Flubby Is Not a Good Pet.</u>
Morris, J. E.	<u>May I Please Have a Cookie?</u>
Moynihan, Dan	<u>Hiding Dinosaurs.</u>
O'Connor, Jane	<u>JoJo and the Big Mess.</u>
Parkinson, Kate	<u>Grace.</u>
Peot, Margaret	<u>Crow Made a Friend.</u>
Perkins, Al	<u>Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb.</u>
Pilkey, Dav	<u>Big Dog & Little Dog.</u>
Pizzoli, Greg	<u>The Book Hog.</u>
Ring, Susan	<u>Polar Babies.</u>
* Rylant, Cynthia	<u>Puppy Mudge Takes a Bath.</u>
Schories, Pat	<u>Pie for Chuck.</u>
* Seuss, Dr.	<u>Green Eggs and Ham.</u>
Silverman, Erica	<u>Let's Go Fishing.</u>
Singer, Marilyn	<u>Gulp, Gobble.</u>
Sullivan, Mary	<u>Nobody's Duck.</u>
Thomas, Jan	<u>There's a Pest in the Garden!</u>
Thompson, Lauren	<u>Mouse Loves Summer.</u>
Virjan, Emma	<u>What This Story Needs Is a Pig in a Wig.</u>
* We Both Read	<u>Lulu's Lost Shoes.</u>
* Willems, Mo	<u>There Is a Bird on Your Head!</u>
Yoon, Salina	<u>My Kite Is Stuck! and Other Stories.</u>

Books Emphasizing Phonics

* Bob Books	<u>Mat. (JP Paperback Series)</u>
* Carratello, Patty	<u>Mice on Ice: Long Vowel I.</u>
* Cox, Phil Roxbee	<u>Ted in a Red Bed.</u>
Griffiths, Andy	<u>The Cat on the Mat Is Flat.</u>
Hays, Anna	<u>The Pup Speaks Up: A Phonics Reader.</u>

- * Heling, Kathryn Mouse Makes Words: A Phonics Reader.
- Miden, Cecillia Anna and the Dance Class: The Sound of Short A.
- * Moncure, Jane Belk Word Bird Makes Words with Pig: A Short "I" Adventure.
- * Purcell, Susan Goldilocks (Fairy-tale Phonics series, J 398 P985g)
- Redbank, Tennant Rug Bug.
- * Seuss Hop on Pop.
- Shaw, Nancy Sheep in a Jeep. (picture book)
- * Stamper, Judith Bauer The Red Hen.
- * Wallace, Karen Bad Rat! (*JP I Love)
- * Weston, Martha Jack and Jill and Big Dog Bill.
- * Willems, Mo Cat the Cat, Who Is That?

Rebus Books

- Albee, Sarah Olivia Trains Her Cat. (*JP Olivia)
- Alborio, Portia Pig Out!
- Barbo, Maria Catnapped Caper.
- Barss, Karen Martha Stinks!
- Cocca-Leffler, Maryann Dog Wash Day.
- David, Erica Be Good, Bobos! (*JP Diego)
- Gordon, Sharon Rain Forest Animals.
- Hapka, Cathy All Stuffed Up. (*JP Disney)
- Hiranandani, Veera Olivia and Her Ducklings. (*JP Oliva)
- Hooks, William H. The Gruff Brothers.
- Lewison, Wendy The Big Snowball.
- Moncure, Jane My "B" Sound Box.
- Rau, Dana The Lion in the Grass. (J 599.757 R239)
- Schechter, Ellen The Boy Who Cried, "Wolf!"
- Wax, Wendy A Royal Valentine. (JP Backyardigans)
- Wells, Rosemary Play with Max and Ruby.

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