

# Kindergarten to Grade 2 Summer Reading List

*An I Can Read Book*, Harper Collins Publishers

*I Can Read Books* are widely recognized as the premier line of beginning readers. The series includes more than 200 titles. Featuring award-winning authors and illustrators and a fabulous cast of classic characters, I Can Read Books introduce children ages 4 – 7 to the joy of reading.

*Viking Easy-to-Read*. Penguin Books

As all children are unique in their reading development, Viking's three levels: level 1: Ages 4-7, level 2: Ages 5-8, level 3: Ages 6-9 enable parents to find the right book to suit each individual child's reading readiness. *Viking Easy-To-Read* books are perfect for beginning readers because the brief sentences, frequent repetition of vocabulary, and important visual clues within the illustrations help readers find the meaning of the words while keeping them entertained.

*Step Into Reading*. Random House

*Step into Reading books* present exciting stories and information reinforced with lively colourful illustrations that make learning fun to read, satisfying and worthwhile. The grade levels assigned to the steps are: preschool through kindergarten for the *Early Books*, preschool through grade 1 for step 1 and grades 1 through 2 for step 2.

*Hello Reading*. Puffin Books

*Hello Reading* books are a perfect introduction to reading. Brief sentences full of word repetition and full-color pictures stress visual clues to help a child take the first important steps toward reading: Grade 2: Ages 4-8.

*Dial Easy-To-Read*. Dial Books

Colorful pictures and simple brief sentences full of word repetition help the young readers discover the magic of reading stories by themselves. Grades 1-2

*Bank Street Ready-to-Read*. Bantam Books

Every book in the Bank Street Ready-to-Read series is targeted at the individual abilities of children ages 4-8. The three interconnecting levels of the series are structured to grow along with a child's developing reading skills: Level 1: *Getting Ready to Read*. Level 2: *Reading Together*. Level 3: *I Can Read It Myself*

*All Aboard Reading.* Grosset & Dunlap

The *All Aboard Reading* series is especially for beginning readers. Written by noted authors and illustrated in full color, these are books to excite children's imagination, tickle their funny bone, expand their interests, and support their feelings. With four different reading levels, *All Aboard reading* lets you choose which books are most appropriate for your children and their growing abilities. Picture Readers-Age 3: Level 1-Preschool through Grade 1. Level 2-Grade 1 through 3. Level 3-Grade 2 through 3.

*Hello Reader!* Scholastic

High-interest stories make reading fun! Stories have been tested for vocabulary and sentence length to help you make the right choice. Level 1: Preschool-Grade 1 Ages 3-6. Level 2: Kindergarten-Grade 2 Ages 5-7. Level 3: Grades 1 & 2 Ages 6-8. Level 4: Grades 2 & 3 Ages 7-9.

*A Green Light Reader.* Green Light Readers, Harcourt, Inc.

Green Light Readers encourage children to explore, to imagine, and to grow through books. Created for beginning readers at 2 levels of skill, these lively illustrated stories have been carefully developed to reinforce reading basics taught at school and to make reading a fun and rewarding experience for children and grown-ups to share outside the classroom. Level 1: *Buckle Up!* Kindergarten-Grade 1 Ages 5-7. Level 2: *Start the Engine!* Grades 1-2 Ages 6-8.

*Puffin Easy-to Read.* Puffin Books

With literature in the classroom blossoming in schools, *Puffin's Easy-to-Read* series is a perfect match for the times. These books are easily read by beginning readers, and their reading-level labels make it easy for parents to match the right book with the right child. Level 1: Ages 4-7 *Just Getting Started*. Level 2: Ages 5-8 *Beginning to Read*. Level 3: Ages 6-9 *Reading Alone*.

*Dorling Kindersley Readers.* Dorling Kindersley Books

*Dorling Kindersley Readers* is a compelling new reading programme for children at four levels designed in conjunction with literacy experts. Beautiful illustrations and superb full-color photographs combine with engaging, easy-to-read stories to offer a fresh approach to each subject in the series. Each *Dorling Kindersley Reader* is guaranteed to capture a child's interest while developing his or her reading skills, general knowledge, and love of reading. Level 1-Beginning to read; word repetition and simple sentences. Level 2-Beginning to read alone; longer sentences and increased vocabulary. Level 3-Reading alone; more complex sentence structure. Level 4-Proficient readers; challenging sentence structure and rich vocabulary.

