

# 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.



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### **A Big Mooncake for Little Star**

**by Grace Lin**

Little, Brown and Company  
BYR, 2018

A little girl takes a nibble out of the big mooncake hanging in the sky every night, mirroring the cycle of the moon. *Ebook.*

### **\*Charlie & Mouse**

**by Laurel Snyder. Illus by Emily Hughes**

Chronicle Books, 2017

A delightful early reader about brothers Charlie and Mouse and their adventures having a party, going into the rock business and bedtime bananas. *Ebook. Audio.*

### **Dreamers**

**by Yuyi Morales**

Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2018

An immigrant and her son find refuge in the library and the world of books. *Ebook, Audio.*

**Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story**  
**by Kevin Noble Maillard. Illus by Juana Martinez-Neal**

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2019

Fry bread as food, art, history, and much more is joyously celebrated in this exuberant picture book and tribute to Native American culture. Extensive endnotes included. *Ebook, Audio.*

### **Hey, Water!**

**by Antoinette Portis**

Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2019

A playful exploration of water in all its forms and a trip through the water cycle. *Ebook.*

### **The Honeybee**

**by Kirsten Hall. Illus by Isabelle Arsenault**

Atheneum / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2018

Follow one small bee as he makes honey. Sound words and a lyrical text make it fun to learn the bees' role in our environment. *Ebook.*

### **How to Read a Book**

**by Kwame Alexander. Illus by Melissa Sweet**

HarperCollins Children's, 2019

Bright colors and layered collage art pair perfectly with award-winning poet, Kwame Alexander's ode to reading and books.

### **In the Past: From Trilobites to Dinosaurs to Mammoths in More than 500 Million Years**

**by David Elliott. Illus by Matthew Trueman**

Candlewick Press, 2018

Take a walk through time with this book of poetry that explores dinosaurs through the ages.

### **I Want a Dog**

**by Jon Agee**

Dial Books / Penguin Young Readers, 2019

Hilarity ensues when a positive thinking animal shelter worker tries to convince a little girl that maybe dogs are not the perfect pet. *Ebook.*

### **Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet**

**by Curtis Manley. Illus by Jessica Lanan**

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2019

A young girl wonders if there is another planet out there that is "just right" in this lyrical poem that is mixed with beautiful illustration, facts, and a timeline. *Ebook.*

### **\*King & Kayla and the Case of Found Fred**

**by Dori Hillestad Butler. Illus by Nancy Meyers**

Peachtree Publishers, 2019

In this easy reading chapter book, King and Kayla use logic and help from Grandma to find the owners of a lost dog. *Ebook, Audio.*

### **The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors**

**by Drew Daywalt. Illus by Adam Rex**

Balzer + Bay / HarperCollins Children's, 2017

Three warriors embark on a journey to find an admirable foe. Their meeting will become an ultimate battle that will stand the test of time. *Ebook.*

### **Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando**

**by Andrea Wang. Illus by Kana Urbanowicz**

Little Bee Books, 2019

In Post-World War II Japan, tenacity pays off for inventor Momofuku Ando when he invents the perfect instant noodles.

### **\*Meet Yasmin!**

**by Saadia Faruqi. Illus by Hatem Aly**

Picture Window Books / Capstone, 2018

This bright, own voices, easy chapter book introduces young readers to Yasmin, an adventurous girl who, with the help of her family, she learns she can be anything. This delightful book also includes discussion questions, facts, recipes and activities to extend learning and understanding. *Ebook.*

### **My Papi Has a Motorcycle**

**by Isabel Quintero. Illus by Zeke Peña**

Kokila / Penguin Young Readers, 2019

Vroom! A girl and her father enjoy a motorcycle ride through her colorful and close-knit community. Descriptive text and comic-like style pair to teach lessons on change and love. *Ebook, Audio.*

### **Not Quite Narwhal**

**by Jessie Sima**

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2017

Kelp grows up as a narwhal under the ocean until he realizes that he doesn't quite fit in. Does he belong on land? A journey of discovery. *Ebook.*

### **Not Quite Snow White**

**by Ashley Franklin. Illus by Ebony Glenn**

HarperCollins Children's, 2019

Tameka's dreams of starring in the school play. Will bullies and self-doubt keep her from even auditioning? *Ebook.*

### **Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré**

**by Anika Aldamuy Denise. Illus by Paola Escobar**

HarperCollins Children's, 2019

An inspirational picture book biography of the life and career of the first Puerto Rican librarian in New York City. *Ebook, Audio, Spanish.*

### **The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family**

**by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S. K. Ali. Illus by Hatem Aly**

Little, Brown and Company  
BYR, 2018

A little sister admires her sister's bravery on the first day of school when she proudly wears a her new beautiful blue hijab. *Ebook, Audio.*

### **Saturday**

**by Oge Mora**

Little, Brown and Company  
BYR, 2019

Saturdays with Mom are the best! Even when things don't go exactly as planned. *Ebook, Audio.*

### **Seeing into Tomorrow: Haiku by Richard Wright**

**by Richard Wright. Illus by Nina Crews**

Millbrook Press, 2018

Beautiful real photograph collage of diverse children and nature together with the classic haiku of Richard Wright provide escape from the everyday world. Extensive biographical back matter also create learning and writing opportunities. *Ebook.*

### **Small in the City**

**by Sydney Smith**

Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2019

A young boy is on a quest in a big city. Will he find what he is looking for? *Ebook, Audio.*

### **\*Triangle**

**by Mac Barnett. Illus by Jon Klassen**

Candlewick Press, 2017

The silly escapades of the shapes Triangle and Square, two friends who delight in playing sneaky tricks on each other. *Ebook.*

### **¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market**

**by Raúl the Third**

Versify / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019

In this colorful, cartoon style book, readers join Little Lobo on a bilingual journey around the city as he visits the market, makes deliveries and meets his hero. A glossary at the end helps with unfamiliar words. *Ebook, Audio, Spanish.*

### **The Very Impatient Caterpillar**

**by Ross Burach**

Scholastic Press, 2019

A caterpillar tries to become a butterfly but is fed up with the inordinate amount of time it takes. Humorous illustrations and writing make the time pass quickly. *Ebook, Audio.*