



## **100 Suggested Picture Books**

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**This is a suggested reading list for elementary school students; however, several of the titles will be appealing to readers of all ages.** The recommended titles reflect the quality and complexity of the types of material elementary school students should be reading both at school and outside of class. This list contains contemporary titles to create a more comprehensive list for expanding options for classroom teachers, librarians, students, and parents.

The purpose of this list is to provide suggestions for literature with a wide appeal to elementary school students. While this list is not intended to replace existing reading lists, classroom teachers, reading teachers, library information specialists, parents, and others should use this list to encourage their young people to read a wider variety of current literature.

Criteria used in the selection of books for this suggested reading list were:

- Copyright date must be within five years from the current calendar date.
- Each title must have at least three favorable reviews from recognized review sources.
- Each title must be currently available in print.

This list will be updated annually to meet the selection criteria as outlined above. For more information about this elementary school suggested reading list, please contact Martha Alewine ([malewine@ed.sc.gov](mailto:malewine@ed.sc.gov)).

**100 Suggested Picture Books  
Alphabetical by Author**

AUTHOR	TITLE	© DATE
1. Agee, Jon	Retired Kid, The	2008
2. Arisman, Marshall	Cat Who Invented Bebop, The	2008
3. Averbeck, Jim	In a Blue Room	2008
4. Banks, Kate	Max's Words	2006
5. Barrett, Judi	Never Take a Shark to the Dentist (an Other Things Not to Do)	2008
6. Beaumont, Karen	I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!	2007
7. Berger, Carin	Legend of the Fall	2008
8. Berne, Jennifer	Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau	2008
9. Bond, Rebecca	Great Doughnut Parade, The	2007
10. Bowen, Anne	What Do Teachers' Do (After You Leave School)?	2006
11. Busse, Sarah Martin and Jacqueline Briggs Martin	Banjo Granny	2006
12. Choldenko, Fennifer	How to Make Friends with a Giant	2006
13. Clements, Andrew	Dogku	2007
14. Cottin, Menena	Black Book of Colors, The	2008
15. DeCamillo, Kate	No Ordinary Mouse: the Tale of Despereaux	2008
16. Deedy, Carmen,	Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach	2007
17. Dewdney, Anna	Llama Llama Mad at Mama	2007
18. Doeden, Matt	U.S. Air Force, The	2009
19. Fern, Tracey E.	Buffalo Music	2008
20. Fletcher, Ralph	Sandman, The	2008
21. Friedman, Laurie B.	Angel Girl	2008
22. Gazet, Denys	Will You Read to Me?	2007
23. Goldfinger, Jennifer P.	My Dog Lyle	2007
24. Gonzalez, Lucia M.	Storyteller's Candle, The	2008
25. Greenberg, David T.	Crocs	2008
26. Grifalconi, Ann	Ain't Nobody a Stranger to Me	2007
27. Grimes, Nikki	Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope	2008
28. Harley, Bill	Sarah's Story	2006
29. Harley, Bill	Dirty Joe, the Pirate: A True Story	2008
30. Harrington, Janice	Roberto Walks Home	2008
31. Hayward, Linda	King's Chorus, The	2006
32. Henkes, Kevin	Lilly's Big Day	2006
33. Hume, Lachie	Clancy, the Courageous Cow	2006
34. Hutchins, Hazel and Gail Herbert	Mattland	2008
35. Hutmacher, Kimberly	Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet	2009
36. Jackson, Alison	Thea's Tree	2008
37. Jeffers, Oliver	Incredible Book-eating Boy, The	2007
38. Jenkins, Emily	Skunk Dog	2008
39. Katz, Alan	Don't Say That Word	2007

