

Building A Home Library

Ages 4-7

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.



We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

www.cbcbooks.org

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Welcome to the world of books for your home!

Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these titles for children ages 4-7.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 8-11, and 12-14. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

Baker, Keith.

LMNO Peas. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane, 2010.

Spend some time with alphabet peas as they work and play their way from A through Z.

* Cameron, Ann. Illustrated by Ann Strugnell.
The Stories Julian Tells. Dutton, 1990.

Julian and his brother star in a series of small family dramas involving loose teeth, a special fig tree, and a delicious homemade lemon pudding.

Cousins, Lucy.

Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales. Candlewick, 2009.

Young readers will gobble up these delicious retellings of Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, The Billy Goats Gruff, and more.

* DiCamillo, Kate. Illustrated by Tony Fucile.
Bink and Gollie. Candlewick, 2010.

Three misadventures of two mismatched girl friends are comically illustrated.

Fucile, Tony.

Let's Do Nothing! Candlewick, 2009.

Two friends find out just how hard it is to do absolutely nothing.

Gormley, Greg. Illustrated by Roberta Angarano.

Dog in Boots. Holiday House, 2011.

After reading "Puss in Boots," an adventurous dog sets out to find the perfect pair of shoes to suit his every need.

Grey, Mini.

Traction Man Is Here. Knopf, 2005.

A boy receives the coveted action figure "Traction Man" for Christmas and the two of them have exciting adventures together.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. Illustrated by Michael Emberley.

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together.

Little, Brown, 2004.

Take turns reading out loud together in this sweet, safe and 'spooky' collection filled with short poems about zombies, ghosts, and ghouls.

Jenkins, Steve.

Actual Size. Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

Which is bigger, your hand or a spider? Who has longer legs, you or a frog? You might be surprised!

Kirk, Daniel.

Library Mouse. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2007.

Join Sam, the mouse that lives in the children's section of the library. Of course Sam loves to read, but he loves to write books too!

Lin, Grace.

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same.

Little, Brown, 2010.

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and time again they prove to be different.

Martin, Bill Jr. Illustrated by Lois Ehlert.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.

Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane, Anniversary ed., 2009.

For 20 years, this clever tale of the alphabet has entertained families.

* Numeroff, Laura. Illustrated by Felicia Bond.
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. HarperCollins, 1985.

What happens when you do? There will be many more requests to come that will tire out even the most energetic of children!

Portis, Antoinette.

Not a Box. HarperCollins, 2006.

It's not a box! What is it? A rabbit uses his imagination to turn a box into a mountain, a rocket ship, and other objects.

Ray, Mary Lyn. Illustrated by Marla Frazee.

Stars. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane, 2011.

Explore the many types of stars here on earth and in the sky.

Rathmann, Peggy.

Officer Buckle and Gloria. Putnam, 1995.

Will Officer Buckle's police dog, Gloria, outshine him in their school safety show?

Sanderson, Ruth.

Goldilocks. Little, Brown, 2009.

Illustrated with peasant-style paintings, this classic story has a 'sweet' twist.

Sayre, April Pulley.

Rah, Rah, Radishes! A Vegetable Chant. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane, 2011.

Carrots, peppers, cauliflower, and even rutabagas find something to cheer about in a book that will make kids want to eat their vegetables.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro.

Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories.

Roaring Brook, 2007.

There are lots of books about kids and their stuffed animal friends, but what about dogs and their stuffed animal friends?

Sherry, Kevin.

I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean. Dial, 2007.

A Giant squid proudly points out how big he is in comparison to other sea creatures, until something even bigger swims up right behind him!

Stein, David Ezra.

Interrupting Chicken. Candlewick, 2010.

Will Little Chicken ever be able to contain his excitement and let Papa finish reading him a story?

Dr. Suess.

Green Eggs and Ham. Random House, 1960.

Will Sam-I-am convince you to taste green eggs and ham?

* Wiesner, David.

Flotsam. Clarion, 2006.

A camera that a boy finds washed up on the beach takes amazing and imaginative photos of stunning marine life in this wordless story.

* Willems, Mo.

I Am Invited to a Party! Hyperion, 2007.

What should Piggie wear to her first party? A scuba mask and flippers? An evening gown? A costume? Maybe her best friend, Gerald the elephant, will know.

Zelinskyy, Paul.

The Wheels on the Bus. Dutton, 1990.

Lift-the-flaps, pull the tabs, and this interactive version of a favorite children's song will have you singing along.

* **Book is part of a series (including sequels and trilogies)**