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There's no better time to fall in love with books and reading than when you're young. In honor of the Library's 125th anniversary, our experts looked back over the last 125 years to find the kids' titles—from picture books to poetry, fiction to folktales—that transform children into lifelong readers.

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BABIES

- ❑ **Black & White**
Tana Hoban, 2007
- ❑ **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**
Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault, illustrated by Lois Ehlert, 1989
- ❑ **Freight Train**
Donald Crews, 1978
- ❑ **Goodnight Moon**
Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd, 1947
- ❑ **Kitten's First Full Moon**
Kevin Henkes, 2004
- ❑ **The Lion & the Mouse**
Jerry Pinkney, 2009
- ❑ **Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes**
Mem Fox, 2008

TODDLERS

- ❑ **And Tango Makes Three**
Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell, illustrated by Henry Cole, 2005
- ❑ **Corduroy**
Don Freeman, 1968
- ❑ **Everyone Poops**
Taro Gomi, translated by Amanda Mayer Stinchencum, 1993
- ❑ **Fire Truck**
Peter Sís, 1998
- ❑ **Go Away, Big Green Monster!**
Ed Emberley, 1992
- ❑ **Olivia**
Ian Falconer, 2000
- ❑ **A Sick Day for Amos McGee**
Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Erin E. Stead, 2010
- ❑ **The Snowy Day**
Ezra Jack Keats, 1962
- ❑ **Yo! Yes?**
Chris Raschka, 1993

PRESCHOOLERS































- ❑ **Amelia Bedelia**
Peggy Parish, illustrated by Fritz Siebel, 1963
- ❑ **Arthur's Nose**
Marc Brown, 1976
- ❑ **Ayobami and the Names of the Animals**
Pilar López Ávila, illustrated by Mar Azabal, 2017
- ❑ **Blueberries for Sal**
Robert McCloskey, 1948
- ❑ **A Chair for My Mother**
Vera B. Williams, 1982
- ❑ **Click, Clack, Moo**
Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin, 2000
- ❑ **Green Eggs and Ham**
Dr. Seuss, 1960
- ❑ **Journey**
Aaron Becker, 2013
- ❑ **Last Stop on Market Street**
Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson, 2015
- ❑ **Little Blue and Little Yellow**
Leo Lionni, 1959
- ❑ **The Little Engine That Could**
Watty Piper, illustrated by George Hauman & Doris Hauman, 1930
- ❑ **Madeline**
Ludwig Bemelmans, 1939
- ❑ **The Monster at the End of This Book**
Jon Stone, illustrated by Mike Smollin, 1971
- ❑ **Owl Moon**
Jane Yolen, illustrated by John Schoenherr, 1987
- ❑ **Pat the Bunny**
Dorothy Kunhardt, 1940
- ❑ **The Story of Ferdinand**
Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson, 1936
- ❑ **The Tale of Peter the Rabbit**
Beatrix Potter, 1902
- ❑ **Today I Will Fly! An Elephant & Piggie Book**
Mo Willems, 2007
- ❑ **The Velveteen Rabbit**
Margery Williams, illustrated by William Nicholson, 1922
- ❑ **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
Eric Carle, 1969



**IN THE GREAT GREEN ROOM
THERE WAS A TELEPHONE
AND A RED BALLOON
AND A PICTURE OF—**

— *Goodnight Moon*,
Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated
by Clement Hurd, 1947

KINDERGARTEN

-  **Bark, George**
Jules Feiffer, 1999
-  **Bread and Jam for Frances**
Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban, 1964
-  **Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys and Their Monkey Business**
Esphyr Slobodkina, 1940
-  **The Carrot Seed**
Ruth Krauss, illustrated by Crockett Johnson, 1945
-  **The Cat Club**
Esther Averill, 1944
-  **Doctor De Soto**
William Steig, 1982
-  **Dreamers**
Yuyi Morales, 2018
-  **Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music**
Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López, 2015
-  **Ellington Was Not a Street**
Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, 2004
-  **Flotsam**
David Wiesner, 2006
-  **Frog and Toad Are Friends**
Arnold Lobel, 1970
-  **George and Martha**
James Marshall, 1972
-  **Grandfather's Journey**
Allen Say, 1993
-  **Harold and the Purple Crayon**
Crockett Johnson, 1955
-  **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**
Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Felicia Bond, 1985
-  **It Could Always Be Worse**
Margot Zemach, 1976
-  **Julián Is a Mermaid**
Jessica Love, 2018
-  **The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge**
Hildegard H. Swift, illustrated by Lynd Ward, 1942
-  **Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China**
Ed Young, 1989
-  **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**
Mordicai Gerstein, 2003
-  **Miss Nelson Is Missing!**
Harry Allard, illustrated by James Marshall, 1977
-  **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale**
John Steptoe, 1987
-  **My Name Is Yoon**
Helen Recorvits, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska, 2003
-  **Stone Soup**
Marcia Brown, 1947
-  **Strega Nona**
Tomie dePaola, 1975
-  **Tar Beach**
Faith Ringgold, 1991
-  **This Is Not My Hat**
Jon Klassen, 2012
-  **Uptown**
Bryan Collier, 2000
-  **Where the Wild Things Are**
Maurice Sendak, 1963
-  **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale**
Verna Aardema, illustrated by Leo Dillon & Diane Dillon, 1975

