

ELEMENTARY

Christine Miller writes, "I no longer have the picture books I used to read to my kids ... this list is from memory. I wasn't Torah observant then – so look out for oopsies. Do not fear to edit it down, and add your favorites to the list!"

KINDERGARTEN PICTURE BOOKS

(I know this list is long, but there should be at least 30 books in the Kindergarten list, as you can conceivably read one per day as a read aloud. Given that, 30 books seems like a short list!)

Poems and Prayers for the Very Young by Martha Alexander

Selections from the Kate Greenaway Treasury

Selected Poems from When We Were Very Young by A. A. Milne

Selected Tales from the Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter

Always Room for One More by Sorche Nic Leodhas

Amos and Boris by William Steig

Angus and the Ducks by Marjorie Flack

Animals of the Bible, a Picture Book by Dorothy P. Lathrop

Apricot ABC by Miska Miles

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

Fables by Arnold Lobel

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

A Hole is to Dig by Ruth Krauss

Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss

In Aunt Giraffe's Green Garden by Jack Prelutsky

In the Forest by Marie Hall Ets

Let the Whole Earth Sing Praise by Tomie dePaola

Little Golden books from the 40s-60s (skip Disney)

The 12 Original Little Golden Books were:

Three Little Kittens

Bedtime Stories

The Alphabet A - Z

Mother Goose
Prayers for Children
The Little Red Hen by J.P. Miller
Nursery Songs
The Poky Little Puppy by Janette Sebring Lowrey
The Golden Book of Fairy Tales
Baby's First Book by Garth Williams
The Animals of Farmer Jones
This Little Piggy

Other quality Little Golden Books are

Baby Farm Animals illustrated by Garth Williams
Good Night Little Bear by Richard Scarry
Manners by Margaret Wise Brown
My Little Golden Book about God by Jane Werner Watson
Scuffy the Tugboat by Gertrude Crampton
Tootle by Gertrude Crampton
Wonders of Nature by Jane Werner Watson and Eloise Wilkin

Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
Love Is ... by Wendy Anderson Halperin
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice de Regniers
Maybelle the Cable Car by Virginia Lee Burton
Mike Mulligan and the Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
Noah's Ark: Words from the Book of Genesis by Jane Ray On
Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott
Petunia by Roger Duvoisin
Play With Me by Marie Hall Ets
Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack
Thy Friend, Obadiah by Brinton Turkle
Tomie dePaola's Book of Bible Stories
Year at Maple Hill Farm by Alice and Martin Provensen

1ST GRADE

Selected Poems from *Now We are Six* by A. A. Milne

Selections from James Herriot's *Treasury for Children*

Alligator Case by William Pene du Bois

Burt Dow, Deep Water Man by Robert McCloskey

Church Mouse by Graham Oakley

Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh

Emperor's New Clothes by Hans Christian Anderson and Virginia Lee Burton

It Could Always Be Worse by Margot Zemach

Least of All by Carol Purdy

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Mouse House by Rumer Godden

They Were Strong and Good by Robert Lawson

Three Names by Patricia McLaughlin

Weekend with Wendell by Kevin Henkes

When I was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant

Yellow and Pink by William Steig

READING PRACTICE FOR BEGINNING READERS

Use these books for your little one to practice their reading skills. Once they have gained the rudiments with the beginning readers, go back and have him read all the Kindergarten books again, himself.

