

# Book List

## Recommended Books for Preschool Children

***Big Cat Pepper*** by Elizabeth Partridge (Bloomsbury). Big Cat Pepper has been a part of the family forever. But lately he hasn't been purring as often. Is he sick? This book is a comforting story for any child who has had to say goodbye to a family pet.

***The Littlest Dinosaur's Big Adventure*** by Michael Foreman (Walker). The littlest dinosaur takes a walk one day. But he soon finds himself in a big, scary forest. Can he be brave enough to make it home? Your little reader will find out that even the smallest creatures can be hugely brave!

***Have You Ever Tickled a Tiger?*** by Betsy E. Snyder (Random House Books for Young Readers). Have you ever tickled a tiger, kissed a walrus or poked a penguin? Your budding bookworm will love touching the exotic creatures in this book, described by rhyming couplets.

***Peek-a Who?*** by Nina Laden (Chronicle Books). This book offers repeating rhymes to build your child's vocabulary skills, and flaps to lift to improve motor skills. Kids who enjoy "peek-a-boo" won't be able to get enough of this book.

***Llama Llama Misses Mama*** by Anna Dewdney (Penguin Group). It's Llama Llama's first day of preschool! He's excited to make new friends and meet the teachers. But when it's time for Mama Llama to leave, Llama Llama gets worried. Will she ever come back? This story will reassure your new preschooler.

***Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed*** by Mo Willems (Hyperion Books for Children). Wilbur the Naked Mole Rat has a secret: He wears clothes! The other naked mole rats did not approve and finally told Grand-pah—the oldest, greatest and most naked mole rat—about Wilbur's secret. What will Grand-pah say?

***Princess Baby, Night-Night*** by Karen Katz (Random House Children's Books). There is so much that Princess Baby has to do before she can go to bed—she has to put on her pajamas, clean up her toys and brush her teeth. And she isn't even sleepy yet. You and your little one will both laugh at Princess Baby's bedtime routine—it's likely similar to your child's!

***Duck and Goose: How Are You Feeling?*** by Tad Hills (Random House Children's Books). Duck and Goose are back in action! This colorful book with simple text will help

your toddler identify emotions—from happy and sad, to more complex feelings like patient and proud.

***Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy*** by David Soman and Jacky Davis (Penguin Group). Lulu and Sam can't agree on a game to play at the playground. When Lulu suggests a game of superheroes, Ladybug Girl's sidekick Bumblebee Boy is created. Follow the two as they save the playground from a variety of enemies—like monsters and robots—and learn that they can have more fun when they work together.



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**Good Luck Bear** by Greg Foley (Penguin Group). Bear's friend Mouse tells him about a special four-leaf clover—special because it's lucky. Bear begins a search for the four-leaf clover, but all of the other animals tell him he won't be able to find it. He sadly sits down on the grass, when Mouse brings him a pleasant surprise!

**Birds** by Kevin Henkes (HarperCollins Publishers). This book begins with "In the morning I hear birds singing through the open window"—something your child can undoubtedly relate to. Your child will love to follow the birds throughout this perfect-for-bedtime book.

**We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers** by Lauren Child (Penguin Group). Brother and sister Charlie and Lola embark on a journey to recycle as much as possible. If they can recycle 100 items, they get their own tree to plant! Printed on recycled paper, this book includes a poster to help children "think green" at home.

**Mouse Was Mad** by Linda Urban (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). Mouse is mad—and just keeps getting angrier. But he can't figure out how to show others how angry he is. Bear stomps, Hare is "hopping" mad, and Bobcat screams—but what can Mouse do? You and your toddler alike will enjoy finding out what "standing still mad" looks like.

**The Sleepy Little Alphabet** by Judy Sierra (Knopf Books for Young Readers). This bedtime tale shows how the parent letters of the alphabet (uppercase) put baby letters (lowercase) to sleep. It's also a great way to teach your budding bookworm the alphabet!

**Llama Sounds?** by Debbie Buttar (GMEC Publishing). A cow says *moo*, a sheep says *baa*—but what sound does a llama make? Your toddler will be surprised to find out!

**Machines Go to Work** by William Low (Henry Holt and Co.). From a helicopter to a cement mixer to a tugboat, your child will love unfolding these pages to learn about what these machines do. The beautiful illustrations jump off the pages of this clever story.

**Buzzy the Bumblebee** by Denise Brennan-Nelson (Sandy Creek). Buzzy the Bumblebee is a curious bee. He reads a "scientific fact" that says he should not be able to fly—and he believes it! How will he tell his mom and dad if he can't fly back to them? This book shares a positive message about the power of belief.

**Tacky Goes to Camp** by Helen Lester (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). The penguins head to summer camp in Nice Icy Land where they enjoy telling scary stories around the campfire. But something scares the penguins after bedtime one night. What could it be? Tacky will save the day!

**Froggy Plays T-ball** by Jonathan London (Penguin Group). Froggy dreams of being a big T-ball star. He wants to start playing and show his stuff. But when the first day of T-ball arrives, he can't get his act together—he even throws himself out at first base! Will Froggy ever get to shine as a T-ball star?

**How Do I Love You?** by Marion Dane Bauer (Scholastic, Inc.). Starting with the line "How do I love you? Let me count the ways," this book shows all of the ways parents love their children. It's perfect for a cuddly storytime with your child.

**Higher! Higher!** by Leslie Patricelli (Candlewick Press). This colorful picture book explores a little girl's imagination as her father pushes her higher and higher on a swing. Check out the view as the swing goes higher than a giraffe, higher than a mountain top and finally higher than the Earth!



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