



101  
Great Books  
for Kids  
2017

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## Picture Books For Children Ages 2-7

- 1 Accident!**  
by Andrea Tsurumi
- 2 After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again**  
by Dan Santat
- 3 All the Way to Havana**  
by Margarita Engle, ill. Mike Curato
- 4 The Antlered Ship**  
by Dashka Slater, ill. The Fan Brothers
- 5 Be Quiet**  
by Ryan T. Higgins
- 6 Big Cat, Little Cat**  
by Elisha Cooper
- 7 The Blue Hour**  
by Isabelle Simler
- 8 Boo!**  
by Ben Newman
- 9 Claymates**  
by Dev Petty, ill. Lauren Eldridge
- 10 Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut**  
by Derrick Barnes, ill. Gordon C. James
- 11 Double Take: A New Look at Opposites**  
by Susan Hood, ill. Jay Fleck
- 12 Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth**  
by Oliver Jeffers
- 13 Jabari Jumps**  
by Gaia Cornwall
- 14 The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors**  
by Drew Daywalt, ill by Adam Rex
- 15 Lucia the Luchadora**  
by Cynthia Leonor Garza, ill. Alyssa Bermudez
- 16 On a Magical Do-Nothing Day**  
by Beatrice Alemagna, translated by Jill Davis
- 17 Professional Crocodile**  
by Giovanna Zoboli, ill. Mariachiara Di Giorgio
- 18 The Ring Bearer**  
by Floyd Cooper
- 19 The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!**  
by Carmen Agra Deedy, ill. Eugene Yelchin
- 20 Spunky Little Monkey**  
by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson, ill. Brian Won
- 21 Town is By the Sea**  
by Joanne Schwartz, ill. Sydney Smith
- 22 The Way Home in the Night**  
by Akiko Miyakoshi
- 23 What's My Superpower?**  
by Aviaq Johnston, ill. Tim Mack
- 24 Where's Rodney?**  
by Carmen Bogan, ill. Floyd Cooper
- 25 Wolf in the Snow**  
by Matthew Cordell



## Easy Books For Children Ages 4-6

- 26 Charlie & Mouse**  
by Laurel Snyder, ill. Emily Hughes
- 27 King and Kayla (The Case of the Missing Dog Treats, The Case of the Mysterious Mouse, and The Case of the Secret Code)**  
by Dori Hillestad Butler, ill. Nancy Meyers
- 28 Meet Woof & Quack**  
by Jamie A. Swenson, ill. By Ryan Sias
- 29 Snail and Worm Again**  
by Tina Kugle
- 30 There's a Pest in the Garden!**  
by Jan Thomas



## Folktales and Fairy Tales

- 31 The Crane Girl**  
adapted by Curtis Manley, ill. Lin Wang
- 32 The Little Red Wolf**  
by Amelie Flechais
- 33 Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki**  
by Kevin Crossley-Holland, ill. Jeffrey Alan Love
- 34 Pattan's Pumpkin : A traditional flood story from Southern India**  
by Chitra Soundar, ill. by Frank Lessac
- 35 La Princesa and the Pea**  
by Susan Middleton Elya, ill. Juana Martinez-Neal



## Early Chapter Books For Children Ages 6-9

- 36 Coyote Tales**  
by Thomas King
- 37 Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen,**  
by Debbi Michiko Florence, ill. Elizabet Vukovic
- 38 The New Kid**  
by Karen English, ill. Laura Freeman
- 39 Princess Cora and the Crocodile**  
by Laura Amy Schlitz, ill by Brian Floca
- 40 Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face and the Badness of Badgers** by John Dougherty
- 41 You're Amazing, Anna Hibiscus!**  
by Atinuke



## Poetry

- 42 Family Poems for Every Day of the Week / Poemas Familiares Para Cada Dia de la Semana**  
by Francisco X. Alarcon, ill. Maya Christina Gonzalez
- 43 I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups**  
by Chris Harris, ill. Lane Smith
- 44 One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance**  
by Nikki Grimes
- 45 Let's Clap, Jump, Sing & Shout, Dance, Spin & Turn It Out!: Games, Songs, and Stories from an African American Childhood**  
by Patricia McKissack, ill. Brian Pinkney
- 46 Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets**  
by Kwame Alexander, Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth, ill. Ekua Holmes



