

*“A truthful story that lacks beauty is nearly as dangerous  
as a beautiful story that lacks truth.”*

Author unknown

If you are always on the look-out for a good story and wonderful picture books (like I am), here are some of my favourite books for kids. Many of these are picture books, but chapter books are listed nearer the end of each category. For more thoughts and reviews on many of these books and others, visit [abcbookreviews.wordpress.com](http://abcbookreviews.wordpress.com)

## POETRY

*A Celebration of the Seasons*

by Margaret Wise Brown

illustrated by twelve different award-winning picture book authors.

Picture book, ages 0-10.

*Baking Day at Grandma's*

by Anika Denise, illustrated by Christopher Denise

Picture book, ages 1-5.

*Clara Beaton's Mother Goose Remembers*

Old-time nursery rhymes, with sing-along CD, ages 1-8.

*A Child's Book of Poems*

collected by Gyo Fujikawa

Picture book, ages 2-10.

*The Diggers are Coming!*

by Susan Steggall

Picture book, ages 3-8.

*Leaves from a Child's Garden of Verses*

by Robert Louis Stevenson, with illustrations by Donna Green

Picture book, ages 3-10.

*Favorite Poems Old and New*

selected by Helen Ferris

A thick volume, ages 4-15.

*The Ideals Treasury of Best Loved Poems*

Hardcover, illustrated with nature photos. Ages teen-adult.

## FAR-OFF LANDS ...*that is, far-off from North America!*

### *Wee Sing Around the World*

Children's songs from various countries in English and native languages.

Audio CD, ages 1-8.

### *In a Cloud of Dust*

by Alma Fullerton

Takes place in Tanzania. Picture books, ages 4-10.

### *A Good Trade*

by Alma Fullerton

Takes place in Uganda. Picture books, ages 4-10.

### *Community Soup*

by Alma Fullerton

Takes place in Kenya. Picture books, ages 4-10.

### *When the Rain Comes*

by Alma Fullerton

Takes place in Sri Lanka. Picture books, ages 4-10.

### *The Great Cake Mystery*

by Alexander McCall Smith

From a fiction series, simple mysteries in Botswana, chapter book / audio, ages 7-10.

### *Heidi*

by Johanna Spyri

Fiction, chapter book for ages 7-10.

### *The First Christians: Stories about the History of the Church*

by Alie Vogelaar

One of a 4 book series of stories from history, chapter book, ages 7-12.

## EASY READERS

### LEVEL 1

*Biscuit* and other books from the Biscuit series by Alyssa Capucilli

*Splish, Splash, Zoo borns* series—learn one unique fact about each animal

Pets to the Rescue series: *Brave Norman: A true story*

*Rain* by Marion Bauer, very simple words/story, learn about basic water cycle. Also *Clouds*

*Chicks!* Sandra Horning, learn to care for chicks and see them grow

*On the Road*, nice book on vehicles, a Scholastic Reader by Wade Cooper

*Little Bear* series by Else Holmelund Minarik

*Bears on Wheels: A Bright and Early Counting Book* by Stan and Jan Berenstain

*Frog and Toad* books by Arnold Lobel

*Tadpoles and Frogs*, nonfiction, by Kingfisher Readers

*Birthday Mice!* by Bethany Roberts, Greenlight Readers, fictional mouse birthday party

*The Little Rabbit*, by Step Into Reading, uses photographs of a real bunny for illustrations

## LEVEL 2

By Eric Carle, *The Tiny Seed*. Nonfiction except that the seed grows taller than the house

By Eric Carle, *The Foolish Tortoise*. Yes, he leaves his shell behind here, but a good fable like Aesop's.

By Eric Carle, *Walter the Baker*, on how pretzels came to be!

