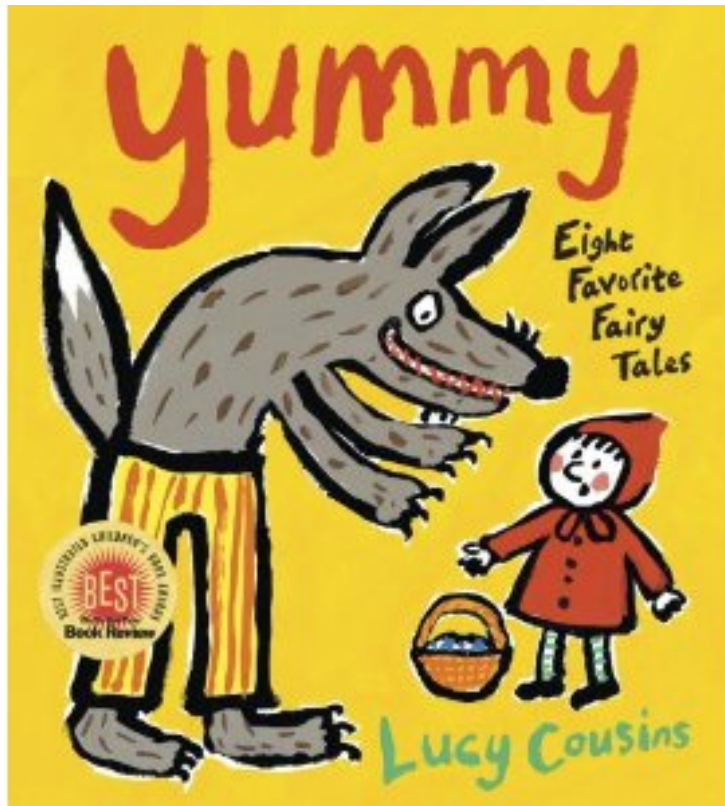


Pre-K - K - 1 - 2 Reading List 2010



Cousins, Lucy. **Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales**. Somerville, MA : Candlewick, 2009.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Some of these books can be read independently by your child, some are for you to read aloud. This list is revised annually to include some of our favorites, but it is only a list of suggestions. Many of these authors have written several good books. We encourage you to explore your public library and/or local bookstores.

2010 Caldecott Medal Winner

The Lion and the Mouse written and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Caldecott Honor Books

All the World illustrated by Marla Frazee, written by Liz Garton Scanlon

Red Sings from Treetops illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, written by Joyce Sidman

2010 Newbery Winner

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Newbery Honor Books

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon written and illustrated by Grace Lin

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman B. Philbrick

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NEW THIS YEAR... "BEST BOOKS" OF 2009-2010

Books from at least one list of "best" books, which were compiled by leading journals in the field of children's literature.

Arnold, Tedd. **ISPY FLY GUY!** A disastrous ending to a game of hide and seek finds Fly Guy hauled away to the local dump in this new take on a lost pet.

Brown, Peter. **THE CURIOUS GARDEN.** Liam discovers a patch of lonely plants in an elevated train track and encourages them to grow into a magnificent garden that spreads throughout the city.

Brun-Cosme, Nadine. **BIG WOLF AND LITTLE WOLF.** When Big Wolf decides to surprise Little Wolf in the dead of winter by fetching a little leaf on a bare tree, both are rewarded in different ways by Big Wolf's efforts.

Carter, David A. **WHITE NOISE.** A pop-up romp through cubism and futurism and a lesson in early 20th-century modernist formalism.

Cousins, Lucy. **YUMMY: EIGHT FAVORITE FAIRY TALES.** Bright illustrations in primary colors accompany bold retelling of eight familiar folktales.

Darbyshire, Kristen. **PUT IT ON THE LIST.** What happens one frantic week when everyone forgets to put the things they need on Mom's shopping list? First, it's cookies, but no milk. Then macaroni, no cheese.

Gravett, Emily. **THE ODD EGG.** Each of the birds has an egg...except for Duck. So when Duck finds a beautiful egg of his own he's delighted.

Hayes, Geoffrey. **BENNY AND PENNY IN THE BIG NO-NO!** In this charming whodunit, Benny and his little sister Penny team-up to investigate, braving the dangers of the new neighbor's yard, and finding something unexpected on the other side of the fence.

Henkes, Kevin. **BIRDS.** A young unseen narrator explores colors, shapes, and sizes as she watches red, blue, yellow and green birds outside her window. Perfectly pitched for the younger set.

