

Bright Star Books Recommended Books

Title	Author	Also Recommended By:
<u>0-12 months</u>		
Black & White	Tana Hoban	ALSC, Read to Grow, ALA
Global Babies	Global Fund	ALSC, ALA, NAEYC, Read to Grow
Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes	Annie Kubler	KinderCare, Mind in the Making
10 Black Dots	Donald Crews	GLAR
10 Little Fingers, 10 Little Toes	Mem Fox	NAEYC, DIA, Read Aloud, Mind
Moo, Ba, La, La, La	Sandra Boynton	KinderCare, Mind
Baby Dance	Ann Taylor	KinderCare, NBCDI
Happy Baby Words	Roger Priddy	Read Aloud, Daily Dose
Elmo Says...	Sarah Albee	Mind
My Car (and others)	Byron Barton	ALSC, Daily Dose, KinderCare
<u>12-24 months</u>		
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	DC, ALSC, Read to Grow, Mind, NYC100, Read Loud
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	Ellen Christeloe	DC, GLAR
Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? (or Polar Bear, Polar Bear)	Eric Carle + Bill Martin	DC, KinderCare, Read to Grow, NYC100, Keaton's Top Pick
Goodnight Gorilla	Peggy Rathmann	Daily Dose, KinderCare, Read to Grow, NYC100, Read Aloud
Where's Spot?	Eric Hill	ALSC, Daily Dose, Read to Grow, NYC100, Mind, PHL
Guess How Much I Love You	Sam McBratney	ALSC, Kindercare, Read to Grow
Blue Hat, Green Hat	Sandra Boynton	Read to Grow, Mind in the Making
Freight Train	Donald Crews	ALSC, NEAYC, NYC100, Read Aloud, Caldecott

Where's the Green Sheep?	Mem Fox	
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown	ALSC, KinderCare, Read to Grow, NYC100, Read Aloud
Higher, Higher (and all other titles!)	Leslie Patracelli	Keaton's Top Pick
"Maisy" books	Lucy Cousins	NCY100, CLE, Read to Grow, ALA, KinderCare
Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell	Read to Grow, ALA
Kitten's First Full Moon	Kevin Henkes	NYC100, PHL, Read Aloud, Caldecott
<u>24-36 months</u>		
Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom	Bill Martin	PHL, CLE, DC, Read to Grow, NYC100, ALA
Harold & the Purple Crayon	Crockett Johnson	KinderCare, NYC100, Mind, Read Aloud
Gossie (and others in the Gossie Series)	Oliver Dunrea	NYC100, ALA
You Are My I Love You	Maryann Cusimani Love	DIA
Dinosaur vs Potty (and others in the Dinosaur vs series)	Bob Shea	Read Aloud
Runaway Bunny	Margaret Brown	Mind, TF
Eating the Alphabet	Lois Ehlert	CMM
Hop on Pop	Dr. Seuss	Read to Grow, Read Aloud
Feast for 10	Cathryn Falwell	CMM, NBCDI
10, 9, 8	Molly Bang	NYC100, NBCDI, ALSC, ALA
Dinosaur Kisses	David Ezra Stein	Keaton's Top Pick
No, David! (and other David books)	David Shannon	NYC100, Daily Dose, CLE, Caldecott
Olivia	Ian Falconer	NYC100, Daily Dose, Caldecott
"More, More, More" said the Baby	Vera B. Williams	ALSC, NBCDI, Caldecott

