

The Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County

100 Best Books for Young Children

Compiled by the Early Care and Educations Committee's Family Fun Fest Planning Team



This list was compiled by educators and children's advocates. The books selected were favorites of planning members and are excellent read-a-loud selections. However, there are many, many, more books for children available. The best books are the ones that you and your child love to share!



Family Fun Fest: March 14, 2009 Theme: Once Upon a Time: Stories, Tales, and Rhymes

Ages Birth to Two

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| 1 A Good Day | Kevin Henkes | 11 Hop on Pop | Dr. Suess |
| 2 Baby Danced the Polka | Karen Beaumont | 12 I Am a Bunny | Richard Scarry |
| 3 Brown Bear, Brown Bear | Bill Martin Jr. | 13 Maisey Makes Gingerbread | Lucy Cousins |
| 4 Crocodile Beat | Gail Jorgenson | 14 More, More, More Said the Baby | Vera B. Williams |
| 5 Daddy Kisses | Ann Gutman | 15 On The Night You Were Born | Nancy Tillman |
| 6 Global Babies | Charles Bridge | 16 Pat the Bunny | Dorothy Kunhardt |
| 7 Go Dog Go | P.D. Eastman | 17 The Foot Book | Dr. Suess |
| 8 Good Night Moon | Margeret Wise Brown | 18 Barnyard Dance | Sandra Boynton |
| 9 Guess How Much I Love You | Sam McBratney | 19 The Very Hungry Caterpillar | Eric Carle |
| 10 Honey Baby Sugar Child | Alice Faye Duncan | 20 Where's Spot? | Eric Hill |

Ages Two to Four

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| 21 A Kitten Tale | Eric Rohmann | 41 Llama Llama Red Pajama | Anna Dewdney |
| 22 A Splendid Friend Indeed | Suzanne Bloom | 42 Miss Rumphius | Barbara Cooney |
| 23 A Tree is Nice | Janice May Udry | 43 Morris the Mouse Hunter | Vivian French |
| 24 A Weekend With Wendell | Kevin Henkes | 44 Olivia | Ian Falkener |
| 25 Are You My Mother? | P.D. Eastman | 45 Rotten Ralph | Jack Gantos |
| 26 Bear Snores On | Karma Wilson | 46 Say Hello Vanessa | Marjorie Weinman Sharmat |
| 27 Caps for Sale | Esphyr Slobodkina | 47 Stone Soup | Ann McGovern |
| 28 Chick Chicka Boom Boom | Bill Martin Jr. | 48 Swimmy | Leo Lionni |
| 29 Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type | Doreen Cronin | 49 The Doorbell Rang | Pat Hutchins |
| 30 Clifford the Big Red Dog | Norman Birdwell | 50 The Grouchy Ladybug | Eric Carle |
| 31 Corduroy | Don Freeman | 51 The Midnight Unicorn | Neil Reed |
| 32 Everyone Brings Noodles | Norah Dooley | 52 The Mitten | Jan Brett |
| 33 Harold and the Purple Crayon | Crockett Johnson | 53 The Rainbow Fish | Marcus Pfister |
| 34 Hello Goodbye Window | Norton Juster | 54 The Snowy Day | Ezra Jack Keats |
| 35 Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse | Lyndsy Barrett George | 55 The Umbrella | Jan Brett |
| 36 Is Your Mama A Llama | Deborah Guarino | 56 The Very Lazy Ladybug | Isobel Finn |
| 37 Kitten's First Full Moon | Kevin Henkes | 57 Tikki Tikki Tembo | Arlene Mosel |
| 38 Knuffle Bunny | Mo Willems | 58 Too Much Talk | Angela Shelf Medearis |
| 39 Leo the Late Bloomer | Robert Kraus | 59 Up, Down, and Around | Katherine Ayers |
| 40 Little Blue & Little Yellow | Leo Lionni | 60 William's Doll | Charolot Zolotow |

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Ages Five to Eight

61 A Baby Sister for Frances	Russel Hoban	81 Marshmallow	Clare Turlay Newberry
62 A Chair for My Mother	Vera B. Williams	82 Mr. Wallaby's Christmas Tree	Robert Berry
63 A Dinosaur for Mrs. Toggle	Robin Pulver	83 Mrs. Toggle's Zipper	Robin Pulver
64 A Gift of Gracias	Julia Alvarez	84 Officer Buckle and Gloria	Peggy Rathmann
65 Abuela	Arthur Dorros	85 Paper Bag Princess	Robert Munsch
66 Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Voirst	86 Snow Flake Bently	Jacqueline Briggs Martin
67 Arrow to the Sun- a Pueblo Indian tale	Gerald McDermott	87 Stellanuna	Janell Canon
68 Blueberries for Sal	Robert McCloskey	88 Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	Willian Steig
69 Can you hear A Rainbow?	Jamee Riggio Heelan	89 The Dog Who Cried Wolf	Keiko Kasza
70 Charlie the Caterpillar	Dom Deluise	90 The Keeping Quilt	Patricia Polacco
71 Cinder Edna	Ellen Jackson	91 The Kissing Hand	Audrey Penn
72 Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Judi Barrett	92 The Napping House	Audrey Wood
73 Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus	Mo Willems	93 The Runaway Bunny	Margetret Wise Brown
74 Happy to be Nappy	Bell Hooks	94 The Story About Ping	Marjorie Flack
75 Honey, I Love	Eloise Greenfield	95 Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig	Eugene Trivizas
76 Let's Talk About it: Extraordinary Friends	Fred Rogers	96 Thunder Cake	Patricia Polacco
77 Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Kevin Henkes	97 Two Cool Cows	Tobey Speed
78 Little Red Riding Hood; A Newfangled Prairie Tale	Lisa Campbell Ernst	98 When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry	Molly Bang
79 Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans	99 Whoever You Are	Mem Fox
80 Make Way for Ducklings	Robert McCloskey	100 Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge	Mem Fox

Favorite Authors

Robert Munch	Mo Willems
Eric Carle	Kevin Henkes
Leo Leonni	Tommy DaPaulo
Dr. Suess	Jan Brett
Maurice Sendak	Eric Sabuda
Laura Numeroff	Junie B. Jones
Margeret Wise Brown	
Russel Hoban	

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