McMullan, Kate. **PEARL AND WAGNER: ONE FUNNY DAY.** Friends Pearl and Wagner experience the hijinks and pranks of April Fools' Day.

Meschenmoser, Sebastian. **WAITING FOR WINTER.** First squirrel, then hedgehog, and finally bear wait anxiously for winter to appear as they mistake several white and wet and cold and soft objects for snow.

Mora, Pat. **GRACIAS - THANKS.** Small pleasures of Latino family life and experiences are captured in nostalgic folk art illustrations.

Newbery, Linda. **POSY.** Posy is a "...whiskers wiper/crayon swiper, Playful wrangler/knitting tangler." Beautifully illustrated by Catherine Rayner, the art work is rendered in water-color, pencil, crayons, acrylic, and India inks.

Patricelli, Leslie. **HIGHER! HIGHER!** With her dad pushing her higher and higher in the swing, a little girl soars into the realm of fun and fantasy.

Pinkney, Jerry. **THE LION AND THE MOUSE.** A nearly wordless exploration of Aesop's fable of symbiotic mercy that is nothing short of masterful. **2010 Caldecott winner.**

Portis, Antoinette. **A PENGUIN STORY.** Edna the penguin knows three colors—the black of night, the white in snow and ice, and the blue of the ocean that goes on forever. She knows there must be more, so Edna sets off on a quest to find it.

Rodman, Mary Ann. **SURPRISE SOUP.** When his mom has a baby, Kevie and his father make soup to welcome them home.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **DUCK! RABBIT!** Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? Simple words and bold illustrations challenge children with this optical illusion.

Rylant, Cynthia. **ALL IN A DAY.** This picture-book poem discusses the many things that can be done in a day: plant a seed, make a wish, live a life.

Sakai, Komako. **THE SNOW DAY.** A young rabbit wakes up to wonderful news: A snow day! School is canceled, and the day that follows is rich with the magic and delight of the falling snow. And yet there is longing too, as the young rabbit and his mother wait for news of his father, grounded on a plane in a faraway city.

Salley, Coleen. **EPOSSUMONDAS PLAYS POSSUM.** The cuddly but dim possum hero of Salley's tales from the South has been warned by his mama to stay out of the swamp, where the dreaded loup-garou lies in wait.

Smith, Jeff. **LITTLE MOUSE GETS READY.** Little Mouse narrates this story with humor and excitement as he struggles into his clothes and dreams of adventure.

Willis, Jeanne. **BOG BABY.** Two small sisters fishing in a magic pond find something much better than a frog or a newt -- a Bog Baby. Small and blue, with wings like a dragon, the girls decide to take him home with them.

Yee, Wong Herbert. **MOUSE AND MOLE: FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS.** Join Mouse and Mole on another high-flying adventure in which teamwork, brainstorming, and good ideas always make for a fun day out!

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Annotations compiled from review journals and awards lists.

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FOR BEGINNING READERS

(about 40 pages, limited vocabulary)

Cazet, Denys. ***MINNIE & MOO: WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE.**

Dunrea, Olivier. ***OLLIE.**

Grant, Judyann Ackerman. **CHICKEN SAID, "CLUCK!"**

Guest, Elissa Haden. ***IRIS AND WALTER AND THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Hazen, Barbara Shook. **DIGBY.**

Hills, Tad. ***DUCK & GOOSE.**

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. ***ZELDA & IVY: KEEPING SECRETS.**

Milgrim, David. ***SWING, OTTO, SWING!**

PUBLISHER SERIES:

Atheneum: * **Books for Young Readers**

Candlewick: * **Brand New Readers**

Harper & Row: * **"I Can Read" books**

Random House: * **"I Can Read It All by Myself"**

Random House: * **"Step into Reading"**

SHORTER CHAPTER BOOKS

(about 60 pages, with larger print)

Adler, David. ***CAM JANSEN AND THE SECRET SERVICE MYSTERY.**

Bang-Campbell, Monika. ***LITTLE RAT.**

Benchley, Nathaniel. **SAM THE MINUTEMAN.**

Gravett, Emily. **ORANGE PEAR APPLE BEAR.**

Haas, Jessie. **RUNAWAY RADISH.**

Howe, James. ***PINKY & REX.
HOUNDSLEY & CATINA.**

Krensky, Stephen. ***LIONEL'S BIRTHDAY.**

Livingstone, Star. **HARLEY.**

Lobel, Arnold. ***FROG & TOAD ARE FRIENDS.**

Rylant, Cynthia. ***HENRY AND MUDGE.
*MR. PUTTER & TABBY.**

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **DOG AND BEAR : TWO FRIENDS, THREE STORIES.**

