

Building a Home Library

for Children 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
www.ala.org/alsc

Questions?

American Library Association
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It's Only Stanley

by Jon Agee

Dial Books / Penguin, 2015
Just what exactly is Stanley, the family dog, doing that is making such a racket and keeping his family up at night? *Ebook available.*

Trombone Shorty **by Troy Andrews**

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015
The rhythm of New Orleans can be felt through the true story of a boy who starts off with a broken trombone and grows up to be a Grammy-winning musician. *Ebook available.*

***Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover**

by Cece Bell

Candlewick Press, 2012
Rabbit is excited for his friend to spend the night, but nothing seems to go as planned.

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild

by Peter Brown

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2013
Mr. Tiger upsets everyone's proper expectations when he decides to go back to his uncivilized roots. *Ebook available.*

Gravity

by Jason Chin

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2014
Colorful drawings help show the important role gravity plays in keeping things from floating away. *Ebook available.*

Last Stop on Market Street

by Matt de la Peña
Illustrated by Christian Robinson

G.P Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers / Penguin, 2015
A young boy learns about gratitude and beauty while riding the bus with his grandmother. *Audio/Ebook available.*

***Llama Llama and the Bully Goat**

by Anna Dewdney

Viking Children's Books / Penguin, 2013
When Gilroy Goat misbehaves and bullies other children, Llama Llama stands up to him before going to the teacher for help. *Audio/Ebook available.*

***Bink & Gollie**

by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee
Illustrated by Tony Fucile

Candlewick Press, 2010
Best friends Bink and Gollie have many grand adventures together. *Ebook available.*

Fairy Tale Comics: Classic Tales Told by Extraordinary Cartoonists

Edited by Chris Duffy

First Second / Macmillan, 2013
A collection of both classic and obscure fairy tales, told in zany comics. *Ebook available.*

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music

by Margarita Engle
Illustrated by Rafael Lopez

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015
In 1930's Cuba, people believe only boys should play drums, but one girl bravely follows her heart and shatters expectations. *Ebook available.*

The Night World **by Mordecai Gerstein**

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2015
A young boy and his cat marvel at the changes in their familiar world as it transitions from nuanced darkness to glorious daybreak. *Ebook available.*

Mother Bruce **by Ryan T. Higgins**

Disney-Hyperion, 2015
When his breakfast eggs hatch, Bruce the bear ends up becoming attached to a group of baby goslings.

***How Rocket Learned to Read**

by Tad Hills

Schwartz & Wade / Random House, 2010
Once Rocket the dog learns how to read, there is no stopping him! *Ebook available.*

***You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Tall Tales to Read Together**

by Mary Ann Hoberman
Illustrated by Michael Emberly

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2014
Shared reading between adult and child brings fun and laughter to slightly skewed tall tales from Pecos Bill to Stormalong.

African Animal Alphabet **by Beverly and Dereck Joubert**

National Geographic, 2011
From antelopes to zebras, learn about the animals of Africa through beautiful photographs and fun facts.

Written and Drawn by Henrietta **by Liniers**

Toon Books, 2015
Henrietta creates her own story in this creative and inspiring graphic novel.

Frog and Toad are Friends

by Arnold Lobel

HarperCollins, 1970
Devoted friends in spite of their differences, Frog and Toad share whimsical adventures and wise observations about life. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Niño Wrestles the World

by Yuyi Morales

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2013
A young boy wrestles a series of monsters until his little sisters awaken and he must face his most dreaded opponents in this lively bilingual introduction to lucha libre! *Ebook available.*

Nelson Mandela

by Kadir Nelson

Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins, 2013
An accessible and beautiful introduction to the life of Nelson Mandela. *Audio/Ebook available.*

The Lion and the Mouse **by Jerry Pinkney**

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2009
This wordless retelling of the popular Aesop's fable captivates with detailed, stunning illustrations. *Audio available.*

Stardines Swim High Across the Sky: and Other Poems

by Jack Prelutsky
Illustrated by Carin Berger

Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins, 2013
Fantastical creatures are created by a children's poetry master and brought to life in diorama-based illustrations. *Audio available.*

Grandfather's Journey

by Allen Say

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1993
A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries. *Ebook available.*

Ballet Cat: The Totally Secret Secret

by Bob Shea

Disney-Hyperion, 2015
Sparkles the horse gets really sad when Ballet Cat only wants to play ballet in this beginning reader about being honest, taking turns and friendship. *Audio available.*

The Dark **by Lemony Snicket** **Illustrated by Jon Klassen**

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2013
Laszlo is afraid of the dark until it leads him to the basement to find night-light bulbs, turning his "night fears" into "night friends." *Audio/Ebook available.*

The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred **by Samantha R. Vamos** **Illustrated by Rafael López**

Charlesbridge; bilingual edition, 2011
In the style of "The House that Jack Built," a farm maiden prepares to stir her pot of rice pudding. How will the animals help? *Audio/Ebook available.*