



READING LIST

Birth-
Preschool

BOOKS

AHOY!

BY SOPHIE BLACKALL

ANNE SCHWARTZ BOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9780593429396

A child transforms a living room into a high-seas adventure, convincing a reluctant parent to join in as they battle giant squid and navigate stormy seas.

ALL OF THOSE BABIES

BY MYLISA LARSEN, ILLUSTRATED
BY STEPHANIE LABERIS

BEACH LANE, 2024
ISBN: 9781665921442

Celebrate all the babies in the world—from humans to animals!

ANIMAL ALBUMS FROM A TO Z

BY CECE BELL

WALKER, 2024
ISBN: 9781536226249

The bright, colorful art will draw readers to this silly and fun alphabet book over and over. Musical lyrics and engaging language will make this a favorite for all generations.

BUNNY LOVES BEANS

BY JANE WHITTINGHAM

PAJAMA PRESS, 2024
ISBN: 9781772783018

Explore the vibrant colors in the foods that both humans and animals enjoy.

BUNNY SHOULD BE SLEEPING

BY AMY HEST, ILLUSTRATED
BY RENATA LIWSKA

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9780823453412

In bed but tired of waiting for Dad to check on him, Bunny packs up his

wagon and goes to Dad's room to check on him instead. A sweet story of a father and son caring for each other, with soft, cozy illustrations perfect for bedtime reading.

GET THE GIGGLES: AN INVISIBLE THINGS BOOK

BY ANDY J. PIZZA, ILLUSTRATED
BY SOPHIE MILLER

CHRONICLE, 2024
ISBN: 9781797215228

A lighthearted look at laughter in various forms with all-ages appeal.

THE GOAT AND THE STOAT AND THE BOAT

BY EM LYNAS, ILLUSTRATED
BY MATT HUNT

NOSY CROW, 2024
ISBN: 9798887770529

A goat and a stoat face off in a hilarious rhyme-filled fight over the boat they both occupy.

THE GOOD GAME

BY ARIHHONNI DAVID

HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2024
ISBN: 9780823456222

When a young Indigenous boy is upset that he can't play lacrosse with the older kids, his grandfather tells him the story of one of the first lacrosse games, played by animals of land and sky.

HELLO DAY: A CHILD'S- EYE VIEW OF THE WORLD

BY CHARLIE MYLIE

ABRAMS, 2024
ISBN: 9781419768132

A toddler greets and explores the world, reminding his destination-focused father to savor the wonder of everyday experiences.

HIGH CHAIR CHEMISTRY

BY JILL ESBAUM

MIT KIDS PRESS, 2023
ISBN: 9781536229660

Combine curiosity with simple scientific concepts as a way to introduce chemistry to babies and toddlers.

LET'S GO! / HAW ÊKWA!

BY JULIE FLETT

GREYSTONE KIDS, 2024
ISBN: 9781771646109

A little boy dreams of learning to skateboard, until his mother surprises him with her old board. This story about practice and perseverance features a glossary of Cree words found throughout the book.

LOVE, THE EARTH

BY FRANCES STICKLEY,
ILLUSTRATED BY TIM HOPGOOD

CANDLEWICK, 2024
ISBN: 9781536234121

Discover and celebrate the wonders of our world.

MAMÁ'S MAGNIFICENT DANCING PLANTITAS

BY JESÚS TREJO, ILLUSTRATED
BY ELIZA KINKZ

MINERVA, 2024
ISBN: 9781662651069

Readers will enjoy Jesús's misadventures in his new job as "Chief Plant Officer," helping to take care of Mamá's houseplants. His narration is full of humor and wit, like when he helps take care of a plant that "soiled" itself. But will he save the Golden Pothos?



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THE QUIET FOREST

BY CHARLOTTE OFFSAY,
ILLUSTRATED BY ABI CUSHMAN

PAULA WISEMAN BOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9781665926423

A fun frolic in the not-so-quiet woods will be enjoyed by reader and listener alike. So fun to read with the refrain and alliteration throughout.

THE TEENY-WEENY UNICORN

BY SHAWN HARRIS

KNOPF, 2024
ISBN: 9780593571880

A tiny unicorn feels frustrated by his size and being bossed around by his older siblings, but an accidental discovery of a hidden power leads to both trouble and a heartwarming lesson about the importance of family support. This charming tale blends fairytale magic with relatable challenges, showing young readers the value of having one another's backs in fresh, engaging ways.

THIS IS A WINDOW

BY LAUREN PAIGE CONRAD

MINERVA, 2024
ISBN: 9781662651595

Told in rhyming text, this book explores how imagination can turn everyday objects into something magical.

THIS TABLE

BY ALEX KILLIAN, ILLUSTRATED
BY BROOKE SMART

GREYSTONE KIDS, 2024
ISBN: 9781771645829

Read as a seed becomes a tree, a tree becomes a table, and a table becomes the focal point of a family's life and home.



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TOWED BY TOAD

BY JASHAR AWAN

TUNDRA, 2024
ISBN: 9781774883488

Toad rescues others with his tow truck, but when the truck breaks down, Toad learns that even the helpers need help sometimes.

URSULA UPSIDE DOWN

BY COREY R. TABOR

BALZER + BRAY, 2024
ISBN: 9780063275560

Ursula, a pink catfish, is perfectly content with the way she swims, until another fish suggests that she might be swimming upside down.

YOU DESERVE EVERYTHING

BY STEPH STILWELL

LITTLE BEE, 2024
ISBN: 9781499817126

Has Stilwell cornered the market on circular board books? Shaped like a bagel, this book is full of punny affirmations and delightful illustrations. Her other books include *Dough Much Love*, *Pie Love You*, and *A Pizza My Heart*. This book gets a *round* of applause!

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SMALL WONDERS (FOR FAMILIES)

<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/apps/early-literacy>

Adults and kids are encouraged to play together with games, songs, and activity ideas in this digital app from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Available in English and Spanish.

www.ala.org/alsc

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