

Recommended Picture Books



For beginning readers and read-alouds

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Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: a West African tale

Retold by Verna Aardema

XJ AARDEMA

A retelling of a traditional West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying buzzing habit. A mosquito annoyed the iguana, who frightened the python, who scared the rabbit ... and now the whole jungle is in an uproar because the sun won't rise.

Miss Nelson is Missing!

By Harry Allard

XJ ALLARD

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

Please, Mr. Panda

By Steve Antony

XJ ANTONY

Mr. Panda has a plate of doughnuts to share, but most of the other animals forget to say "Please."

Have You Seen Elephant?

By David Barrow

XJ BARROW NEW

Elephant wants to play hide and seek. See if you can help the others find him? He's very good!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

By Eric Carle

XJ CARLE

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.

The Adventures of Luke Skywalker, Jedi Knight

By Tony DiTerlizzi

XJ DITERLIZZI

Retells Luke Skywalker's journey from a Tatooine farm boy to a Jedi Knight, as he learns how to use the Force in the battle against the Empire.

Bear & Hare Go Fishing

By Emily Gravett

XJ GRAVETT

Bear and Hare go fishing, but the trip doesn't turn out the way either one expects.

Frog on a Log?

By Kes Gray and Jim Field

XJ GRAY

In rhyming text, cat explains why frog has to sit on a log, even if he finds it uncomfortable.

When Spring Comes

By Kevin Henkes

XJ HENKES NEW

Animals and children alike watch as the world transforms from the dark and dead of winter to a full and blooming spring.

Bread and Jam for Frances

By Russell Hoban

XJ HOBAN

Frances is a fussy eater. In fact, the only thing she likes is bread and jam. Unless Mother can come up with a plan, Frances just might go on eating bread and jam forever!

Strictly No Elephants

By Lisa Mantchev

XJ MANTCHEV

A boy is excluded from joining his friends' pet club because of his unusual pet.

Night Animals

By Gianna Marino

XJ MARINO

Possum is hiding from the sounds in the night, and his fear sets off a chain reaction in the other night animals.

Grumpy Pants

By Claire Messer

XJ MESSER NEW

Have you ever had a grumpy day and not known why? Penguin is having a grumpy day like that. No matter what he does, he just can't shake it! Sometimes the only thing left to do is wash the grumpy day away and start over.

The Book with No Pictures

By B.J. Novak

XJ NOVAK

In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.

Abracadabra, it's Spring!

By Anne Sibley O'Brien

XJ OBRIEN NEW

Winter turns to spring in this lyrical book that celebrates the magic of nature and the changing seasons. Eleven gatefolds open to recreate the excitement and surprise of spring's arrival.

Where are my Books?

By Debbie Ridpath Ohi

XJ OHI

Spencer loves books and reads one every night, sometimes aloud, then puts the book back in its place, but one morning his favorite book is missing, and the next day another, each replaced by a different object.

Dinosaur vs. School

By Bob Shea

XJ SHEA

Fearless Dinosaur takes on new challenges as he starts preschool, from meeting new friends to pasting glitter and googly eyes, but one task requires assistance from everyone.

The Monster at the End of this Book

By Jon Stone

XJ STONE

Grover worries page by page about meeting the monster at the end of this book.

My Dog is the Best

By Laurie Ann Thompson

XJ THOMPSON

A little boy identifies what makes his dog so special.

The Pigeon Needs a Bath!

By Mo Willems

XJ WILLEMS

The Pigeon is dirty and he needs a bath, but he won't go willingly.

Bear Counts

By Karma Wilson

XJ WILSON

As friends Bear and Mouse share a day together, Bear counts various objects, from one to five, and the reader is invited to do the same.

How Do Dinosaurs Stay Safe?

By Jane Yolen

XJ YOLEN

A young dinosaur takes precautions in order to stay safe throughout the day, both at home and at play.

