

Top 50 First Readers

First readers, sometimes called “easy readers”, are a child’s first introduction to reading independently. They contain a limited number of unique words, repetition, and ample pictures that help the child decode the text. Many of these books are tried and true, classic beginning books that parents may have read as children. Several popular picture book writers have contributed to this unique genre. We hope you will have fun discovering some of these titles, as well as revisiting favorites from another generation.

*Readers will be sure to notice the omission of most of the books by Dr. Seuss and P.D. Eastman that baby boomers grew up with. These books are not currently available in paperback. Because we were buying large quantities of these books for summer sharing, we didn’t include them on this list, but they are all available in hardback in our regular First Reader section of the library.

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| <i>Hi! Fly Guy</i> Arnold, Tedd | <i>Danny and the Dinosaur</i> Hoff, Syd | <i>Scruffy</i> Parish, Peggy |
| <i>Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover</i> Bell, Cece | <i>Sammy the Seal</i> Hoff, Syd | <i>Amelia Bedelia</i> Parish, Peggy |
| <i>The Berenstain Bears Bears on Wheels</i> - Berenstain, Stan | <i>Pinkalicious: Soccer Star</i> Kann, Victoria | <i>No More Monsters for Me!</i> Parish, Peggy |
| <i>The Berenstain Bears and the Missing Honey</i> - Berenstain, Stan | <i>The Fat Cat Sat on the Mat</i> Karlín, Nurit | <i>Rescue on the Outer Banks</i> Ransom, Candice F. |
| <i>A Splendid Friend, Indeed</i> Bloom, Suzanne | <i>My Pal Al</i> Leonard, Marcia | <i>Henry and Mudge</i> Rylant, Cynthia |
| <i>Wagon Wheels</i> Brenner, Barbara | <i>Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!</i> Lin, Grace | <i>Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club</i> , Rylant, Cynthia |
| <i>Stinky!</i> Bryant, Ann | <i>Frog and Toad Are Friends</i> Lobel, Arnold | <i>Tales for Very Picky Eaters</i> Schneider, Josh |
| <i>Biscuit</i> Capucilli, Alyssa Satin | <i>Mouse Tales</i> Lobel, Arnold | <i>In a Dark, Dark Room: And Other Scary Stories</i> Schwartz, Alvin (RTL) |
| <i>Minnie and Moo Go to Paris</i> Cazet, Denys | <i>Mouse Soup</i> Lobel, Arnold | <i>Nate the Great</i> Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman |
| <i>The Josefina Story Quilt</i> Coerr, Eleanor | <i>Castle: How It Works</i> MacAulay, David | <i>Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa</i> Silverman, Erica |
| <i>Benjamin Bear in Fuzzy Thinking</i> Coudray, Philippe | <i>A Green, Green Garden</i> Mayer, Mercer | <i>Good Night, Good Knight</i> Thomas, Shelley Moore |
| <i>Bink & Gollie</i> DiCamillo, Kate | <i>Messy Bessey</i> McKissack, Pat | <i>Tales of Amanda Pig</i> Van Leeuwen, Jean |
| <i>Chicken Said, "Cluck!"</i> Grant, Judyann Ackerman | <i>Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends</i> , McMullan, Kate | <i>Splish, Splash!</i> Weeks, Sarah |
| <i>Benny and Penny in Just Pretend</i> Hayes, Geoffrey | <i>See Me Run</i> Meisel, Paul | <i>Morris the Moose</i> Wiseman, Bernard |
| <i>Penny and Her Marble</i> Henkes, Kevin | <i>Little Bear</i> Minarik, Elsa Holmelund | <i>Mouse and Mole, Fine Feathered Friends</i> Yee, Wong Herbert |
| <i>Arthur's Loose Tooth</i> Hoban, Lillian | <i>The Drinking Gourd: A Story of the Underground Railroad</i> Monjo, F. N. | <i>Commander Toad in Space</i> Yolen, Jane |
| <i>A Birthday for Frances</i> Hoban, Russell | <i>Fancy Nancy at the Museum</i> O'Connor, Jane | |