

Creative Fiction for Kids of All Ages



The books on this list are recommended for all ages, PreK – Grade 6. While we have made some general suggestions, we didn't assign specific grade levels because:

- Some children will appreciate these books even if they can't read all the words on their own.
- Older children may find them fun to read regardless of level.
- The illustrations have a broad appeal for all ages.
- There is something for everyone in these books!

Try reading some of them aloud as a family, and let the children take turns, or have older children read to younger ones. Take the time to explore the illustrations and let the words and pictures work together to entertain and educate everyone in your family.

List is in alphabetical order by title. Look for other books by the same authors.

E SCA	All the World by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon Following a circle of family and friends through the course of a day from morning till night, this book affirms the importance of all things great and small in our world, from the tiniest shell on the beach, to warm family connections, to the widest sunset sky.
E PIN	Bear's Picture by Daniel Pinkwater Bear continues to paint what he likes despite criticism from two passing gentlemen. <i>(PreK – Grade 3)</i>
E SHE	Dinosaur vs. Bedtime by Bob Shea What happens when a little dinosaur who can't be stopped must encounter ... BEDTIME? <i>(PreK – Grade 3)</i>
ER LIT	Emma's Yucky Brother by Jean Little Emma finds out how hard it is to be a big sister when her family adopts Max. <i>(PreK – Grade 2)</i>
E KIM	Everybody Bonjours! By Leslie Kimmelman Learn the many ways to use the greeting "Bonjours" when visiting Paris! <i>(PreK – Grade 4)</i>
ER LOB	Frog and Toad (series) by Arnold Lobel Frog and Toad are friends who approach life in different ways yet share many adventures. <i>(PreK – Grade 3)</i>
TR MCK	The Home-run King by Pat McKissack During the Depression, two brothers host Josh Gibson, a baseball star in the Negro Leagues, and start their own team. <i>(Grades 3 – 6)</i>
ER HOW	Houndsley and Catina (series) by James Howe Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they try to prove who is best at cooking and at writing. Winner: E.B.White Read Aloud Award <i>(PreK – Grade 3)</i>
E SWA	House in the Night by Susan Marie Swanson Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light. Winner: 2009 Caldecott Medal. <i>(All Ages)</i>
E SHU	How I Learned Geography by Uri Shulevitz A young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life by studying his father's world map in this story based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan. <i>(K – Grade 3)</i>
E RAS	John Coltrane's Giant Steps remixed by Chris Raschka John Coltrane's musical composition is performed by a box, a snowflake, some raindrops, and a kitten. <i>(All Ages)</i>

E KIR	Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk Sam is a creative mouse who lives in a library and begins writing books that he leaves on the shelves – until the children want to meet the author. <i>(PreK – Grade 3)</i>
E GRA	Little Mouse’s Big Book of Fears by Emily Gravett Little Mouse is afraid of <i>everything</i> and records in her journal the fears and how she faces them in this scrapbook-style book with lots of surprises. <i>(PreK – Grade 4)</i>
J FIC WEL	Lincoln and His Boys by Rosemary Wells This is a fictional look at what it was like to live in the White House during the Civil War, told through the eyes of Lincoln’s sons, Willie and Tad, who lived there as children. <i>(Grades 2 – 6)</i>
J FIC RIO	Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan Dan and Amy Cahill are given the choice of receiving a million dollars or uncovering the thirty-nine clues hidden around the world that will lead to the source of the family's power, but by taking on the clues, they end up in a dangerous race against their own family. <i>(Grades 4 – 6)</i>
TR DIC	Mercy Watson (series) by Kate DiCamillo When Mercy the pig moves in with the Watson family, it is the beginning of many amusing adventures and escapades. <i>(Grades K – 3)</i>
J FIC WIL	One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcis In 1968, Delphine and her two younger sisters travel from Brooklyn to California to visit their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, who is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. <i>(Ages 9 - 12)</i>
E DOR	Papa and Me by Arthur Dorros With words repeated in Spanish and English, a boy tells about a special day with his father, recounting their adventures from waking up in the morning until they arrive at Abuela and Abuelo's house in the evening. <i>(Grades K-3)</i>
E NEI	The Pet Dragon by Christoph Niemann When Lin's beloved pet dragon disappears, she searches for him far and wide until a witch helps her to reach the dragon's new home. Introduces a different Chinese character on each step of Lin's adventure. <i>(Grades 1 – 4)</i>
E IYE	Romina’s Rangoli by Malathi Michelle Iyengar Romina must make a project that represents the culture that her family comes from for the school open house, but how can she choose something that represents her father, who is from India, and her mother, who is from Mexico? <i>(All Ages)</i>
TR APP	Roscoe Rules (series) by Katherine Applegate Roscoe Riley doesn’t mean to break the rules – but things just keep happening to him. <i>(Grades 2 – 5)</i>
E SCI	Sandwich Swap by Queen Rania of Jordan Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods, but after trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds. <i>(All Ages)</i>
E REI	Wabi Sabi by Mark Reibstein, illustrated by Ed Young Spare text and haiku along with breathtaking collage art tell the story of a little cat who seeks the meaning of her name and finds so much more. <i>(All Ages)</i>
J FIC LIN	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin A young girl whose father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon buys a magical goldfish and sets out on a quest.
J FIC LOW	The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry Four children set out to become “deserving orphans” after their parents leave them in the care of an odious nanny in this spoof of classic children’s literature. <i>(Grades 4 – 6)</i>