

The Kindergarten Canon: The 100 Best Children's Books

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1. **"1 is One"** By Tasha Tudor
2. **"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"** By Judith Viorst & Ray Crus
3. **"Anansi the Spider"** By Gerald McDermott
4. **"Amazing Grace"** By Mary Hoffman & Caroline Binch
5. **"Are You My Mother?"** By P.D. Eastman
6. **"A Bear Called Paddington"** By Michael Bond
7. **"Bear Snores On"** By Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman
8. **"The Beauty and the Beast"** By Brothers Grimm
9. **"Big Red Barn"** By Margaret Wise Brown
10. **"A Birthday for Frances"** By Russell Hoban & Lillian Hoban
11. **"Blueberries for Sal"** By Robert McCloskey
12. **"The Bremen Town Musicians"** By Brothers Grimm
13. **"Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?"** By Bill Martin & Eric Carle
14. **"Caps for Sale"** By Esphyr Slobodkina
15. **"The Carrot Seed"** By Ruth Krauss & Crockett Johnson
16. **"Cars and Trucks and Things that Go"** By Richard Scarry
17. **"The Cat and the Hat"** By Dr. Seuss
18. **"A Chair for My Mother"** By Vera B. Williams
19. **"Chicka Chicka Boom Boom"** By Bill Martin, Jr. & John Archambault
20. **"Cinderella"** Brothers Grimm
21. **"Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type"** By Doreen Cronin & Betsy Lewin
22. **"Corduroy"** By Don Freeman
23. **"Curious George"** By Margret Rey & H.A. Rey
24. **"Dear Zoo"** By Rod Campbell
25. **"The Emperor's New Clothes"** By Hans Christian Andersen
26. **"The Fisherman and His Wife"** By Brothers Grimm
27. **"Frederick"** By Leo Lionni
28. **"Freight Train"** By Donald Crews

29. **"Frog and Toad are Friends"** By Arnold Lobell
30. **"George and Martha"** By James Marshall
31. **"The Gingerbread Man"** By Fairy Tale Firsts
32. **"The Giving Tree"** By Shel Silverstein
33. **"Go, Dog. Go!"** By P.D. Eastman
34. **"Goldilocks and the Three Bears"** By Brothers Grimm
35. **"Good Night, Gorilla"** By Peggy Rathmann
36. **"Good Night, Moon"** By Margaret Wise Brown & Clement Hurd
37. **"Green Eggs and Ham"** By Dr. Seuss
38. **"Guess How Much I Love You"** By Sam McBratney & Anita Jeram
39. **"Hansel and Gretel"** By Brothers Grimm
40. **"Harold and the Purple Crayon"** By Crockett Johnson
41. **"Harry the Dirty Dog"** By Gene Zion & Margaret Bloy Graham
42. **"Horton Hears A Who!"** By Dr. Seuss
43. **"The House on East 88th Street"** By Bernard Waber
44. **"If You Give A Mouse A Cookie"** By Laura Numeroff & Felicia Bond
45. **"In the Night Kitchen"** By Maurice Sendak
46. **"Jack and the Beanstalk"** By Fairy Tale Firsts
47. **"King Bidgood's in the Bathtub"** By Audrey Wood & Don Wood
48. **"Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale"** By Mo Willems
49. **"The Lion and the Mouse"** By Aesop's Fable
50. **"Little Bear"** By Else Holmelund & Maurice Sendak
51. **"The Little Engine that Could"** By Watty Piper
52. **"The Little Red Hen"** By Fairy Tale Firsts
53. **"Little Red Riding Hood"** By Brothers Grimm
54. **"Madeline"** By Ludwig Bemelmans
55. **"Make Way for Ducklings"** By Robert McCloskey
56. **"Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel"** By Virginia Lee Burton
57. **"Millions of Cats"** By Wanda Gag
58. **"Mother Goose"** Illustrated By Blanche Fisher Wright
59. **"Olivia"** By Ian Falconer
60. **"One fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish"** By Dr. Seuss
61. **"One Morning in Maine"** By Robert McCloskey
62. **"The Owl and the Pussycat"** By Edward Lear
63. **"Pat the Bunny"** By Dorothy Kunhardt

64. **"Pinocchio"** By Carlo Collodi
65. **"The Poky Little Puppy"** By Janette Sebring Lowrey & Gustaf Tenggren
66. **"The Princess and the Pea"** By Hans Christian Andersen
67. **"Puss in Boots"** By Charles Perrault
68. **"Put Me in the Zoo"** By Robert Lopshire
69. **"The Rainbow Fish"** By Marcus Pfister
70. **"Rapunzel"** By Brothers Grimm
71. **"The Runaway Bunny"** By Margaret Wise Brown
72. **"Sleeping Beauty"** By Brothers Grimm
73. **"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"** By Brothers Grimm
74. **"The Snowy Day"** By Ezra Jack Keats
75. **"Stellaluna"** By Janell Cannon
76. **"Stone Soup"** By Fairy Tale Firsts
77. **"The Story about Ping"** By Marjorie Flack & Kurt Wiese
78. **"The Story of Babar"** By Jean de Brunhoff
79. **"The story of Ferdinand"** By Munro Leaf & Robert Lawson
80. **"Strega Nona"** By Tomie dePaola
81. **"Swimmy"** By Leo Lionni
82. **"Sylvester and the Magic Pebble"** by William Steig
83. **"The Tale of Peter Rabbit"** By Beatrix Potter
84. **"There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly"** By Simms Taback
85. **"There's a Nightmare in My Closet"** By Mercer Mayer
86. **The Three Billy Goats Gruff"** By Paul Galdone
87. **"The Three Little Pigs"** By Brothers Grimm
88. **"Thumbelina"** By Hans Christian Andersen
89. **"Tikki Tikki Tembo"** By Arlene Mosel & Blair Lent
90. **"Time for Bed"** By Mem Fox & Jane Dyer
91. **"Tootle"** By Gertrude Crampton & Tibor Gergely
92. **"The Tortoise and the Hare"** By Aesop's Fables
93. **"The Ugly Duckling"** By Hans Christian Andersen
94. **"The Velveteen Rabbit"** By Margery Williams & William Nicholson
95. **"The Very Hungry Caterpillar"** By Eric Carle
96. **"When We were Very Young"** By A.A. Milne
97. **"Where the Wild Things Are"** By Maurice Sendak
98. **"Winnie-the-Pooh"** A.A. Milne