Sharmat, Marjorie. ***NATE THE GREAT.**

Thomas, Shelly Moore. ***GOOD NIGHT, GOOD KNIGHT.**

Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***AMANDA PIG AND THE REALLY HOT DAY.**

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LONGER CHAPTER BOOKS

(about 80 pages, with larger print)

DiCamillo, Kate. ***MERCY WATSON: PRINCESS IN DISGUISE.**

Fine, Anne. **THE JAMIE AND ANGUS STORIES.**

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. ***MY FATHER'S DRAGON.**

Graham, Bob. **TALES FROM THE WATERHOLE.**

Hurwitz, Johanna. ***RIP ROARING RUSSELL.**

Park, Barbara. ***JUNIE B. JONES.**

Scieszka, Jon. ***MARCO? POLO!**

FOLK AND FAIRY TALES

(These are important to kindle the imagination, to extend the meaning of language, and to lay the groundwork for understanding all literature).

DePaola, Tomie. ***STREGA NONA.**

Kellogg, Steven. **PAUL BUNYAN.**

Kimmel, Eric. **IRON JOHN.**

Kipling, Rudyard. **JUST SO STORIES.**

Moses, Will. **WILL MOSES MOTHER GOOSE.**

Step toe, John. **MUFARO'S BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS.**

Stevens, Janet & Susan Stevens Crummel. **AND THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON.**

Ray, Jane. **THE APPLE PIP PRINCESS.**

Root, Phyllis. **BIG MOMMA MAKES THE WORLD.**

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CHILDREN'S FAVORITES

Ahlberg, Janet. **EACH PEACH PEAR PLUM.**

Allard, Harry. ***MISS NELSON IS MISSING.**

Bee, William. **BEWARE OF THE FROG.**

Becker, Bonny. **A VISITOR FOR BEAR.**

Best, Cari. **SHRINKING VIOLET.**

Blake, Robert J. **TOGO.**

Bottner, Barbara. **BOOTSIE BARKER BITES.**

Coffelt, Nancy. **FRED STAYS WITH ME!**

Cowell, Cressida. **THAT RABBIT BELONGS TO
EMILY BROWN.**

Cronin, Doreen. **GIGGLE, GIGGLE, QUACK.**

Dunrea, Olivier. **GOSSIE & GERTIE.**

Falconer, Ian. ***OLIVIA FORMS A BAND.**

Faller, Regis. **THE ADVENTURES OF POLO.**

Feiffer, Jules. **BARK, GEORGE.**

Fox, Mem and Judy Horacek. **WHERE IS THE GREEN
SHEEP?**

Frazee, Marla. **A COUPLE OF BOYS HAVE THE BEST
WEEK EVER.**

George, Jean Craighead. **GOOSE AND DUCK.**

Grey, Mini. ***TRACTION MAN MEETS TURBODOG!**

Henkes, Kevin. ***WEMBERLY WORRIED.
*LILLY'S BIG DAY.**

Hest, Amy. ***OFF TO SCHOOL, BABY DUCK.**

Hicks, Barbara Jean. **JITTERBUG JAM.**

Howe, James. ***HORACE AND MORRIS BUT MOSTLY
DOLORES.**

James, Simon. ***BABY BRAINS.**

Jenkins, Emily. **FIVE CREATURES.**

Juster, Norton. **THE HELLO, GOODBYE WINDOW.**

Kalman, Maira. **WHAT PETE ATE FROM A-Z.**

Knudsen, Michelle. **LIBRARY LION.**

Lee, Suzy. **WAVE.**

Lehman, Barbara. **THE RED BOOK.**

McCloskey, Robert. **BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL.**

McFarland, Lyn Rossiter. ***WIDGET.**

McMullan, Kate. **I STINK!**

Marshall, James. ***GEORGE AND MARTHA.**

Martin, Bill. **CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM.**

Meddaugh, Susan. ***MARTHA SPEAKS.**

Muth, Jon J. **ZEN SHORTS.**

Myers, Christopher. **BLACK CAT.**

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **THE BROKEN CAT.**

Priceman, Marjorie. **HOW TO MAKE A CHERRY PIE
AND SEE THE USA.**

Rathmann, Peggy. **THE DAY THE BABIES CRAWLED
AWAY.**

Reibstein, Mark. **WABI SABI.**

Salley, Coleen. ***EPOSSUMONDAS SAVES THE DAY.**

Schachner, Judith Byron. **THE GRANNYMAN.**

Scieszka, Jon. **THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE
LITTLE PIGS.**

