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For Kids



The Complete Checklist: 100 Must-Read Books

Our 100 Greatest Books for Kids list spans a variety of ages and genres, so there's something for everyone. Print out this checklist and make it yours: Mark the books you've shared with your children or they have read, star family favorites, and highlight titles you're looking forward to bringing home from the library or bookstore.

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- 1 **Charlotte's Web**
Written by E. B. White and illustrated by Garth Williams
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 2 **Goodnight Moon**
Written by Margaret Wise Brown and illustrated by Clement Hurd
Ages 0-3 Fiction: animal characters
- 3 **A Wrinkle in Time**
Written by Madeleine L'Engle
Ages 11+ Fiction: fantasy
- 4 **The Snowy Day**
Written and illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats
Ages 4-7 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 5 **Where the Wild Things Are**
Written and illustrated by Maurice Sendak
Ages 0-3 Fiction: fantasy
- 6 **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**
Written by J. K. Rowling and illustrated by Mary GrandPré
Ages 11+ Fiction: fantasy, folktales/fairy tales/myths
- 7 **Green Eggs and Ham**
Written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss
Ages 4-7 Fiction: fantasy
- 8 **The Diary of a Young Girl**
Written by Anne Frank
Ages 11+ Nonfiction: autobiography
- 9 **The Giving Tree**
Written and illustrated by Shel Silverstein
Ages 4-7 Fiction: fantasy, fable
- 10 **Frog and Toad Are Friends**
Written and illustrated by Arnold Lobel
Ages 8-10 Fiction: animal characters
- 11 **Anne of Green Gables**
Written by L. M. Montgomery
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction
- 12 **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
Written and illustrated by Eric Carle
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (colors, numbers); Fiction: animal characters
- 13 **Madeline**
Written and illustrated by Ludwig Bemelmans
Ages 4-7 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 14 **The Wind in the Willows**
Written by Kenneth Grahame and illustrated by Inga Moore
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 15 **The Dot**
Written and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds
Ages 4-7 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 16 **Tuck Everlasting**
Written by Natalie Babbitt
Ages 11+ Fiction: fantasy
- 17 **Pat the Bunny**
Written and illustrated by Dorothy Kunhardt
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (the senses); fiction: realistic fiction
- 18 **When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson**
Written by Pam Muñoz Ryan and illustrated by Brian Selznick
Ages 8-10 Nonfiction: biography
- 19 **Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale**
Written and illustrated by Mo Willems
Ages 0-3 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 20 **Where the Sidewalk Ends**
Written and illustrated by Shel Silverstein
Ages 8-10 Fiction: poetry
- 21 **Bud, Not Buddy**
Written by Christopher Paul Curtis
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction, historical fiction

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- 22 **Corduroy**
Written and illustrated by Don Freeman
Ages 0-3 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 23 **The Phantom Tollbooth**
Written by Norton Juster and illustrated by Jules Feiffer
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy
- 24 **The Little Engine That Could**
Written by Watty Piper and illustrated by George and Doris Hauman
Ages 4-7 Fiction: fantasy
- 25 **The Giver**
Written by Lois Lowry
Ages 11+ Fiction: science fiction, dystopia
- 26 **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**
Written and illustrated by Grace Lin
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy, folktales/fairy tales/myth
- 27 **Black on White**
Written and illustrated by Tana Hoban
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts
- 28 **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**
Written and illustrated by Mo Willems
Ages 4-7 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 29 **Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.**
Written by Judy Blume
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction
- 30 **My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother**
Written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 31 **The Mitten**
Written and illustrated by Jan Brett
Ages 4-7 Fiction: folktales, animal characters
- 32 **The Runaway Bunny**
Written by Margaret Wise Brown and illustrated by Clement Hurd
Ages 0-3 Fiction: animal characters
- 33 **The Hunger Games**
Written by Suzanne Collins
Ages 11+ Fiction: science fiction, dystopia
- 34 **Swimmy**
Written and illustrated by Leo Lionni
Ages 4-7 Fiction: animal characters
- 35 **Freight Train**
Written and illustrated by Donald Crews
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (colors, train cars); Fiction: realistic fiction
- 36 **The Secret Garden**
Written by Francis Hodgson Burnett and illustrated by Tasha Tudor
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 37 **The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear**
Written by Don and Audrey Wood and illustrated by Don Wood
Ages 4-7 Fiction: animal characters
- 38 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**
Written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction
- 39 **Zen Shorts**
Written and illustrated by John J. Muth
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy, fables/folktales/myths, animal characters
- 40 **Moo, Baa, La La La**
Written and illustrated by Sandra Boynton
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (animal sounds), Fiction: animal characters
- 41 **Matilda**
Written by Roald Dahl and illustrated by Quentin Blake
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy
- 42 **What Do People Do All Day?**
Written and illustrated by Richard Scarry
Ages 4-7 Informational: early concepts (jobs), Fiction: animal characters
- 43 **The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe**
Written by C. S. Lewis and illustrated by Pauline Baynes
Ages 11+ Fiction: fantasy
- 44 **Good Night, Gorilla**
Written and illustrated by Peggy Rathmann
Ages 0-3 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 45 **The Composition**
Written by Antonio Skármeta and illustrated by Alfonso Ruano
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 46 **Not a Box**
Written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis
Ages 4-7 Fiction: animal characters
- 47 **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**
Written by Bill Martin, Jr. and illustrated by Eric Carle
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (colors); Fiction: animal characters
- 48 **Hatchet**
Written by Gary Paulsen
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction

- 49 **Martin's Big Words**
Written by Doreen Rappaport and illustrated by Bryan Collier
Ages 4-7 Nonfiction: biography
- 50 **Sarah, Plain and Tall**
Written by Patricia MacLachlan
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 51 **Sylvia Long's Mother Goose**
Written and illustrated by Sylvia Long
Ages 0-3 Fiction: nursery rhymes, animal characters
- 52 **The Lightning Thief**
Written by Rick Riordan
Ages 11+ Fiction: fantasy/myths
- 53 **The House at Pooh Corner**
Written by A. A. Milne and illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard
Ages 4-7 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 54 **Through My Eyes**
Written by Ruby Bridges
Ages 11+ Nonfiction: autobiography
- 55 **Smile!**
Written and illustrated by Roberta Grobel Intrater
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (facial expressions/emotions); Fiction: realistic fiction
- 56 **Living Sunlight**
Written by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm and illustrated by Molly Bang
Ages 8-10 Nonfiction: science
- 57 **The Bad Beginning**
Written by Lemony Snicket and illustrated by Brett Helquist
Ages 11+ Fiction: fantasy
- 58 **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez**
Written by Kathleen Krull and illustrated by Yuyi Morales
Ages 8-10 Nonfiction: biography
- 59 **Dear Juno**
Written by Soyung Pak and illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung
Ages 4-7 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 60 **Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes**
Written and illustrated by Annie Kubler
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (body parts) Fiction: songs/nursery rhymes
- 61 **The Lion and the Mouse**
Written and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
Ages 4-7 Fiction: animal characters, fables
- 62 **Diary of a Worm**
Written by Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Harry Bliss
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 63 **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**
Written and illustrated by Brian Selznick
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction, historical fiction
- 64 **My Truck Is Stuck**
Written by Kevin Lewis and illustrated by Daniel Kirk
Ages 0-3 Fiction: animal character
- 65 **Birds**
Written by Kevin Henkes and illustrated by Laura Dronzek
Ages 4-7 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 66 **The Maze of Bones**
Written by Rick Riordan
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction, adventure
- 67 **Esperanza Rising**
Written by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction, historical fiction
- 68 **Counting Kisses: A Kiss and Read Book**
Written and illustrated by Karen Katz
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (numbers, body parts); Fiction: realistic fiction
- 69 **The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks**
Written by Joanna Cole and illustrated by Bruce Degen
Ages 8-10 Informational: science; Fiction: fantasy
- 70 **Blackout**
Written and illustrated by John Rocco
Ages 4-7 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 71 **Bridge to Terabithia**
Written by Katherine Paterson
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction
- 72 **Are You My Mother?**
Written and illustrated by P. D. Eastman
Ages 0-3 Fiction: animal characters
- 73 **Tea with Milk**
Written and illustrated by Allen Say
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 74 **Owl Moon**
Written by Jane Yolen and illustrated by John Schoenherr
Ages 4-7 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 75 **Holes**
Written by Louis Sachar
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction

- 76 Peek-a Who?
Written and illustrated by Nina Laden
Ages 0-3 Fiction: fantasy, realistic fiction
- 77 Hi! Fly Guy
Written and illustrated by Tedd Arnold
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 78 Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
Written by Robert C. O'Brien and illustrated by Zena Bernstein
Ages 11+ Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 79 Llama Llama Red Pajama
Written and illustrated by Anna Dewdney
Ages 0-3 Fiction: animal characters
- 80 What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
Written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
Ages 4-7 Nonfiction: science
- 81 Lincoln: A Photobiography
Written by Russell Freedman
Ages 11+ Nonfiction: biography
- 82 Ivy & Bean
Written by Annie Barrows and illustrated by Sophie Blackall
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 83 Yoko
Written and illustrated by Rosemary Wells
Ages 4-7 Fiction: animal characters
- 84 No No Yes Yes
Written and illustrated by Leslie Patricelli
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts (opposites);
Fiction: realistic fiction
- 85 Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Written by Judy Blume
Ages 8-10 Fiction: realistic fiction
- 86 Interrupting Chicken
Written and illustrated by David Ezra Stein
Ages 4-7 Fiction: animal characters
- 87 Rules
Written by Cynthia Lord
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction
- 88 Grumpy Bird
Written and illustrated by Jeremy Tankard
Ages 0-3 Fiction: animal characters
- 89 An Egg Is Quiet
Written by Dianna Hutts Aston and illustrated by Sylvia Long
Ages 4-7 Nonfiction: science
- 90 Puss in Boots
Written by Charles Perault and illustrated by Fred Marcellio
Ages 8-10 Fiction: folk & fairy tales, animal characters
- 91 Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon
Written by Catherine Thimmesh
Ages 11+ Nonfiction: science and social studies
- 92 What Shall We Do With the Boo Hoo Baby?
Written by Cressida Cowell and illustrated by Ingrid Godon
Ages 0-3 Fiction: fantasy, animal characters
- 93 We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States
Written and illustrated by David Catrow
Ages 8-10 Informational: historical documents
- 94 I Took the Moon for a Walk
Written by Carolyn Curtis and illustrated by Alison Jay
Ages 4-7 Fiction: fantasy, poetry
- 95 A Single Shard
Written by Linda Sue Park
Ages 11+ Fiction: realistic fiction, historical fiction
- 96 Gossie
Written and illustrated by Olivier Dunrea
Ages 4-7 Fiction: animal characters
- 97 The Adventures of Captain Underpants
Written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey
Ages 8-10 Fiction: fantasy
- 98 Bright Baby: First Words
Written and illustrated by Roger Priddy
Ages 0-3 Informational: early concepts
- 99 Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices
Written by Paul Fleischman and illustrated by Eric Beddows
Ages 11+ Informational: science; Fiction: fantasy; poetry
- 100 Animalia
Written and illustrated by Graeme Base
Ages 4-7 Informational: concepts (alphabet);
Fiction: fantasy, animal characters