36-48 months

The Napping House	Audrey Wood	KinderCare, Read to Grow, NYC100
Are you My Mother?	P.D. Eastman	Read to Grow, Mind
Corduroy	Don Freeman	NYC100
The Snowy Day	Ezra Jack Keats	KinderCare, NYC100, Mind, Keaton's Top Pick
One Fish, Two Fish	Dr. Seuss	KinderCare
Mouse Paint	Ellen Stoll Walsh	DC
The Little Mouse, Red Ripe Strawberry, & Big Hungry Bear	Don and Audrey Wood	CMM, Keaton's Top Pick
Green Eggs & Ham	Dr. Seuss	ALA
The Little Engine that Could	Watty Piper	DC, Mind, TF
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	KinderCare, NYC100, Daily Dose
Alexander & the Wind Up Mouse	Leo Lionni	Caldecott
Owl Babies	Martin Waddell	ALSC
Don't Let the Pidgeon Drive the Bus (and other Pidgeon books)	Mo Willems	NYC100, KinderCare, Caldecott
Llama Llama Red Pajama	Anna Dewdney	Mind, DC
Giraffes Can't Dance	Giles Andreae	CLE, Keaton's Top Pick
Owen	Kevin Henkes	NYC100, Mind, Caldecott
Knufflebunny	Mo Willems	Read Aloud, DC, Mind, Daily Dose, Caldecott
The Lion and the Mouse	Jerry Pinkney	NYC100, DC, KinderCare, Mind, Caldecott
Owl Moon	Janet Yolen	Kindercare, Caldecott
"Pete the Cat" books	Eric Litwin	Daily Dose, GLAR
Growing Vegetable Soup	Lois Ehlert	CMM

48 months +

Caps for Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina	Read to Grow, NYC100, Mind, PHL, DC
Curious George	H.A. Rey	NYC100

Bread & Jam for Francis	Russell and Lillian Hoban	NYC100
The Mitten	Jan Brett	DC, KinderCare, TF
Chrysanthemum	Kevin Henkes	CLE
Tar Beach	Faith Ringgold	NYC100, NBCDI, Caldecott
Yoko	Rosemary Wells	NYC100
Officer Buckle and Gloria	Peggy Rathmann	CLE, ALA, Caldecott
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	William Steig	NYC100, TF, Caldecott
Fish is Fish	Leo Lionni	Mind
The Book With No Pictures	B. J. Novak	Keaton's Top Pick
Froggy Gets Dressed	Jonathon London	NYC100
IF You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Numeroff	NYC100, ALA, Mind, TF, DC
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst	NYC100, KinderCare, CLE
My Friend Rabbit	Eric Rohmann	NYC100, Caldecott
Strega Nona	Tomie dePaola	NYC100, TF, DC, Caldecott
Click, Clack Moo: Cows that Type	Doreen Cronin	NYC100, CLE Caldecott
The Skin You Live In	Michael Tyler	Read to Grow
Grace for President	Kelly S. DiPucchio	Mind
Interrupting Chicken	David Ezra Stein	ALA, Caldecott
Martha Speaks	Susan Meddaugh	NYC100, DC
Living with Mom and Living with Dad	Melanie Walsh	GLAR
Pecan Pie Baby	Jacqueline Woodson	DIA, DC
A Chair for My Mother	Vera B. Williams	NYC100, Caldecott

There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly	Simms Taback	NYC100, Caldecott
“Fly Guy” books	Tedd Arnold	DC, KinderCare
Elephant & Piggy Series	Mo Willems	Keaton’s Top Pick

Recommended Book Lists Referenced:

NYC100	New York Public Library’s 100 Picture Books Everyone Should Know
ALSC	Association for Library Service to Children- Born to Read
DC	District of Columbia Public Library
PHL	Free Library of Philadelphia
Caldecott	Caldecott Medal and Caldecott Honor winning books
NBCDI	National Black Child Development Institute- Love to Read
GLAR	Growing Like A Read- Pioneer Library System
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
Read to Grow	Read to Grow
ALA	American Library Association
KinderCare	KinderCare
Mind	Mind in the Making
DIA	Diversity in Action
Daily Dose	Daily Dose of Reading
CLE	Cleveland Public Library
TF	Teachers First
CMM	Children’s Museum of Manhattan- Eat Play Grow
Read Aloud	Read Aloud 15 Minutes
Keaton’s Top Pick	Bright Star Books’ Two Cents, from the tested mind of a child 😊