Sis, Peter. ***MADLENKA'S DOG.**

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **ONE BOY.**

Soto, Gary. **CHATO GOES CRUISIN'.**

Swanson, Susan Marie. **THE HOUSE IN THE NIGHT.
2009 Caldecott Medal.**

Teague, Mark. ***LETTERS FROM THE CAMPAIGN
TRAIL: LARUE FOR MAYOR.**

Titus, Eve. ***ANATOLE.**

Wiesner, David. **FLOTSOM. 2007 Caldecott winner.**

Willems, Mo. ***THE PIGEON WANTS A PUPPY!
KNUFFLE BUNNY TOO.**

Vail, Rachel. **SOMETIMES I'M BOMBALOO.**

Waber, Bernard. **COURAGE.
IRA SLEEPS OVER.**

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BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

- Avi. ***POPPY.**
- Cleary, Beverly. ***RAMONA.**
- D'Aulaire, Ingri. **D'AULAIRE'S BOOK OF GREEK MYTHS.**
- DiTerlizzi, Tony. **THE SPIDER & THE FLY.**
- George, Jean C. **THE TARANTULA IN MY PURSE.**
- Grahame, Kenneth. **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS.**
- Howe, Deborah. ***BUNNICULA.**
- Lewis, C.S. ***THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE.**
- MacDonald, Betty. ***MRS. PIGGLE-WIGGLE.**
- Pretlutsky, Jack. **IF NOT FOR THE CAT / HAIKU.**
- Sachar, Louis. ***SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL.**
- Silverstein, Shel. **WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS.**
- White, E.B. **CHARLOTTE'S WEB.**
- French, Vivian. **GROWING FROGS.**
- Goldstone, Bruce. **GREAT ESTIMATIONS.**
- Guiberson, Brenda Z. **THE EMPEROR LAYS AN EGG.**
- Jenkins, Steve. **ACTUAL SIZE. ALMOST GONE: THE WORLD'S RAREST ANIMALS. SISTERS & BROTHERS: SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE ANIMAL WORLD.**
- Johnson, Stephen T. **A IS FOR ART.**
- Kalman, Maira. **FIREBOAT: THE HEROIC ADVENTURES OF THE JOHN J. HARVEY.**
- Karas, G. Brian. **ON EARTH.**
- Lindbergh, Reeve. **NOBODY OWNS THE SKY.**
- McNulty, Faith. **IF YOU DECIDE TO GO TO THE MOON.**
- Pellant, Chris. **THE BEST BOOK OF ROCKS AND FOSSILS.**
- Priceman, Marjorie. **HOT AIR: THE (MOSTLY) TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST HOT-AIR BALLOON RIDE.**
- Raczka, Bob. **3-D ABC: A SCULPTURAL ALPHABET.**
- Rappaport, Doreen. **MARTIN'S BIG WORDS.**
- Ryan, Pam Munoz. **WHEN MARION SANG.**
- Schwartz, David. **IF YOU HOPPED LIKE A FROG.**
- Shannon, George. **WHITE IS FOR BLUEBERRY.**
- Sidman, Joyce. **BUTTERFLY EYES & OTHER SECRETS OF THE MEADOW.**
- Todd, Traci N. **A IS FOR ASTRONAUT: SPACE EXPLORATION FROM A TO Z.**
- Winter, Jeanette. **MAMA: A TRUE STORY IN WHICH A BABY HIPPO LOSES HIS MAMA DURING A TSUNAMI, BUT FINDS A NEW HOME, AND A NEW MAMA.**

INFORMATION BOOKS

- Amosky, Jim. **WILD TRACKS: A GUIDE TO NATURE'S FOOTPRINTS.**
- Bataille, Marion. **ABC3D.**
- Berger, Melvin. **SPINNING SPIDERS.**
- Bishop, Nic. **FROGS. SPIDERS.**
- Brown, Don. **UNCOMMON TRAVELER: MARY KINGSLEY IN AFRICA.**
- Calmenson, Stephanie. **ROSIE: A VISITING DOG'S STORY.**
- Cobb, Vicki. ***I FALL DOWN.**
- Ehlert, Lois. **WAITING FOR WINGS.**
- Fromental, Jean-Luc, and Joelle Jolivet. **365 PENGUINS.**
- EYEWITNESS JUNIOR BOOKS** (many topics)
- Florian, Douglas. **INSECTLOPEDIA. COMETS, STARS, THE MOON, AND MARS.**
- Wangari, Wangari. **WANGARI'S TREES OF PEACE: A TRUE STORY FROM AFRICA.**

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