SIX & UP

-  **The Adventures of Captain Underpants**
Dav Pilkey, 1997
-  **The Cricket in Times Square**
George Selden, illustrated by Garth Williams, 1960
-  **Eloise**
Kay Thompson, illustrated by Hilary Knight, 1955
-  **The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story**
Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Anna Vojtech, 1993
-  **Harlem**
Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers, 1997
-  **The No. 1 Car Spotter**
Atinuke, illustrated by Warwick Johnson Cadwell, 2010
-  **The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales**
Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Leo Dillon & Diane Dillon, 1985
-  **Separate Is Never Equal: Silvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation**
Duncan Tonatiuh, 2014

EIGHT & UP

-  **All-of-a-Kind Family**
Sydney Taylor, 1951
-  **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things**
Lenore Look, illustrated by LeUyen Pham, 2008
-  **Beezus and Ramona**
Beverly Cleary, illustrated by Louis Darling, 1955
-  **The Birchbark House**
Louise Erdrich, 1999
-  **Charlotte's Web**
E.B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams, 1952
-  **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**
C.S. Lewis, 1950
-  **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**
Jeff Kinney, 2007
-  **El Deafo**
Cece Bell, 2014
-  **Esperanza Rising**
Pam Muñoz Ryan, 2000
-  **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**
Kelly Barnhill, 2016
-  **Harriet the Spy**
Louise Fitzhugh, 1964
-  **James and the Giant Peach**
Roald Dahl, illustrated by Nancy Ekholm Burkert, 1961

EIGHT & UP (CONTINUED)

- The Little Prince**
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, 1943
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH**
Robert C. O'Brien; illustrated by Zena Bernstein, 1971
- The Mysterious Benedict Society**
Trenton Lee Stewart, illustrated by Carson Ellis, 2007
- Nancy Drew Mystery Stories: The Secret of the Old Clock**
Carolyn Keene, 1930
- The One and Only Ivan**
K.A. Applegate, illustrated by Patricia Castelao, 2012
- One Crazy Summer**
Rita Williams-Garcia, 2010
- The Phantom Tollbooth**
Norton Juster, illustrated by Jules Feiffer, 1961
- A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning**
Lemony Snicket, illustrated by Brett Helquist, 1999
- Smile**
Raina Telgemeier, 2010
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**
Judy Blume, illustrated by Roy Doty, 1972
- When You Reach Me**
Rebecca Stead, 2009
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**
Grace Lin, 2009
- Where the Sidewalk Ends**
Shel Silverstein, 1974
- Winnie-the-Pooh**
A.A. Milne, illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard, 1926
- Wonder**
R. J. Palacio, 2012
- Zita the Spacegirl**
Ben Hatke, 2011

NOTES:



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YEARS

NINE & UP

- Anne of Green Gables**
L.M. Montgomery, 1908
- Because of Winn-Dixie**
Kate DiCamillo, 2000
- Bridge to Terabithia**
Katherine Paterson, illustrated by Donna Diamond, 1977
- Brown Girl Dreaming**
Jacqueline Woodson, 2014
- Coraline**
Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Dave McKean, 2002
- The Crossover**
Kwame Alexander, 2014
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**
E.L. Konigsburg, 1967
- Ghost**
Jason Reynolds, 2016
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**
J.K. Rowling, 1997
- Hatchet**
Gary Paulsen, 1986
- Holes**
Louis Sachar, 1998
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret**
Brian Selznick, 2007
- It Ain't So Awful Falafel**
Firoozeh Dumas, 2016
- Number the Stars**
Lois Lowry, 1989
- Out of My Mind**
Sharon M. Draper, 2010
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief**
Rick Riordan, 2005
- Rickshaw Girl**
Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Jamie Hogan, 2007
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**
Mildred D. Taylor, 1976
- A Single Shard**
Linda Sue Park, 2001
- Tuck Everlasting**
Natalie Babbitt, 1975
- The War That Saved My Life**
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, 2015
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963**
Christopher Paul Curtis, 1995
- A Wrinkle in Time**
Madeleine L'Engle, 1962



CHECK THIS OUT. THIS DUDE NAMED ANDREW DAHL HOLDS THE WORLD RECORD FOR BLOWING UP THE MOST BALLOONS... WITH HIS NOSE.

— *Ghost*, Jason Reynolds, 2016