

100 GREAT CHILDREN'S BOOKS 100 YEARS

GREAT STORIES NEVER GROW OLD!

Chosen by children's librarians at **The New York Public Library**, these 100 inspiring tales have thrilled generations of children and their parents—and are still flying off our shelves. So use this list and your library card to discover new worlds of wonder and adventure!

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HOW MANY DO
YOU KNOW?

THESE 100 FANTASTIC TALES HAVE WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF TIME AT
THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY OR ARE ON THEIR WAY TO BECOMING NEW CLASSICS.
HOW MANY DO YOU KNOW? CHECK THEM OUT—AND CHECK THEM OFF!

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- ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY**
by Judith Viorst, illustrated by Ray Cruz (1972)
- ALL-OF-A-KIND FAMILY**
by Sydney Taylor, illustrated by Helen John (1951)
- AMELIA BEDELIA**
by Peggy Parish, illustrated by Fritz Siebel (1963)
- THE ARRIVAL**
by Shaun Tan (2007)

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- BARK, GEORGE**
by Jules Feiffer (1999)
- BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE**
by Kate DiCamillo (2000)
- BEN'S TRUMPET**
by Rachel Isadora (1979)
- BIG RED LOLLIPOP**
by Rukhsana Khan, illustrated by Sophie Blackall (2010)
- THE BIRCHBARK HOUSE**
by Louise Erdrich (1999)
- THE BOOK OF THREE**
by Lloyd Alexander (1964)
- THE BORROWERS**
by Mary Norton, illustrated by Beth Krush and Joe Krush (1953)
- THE BOSSY GALLITO/EL GALLO DE BODAS: A TRADITIONAL CUBAN FOLKTALE**
by Lucía M. González, illustrated by Lulu Delacre (1994)
- BREAD AND JAM FOR FRANCES**
by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban (1964)

- BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA**
by Katherine Paterson (1977)
- BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?**
by Bill Martin, Jr., illustrated by Eric Carle (1967)

C

- CAPS FOR SALE**
by Esphyr Slobodkina (1938)
- THE CAT IN THE HAT**
by Dr. Seuss (1957)
- CHAINS**
by Laurie Halse Anderson (2008)
- A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER**
by Vera B. Williams (1982)
- CHARLOTTE'S WEB**
by E.B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams (1952)
- CHATO'S KITCHEN**
by Gary Soto, illustrated by Susan Guevara (1995)
- CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM**
by Bill Martin, Jr., and John Archambault; illustrated by Lois Ehlert (1989)
- CORDUROY**
by Don Freeman (1976)
- CURIOUS GEORGE**
by H.A. Rey (1941)

D

- D'AULAIRES' BOOK OF GREEK MYTHS**
by Ingri D'Aulaire and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire (1962)
- DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS!**
by Mo Willems (2003)

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- ❑ **ESPERANZA RISING**
by Pam Muñoz Ryan (2000)

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- ❑ **FREIGHT TRAIN**
by Donald Crews (1978)

- ❑ **FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS**
by Arnold Lobel (1970)

- ❑ **FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER**
by E.L. Konigsburg (1967)

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- ❑ **GEORGE AND MARTHA**
by James Marshall (1972)

- ❑ **THE GIVER**
by Lois Lowry (1993)

- ❑ **GO, DOG. GO!**
by P.D. Eastman (1961)

- ❑ **GOODNIGHT MOON**
by Margaret Wise Brown,
illustrated by Clement Hurd (1947)

- ❑ **GRANDFATHER'S JOURNEY**
by Allen Say (1993)

- ❑ **THE GRAVEYARD BOOK**
by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Dave McKean (2008)

- ❑ **GREEN EGGS AND HAM**
by Dr. Seuss (1960)

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- ❑ **HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON**
by Crockett Johnson (1955)

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- ❑ **HARRIET THE SPY**
by Louise Fitzhugh (1964)

- ❑ **HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE**
by J.K. Rowling (1998)

- ❑ **HATCHET**
by Gary Paulsen (1989)

- ❑ **THE HOBBIT**
by J.R.R. Tolkien (1937)

- ❑ **HOLES**
by Louis Sachar (1998)

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- ❑ **THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET**
by Brian Selznick (2007)

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- ❑ **JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT**
by Simms Taback (1999)

- ❑ **JUMANJI**
by Chris Van Allsburg (1981)

- ❑ **JUST A MINUTE: A TRICKSTER TALE
AND COUNTING BOOK**
by Yuyi Morales (2003)

