



2023 2X2 Annotated Reading List

The 2X2 Committee's charge is to produce a list of 20 recommended books for children, age two to grade two.

Dominguez, Angela. ***I'm Hungry!/Tengo Hambre!*** Henry Holt and Company. ISBN 9781250779960. \$18.99. Dinosaur is hungry, but thankfully Bird is here to help! Does Dinosaur want... plátanos? pescado? pan? Bird and Dinosaur go back and forth in English and Spanish before settling on a delicious treat for both of them.

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Fleming, Meg. ***I Was Born a Baby.*** HarperCollins. ISBN 9780063157217. \$17.99. From human kids to goat kids, animals find that some are born with unique names while some are the same. With fun rhymes and the enchanting refrain, "No way! No how! That can't be!" readers won't be able to help but chant along.

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Forsythe, Matthew. ***Mina.*** Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books. ISBN 9781481480413. \$17.99. Mina the mouse doesn't usually worry about all the weird things her father brings home, until one day he brings her a BIG surprise: a squirrel that looks suspiciously like a cat.

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Gehl, Laura. ***Odd Birds: Meet Nature's Weirdest Flock.*** Illustrated by Gareth Lucas. Harry N. Abrams. ISBN 9781419742231. \$8.99. Meet odd birds from around the world, learn about what makes them unique, and wonder... Are they really the odd ones here?

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Goade, Michaela. ***Berry Song.*** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780316494175. \$18.99. Written and Illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Michaela Goade, *Berry Song* is an ode to the land where her family has foraged for berries and salmon for many seasons and invites readers to find their own connection with the land and the gifts it provides.

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McGinty, Alice B. ***Bathe the Cat.*** Illustrated by David Roberts. ISBN 978-1452142708. \$17.99. Grandma Marge is coming soon! Quick, someone grab the broom! Dad, Daddy, Sarah and Bobby have a long list of chores to get done, but their meddling house cat has other plans.

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Monsen, Avery. ***Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme***. Illustrated by Abby Hanlon. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780759554825. \$17.99. Chester Van Chime wakes up one morning, and forgets how to.....make words sound the same. This hilarious story will have children and adults shouting the words to help poor Chester find the rhyme.

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Pizzoli, Greg. ***Pizza! A Slice of History***. Viking Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780425291078. \$18.99. Learn fun pizza facts, a bit of pizza history, and how it became one of the world's favorite foods in this boldly illustrated book that will leave you feeling hungry for your own cheesy slice.

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Portis, Antoinette. ***A Seed Grows***. Neal Porter Books. ISBN 978-0823448920. \$18.99. Simple illustrations and bolded text highlight each stage of the Sunflower's Life Cycle, complete with a special fold-out page for the Sunflower in full bloom.

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Pray, Faith. ***Perfectly Imperfect Mira***. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780316541169. \$17.99. Mira wants to be perfect at something but gives up after the first try. What would happen if Mira never finds perfect?

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Pumphrey, Jarrett and Jerome. ***Somewhere in the Bayou***. Norton Young Readers. ISBN 978-1-324-01593-2. \$17.95. Four friends HAVE to cross the river...but there is an interesting tail in the way. Should they cross?

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Rohde, Marie G. ***Where in the World Are You?*** What on Earth Books. ISBN 978-1913750763. \$17.99. We are but a small piece in this world.

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Snyder, Laurel. ***Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!*** Illustrated by Dan Santat. Chronicle Books. ISBN 9781452144825. \$18.99. Little Red Riding Hood or Rosie as her mama calls her, is on her way to grandma's house but what if she can choose which path to take and what to do? This interactive story allows the reader to choose what happens next in the story and it just may take an interesting turn meeting other fairy tale characters.

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Sorell, Traci. ***Powwow Day***. Illustrated by Madelyn Goodnight. Charlesbridge. ISBN 978-1-58089-948-2. \$16.99. River is excited about Powwow Day, but her illness holds her back from fully participating. Through her friend's help, River can experience the ceremonial healing dance as the drum's heartbeat brings her hope.

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Stein, Joshua David. ***Solitary Animals: Introverts of the Wild***. Illustrated by Dominique Ramsey. Rise x Penguin Workshop. ISBN 9780593384435. \$18.99. Some animals are solitary and others live in packs.

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Syed, Anoosha. ***That's Not My Name!*** Viking Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780593405178. \$17.99. Mirha has a beautiful name that means happiness in Arabic but when she starts school all her friends and teachers have a hard time pronouncing her name.

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Tillotson, Carrie. ***Counting to Bananas: A Mostly Rhyming Fruit Book***. Illustrated by Estrela Lourenco. Flamingo Books. ISBN 9780593354865. \$17.99. Banana is super excited to be the “star” of this book...unfortunately for banana animals have invaded his counting book! Readers get to count fruit... and animals in a fun rhyming story.

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Van Dusen, Chris. ***Big Truck Little Island***. Candlewick. ISBN 9781536203936. \$17.99. When a big truck gets stuck, the youngest members of an island community work together to find a solution. Inspired by a true story from an island community near the coast of Maine.

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Weill, Cynthia. ***¡Vámonos!*** Cinco Puntos Press. ISBN 9781947627604. \$19.95. Buses, tricycles, cars, and more! Where is everyone headed? The library, of course! Vibrant and colorful modes of transport hold fanciful animals on the move in this bilingual celebration of Oaxacan folk art. ***¡Vámanos!*** Let's go!

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Whittingham, Jane. ***Bear Has a Belly***. Pajama Press. ISBN 978-1-77278-268-4. \$17.95. Starting with Rabbits and their long, floppy ears and heading towards unique comparisons like Otter's slippery, smooth back, readers are invited to explore similarities between themselves and the North American animals in this engaging, rhyming board book!

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