*Thomas Edison to the Rescue* and other books from Childhood of Famous Americans series

*Tara and Tiree, Fearless Friends: A True Story from Pets to the Rescue* series

*Marley and the Runaway Pumpkin* by I Can Read! Is one of a *Marley* series

*Amelia Bedelia* series by Herman Parish, from I Can Read

*Goose and Duck*, by Jean Craighead George, from I Can Read, a goose and duck "adopt" a boy as mother

*Little "a" Book*, from the "Child's World" series, by Jane Moncure

## LEVEL 3

*Why do Dogs Bark?* by Joan Holub answers dozens of questions. From the "Why Do...?" series

*Young Cam Jansen* series, by David A. Adler Penguin, (observant Cam solves small mysteries)

*Houndsley and Catina* series by James Howe

## AUDIO

*We All Go Travelling By*

by Sheena Roberts, sung by Fred Penner

Picture book with audio CD, ages 1-6.

*Clara Beaton's Mother Goose Remembers*

Old-time nursery rhymes, with sing-along CD, ages 1-8.

*The Snail and the Whale*

by Julia Donaldson

Board book, with audio CD, ages 3-8.

*Tigress*

by Nick Dowson

Nonfiction, picture book with audio CD, ages 2-12.

*Gentle Giant Octopus*

by Karen Wallace

Nonfiction, picture book with audio CD, ages 2-12.

*Walk With a Wolf*

by Janni Howker

Nonfiction, picture book with audio CD, ages 2-12.

*Peter and the Wolf*

by Prokofiev

Audio CD music/story, approx. 20 minutes, ages 3-8.

*The Further Tale of Peter Rabbit*

by Emma Thomsson

Picture book, with audio CD, ages 4-7.

*The Little House*

by Virginia Lee Burton

Picture book with audio CD, ages 4-9.

*The Bears on Hemlock Mountain*

by Alice Dalgliesh

Short chapter book or audio book CD, ages 5-10.

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by Sarah Stewart

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Picture book, audio CD included, ages 5-12.

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Chapter book or unabridged audio book, ages 6-12.

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by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Chapter book, fiction, ages 8-12. Mixes Christianity with magic in one chapter. The *Focus on the Family* audio drama emphasizes the Christian instead of the magic.

## BOARD BOOKS

*Beach Baby*

by Laurie Elmquist Illustrated by Elly MacKay

Board book, ages 1-4.

*The More We Get Together*

by Caroline Jayne Church

Board book, ages 1-4.

*Peepo!*

by Janet & Allan Ahlberg  
Board book, ages 1-4.

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

by Michael Rosen  
Available as board book or picture book. Ages 2-8.

*The Umbrella*

by Jan Brett  
Picture book / board book, ages 2-8. Also available in board book: *The Hat* and *The Mitten*

*The Snail and the Whale*

by Julia Donaldson  
Board book, with audio CD, ages 3-8.

**NATURE/CREATION**

*What in the World?*

by Nancy Raines Day  
Picture book, nonfiction, nature/math book ages 1-8

*Tigress*

by Nick Dowson  
Nonfiction, picture book with audio CD, ages 2-12.

*Gentle Giant Octopus*

by Karen Wallace  
Nonfiction, picture book with audio CD, ages 2-12.

*Walk With a Wolf*

by Janni Howker  
Nonfiction, picture book with audio CD, ages 2-12.

*If You Hold a Seed*

by Elly MacKay  
Picture book, ages 3-5.

*Solar System*

by Jill McDonald  
Board book, ages 3-7.

*About Birds*

by Cathryn Sill  
Picture book, ages 3-7.

*Secret Place*

by Eve Bunting  
Picture book, ages 3-8.

*When Rain Falls*

by Melissa Stewart  
Nonfiction, picture book, ages 3-8.

*Winter is Coming*  
by Tony Johnston  
Picturebook, 40 pages, ages 3-8.

*The Big Snow*  
by Berta and Elmer Hader  
Picture book, ages 3-10.

*Wildlife Gardening*  
by Martyn Cox  
Hard-cover, nonfiction, ages 3-12.

*Sugarbush Spring*  
by Marsha Wilson Chall  
Picturebook, ages 4-10.

*Little Lost Tiger*  
by Jonathan London  
Picture book, ages 4 and up.  
Also by Jonathan London: *Little Pinto of Mustang Canyon* and *The Seasons of Little Wolf*.

