

Early Readers

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The books on this list are for readers ages five to eight years old. Vocabulary is limited and illustrations give clues to more challenging words that help the reader understand the text.

Adler, David A. **Bones and the big yellow mystery.** New York: Viking, 2004. Summary: Young Detective Jeffrey Bones begins gathering clues when Mr. Green asks for his help finding the school bus he lost while shopping at the mall. Note: *Series*

Adler, David A. **Young Cam Jansen and the dinosaur game.** New York: Viking, 1996. Summary: When eight-year-old sleuth Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to a birthday party, she uses her photographic memory to solve the puzzle of the dinosaur count. Note: *Series*

Arnold, Tedd. **Hi! Fly Guy.** New York: Scholastic, 2005. Summary: When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong. Note: *Series*

Arnold, Tedd. **Noodlehead nightmares.** New York, Holiday House, 2016.
Summary: Brothers Mac and Mac star in this collection of bedtime tales inspired by folktales about fools from around the world. Note: *Series*

Danziger, Paula. **It's Justin Time, Amber Brown.** New York: Puffin Books, 2001. Summary: Unlike her best friend Justin, Amber Brown loves to measure time and hopes to receive a watch on her seventh birthday. Note: *Series*

Dean, James. **Pete the cat: Pete at the Beach.** New York, NY: Harper, 2013. Summary: When Pete the Cat and his family go to the beach, Pete stays clear of the fearsome ocean. Once his brother offers him surfing lessons, however, he must muster up the courage to face his fears. Note: *Series*

DiCamillo, Kate. **Bink and Gollie.** Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2010. Summary: Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion. Note: *Series*

Egan, Tim. **Dodsworth in New York.** Boston: Sandpiper, 2007. Summary: When Dodsworth sets out for adventure, including a stop in New York City before going to Paris, London, and beyond, he does not expect a crazy duck to stow away in his suitcase and lead him on a merry chase. Note: *Series*

Griffiths, Andy. **The big fat cow that goes kapow.** New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2009. Summary: Provides a collection of easy-to-read and humorous sing-song poetry with simple line illustrations.

Howe, James. **Pinky and Rex.** New York: Aladdin, 1998. Summary: Rex and her best friend Pinky, each the proud possessor of 27 stuffed animals or dinosaurs, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda. Note: *Series*

Keller, Laurie. **We are growing!**. New York, Hyperion Books for Children, 2016. Summary: Walt is not the tallest, or the curliest, or even the crunchiest blade of grass in the yard; however, once the lawnmower passes over him and his friends, and Walt begins cleaning up the mess left behind, he finally realizes what he is--the neatest!

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad are friends**. New York: HarperCollins, 1970. Summary: Frog and Toad learn in five stories that friendship can turn sadness into joy. Note: *Series*

Menuhin, Fran. **Red, white, and blue and Katie Woo**. Mankato, Minn.: Picture Window Books, 2011. Summary: As Katie, her parents, and friends celebrate Independence Day with a parade, games, a picnic, and fireworks, the few things that go wrong do not interfere with their fun. Note: *Series*

Marshall, James. **George and Martha**. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2000, 2008. Summary: Three stories chronicle the ups and downs of a special friendship between two hippopotamuses. Note: *Series*

McClatchy, Lisa. **Eloise skates!**. New York, Simon Spotlight, 2016. Summary: Six-year-old Eloise has an adventure ice skating with her nanny. Note: *Series*

Platt, Kin. **Big Max**. New York: HarperTrophy, 1992. Summary: Big Max, the world's greatest detective, helps a king find his missing elephant. Note: *Series*

Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge: the first book of their adventures**. New York [Edina, Minn.: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2006. Summary: Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. Note: *Series*

Rylant, Cynthia. **Poppleton**. New York: Blue Sky Press, 1997. Summary: Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better. Note: *Series*

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. **Nate the Great**. New York: Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1997. Summary: Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture. Note: *Series*

Weeks, Sarah. **Mac and Cheese**. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2010. Summary: Two cats that are as different as night and day are nevertheless best friends. Note: *Series*

Willems, Mo. **Are you ready to play outside?**. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. Summary: Friends Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain, and then they must decide what to do. Note: *Series*

Wiseman, Bernard. **Morris the moose**. New York: Harper, 1989, 1959. Summary: Determined to prove that the cow he meets is really a moose, Morris the moose enlists the help of a rather confused deer and horse.

Yolen, Jane. **Commander Toad in space**. New York: Putnam & Grosset, 1996, 1980. Summary: The intrepid crew of the space ship "Star Warts" lands on a water-covered planet inhabited by Deep Wader, a horrible hungry monster. Note: *Series*

Yolen, Jane. **Sleeping ugly**. New York: Putnam & Grosset Group, (1997). Summary: When beautiful Princess Miserella, Plain Jane, and a fairy fall under a sleeping spell, a prince undoes the spell in a surprising way.