

Books Every 1 First Grader Should Know

Ackerman, Karen. **Araminta's Paint Box** (E ACK)

When her family moves from Boston to California in 1847, Araminta and her paintbox become separated, but through a series of new owners, the paintbox finds its way to California.

Ahlberg, Janet & Allan.

Each Peach Pear Plum: An "I SPY" Story (E AHL)

Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play "I Spy" with a variety of Mother Goose and folklore characters.

Aliki. **Digging Up Dinosaurs** (E567.91 ALI)

This book introduces various types of dinosaurs whose skeletons and reconstructions are seen in museums and explains how scientists uncover, preserve and study fossilized dinosaur bones.

Aylesworth, Jim. **Old Black Fly** (E AYL)

Rhyming text and illustrations follow a mischievous old black fly through the alphabet as he has a very busy bad day landing where he should not be.

Berenstain, Stan & Jo.

The Berenstain Bears and Mama's New Job (E BER)

When Mama Bear decides to turn her hobby into a business, each member of the Bear family tries to help a little more around the house.

Bottner, Barbara. **Bootsie Barker Bites** (E BOT)

Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game.

Brett, Jan. **The Mitten** (SE or E BRE)

Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until one of them sneezes.

Brown, Margaret. **Goodnight Moon** (SE or E BRO)

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air.

Byars, Betsy. **Hooray for the Golly Sisters** (E or J BYA)

The wacky actresses of the frontier, May-May and Rose, participate in five action-packed adventures in this sequel to "The Golly Sisters Go West."

Cannon, Janell. **Stellaluna** (E CAN)

After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

Carle, Eric. **The Very Busy Spider** (SE or E CAR)

The farm animals try to divert a busy little spider from spinning her web, but she persists and produces a thing of both beauty and usefulness.

Cronin, Doreen. **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type** (E CRO)

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.

Cuyler, Margery. **100th Day Worries** (E CUY)

Jessica worries about collecting 100 objects to take to class for the 100th day of school.

De Paola, Tomie. **Strega Nona** (E DEP)

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Duvoisin, Roger. **Petunia** (E DUV)

Petunia the goose learns that possessing knowledge involves more than just carrying a book around under her wing.

Ehlert, Lois. **Feathers for Lunch** (E EHL)

An escaped housecat encounters 12 birds in the back yard but fails to catch any of them and has to eat feathers for lunch.

Ets, Marie Hall. **Gilberto and the Wind** (E ETS)

A young boy finds in the wind a playmate of many moods: one that can sail boats, fly kites, blow dirt and turn umbrellas inside out.



Fox, Mem. **Possum Magic** (E FOX)

Two Australian possums go in search of the magic that will make the invisible one of them visible.

Freeman, Don. **Corduroy** (SE or E FRE)

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

Galdone, Paul. **The Little Red Hen** (E GAL)

The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the cake she makes from it.

Harper, Isabelle. **My Cats Nick and Nora** (E HAR)

Two young girls spend a day playing with two spirited cats.

Henkes, Kevin. **Chrysanthemum** (E HEN)

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.

Hillert, Margaret. **A Friend for Dear Dragon** (E HIL)

A boy and his pet dragon make friends with their new neighbors, a girl and her unicorn.

Hoban, Lillian. **Arthur's Honey Bear** (E HOB)

Arthur decides to sell his old toys but is reluctant to part with his old bear.

Hoban, Russell. **Bread and Jam for Frances** (E HOB)


Frances decides she likes to eat only bread and jam at every meal until, to her surprise, her parents grant her wish.

Hoff, Syd. **Chester** (E HOF)

A wild horse searches for someone to love and care for him.

Hutchins, Pat. **One Hunter** (E 513.2 HUT)

One hunter walks through the forest observed first by two elephants, then by three giraffes, etc.



Isadora, Rachel. **Max** (E ISA)

Max finds a new way to warm up for his Saturday baseball game—his sister's dancing class.

Johnson, Crockett. **Harold and the Purple Crayon** (E JOH)

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.

Kalan, Robert. **Jump Frog Jump** (E KAL)

A cumulative tale in which a frog tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself.

Keats, Ezra Jack. **The Snowy Day** (SE or E KEA)

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

Kellogg, Steven. **The Mysterious Tadpole** (E KEL)

It soon becomes clear that Louis's pet tadpole is not turning into an ordinary frog.