*The Buffalo are Back*  
by Jean Craighead George  
Nonfiction, picture book, ages 5-12.

*The Eagles are Back*  
by Jean Craighead George  
Nonfiction, picture book, ages 5-12.

*Trapped by the Mountain Storm*  
by Aileen Fisher  
Nonfiction chapterbook, ages 5-12. Also by Aileen Fisher: *All on a Mountain Day*.

*Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*  
by Jerry Pinkney  
Ages 5-12, audio CD with picture book (be sure you don't order just the picture book version!)

*Audubon: Painter of Birds in the Wild Frontier*  
by Jennifer Armstrong & Jos Smith  
Long picture book, nonfiction, ages 5-12.

*Into the Woods: John James Audubon Lives His Dream*  
by Robert Burleigh  
Picture book, somewhat fictionalized, ages 7-12.

*Gregor Mendel: the Friar who Grew Peas*  
by Cheryl Bardoe  
Picture book with lots of text, for ages 7-12, nonfiction.

*Paddle to the Sea*

by Holling C. Holling

Picture book with lots of text. A story on the geography of the great lakes of North America, for ages 7-12.

*The Burgess Bird Book*

By Thornton W. Burgess

Chapter book on identifying common North American birds by their appearance and habits, for ages 8-12.

## HISTORY

*Thee, Hannah!*

by Marguerite de Angeli

Picture/chapter book with illustrations, ages 4-12.

*Little House in the Big Woods* (series)

by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Chapter books with some pencil drawings, available on audio. Ages 4 – adult.

*New Shoes*

by Susan Meyer

Picture book, for ages 5-10.

*The Buffalo are Back*

by Jean Craighead George

Nonfiction, picture book, ages 5-12.

*The Eagles are Back*

by Jean Craighead George

Nonfiction, picture book, ages 5-12.

*Mary's First Thanksgiving*

by Kathy-jo Wargin

Historical fiction, picture book, ages 5 and up.

*Alexander the Great*

by Jane Bingham

Chapter book, nonfiction, 64 pages, with some illustrations. Ages 6-12.

*Leonardo's Horse*

by Jean Fritz

Picture book, ages 6 and up, nonfiction.

*Sebastian Bach: the Boy from Thuringia*

by Opal Wheeler and Sybil Deucher

Large print chapter book with illustrations. Part of a series on composers, for ages 7-12.

*The First Christians: Stories about the History of the Church*

by Alie Vogelaar

One of a 4 book series of stories from history, chapter book, ages 7-12.

*In Flanders Fields*

by Norman Jorgensen  
Picture book, ages 8 and up.

## FROM BIBLE TIMES

*Little Miriam of Galilee*  
by Edith Martin  
Chapter book, one pencil illustration per chapter, ages 5-12.

*Caleb's Lamb*  
by Helen Santos  
Chapter book, ages 7-12.

## BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

*Buiding our House*  
by Jonathan Bean  
Autobiographical picture book, ages 3-8.

*Everything but the Horse*  
by Holly Hobbie  
Autobiographical picture book, ages 4-12.

*Little House in the Big Woods* (series)  
by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Chapter books with some pencil drawings, available on audio. Ages 4 – adult.

*A Father to the Fatherless*  
by Rebecca Davis  
Chapter book on George Mueller. 135 pages, large print, for ages 5-9.

*Audubon: Painter of Birds in the Wild Frontier*  
by Jennifer Armstrong & Jos Smith  
Picture book, nonfiction, ages 5-12.

*The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss*  
by Kathleen Krull  
Biography, picture book, ages 5 and up.

*Alexander the Great*  
by Jane Bingham  
Chapter book, nonfiction, 64 pages, with some illustrations. Ages 6-12.

*Leonardo's Horse*  
by Jean Fritz  
Picture book, ages 6 and up, nonfiction.

*Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose*



by Hugh Brewster  
Biography, picture book, 42 pages, ages 7 -12.

*Gregor Mendel: the Friar who Grew Peas*  
by Cheryl Bardoe  
Picture book with lots of text, for ages 7-12, nonfiction.

