

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.

Look for other books by the same authors.

E PIN	Bear's Picture by Daniel Pinkwater Bear continues to paint what he likes despite criticism from two passing gentlemen. (PreK – Grade 3)
E SHE	Dinosaur vs. Bedtime by Bob Shea What happens when a little dinosaur who can't be stopped must encounter ... BEDTIME? (PreK – Grade 3)
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. (PreK – Grade 2)
E KIM	Everybody Bonjours! By Leslie Kimmelman Learn the many ways to use the greeting "Bonjours" when visiting Paris! (PreK – Grade 4)
ER LOB	Frog and Toad (series) by Arnold Lobel Frog and Toad are friends who approach life in different ways yet share many adventures. (PreK – Grade 3)
E STE	Help Me, Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems by Janet Stevens Despairing dogs everywhere voice their woes through newspaper clippings and letters. (Grades K – 3)
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. (Grades 3 – 6)
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 (PreK – Grade 3)
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. (All Ages)
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. (K – Grade 3)
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. (All Ages)

J FIC BRY	Kaleidoscope Eyes by Jennifer Bryant In the summer of 1968, Lyza and her friends hunt for Captain Kidd's treasure in a New Jersey neighborhood. This novel is written in verse. <i>(Grades 5 – 7)</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 MAZ	My Brother Abe: Sally Lincoln's Story by Harry Mazer What was it like to be the sister of the boy who grew up to become President of the United States? This is a fictional look at Sally Lincoln's story. <i>(Grades 2 – 6)</i>
E AHL	The Pencil by Allan Ahlberg Once there was a pencil, a lonely little pencil, and nothing else ... until it began to draw. <i>(All Ages)</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 AHL	Previously by Allan Ahlberg The adventures of various nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters are told in backward sequence with each tale related to the next. <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	Seen Art? by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith While looking for his friend Art, a boy wanders through the Museum of Modern Art and is amazed by what he discovers there. <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 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>