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- ❑ **LILLY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE**
by Kevin Henkes (1996)

- ❑ **THE LION AND THE MOUSE**
by Jerry Pinkney (2009)

- ❑ **THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE**
by C.S. Lewis (1950)

- ❑ **THE LITTLE HOUSE**
by Virginia Lee Burton (1942)

- ❑ **THE LITTLE PRINCE**
by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1943)

- ❑ **LOCOMOTION**
by Jacqueline Woodson (2003)

- ❑ **LON PO PO: A RED-RIDING HOOD STORY FROM CHINA**
by Ed Young (1989)

❑ **MADLINE**
by Ludwig Bemelmans (1939)

❑ **MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS**
by Robert McCloskey (1941)

❑ **MATILDA**
by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake (1988)

❑ **MEET DANITRA BROWN**
by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Floyd Cooper (1994)

❑ **MILLIONS OF CATS**
by Wanda Gág (1928)

❑ **MISS NELSON IS MISSING!**
by Harry Allard, illustrated by James Marshall (1977)

❑ **MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS**
by Richard and Florence Atwater;
illustrated by Robert Lawson (1938)

❑ **MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH**
by Robert C. O'Brien (1971)

❑ **MUFARO'S BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS: AN AFRICAN TALE**
by John Steptoe (1987)

❑ **MY FATHER'S DRAGON**
by Ruth Stiles Gannett, illustrated by
Ruth Chrisman Gannett (1948)

❑ **MY NAME IS YOON**
by Helen Recorvits, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska (2003)

O ❑ **OLIVIA**
by Ian Falconer (2000)

❑ **ONE CRAZY SUMMER**
by Rita Williams-Garcia (2010)

❑ **THE PEOPLE COULD FLY:
AMERICAN BLACK FOLKTALES**
by Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by
Leo and Diane Dillon (1985)

❑ **THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH**
by Norton Juster, illustrated by Jules Feiffer (1961)

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❑ **PIERRE: A CAUTIONARY TALE IN FIVE
CHAPTERS AND A PROLOGUE**
by Maurice Sendak (1962)

❑ **PINK AND SAY**
by Patricia Polacco (1994)

❑ **PIPPY LONGSTOCKING**
by Astrid Lindgren (1950)

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❑ **RAMONA THE PEST**
by Beverly Cleary (1968)

❑ **RICKSHAW GIRL**
by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Jamie Hogan (2007)

❑ **ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY**
by Mildred D. Taylor (1976)

❑ **RUMPELSTILTSKIN**
by Paul O. Zelinsky (1986)

❑ **A SICK DAY FOR AMOS MCGEE**
by Philip Stead,
illustrated by Erin E. Stead (2010)

❑ **THE SNOWY DAY**
by Ezra Jack Keats (1962)

❑ **STARRY RIVER OF THE SKY**
by Grace Lin (2012)

❑ **THE STORIES JULIAN TELLS**
by Ann Cameron, illustrated by Ann Strugnell (1981)

❑ **THE STORY OF FERDINAND**
by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson (1936)

❑ **STREGA NONA**
by Tomie dePaola (1975)

❑ **SWIMMY**
by Leo Lionni (1963)

❑ **SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE**
by William Steig (1969)

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- **TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING**
by Judy Blume (1972)
- **THE TALES OF UNCLE REMUS:
THE ADVENTURES OF BRER RABBIT**
by Julius Lester, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney (1987)
- **TAR BEACH**
by Faith Ringgold (1991)
- **TEN, NINE, EIGHT**
by Molly Bang (1983)
- **TOMIE DEPAOLA'S MOTHER GOOSE**
by Tomie dePaola (1985)
- **THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS**
by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by Lane Smith (1989)
- **TUESDAY**
by David Wiesner (1991)

- **WHERE IS THE GREEN SHEEP?**
by Mem Fox, illustrated by Judy Horacek (2004)
- **WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE**
by Maurice Sendak (1963)
- **WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS**
by Verna Aardema,
illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon (1975)
- **WINNIE-THE-POOH**
by A.A. Milne, illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard (1926)
- **A WRINKLE IN TIME**
by Madeleine L'Engle (1962)

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- **THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR**
by Eric Carle (1969)

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- **THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM—1963**
by Christopher Paul Curtis (1995)
- **THE WESTING GAME**
by Ellen Raskin (1978)
- **WHEN YOU REACH ME**
by Rebecca Stead (2009)

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