Amelia Bedelia and others by Peggy Parish

Animals Do the Strangest Things and others by Leonora Hornblow

Are You My Mother? by P. D. Eastman

Bedtime for Frances and other Frances books by Russell Hoban

Betsy and Tacy Go over the Big Hill and others by Maude Lovelace

Bravest Dog Ever by Natalie Standiford

Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

Crash! Bang! Boom! by Peter Spier

Daniel's Duck by Clyde Robert Bulla

Deer at the Brook by Jim Arnosky
Do You Know What I Know? by Helen Borten
Fire Cat by Esther Holden Averill
Fox in Sox by Dr. Seuss
Frog and Toad are Friends and others by Arnold Lobel
George and Martha by James Marshall
George Washington's Mother by Jean Fritz
Granny and the Desperadoes by Peggy Parish
Greg's Microscope and other Science I Can Read books by Millicent Selsam
Horse in Harry's Room and others by Syd Hoff
How to Hide a Butterfly by Ruth Heller
Josefina Story Quilt by Eleanor Coerr
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Peter Roop
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
Little Bear and others by Elise Minarik
Moo, Baa, La La La! and others by Sandra Boynton
Mr. Pine's Purple House by Leonard P. Kessler
Mouse Tales and others by Arnold Lobel
Nate the Great and others by Marjorie Sharmat
New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert
One Bad Thing about Father by F. N. Monjo
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel
Put Me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire
Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley and other History I Can Read books
Stop That Ball! by Mike McClintock
Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole by Wong Herbert Yee

2ND GRADE

Selections from Favorite Poems Old and New by Helen Ferris

Abraham Lincoln and other biographies by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Aesop for Children by Milo Winter

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? and other histories by Jean Fritz

Billy and Blaze and others by C. W. Anderson

Chalk Box Kid and others by Clyde Robert Bulla

Grain of Rice by Helena Clare Pittman

Happy Hollisters and others by Jerry West

Happy Orpheline and others by Natalie Savage Carlson

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective and others in the series by Donald J. Sobol

Frog Band and the Onion Seller by Jim Smith (and other Frog Band books)

Kindle of Kittens by Rumer Godden

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle by Betty MacDonald

St George and the Dragon and other legends by Margaret Hodges

Twenty Elephant Restaurant by Russell Hoban

3RD GRADE

B is for Betsy and other Betsy books by Carolyn Haywood

Betsy-Tacy by Maude Hart Lovelace

Box-Car Children and others by Gertrude Warner (the first 19 in the series)

Danny Dunn and the Anti-Gravity Paint and others in the series by Jay Williams

Five Little Peppers and How They Grew by Margaret Sidney

Good Queen Bess and other biographies by Diane Stanley

Minn of the Mississippi and others by Holling C. Holling

Miss Pickerell Goes to Mars by Ellen MacGregor

Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

Sir Francis Drake: His Daring Deeds by Roy Gerrard (and the others by this author)

Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield

4TH GRADE

Selections from Trial and Triumph: Stories from Church History by Richard Hannula

Adventures of Geraldine Wookins by Karin Kaufman

Archimedes and the Door of Science, and other science biographies by Jeanne Bendick

Augustus Caesar's World and others in the series by Genevieve Foster

Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli

Grain of Rice by Helena Clare Pittman

Little House on the Prairie series by Laurie Ingalls Wilder

Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Tale of Desperaux by Kate DiCamillo Ordinary

Pollyanna by Eleanor H. Porter

Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Winnie the Pooh and *House at Pooh Corner* by A. A. Milne

5TH GRADE

Anne of Greene Gables series by L. M. Montgomery

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Black Stallion and others by Walter Farley

Daniel Boone and others by James Daugherty

Good Master by Kate Seredy

Lad: A Dog and others in the series by Albert Payson Terhune

Little Princess, Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Men of Iron, Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

The Railway Children by E. Nesbitt

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

6TH GRADE

Alexander the Great by John Gunther

God Made Them Great by John Tallach

Green Ember by S.D. Smith (*Very highly rated Christian fantasy, and my grandson loved loved loved it – but I do not know if there is magic, so be on the lookout.*)

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Ransom of Red Chief and other O. Henry Stories, edited by Franklin K. Matthews

Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow and others by Allen French

Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome

Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss

Tales from Shakespeare by Charles and Mary Lamb

POSSIBLE ADDITIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE GRADES

SELECTIONS FROM MCGUFFEY'S READERS

archive.org/search.php?query=mcguffey%27s

Note: archive.org is a wonderful resource for old books.