

# Best Books for Kids

## Early Elementary



[ResearchParent.com](http://ResearchParent.com)

The books on this list for [early elementary](#) were recommended by at least 3 of the following sources:

1. [1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up](#) by Julia Eccleshare
2. [100 Best Books for Children](#) by Anita Silvey
3. [The Read-Aloud Handbook](#) by Jim Trelease
4. [Babies Need Books](#) by Dorothy Butler
5. [Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children](#) by Valerie V. Lewis and Walter M. Mayes
6. [What to Read When](#) by Pam Allyn
7. [Best Books for Boys: A Resource for Educators](#) by Matthew Zbaracki
8. [The New York Times Parents' Guide to the Best Books for Children](#) by Eden Ross Lipson

Author	Title	Sources	Read?
Burton	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	7	
Cleary	The Mouse and the Motorcycle	7	
Steig	Doctor De Soto	7	
Allard	Miss Nelson is Missing!	6	
Burton	The Little House	6	
Gannett	My Father's Dragon	6	
Henkes	Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	6	
Lobel	Frog and Toad Are Friends	6	
McCloskey	Make Way for Ducklings	6	
Silverstein	Where the Sidewalk Ends	6	
Steig	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	6	
Viorst	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	6	
White	Charlotte's Web	6	
Atwater	Mr. Popper's Penguins	5	
Bond	A Bear Called Paddington	5	
Cleary	Ramona the Pest	5	
Hamilton	The People Could Fly	5	
Minarik	Little Bear	5	
Mochizuk	Baseball Saved Us	5	
Scieszka	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	5	
Seuss	The Cat in the Hat	5	
Step toe	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	5	

White	Stuart Little	5	
Williams	A Chair for My Mother	5	
Zolotow	Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present	5	
Aardema	Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears	4	
Ahlberg	The Jolly Postman	4	
Andersen	The Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen	4	
Barrett	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	4	
Browne	Gorilla	4	
Cameron	The Stories Julian Tells	4	
Cooney	Miss Rumphius	4	
Dahl	James and the Giant Peach	4	
dePaola	Strega Nona	4	
Greenfield	Honey, I Love	4	
Grossman	My Little Sister Ate One Hare	4	
Leaf	The Story of Ferdinand	4	
Lionni	Swimmy	4	
Macaulay	The New Way Things Work	4	
McCully	Mirette on the High Wire	4	
McMullan	I Stink!	4	
Meddaugh	Martha Speaks	4	
Parish	Amelia Bedelia	4	
Prelutsky	The New Kid on the Block	4	
Ringgold	Tar Beach	4	
Rylant	Henry and Mudge	4	
Rylant	The Relatives Came	4	
Say	Grandfather's Journey	4	
Scieszka	The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales	4	
Scieszka	Math Curse	4	
Sendak	The Nutshell Library	4	
Sharmat	Nate the Great	4	
Sobol	Encyclopedia Brown series	4	
Steig	Brave Irene	4	
Young	Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China	4	
Anno	Anno's Journey	3	
Bjork	Linnea in Monet's Garden	3	
Brown	Stone Soup	3	
Brown	Dinosaurs Divorce: A Guide for Changing Families	3	
Brown	Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein	3	

Cannon	Stellaluna	3	
Cleary	Henry Huggins	3	
Cohen	Molly's Pilgrim	3	
Curtis	Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born	3	
Dahl	Matilda	3	
Dahl	The Enormous Crocodile	3	
Daly	Not So Fast, Songololo	3	
dePaola	Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs	3	
Dodd	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy	3	
Dorros	Abuela	3	
Fitzgerald	The Great Brain (series)	3	
Goble	The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	3	
Golenbock	Teammates	3	
Grimes	Meet Danitra Brown	3	
Hoban	Bread and Jam for Frances	3	
Hughes	The Iron Giant: A Story in Five Nights	3	
Hurd	Art Dog	3	
Isaacs	Swamp Angel	3	
Kellogg	The Mysterious Tadpole	3	
Kerley	The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins	3	
Kimmel	Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins	3	
Kipling	Rikki-Tikki-Tavi	3	
Krull	Wilma Unlimited	3	
Lang	The Blue Fairy Book	3	
Le Guin	Catwings series	3	
Lester	John Henry	3	
Lester	Tacky the Penguin series	3	
Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking	3	
Martin	Snowflake Bentley	3	
Munsch	The Paper Bag Princess	3	
O'Neill	The Recess Queen	3	
Prelutsky	The Random House Book of Poetry for Children	3	
Rathmann	The Day the Babies Crawled Away	3	
Rathmann	Officer Buckle and Gloria	3	
Shannon	No, David!	3	
Smith	Chocolate Fever	3	
Soto	Chato series	3	
Stewart	The Gardener	3	
Thompson	Eloise	3	
Ungerer	The Three Robbers	3	

Waber	Ira Sleeps Over	3	
Williams	The Velveteen Rabbit	3	
Williams	Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea	3	
Young	Seven Blind Mice	3	
Zelinsky	Rapunzel	3	