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, created this book list to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality at-home library for the kids in their care.













We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

www.cbcbooks.org www.ala.org/alsc

Questions?

American Library Association 50 East Huron Street Chicago, IL 60611 alsc@ala.org

The Children's Book Council 54 W 39th St., 14 Floor New York, NY 10018 cbc.info@cbcbooks.org

The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse

by Mac Barnett. Illus by Jon Klassen

Candlewick Press, 2017
After being swallowed by a wolf, a mouse learns that it isn't as bad as he thought it would be. That is until a hunter shows up!

*Rosie Revere, Engineer

by Andrea Beaty. Illus by David Roberts

Abrams BFYR, 2013
Packed with clever
illustrations and fun
rhymes, Rosie Revere's
can-do attitude and
resilience are a delight and
an inspiration. Spanish,
Ebook.

Leave Me Alone!

by Vera Brosgol

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2016

In her endeavor to make sweaters for 30 curious grandchildren, a harried grandmother embarks on a quest for peace and quiet. *Ebook*.

Before She Was Harriet

by Lesa Cline-Ransome. Illus by James E. Ransome

Holiday House, 2017

Written in verse, this awardwinning book by a husband and wife team tells the story of the many roles Harriet Tubman played in helping free slaves.

Jabari Jumps

by Gaia Cornwall

Candlewick Press, 2017
Jabari thinks he's ready
to jump off the high diving
board, but first he needs
to work up the courage to
take this big leap.

Song of the Wild: A First Book of Animals

by Nicola Davies. Illus by Petr Horáček

Candlewick Press, 2017
Take a look at wondrous animals around the world through this remarkable collection of poems and lively illustrations.

The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!

by Carmen Agra Deedy. Illus by Eugene Yelchin Scholastic Inc., 2017

A sassy rooster challenges a small Bolivian town's ban on singing in a vibrantly illustrated timeless fable about courage and individuality. Also available in a bilingual edition ¡El gallo que no se callaba!, Spanish translation by Madelca Dominguez. Spanish.

Horrible Bear!

by Ame Dyckman. Illus by Zachariah OHora

Little, Brown and Company BFYR, 2016

When a kite goes astray, an accident and misunderstanding bring together two unlikely friends in a story about the power of forgiveness. *Ebook*.

Du lz Tak?

by Carson Ellis

Candlewick Press, 2016 Children will learn about insects and plants in this book that features an invented language.

La Princesa and the Pea

by Susan Middleton Elya. Illus by Juana Martinez-Neal

G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2017

Set in Peru, this fresh, bilingual take on the classic story of the wandering princess who is tested comes alive with detailed, expressive illustrations. Spanish, Ebook.

How to Code a Sandcastle

by Josh Funk. Illus by Sara Palacios

Viking BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2018 Pearl and her robot Pascal use code to build a sand

use code to build a sand castle that can withstand annoying beach-goers and out-of-control frisbees.

One Big Pair of Underwear

by Laura Gehl. Illus by Tom Lichtenheld

Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2014

Two bears not sharing one pair of underwear, see twenty pigs who make pairs to go down ten slides. The bears learn sharing makes everything more fun in this zany counting story. Spanish. Audio. Ebook.

Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat

Ed. by Nikki Giovanni. Illus by Alicia Vergel de Dios, et al

Jabberwocky / Sourcebooks, 2008

Readers can immerse themselves in this anthology of rhymes and rhythms which includes 51 selections from 42 poets and performers, plus 30 performances on the audio CD.

*The Princess in Black

by Shannon & Dean Hale. Illus by LeUyen Pham

Candlewick Press, 2015
Princess Magnolia secretly
ditches her frilly dresses
to become the Princess in
Black, hero and protector
of the kingdom. Spanish,
Ebook.

*Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon

Puffin Books / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2015

Younger sibling Dory has an overactive imagination that gets her into—and out of—trouble. *Ebook*.

Swap!

by Steve Light

Candlewick Press, 2016
Basic math becomes a
clever game in this upbeat
story of a young sailor
who helps to restore a
dilapidated ship through sly
bartering.

Written and Drawn by Henrietta

by Liniers

TOON Books, 2015 A young girl named Henrietta uses her favorite colored pencils and her imagination to write and illustrate a story full of personal growth.

Strictly No Elephants

by Lisa Mantchev. Illus by Taeeun Yoo

Paula Wiseman Books / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2015

It's Pet Club day, today! All pets EXCEPT elephants are allowed; but, pets just like friends, come in all shapes and sizes. So a boy and his unwanted pet elephant start a new club for unwanted pets. Because that's what friends do: support each other. Ebook.

Alma and How She Got Her Name

by Juana Martinez-NealCandlewick Press. 2018

Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela thinks she has way too many names! It's up to Daddy to explain how each name makes Alma the special little girl she is. Spanish, Ebook.

*Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

by Kenard Pak

Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/ Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2016 In a simple, cheerful conversation with nature, a young girl witnesses how the season changes from summer to autumn. *Ebook*.

The Journey

by Francesca Sanna

Flying Eye Books, 2016 A thought-provoking and moving picture book that details the dangerous journey a family makes to escape their war-torn country.

Bob, Not Bob!: To be read as though you have the worst cold

by Audrey Vernick & Liz Garton Scanlon. Illus by Matthew Cordell

Disney-Hyperion, 2017 Little Louie has a cold, and when he calls for his mom, not his dog Bob, with his stuffy nose, hilarity ensues.

A Piece of Home

by Jeri Watts. Illus by Hyewon Yum

Candlewick Press, 2016
In this compassionate immigration story, Hee Jun and his family slowly adjust to their new life in West Virginia after moving from Korea.

If Sharks Disappeared

by Lily Williams

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2017

A nonfiction picture book tracing the repercussions of what would happen if sharks disappeared from our planet. *Ebook*.

Malala's Magic Pencil

by Malala Yousafzai. Illus by Kerascoët

Little, Brown and Company BFYR, 2017

Before she would grow up to be history's youngest Nobel laureate, Malala Yousafzai imagines the ways her magic pencil can make the world a better place. *Ebook*.