Kirk, David. **Miss Spider's Tea Party** (SE or E KIR)

When lonely Miss Spider tries to host a tea party, the other bugs refuse to come for fear of being eaten!

Kraus, Robert. **Leo the Late Bloomer** (SE or E KRA)

Leo, a young tiger, finally blooms under the anxious eyes of his parents.

Krauss, Ruth. **The Carrot Seed** (SE or E KRA)


Everyone tells a small boy that the carrot seed he has planted will never grow, but his patience is rewarded.

Lester, Helen. **Hooway for Wodney Wat** (E LES)

All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.

Lobel, Arnold. **Days With Frog and Toad** (E LOB)

Frog and Toad spend their days together, but find sometimes it's nice to be alone.





London, Jonathan. **Froggy Gets Dressed** (SE or E LON)

Rambunctious Froggy hops out into the snow for a winter frolic but is called back by his mother to put on some necessary articles of clothing.

Lyon, George Ella. **Come a Tide** (E LY0)

A girl provides a lighthearted account of the spring floods at her rural home.

Martin, Bill and John Archambault.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (E MAR)

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

McCloskey, Robert. **Blueberries for Sal** (E MACC)

Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother.

McKissack, Patricia. **Flossie and the Fox** (E MACK)

A wily fox, notorious for stealing eggs, meets his match when he encounters a bold little girl in the woods who insists upon proof that he is a fox before she will be frightened.

Meddaugh, Susan. **Martha Speaks** (E MED)

Problems arise when Martha, the family dog, learns to speak after eating alphabet soup.

Minarik, Else Holmelund. **A Kiss for Little Bear** (E MIN)

Little Bear's thank-you kiss from grandmother gets passed on to him by many animals and greatly aids the skunks' romance.

Numeroff, Laura. **If You Give a Moose a Muffin** (E NUM)

Chaos can ensue if you give a moose a muffin and start him on a cycle of urgent requests.

Parish, Peggy. **Amelia Bedelia Helps Out** (E PAR)

Amelia Bedelia shows her niece Effie Lou how to follow instructions to the letter as they dust the potato bugs and sew seeds.



Pilkey, Dav. **The Hallo-wiener** (E PIL)

All the other dogs make fun of Oscar the dachshund until one Halloween when, dressed as a hot dog, Oscar bravely rescues the others.

Potter, Beatrix. **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** (E POT)

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.

Rathman, Peggy. **Good Night, Gorilla** (E RAT)

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.

Rey, H. A. **Curious George** (E REY)

The curiosity of a newly captured monkey gets him into continual trouble.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Poppleton Forever** (E RYL)

In three short chapters, Poppleton revives a drooping dogwood tree, attempts to eat the oranges Cherry Sue brought for his cold, and hangs wallpaper with the help of some paper-hanging-challenged friends.

Schwartz, Alvin.

In a Dark, Dark Room, and Other Scary Stories (E SCH)


Seven scary stories to tell at night in front of a fire or in the dark, based on traditional stories and folktales from various countries.

Sendak, Maurice. **Chicken Soup With Rice** (E SEN)

Sendak uses chicken soup as a unifying theme to present an illustrated tour of the months of the year.

Seuss, Dr. **Green Eggs and Ham** (E SEU)

Sam-I-Am mounts a determined campaign to convince his friend to eat a plate of green eggs and ham.



Shaw, Nancy. **Sheep Out to Eat** (E SHA)

Five hungry sheep discover that a tea shop may not be the best place for them to eat.

Sharmat, Mitchell. **Gregory the Terrible Eater** (E SHA)

A very picky eater, Gregory the goat refuses the usual goat diet staples of shoes and tin cans in favor of fruits, vegetables, eggs, and orange juice.

Stevens, Janet. **My Big Dog** (E STE)

Merl the cat has a perfect home until the arrival of a puppy.

Udry, Janice M. **A Tree Is Nice** (E UDR)

This book describes why a tree is so nice to have around.

Waber, Bernard. **Ira Sleeps Over** (E WAB)

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries about how he'll get along without his teddy bear.

Waddell, Martin. **Farmer Duck** (E WAD)

When a kind and hardworking duck nearly collapses from overwork while taking care of a farm because the owner is too lazy, the rest of the animals get together and chase the farmer out of town.

Wells, Rosemary. **Noisy Nora** (E WEL)

Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention.

Zion, Gene. **Harry, the Dirty Dog** (E ZIO)

When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty that he looks like a black dog with white spots and his family doesn't recognize him.

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