

The 2012–2013

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Book List

Recommended Books for Preschool Children

If You Give a Dog a Donut by Laura Numeroff (Balzer + Bray). What happens when you give a dog a donut? He'll want some apple juice to go with it! Follow this enthusiastic dog as he goes apple picking, plays baseball and starts a water fight—all because he had a donut for a snack.

The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter Z!

by Steve Martin and Roz Chast (Flying Dolphin). This clever look at the alphabet uses rhyme to go beyond an ordinary ABC book. Your child will love the colorful and detailed illustrations that add to the tongue twisters that play on each letter.

No Jumping on the Bed! by Tedd Arnold (Dial). Celebrate this classic book's 25th anniversary with funny new illustrations. Walter lives in a tall apartment building, and he loves jumping on the bed. See what happens to Walter when he keeps jumping on the bed—despite all of his father's warnings.

One Watermelon Seed by Celia Barker Lottridge (Fitzhenry & Whiteside). Max and Josephine planted a garden filled with corn, watermelons, eggplants and strawberries. Help them water, weed and keep track of all of their vegetables as they grow and grow. This favorite has been updated with brilliant new artwork by Karen Patkau that may convince even the pickiest of eaters to try new vegetables.

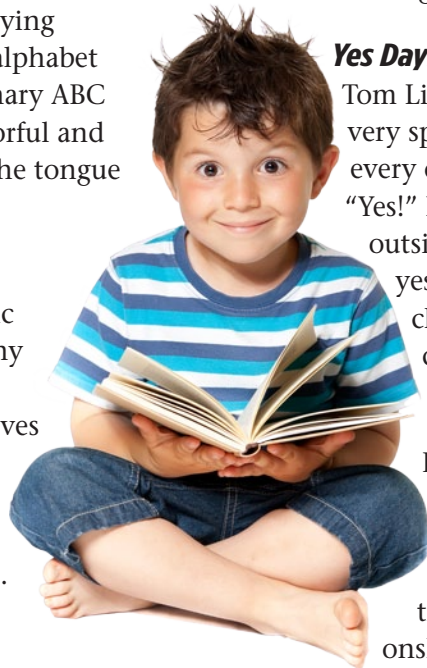
Tickle Time! by Sandra Boynton (Workman). Does being tickled always cheer up your child? In this charming board book, Boynton discovers that the cure to being blue is just some tickle time!

City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems (Hyperion). City Dog loves the freedom he has when he goes out to the country, where he is able to run and run and run. When he meets Country Frog, the two play both City Dog games and Country Frog games. They play every time City Dog visits through all four seasons, until things start to change the next winter.

Yes Day! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld (HarperCollins). For one very special day every year, the answer to every question that one little boy asks is "Yes!" Pizza for breakfast? Eating lunch outside? Staying up really late? Yes, yes, yes! Your young reader will love chiming in with "Yes!" after every question.

Sergio Saves the Game by Edel Rodriguez (Little, Brown and Company). Sergio loves soccer, but he's not very good at it. He tries being goalie, and he practices and practices until it's time for the championship game. Can Sergio and his team beat the big Seagulls? See what happens as Sergio learns that a lot of practice and hard work can pay off in the end.

Prudence Wants a Pet by Cathleen Daly (Roaring Brook). Prudence wants a pet very badly, but Dad says that pets cost too much money and Mom says they make too much noise. So Prudence finds her own pets—Mr. Round, the car tire; Famous Footwear, the old shoe; and even her baby brother Milo. But none of these pets will do. Will Prudence ever get the perfect pet?



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Summer Jackson: Grown Up by Teresa E. Harris (Katherine Tegen). Summer Jackson has decided that she's done with being a kid—she's ready to be a grown-up. As a grown-up, she'll be able to wear sunglasses all day and talk on her cell phone. But soon, she realizes that there are some responsibilities that come along with being a grown-up, like doing dishes! Maybe being a grown-up doesn't sound so great after all.

Lola at the Library by Anna McQuinn (Charlesbridge). Lola looks forward to Tuesdays, because that's the day she and her mommy go to the library. Join Lola on her adventure, and you can sit with her during story time and help her pick books to check out. Don't forget your library card!

The Unexpectedly Bad Hair of Barcelona Smith

by Keith Graves (Philomel). Barcelona always made sure to play it safe, staying away from anything that could be dangerous or impractical. But one day, humidity took hold of his hair, and Barcelona finally learns to relax and enjoy himself.

Matthew A.B.C. by Peter Catalanotto (Atheneum). Mrs. Tuttle has 25 students in her class—and they're all named Matthew! While some may find that confusing, she has a way to keep track. Matthew D., for example, thinks he's a duck, and Matthew K. loves ketchup. When Mrs. Tuttle gets a new student, it's only fitting that his name is ... Matthew!

We Belong Together by Joyce Wan (Cartwheel). Peanut butter and jelly, pencil and paper, and bacon and eggs all belong together. This bright board book names all kinds of perfect pairs and shows that some things are just better together.

First the Egg by Laura Vaccaro Seegar (Roaring Brook). What came first, the chicken or the egg? Seegar tackles this age-old question with fun cut-outs that show how stories, flowers and butterflies can transform from other things.

If I Had a Dragon by Tom Ellery and Amanda Ellery (Simon & Schuster). Morton would much rather have a dragon to play with than his baby brother, who is too little to do anything. With a dragon, Morton thinks he could go for walks, play basketball and whistle. But Morton soon realizes that a dragon may not really be the best playmate, after all.

The Rain Stomper by Addie Boswell (Marshall Cavendish Children). Jazmin is excited about the big parade that will have a ton of dancers and drummers and cheerleaders. But on the big day, it's pouring down rain. Jazmin is so angry at the rain that she goes outside and stomps and splashes, naming herself the Rain Stomper. See what happens when other children join in!

Little Rex, Big Brother by Ruth Symes (Albert Whitman & Company). Rex wants to be a big, scary, loud dinosaur, but how can he when everyone he knows keeps calling him Little Rex? Everyone in his family and even his best friends, Spikey and Three-Horn, tell him he's small. When Little Rex is babysitting his parents' dinosaur eggs, he realizes that to some dinosaurs, he can be big, scary and loud—and more.

Not a Box by Antoinette Portis (HarperCollins). Rabbit's giant cardboard box isn't just a box, it's also a fast racecar, a giant mountain, a boat and even a robot costume. Your young reader will love describing everything that Rabbit makes out of his box.