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Large print chapter book with illustrations. Part of a series on composers, for ages 7-12.

*Laura Ingalls Wilder: Pioneer Girl*  
by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
edited by Pamela Smith Hill  
Nonfiction, hard-cover, 400 pages, ages 13 and up.

## BOOKS TO SIMPLY ENJOY

*Baking Day at Grandma's*  
by Anika Denise, illustrated by Christopher Denise  
Picture book, for ages 1-5.

*Sleepytime Me*  
by Edith Hope Fine, illustrated by Christopher Denise  
Picture book for ages 1-5.

*We All Go Travelling By*  
by Sheena Roberts, sung by Fred Penner  
Picture book with audio CD, ages 1-6.

*One Saturday Evening*  
by Barbara Baker  
Picture book, ages 1-6.

*Lost in the Snow*  
by W. G. Van de Hulst  
One of 21 brief chapter books, ages 2-5.

*The Poky Little Puppy*  
by Janette Sebring Lowrey  
From *A Little Golden Book* series. Picture book, ages 2-5.

*The Train to Timbuctoo*  
by Margaret Wise Brown  
From *A Little Golden Book* series. Picture book, ages 2-5.

*The Little Red Caboose*  
by Marian Potter  
From *A Little Golden Book* series. Picture book, ages 2-5.

*The Boy with a Drum*

by David L. Harrison

From *A Little Golden Book* series. Picture book, ages 2-5.

*Make Way for Ducklings*

by Robert McCloskey

Picture book for ages 2-6.

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

by Michael Rosen

Available as board book or picture book. Ages 2-8.

*The Umbrella*

by Jan Brett

Picture book or Board book, ages 2-8. Also available by Brett: *The Hat* and *The Mitten*.

*Shadow Chasers*

by Elly Mackay

Picture book, ages 3-6.

*The Paper Dolls*

by Julia Donaldson

Picture book, ages 3-7.

*My Favourite Storybook*

by W. G. Vandehulst

A fairly thick collection of short stories, with illustrations. For ages 3-7.

*The Diggers are Coming!*

by Susan Steggall

Picture book, ages 3-8.

*Buiding our House*

by Jonathan Bean

Picture book for ages 3-8.

*Otis and the Tornado*

by Loren Long

Picture book, one of several *Otis* books, ages 3-9.

*The Big Snow*

by Berta and Elmer Hader

Picture book, ages 3-10.

*My Bookhouse Series*

edited by Olive Beaupre Miller

A 12 book series of story and poetry collections. For ages 3-14, with one book for each age.

*The Further Tale of Peter Rabbit*

by Emma Thomsson

Picture book, with audio CD, ages 4-7.

*The Tale of Peter Rabbit*

by Beatrix Potter

One of many such tales. Fiction, ages 4-8.

*The Pencil*

by Allan Ahlberg

Picture book, ages 4-8.

*Houndsley and Catina* series

by James Howe

Short chapters, similar to an easy reader level 3. Ages 4-8.

*The Little House*

by Virginia Lee Burton

Picture book with audio CD, ages 4-9.

*Sugarbush Spring*

by Marsha Wilson Chall

Picturebook, ages 4-10.

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Autobiographical picture book, ages 4-12.

*Little Lost Tiger*

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Picture book, ages 4 and up.

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By C. W. Anderson

Long picture book with lots of text. There are several other titles in the series. Ages 5-10.

*The Tanglewoods' Secret*

by Patricia St. John

Fiction, chapter book. One of several good books by her. Read alone: ages 8-10, read aloud: ages: 5-10.

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Fiction, from a series of simple mysteries, chapter book / audio, ages 7-10.

*The Wind in the Willows*

by Kenneth Grahame

Chapter book, fiction, ages 7 and up.

*Anne of Green Gables*

by L.M. Montgomery

One of a series. Chapter book, fiction, ages 10 and up.

*Little Women*

by Louisa May Alcott

One of a series. Chapter book, fiction, ages 12 and up.

*The Gift of the Magi*

by O. Henry; picture book illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger

Short story available in anthologies or in picturebook form. Ages: teen-adult.