## Middle Grade Fiction For Children Ages 9-12

- 47 Ashes to Asheville**  
by Sarah Dooley
- 48 Beyond the Bright Sea**  
by Lauren Wolk
- 49 A Boy Called Bat**  
by Elana K. Arnold
- 50 Bronze and Sunflower**  
by Wenxuan Cao, ill. Helen Wang, translated by Helen Wang
- 51 The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart**  
by Stephanie Burgis, ill. Freya Hartas
- 52 Felix Yz**  
by Lisa Bunker
- 53 The First Rule of Punk**  
by Celia C. Perez
- 54 Funny Girl,**  
edited by Betsy Bird
- 55 Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus**  
by Dusti Bowling
- 56 Jake the Fake Keeps It Real**  
by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach, ill. by Keith Knight
- 57 Last Day on Mars**  
by Kevin Emerson
- 58 Lucky Broken Girl**  
by Ruth Behar
- 59 Mango Delight**  
by Francesca Hyman
- 60 The Matchstick Castle**  
by Keir Graff
- 61 Orphan Island**  
by Laurel Snyder
- 62 The Pants Project**  
by Cat Clarke
- 63 Patina**  
by Jason Reynolds
- 64 Posted**  
by John David Anderson
- 65 The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine**  
by Mark Twain and Philip Stead, ill. Erin Stead
- 66 The Real McCoys**  
by Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr
- 67 Stef Soto, Taco Queen**  
by Jennifer Torres
- 68 This Is Just a Test**  
by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg
- 69 York: The Shadow Cipher**  
by Laura Ruby

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| <b>70 All's Faire in Middle School</b><br>by Victoria Jamieson | <b>73 The Dam Keeper</b><br>by Robert Kondo, ill. Dice Tsutsumi   |
| <b>71 The Big Bad Fox</b><br>by Benjamin Renner                | <b>74 One Trick Pony</b><br>by Nathan Hale  |
| <b>72 Bolivar</b><br>by Sean Rubin                             | <b>75 Real Friends: A True Story about Cool Kids and Crybabies</b><br>by Shannon Hale, ill. LeUyen Pham |

 **Nonfiction**

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| <b>76 Before She Was Harriet</b><br>by Lesa Cline-Ransome, ill. James E. Ransome                                   | <b>90 The Legendary Miss Lena Horne</b><br>by Carole Boston Weatherford, ill. by Elizabeth Zunon  |
| <b>77 Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix</b><br>by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee, ill. Man One     | <b>91 Martina &amp; Chrissie: The Greatest Rivalry in the History of Sports</b><br>by Phil Bildner, ill. Brett Helquist                                 |
| <b>78 Danza! Amalia Hernandez and El Ballet Folklórico de México</b><br>by Duncan Tonatiuh                         | <b>92 Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines, Designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial</b><br>by Jeanne Walker Harvey, ill. Dow Phumiruk        |
| <b>79 Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion</b><br>by Chris Barton, ill. Victo Ngai                   | <b>93 Meet Cindy Sherman: Artist, Photographer, Chameleon</b><br>by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan   |
| <b>80 Germs: Fact and Fiction, Friends and Foes</b><br>by Lesa Cline-Ransome, ill. James Ransome                   | <b>94 Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Being Disabled</b><br>by Shane Burcaw, ill. Matt Carr   |
| <b>81 Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code</b><br>by Laurie Wallmark, ill. Katy Wu                                 | <b>95 Older Than Dirt: A Kinda-Sorta Biography of Earth</b><br>by Don Brown & Dr. M. Perfit   |
| <b>82 Her Right Foot</b><br>by Dave Eggers, ill. Shawn Harris  | <b>96 The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in the Game Called Life</b><br>by Kwame Alexander   |
| <b>83 The Hidden Life of a Toad</b><br>by Doug Wechsler  | <b>97 Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee!</b><br>by Andrea J. Loney, ill. Keith Mallett  |
| <b>84 How Many Guinea Pigs Can Fit On a Plane? Answers to Your Most Clever Math Questions</b><br>by Laura Overdeck | <b>98 Up Up Up Skyscraper</b><br>by Anastasia Suen, ill. Ryan O'Rourke  |
| <b>85 How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild</b><br>by Katherine Roy                                | <b>99 What Makes a Monster? Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures</b><br>by Jess Keating, ill. David DeGrand                                       |
| <b>86 If Sharks Disappeared</b><br>by Lily Williams  | <b>100 Writing Radar</b><br>by Jack Gantos  |
| <b>87 Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton Reveal'd</b><br>by Mary Losure                                  | <b>101 The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist</b><br>by Cynthia Levinson, ill. Vanessa Brantley Newton |
| <b>88 Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush</b><br>by Peter Lourie, ill. Wendell Minor                            |   |
| <b>89 Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing</b><br>by Kay. A Haring, ill. Robert Neubecker                   |   |

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