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40. Kerley, Barbara	What to do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Crazy!	2008
41. Kimmel, Eric A.	Stormy's Hat: Just Right for a Railroad Man	2008
42. Knudsen, Michelle	Library Lion	2006
43. Krensky, Stephen	Sisters of Scituate Light	2008
44. Krosoczka, Jarrett	Punk Farm	2005
45. Lackenmeyer, Nathaniel	Origami Master, The	2008
46. LaRochelle, David	End, The	2007
47. Lester, Helen	Batter Up Wombat	2006
48. Lewin, Ted and Betsy Lewin	Horse Song: The Naadam of Mongolia	2008
49. Love, Donna	Henry, the Impatient Heron	2009
50. Mariconda, Barbara	Sort It Out!	2008
51. Mayer, Mercer	To the Rescue!	2008
52. McCully, Emily Arnold	Manjiro	2008
53. McGee, Marni	Winston, The Book Wolf	2006
54. McGraw, Tim	Tim McGraw's My Little Girl	2008
55. McMillan, Bruce	How the Ladies Topped the Wind	2007
56. McPhail, David	Sylvie & True	2007
57. Merz, Jennifer J.	Playground Day!	2007
58. Miller, Pat	We're Going on a Book Hunt	2008
59. Monroe, Mary Alice	Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter	2007
60. Montenegro, Laura Numan	Poet's Bird Garden, A	2007
61. Morgan, Mary	Dragon Pizzeria	2008
62. Mortensen, Denise Dowling	Wake Up Engines	2007
63. Muth, Jon J.	Zen Shorts	2008
64. Nivola, Claire A	Planting the Trees of Kenya	2008
65. Noble, Trinka Hakes	Last Brother, The: A Civil War Tale	2006
66. Nobleman, Marc T.	Boys of Steel, the Creators of Superman	2008
67. O'Connor, Janet	Fancy Nancy: Bonjour Butterfly	2008
68. Olten, Manuela	Boys are Best	2007
69. Pinkney, Andrea	Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa	2007
70. Ring, Susan	Where Should Turtle Be?	2009
71. Ringgold, Faith	Cassie's Word Quilt	2004
72. Robberecht, Thierry	Sam is Never Scared	2005
73. Rosenthal, Amy Krouse	It's Not Fair	2008
74. Salas, Laura Purdie	Chatter, Sing, Roar, Buzz: Poems about the Rain Forest	2009
75. Schachner, Judith Byron	Skippyjon Jones in Mummy Trouble	2006
76. Schaefer, Lola M.	Island Grows, An	2006
77. Schertle, Alice	Little Blue Truck	2008
78. Scieszka, Jon	Smash! Crash!	2008
79. Sheth, Kashmira	Monsoon Afternoon	2008
80. Sierra, Judy	Wild About Books	2004

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81. Silverman, Erica	Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine	2008
82. Singer, Marilyn	Let's Build a Clubhouse	2006
83. Slater, Dashka	Firefighters in the Dark	2006
84. Steggall, Susan	Life of a Car, The	2008
85. Stein, David Ezra	Nice Book, The	2008
86. Suen, Anastasia	Girls Can Too! : A Tolerance Story	2009
87. Toft, Michelle	World That We Want, The	2005
88. Ulmer, Wendy	A Isn't for Fox: An Isn't Alphabet	2008
89. Van Leeuwen, Jean	Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth	2008
90. Viorst, Judith	Nobody Here But Me	2008
91. Wahl, Jan	Bear Dance	2008
92. Wallace, Ian	Sleeping Porch, The	2008
93. Walsh, Melanie	10 Things I Can Do to Help My World	2008
94. Weatherford, Carole Boston	I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer	2008
95. Weinstock, Robert	Giant Meatball	2008
96. Whitehead, Kathy	Art From Her Heart	2008
97. Willems, Mo	Knuffle Bunny, Too (a Case of Mistaken Identity)	2007
98. Wojciechowski, Susan	Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey, The	2007
99. Yum, Hyewon	Last Night	2008
100. Zemach, Kaethe	Ms. McCaw Learns to Draw	2008