*Since it is so likely that children will meet cruel enemies,  
let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage. —C.S. Lewis*

**FOLKTALE/FAIRYTALE**

*Town Mouse Country Mouse*

by Jan Brett

Picture book, folktale, ages 3 and up.

*The Velveteen Rabbit*

by Margery Williams

illustrated by Donna Green

Picture book, for ages 4-8.

*The Ugly Duckling*

by Hans Christian Anderson, retold by Stephen Mitchell, or illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Picture book, ages 4-10.

*Tikki Tikki Tembo*

by Arlene Mosel

Folk-tale from China, picture book, ages 5-8.

*Journey*

by Aaron Becker

Wordless picture book. Imaginative fiction, ages 5-10. Book 1 of a trilogy.

*The Most Wonderful Thing in the World*

by Vivian French

New fairy-tale, picture book, ages 5-12.

*Saint George and the Dragon*

Retold by Margaret Hodges

Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman

Folktale. Picture book, ages 5 and up read-aloud (if your 5 year old likes exciting, somewhat scary, stories).

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale*

by John Steptoe

Folktale, picture book, ages 6 and up.

*The Phantom Tollbooth*

by Norton Juster

Fiction, chapter book, set in the make-believe land of Dictionopolis. Ages 9 and up.

**STORIES TO LEARN FROM**

*The Giving Tree*

by Shel Silverstein

Picture book, ages 3-16.

*Farm*

by Elisha Cooper

Nonfiction, picture book, ages 4-8.

*The Safe Place*

by Patricia St. John

Picture book for ages 4-10.

*Jake and Jimmy and the Secret Wishes*

by Alien Mol

Chapter book, 149 pages, hardcover, with some illustrations throughout. Ages 5-8.

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Picture book, audio CD included, ages 5-12.

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Chapter book, 121 pages, one pencil illustration per chapter, ages 5-12.

*Horton Hears a Who!*

by Dr Seuss

Picture book, ages 5 and up.

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by Kathy-jo Wargin

Historical fiction, picture book, ages 5 and up.

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Hours long audio CD, radio drama, for ages 6 and up.

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## GAMES

*Let's Play: Traditional Games of Childhood*

by Camilla Gryski, illustrated by Dusan Petricic

A how-to book, ages 4-12.

*The Kids' Book of Chess*

by Harvey Kidder

A colourful, clear, story-like how-to book, for ages 6 and up.

## ART

*Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose*

by Hugh Brewster

Biography, picture book, 42 pages, ages 7 -12.

*Art for Kids: Drawing*

[*The Only Drawing Book You'll Ever Need to Be the Artist You've Always Wanted to Be*]

by Kathryn Temple

111 semi-glossy, full-colour pages, ages 8 and up.

*Drawing Birds with Colored Pencils*

by Kaaren Poole

Nonfiction, full-colour, 143 pages, ages 10 and up.

## MATH

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by Jonathan London  
Picture book, ages 4 and up.

*Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*

by Jerry Pinkney  
Ages 5-12, audio CD with picture book (be sure you don't order just the picture book version).

*The Money Tree*

by Sarah Stewart  
Illustrations by David Small  
Picture book, audio CD included, ages 5-12.

*Mary's First Thanksgiving*

by Kathy-jo Wargin

Historical fiction, picture book, ages 5 and up.

*Saint George and the Dragon*

Retold by Margaret Hodges

Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman

Folktale. Picture book, ages 5 and up read-aloud (if your 5 year old likes exciting, somewhat scary, stories).

*Lassie Come-Home*

by Rosemary Wells

Picturebook, for ages 6-12.

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale*

by John Steptoe

Folktale, picture book, ages 6 and up.

*The Wind in the Willows*

by Kenneth Grahame

Chapter book, fiction, ages 7 and up. Some versions are beautifully illustrated.

*In Flanders Fields*

by Norman Jorgensen

Picture book, ages 8 and up. Caution: a skull and rats in some illustrations.

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by O. Henry

Picture book illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger

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