



# 100 Books to Share Before Kindergarten

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Our list of **100 Books to Share Before Kindergarten** brings together some of our very favourite picture books.

Charming characters, gorgeous artwork, fun stories, important concepts and classics in children's literature are just some of the delights to be found here. Track the books as you share them and submit your completed list to receive a keepsake diploma and a fill-in-the-blank letter for your child to present to his or her teacher on the first day of kindergarten.

**When we share books with babies and toddlers we expose them to:**

- a rich vocabulary
- the mechanics of books (turning pages, reading from left to right)
- beautiful illustrations
- concepts such as letters, numbers and colours
- social awareness (sharing, being a good friend)
- rhythm and rhymes
- new experiences
- a warm one-on-one activity during which they have our undivided attention

Reading daily, beginning at birth, profoundly influences language and literacy development.

Routines such as reading at bedtime and regular visits to the library show children that reading is an important and rewarding experience.



As you share these 100 books with your child use funny voices, talk about the pictures, ask your child questions, re-read your favourites, learn something new and, most importantly, enjoy sharing a love of books with your little one – **it's a life-enriching experience!**



Share them in any order

Books are listed alphabetically as found in our display

- \_\_\_ Healthy kids – Maya Ajmera
- \_\_\_ Where’s my teddy? – Jez Alborough
- \_\_\_ Show me happy – Kathryn Allen
- \_\_\_ Two nests – Laurence Anholt
- \_\_\_ Counting Crows – Kathi Appelt
- \_\_\_ The Three Bears – Byron Barton
- \_\_\_ Giraffe and Bird—Rebecca Bender
- \_\_\_ Gifts – Jo Ellen Bogart
- \_\_\_ Goodnight moon – Margaret Wise Brown
- \_\_\_ Big Red Barn – Margaret Wise Brown
- \_\_\_ Have you seen my new blue socks? – Eve Bunting
- \_\_\_ The artist who painted a blue horse – Eric Carle
- \_\_\_ Five little monkeys jumping on the bed – Eileen Christelow
- \_\_\_ Cinderella
- \_\_\_ Don’t push the button! – Bill Cotter
- \_\_\_ Freight train – Donald Crews
- \_\_\_ Bounce – Doreen Cronin
- \_\_\_ Pete the cat and his four groovy buttons – James Dean
- \_\_\_ Llama, Llama red pajama – Anna Dewdney
- \_\_\_ Gaston – Kelly DiPucchio
- \_\_\_ I am small – Emma Dodd
- \_\_\_ Gossie – Oliver Dunrea
- \_\_\_ Eating the alphabet: fruits and vegetables from A to Z – Lois Ehlert
- \_\_\_ Go away, big green monster! - Ed Emberly

- \_\_\_ Bark, George – Jules Feiffer
- \_\_\_ First 100 animals
- \_\_\_ My big sister – Valorie Fisher
- \_\_\_ My big brother – Valorie Fisher
- \_\_\_ The everything book – Denise Fleming
- \_\_\_ Where is the green sheep? – Mem Fox
- \_\_\_ Dinotrux dig the beach – Chris Gall
- \_\_\_ Toot toot beep beep – Emma Garcia
- \_\_\_ Share – Sally Anne Garland
- \_\_\_ Stella, queen of the snow – Marie-Louise Gay
- \_\_\_ Moo, moo, brown cow, have you any milk? – Phillis Gershator
- \_\_\_ Jillian Jiggs – Phoebe Gilman
- \_\_\_ The gingerbread man
- \_\_\_ Goldilocks and the three bears
- \_\_\_ Monkey and me – Emily Gravett
- \_\_\_ ABC of Canada – Per-Henrik Gurth
- \_\_\_ Tuck me in! – Dean Hacoen
- \_\_\_ Clothesline clues to jobs people do – Kathryn Heling
- \_\_\_ Julius, the baby of the world – Kevin Henkes
- \_\_\_ Owen – Kevin Henkes
- \_\_\_ Do like a duck does – Judy Hindley
- \_\_\_ Eyes, nose, fingers and toes – Judy Hindley
- \_\_\_ Hands can – Cheryl Willis Hudson
- \_\_\_ The doorbell rang – Pat Hutchins
- \_\_\_ Jack and the beanstalk
- \_\_\_ The snowy day – Ezra Jack Keats

- \_\_\_ Grand – Marla Stewart Konrad
- \_\_\_ Mmm-let’s eat! – Libby Koponen
- \_\_\_ It’s a tiger! David LaRochelle
- \_\_\_ Little Red Riding Hood
- \_\_\_ The squeaky door – Margaret Read MacDonald
- \_\_\_ Look! – Edouard Manceau
- \_\_\_ Tap the magic tree – Christie Matheson
- \_\_\_ I stink! – Kate McMullan
- \_\_\_ Lola at the library – Anna McQuinn
- \_\_\_ Up in the garden and down in the dirt – Kate Messner
- \_\_\_ Sophie’s squash – Pat Zietlow Miller
- \_\_\_ Ride the big machines across Canada – Carmen Mok
- \_\_\_ The paper bag princess – Robert Munsch
- \_\_\_ My very first Monther Goose
- \_\_\_ The couch was a castle – Ruth Ohi
- \_\_\_ Shh! My brother’s napping – Ruth Ohi
- \_\_\_ The I’m not scared book – Todd Parr
- \_\_\_ Reading makes you feel good – Todd Parr
- \_\_\_ The I love you book – Todd Parr
- \_\_\_ The daddy book – Todd Parr
- \_\_\_ The mommy book – Todd Parr
- \_\_\_ The kissing hand – Audrey Penn
- \_\_\_ Not a box – Antoinette Portis
- \_\_\_ Princess and the pea
- \_\_\_ Rapunzel
- \_\_\_ The Party—Barbara Reid
- \_\_\_ Cookies: bite-size life lessons – Amy Krouse Roesenthal

- \_\_\_ Rumpelstiltskin
- \_\_\_ Where the wild things are – Maurice Sendak
- \_\_\_ My many colored days – Dr. Seuss
- \_\_\_ Snow White and the seven dwarfs
- \_\_\_ The sunflower sword – Mark Sperring
- \_\_\_ The shape of my heart – Mark Sperring
- \_\_\_ Bear has a story to tell – Philip Christian Stead
- \_\_\_ Red is best – Kathy Stinson
- \_\_\_ Boo hoo Bird – Jeremy Tankard
- \_\_\_ The three little pigs
- \_\_\_ Polar bear’s underwear – Tupera Tupera
- \_\_\_ Owl babies – Martin Waddell
- \_\_\_ The magic rabbit – Richard Jesse Watson
- \_\_\_ Scaredy Squirrel – Melanie Watt
- \_\_\_ Time out for Sophie – Rosemary Wells
- \_\_\_ Knuffle Bunny: a cautionary tale – Mo Willems
- \_\_\_ Leonardo, the terrible monster – Mo Willems
- \_\_\_ Bear snores on – Karma Wilson
- \_\_\_ A few bites – Cybele Young
- \_\_\_ What is part this, part that? – Harriet Ziefert



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