*Ready-To Read* Simon & Schuster

*The Henry and Mudge Books* are a must for every beginning reader Ages 6-8. Warm, loving, and gently philosophical, these stories about an only child and his closest companion have had much international acclaim.

*Magic Tree House* Random House

This series by award-winning author Mary Pope Osborne, is a wonderful contribution to children's literature and a great enrichment to any curriculum. Books include a host of educational themes.

*Madeline's Rescue* Viking

This Caldecott Award Winner writes about the adventures of a Parisian schoolgirl. Also by Ludwig Bemelmans in this book collection are *Madeline and the Bad Hat* and *Madeline in London*. For over sixty years, Madeline's adventures have enthralled her ever-growing audience.

*Junie B. Jones series* Random House

'She's funny, she's outrageous, she's bigger than life' ...Junie B. has a lot to say about girls and boys, kindergarten, ideas, clothes, parents, sport, young love...Don't miss Barbara Park's warm, wonderful, laugh-aloud stories!

*The Cam Jansen Adventure Series* Puffin Books

This series offers a variety of action packed stories about a girl in the fifth grade and her classmates. Ages 7-9

Gag, Wanda *Nothing At All* Smithmark Publishers, 1998

This Caldecott Honor Book is a delightful dog story, illustrated with original lithographs in color by the author. This charming tale of three puppy brothers will appeal to readers young and old. Wanda Gag authored ten children's books, including the Newbery Honor winner *Millions of Cats*. Other award-winning titles are *Snippy and Snappy*, *The Funny Thing* and *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Beautifully illustrated and delightfully told, Wanda Gag classics are guaranteed to charm children and adults alike.

Gerstein, Mordicai *The Man Who Walked Between The Towers* Roaring Book Press, 2003

This Caldecott Medal Winner is a lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers. Mordicai Gerstein is the highly regarded author and illustrator of more than thirty books for children.

Doyle, Malachy & Greenfield Giles *Owen and the Mountain* Bloomsbury, 2000

Shortlisted for the Children's Book Award, this tells of the relationship between a young boy Owen and his grandfather as they climb the mountain together. A warm and loving picture book reminding us never to underestimate those we love.

Doyle, Malachy & Hess, Paul *The Great Castle of Marshmangle* Andersen Press, 2003

This picture book is highly acclaimed for its rolling, rhythmical text, accompanied by wildly wacky illustrations. The hilarious pictures reflect the manic cheer of this heady yet dreamlike experience.

Allsburg, Chris Van *The Polar Express* Houghton Mifflin, 1985

A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus. This Caldecott Medal Winner evokes the same sense of mystery as his previous imaginative books, *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*, *Jumanji*, and *The Wreck of the Zephyr*.

Mckissack, Patricia C. *Mirandy and Brother Wind* Knopf, 1988

To win first prize in the Junior Cakewalk, Mirandy tries to capture the wind for her partner. This Caldecott Honor Book dances with spirit and rollicking good humor. Complimented by the rich, eye-catching watercolour illustrations of the rural South, this is one those rare rewarding picture books.

Issacs, Anne *Swamp Angel* Dutton Children's Books, 1994

*Swamp Angel*, this prodigious heroine who can disarm taunting men and marauding bear alike, is the original creation of a talented new writer whose tall-tale text unfolds in a crackling combination of irony, exaggeration and good humor. The illustrations draw us into the luxuriant beauty of the American wilderness.

Yolen, Jane *Owl Moon* Philomel Books, 1987

On a winter's night under a full moon, father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl. Distinguished author Jane Yolen has created a gentle, poetic story that lovingly depicts the special companionship of a young child and her father as well as human-kind's close relationship to the natural world. Caldecott Medal Winner.