



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).

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Alphabetical by Author

AUTHOR	TITLE	© DATE
1. Agee, John	Orangutan Tongs: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue	2009
2. Ahlberg, Alan	Pencil, The	2009
3. Alley, Zoe B.	There's a Wolf at the Door	2008
4. Arisman, Marshall	Cat Who Invented Bebop, The	2008
5. Averbek, Jim	In a Blue Room	2008
6. Barrett, Judi	Never Take a Shark to the Dentist (an Other Things Not to Do)	2008
7. Barton, Chris	Shark vs. Train	2010
8. Berger, Carin	Legend of the Fall	2008
9. Berne, Jennifer	Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau	2008
10. Billstrom, Dianne	You Can't Go to School Naked	2008
11. Bloom, Suzanne	Mighty Fine Time Machine, A	2009
12. Bottner, Barbara	Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)	2010
13. Brennan-Nelson, Denise and Rosemarie Brennan	Willow	2009
14. Cottin, Menena	Black Book of Colors, The	2008
15. Cutbill, Andy	Cow that Laid an Egg, The	2009
16. Davidson, Ellen Dee	Princess Justina Albertina: A Cautionary Tale	2007
17. Davis, Nancy	Garden of Opposites, A	2009
18. Day, Alexandra	Carl's Summer Vacation	2008
19. Day, Alexandra	Carl's Snowy Day	2009
20. DeCamillo, Kate	No Ordinary Mouse: the Tale of Despereaux	2008
21. Deedy, Carman Agra	14 Cows for America	2009
22. Doeden, Matt	U.S. Air Force, The	2009
23. Fern, Tracey E.	Buffalo Music	2008
24. Fletcher, Ralph	Sandman, The	2008
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26. Friedman, Laurie B.	Angel Girl	2008
27. Geringer, Laura	Boom Boom Go Away!	2010
28. Gonzalez, Lucia M.	Storyteller's Candle, The	2008
29. Greenberg, David T.	Crocs	2008
30. Grimes, Nikki	Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope	2008
31. Harley, Bill	Dirty Joe, the Pirate: A True Story	2008
32. Harrington, Janice	Roberto Walks Home	2008
33. Hopkins, Jackie	Goldie Socks and the Three Libearians	2007
34. Hutchins, Hazel and Gail Herbert	Mattland	2008
35. Hutmacher, Kimberly	Paws, Claws, Hands, and Feet	2009
36. Ipcizade, Catherine	'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day	2008
37. Jackson, Alison	Thea's Tree	2008
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. Klise, Kate	Little Rabbit and the Meanest Mother on Earth	2010
43. Krensky, Stephen	Sisters of Scituate Light	2008
44. Lackenmeyer, Nathaniel	Origami Master, The	2008
45. LaRochelle, David	End, The	2007
46. Larsen, Andrew	Imaginary Garden, The	2009
47. Lewin, Ted and Betsy Lewin	Horse Song: The Naadam of Mongolia	2008
48. Lichtenheld, Tom	Bridget's Beret	2010
49. Lies, Brian	Bats at the Library	2009
50. Love, Donna	Henry, the Impatient Heron	2009
51. Mariconda, Barbara	Sort It Out!	2008
52. Mayer, Mercer	To the Rescue!	2008
53. McCully, Emily Arnold	Manjiro	2008
54. McGraw, Tim	Tim McGraw's My Little Girl	2008
55. McPhail, David	Sylvie & True	2007
56. Merz, Jennifer J.	Playground Day!	2007
57. Miller, Pat	We're Going on a Book Hunt	2008
58. Monroe, Mary Alice	Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter	2007
59. Montenegro, Laura Numan	Poet's Bird Garden, A	2007
60. Morgan, Mary	Dragon Pizzeria	2008
61. Mortensen, Denise Dowling	Wake Up Engines	2007
62. Muth, Jon J.	Zen Shorts	2008
63. Nivola, Claire A	Planting the Trees of Kenya	2008
64. Nobleman, Marc T.	Boys of Steel, the Creators of Superman	2008
65. O'Connor, Janet	Fancy Nancy: Bonjour Butterfly	2008
66. Oliver, Jeffers	Heart and the Bottle, The	2010
67. Olten, Manuela	Boys are Best	2007
68. Perry, John	Book That Eats People, The	2009
69. Pinkney, Andrea	Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa	2007
70. Ring, Susan	Where Should Turtle Be?	2009
71. Rosenthal, Amy Krouse	It's Not Fair	2008
72. Salas, Laura Purdie	Chatter, Sing, Roar, Buzz: Poems about the Rain Forest	2009
73. Schertle, Alice	Little Blue Truck	2008
74. Schoenherr, Ian	Read It, Don't Eat It	2009
75. Scieszka, Jon	Smash! Crash!	2008
76. Sherry, Kevin	I'm the Best Artist in the Ocean	2008
77. Sheth, Kashmira	Monsoon Afternoon	2008
78. Silver, Gail	Anh's Anger	2009
79. Silverman, Erica	Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine	2008
80. Steggall, Susan	Life of a Car, The	2008

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81. Stein, David Ezra	Nice Book, The	2008
82. Suen, Anastasia	Girls Can Too! : A Tolerance Story	2009
83. Teruyuki Komiya	Life-Size Zoo	2010
84. Ulmer, Wendy	A Isn't for Fox: An Isn't Alphabet	2008
85. Van Leeuwen, Jean	Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth	2008
86. Viorst, Judith	Nobody Here But Me	2008
87. Waddell, Martin	Captain Small Pig	2010
88. Wahl, Jan	Bear Dance	2008
89. Wallace, Ian	Sleeping Porch, The	2008
90. Walsh, Melanie	10 Things I Can Do to Help My World	2008
91. Weatherford, Carole Boston	I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer	2008
92. Weinstock, Robert	Giant Meatball	2008
93. Whitehead, Kathy	Art From Her Heart	2008
94. Willems, Mo	Knuffle Bunny, Too (a Case of Mistaken Identity)	2007
95. Williams, Karen Lynn	Beach Tail, A	2010
96. Yates, Louise	Small Surprise, A	2009
97. Yolen, Jane	All Star! Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever	2010
98. Young, Amy	Mud Fairy, The	2010
99. Yum, Hyewon	Last Night	2008
100. Zemach, Kaethe	Ms. McCaw Learns to Draw	2008