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Kids Need to Read Official Book List

Preschoolers (Ages 0-4)

Ferri, Francesca – *Peek-A-Boo*
Foley, Greg – *Thank You Bear*
Foley, Greg – *Don't Worry Bear*
Katz, Karen – *Where is Baby's Belly Button?*
McGhee, Allison – *Someday*
McGhee, Allison – *Little Boy*
Portis, Antoinette – *Not A Box*
Portis, Antoinette – *Not A Stick*
Seeger, Laura Vaccaro – *First the Egg*

Children (Ages 5-7)

Bernheimer, Kate & Ceccoli, Nicoletta – *The Girl in the Castle Inside the Museum*
Dewdney, Anna – *Llama Llama Red Pajama*
French, Jackie – *Diary of a Wombat*
Harris, Robie H. – *Maybe A Bear Ate It!*
Jeffers, Oliver – *Lost and Found*
Kirk, Daniel – *Library Mouse*
Levine, Ellen – *Henry's Freedom Box*
Morris, Jackie – *The Snow Leopard*
Muth, Jon – *Zen series (2 books)*
 Zen Shorts
 Zen Ties
Willems, Mo – *Elephant and Piggie series (7 books)*
 My Friend is Sad
 Today I will Fly!
 I Am Invited to a Party!
 There Is a Bird on Your Head!
 I Love My New Toy!
 I Will Surprise My Friend!
 Are You Ready to Play Outside?

Middle Readers (Ages 8-12)

Beddor, Frank – *The Looking Glass Wars* series (2 books) (Ages 10+)

The Looking Glass Wars

Seeing Redd

Benton, Jim – *Dear Dumb Diary* series (7 books)

Let's Pretend This Never Happened

My Pants are Haunted

Am I the Princess or the Frog?

Never do Anything, Ever

Can Adults Become Human?

The Problem with Here is that it's Where I'm From

Never Underestimate Your Dumbness

It's Not My Fault I Know Everything

Benz, Derek & Lewis, J.S. – *Grey Griffins* series (3 books) (Ages 10+)*

The Revenge of the Shadow King

The Rise of the Black Wolf

The Fall of the Templar

Curtis, Christopher Paul – *Elijah of Buxton*

Forester, Victoria – *The Girl Who Could Fly*

Frazier, Sundee T. – *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It**

Haarsma, PJ – *The Softwire* series (3 books)*

The Softwire: Virus on Orbis 1

The Softwire: Betrayal on Orbis 2

The Softwire: Wormhole Pirates on Orbis 3

Landy, Derek – *Skulduggery Pleasant* series (2 books)*

Skulduggery Pleasant

Skulduggery Pleasant: Playing with Fire

Lorey, Dean – *Nightmare Academy* series (2 books)*

Nightmare Academy: Monster Hunters

Nightmare Academy: Monster Madness

Resau, Laura – *Red Glass* (Ages 11+)

Ryan, Pam Munoz – *Esperanza Rising*

Sanderson, Brandon – *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians**

Selznick, Brian – *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*

Stewart, Trenton Lee – *The Mysterious Benedict Society* series (2 books) (Ages 10+)

The Mysterious Benedict Society

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey

Various authors – *Actionopolis* illustrated novel series (7 books)*

Beechen, Adam & Hipp, Dan – *What I did on my Hypergalactic Interstellar Summer Vacation*

Hart, J.J. & Meugniot, Will – *Zombie Monkey Monster Jamboree*

Long, Christopher E., & Geiger, Michael – *Blackfoot Braves Society: Spirit Totems*

Mishkin, Dan & Mandrake, Tom – *The Forest King: Woodlark's Shadow*

Reed, Gary & Hoberg, Rick – *Spirit of the Samurai: Of Swords and Rings*

Worley, Rob M. & Dubisch, Mike – *Heir to Fire: Gila Flats*

Zick, Bruce – *The Anubis Tapestry: Between Twilights*

Teens (Ages 13+)

Brande, Robin – *Evolution, Me and Other Freaks of Nature*
Castellucci, Cecil – *The Plain Janes* (graphic novel)
Clement-Davies, David – *Fire Bringer*
Davis, Tanita – *A la Carte*
Friesner, Esther – *Nobody's Princess*
Friesner, Esther – *Nobody's Prize*
Galante, Cecilia – *The Patron Saint of Butterflies*
Hale, Shannon – *Book of a Thousand Days*
Kluger, Steve – *My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins & Fenway Park*
McKinley, Robin – *Dragonhaven*
Myers, Walter Dean – *Harlem Summer*
Owen, James – *The Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica* series (3 books)
 Here, There be Dragons
 The Search for the Red Dragon
 The Indigo King
Shulman, Polly – *Enthusiasm*

Teens (Ages 17+)

Alexie, Sherman – *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*
McMann, Lisa – *Wake*
McMann, Lisa – *Fade*
Satrapi, Marjane – *Persepolis* series (2 books)
 Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood
 Persepolis 2: The Story of a Return
Tan, Amy – *The Joy Luck Club*
Wizner, Jake – *Spanking Shakespeare*

*Great for Reluctant Readers



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The foundation raises funds to donate books to struggling schools and libraries. Kids Need to Read donates books from this official list. All of these books are well-reviewed titles for preschool to teenaged children.

The Kids Need to Read Book List was created by a professional children's book buyer based on the criteria of our Mission Statement, as well as the appropriateness of the books for the development of reading skills by children of the various age groups indicated on the list. The Kids Need to Read book list is an excellent tool for teachers and parents to use as a guide for high quality, kid-appealing books.