

Pretty Cool Books for Preschoolers & Kindergarteners

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NEW TITLES

Becker, Aaron. **Journey**. 2013.

A girl draws a door on her bedroom wall with a red crayon, and steps into a world of fantasy and imagination.

Bright, Rachel. **Love Monster**. 2013.

Love Monster, a slightly hairy monster trying to fit in with Cutesville's cuddly residents, sets out to find someone who will love him as he is.

Cotter, Bill. **Don't Push the Button!** 2013.

Lexile: 190

There is only one rule in Larry's book: don't push the button. Seriously, don't even think about it.

Dudley, Rebecca. **Hank Finds an Egg**. 2013.

In this wordless picture book, Hank finds an egg all alone on the forest floor. Spotting its home high up in a tree, Hank diligently tries to return the egg to its nest.

George, Patrick. **Magic Colors**. 2013.

Featuring transparent acetate pages, this introduction to basic color concepts helps kids discover what happens when colors are blended.

Matheson, Christie. **Tap the Magic Tree**. 2013.

Not every book needs you to tap it, shake it, jiggle it or even blow it a kiss, but this book asks you to help one lonely tree change with the seasons.

Norman, Kim. **I Know a Wee Piggy**. 2014.

A cumulative, rhyming tale of an ordinary pig who leaps out of his boy's arms at a state fair and wallows in color after color, turning himself into a work of art.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **Exclamation Mark**. 2013.

Lexile: 90

It's not easy being seen. Especially when you're NOT like everyone else. Especially when what sets you apart is YOU. Exclamation mark learns that being different can be very exciting!

Tillman, Nancy. **I'd Know You Anywhere, My Love**. 2013.

This book celebrates the joys of imagination and the comfort of always knowing "you are loved."

CLASSICS AND MODERN CLASSICS

Cronin, Doreen. **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type**.* 2000.

Lexile: 160

Farmer Brown's cows have discovered an old typewriter and are starting to make demands! They soon go on strike, sending an impartial party (the duck) to mediate a compromise between the cows and their poor farmer.

Falconer, Ian. **Olivia**.* 2000.

Lexile: 270

Spend a day with Olivia the pig and enjoy dressing up, singing songs, building sand castles, dancing and maybe even sleeping a little.

Feiffer, Jules. **Bark, George**. 1999.

Lexile: 130

"Bark, George," says George's mother, and George says: "Meow," which definitely isn't right because George is a dog. What's going on with George?

Martin Jr., Bill & John Archambault. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**. 1989.

Lexile: 530

In this lively alphabet rhyme, all the letters of the alphabet race each other up the coconut tree. Will there be enough room?

Schachner, Judy. **Skippyjon Jones**.* 2003.

Lexile: 740

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese kitty who'd rather be a Chihuahua, and escapes time-outs through his imagination.

Shannon, David. **No, David!** 1998.

When David Shannon was five years old, he wrote and illustrated his first book. On every page were the words NO, DAVID! with a picture of David doing something he was not supposed to do.

Willems, Mo. **Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale**.* 2004.

Lexile: 120

Trixie, Daddy and Knuffle Bunny take a trip to the neighborhood laundromat, but the exciting adventure takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes somebunny was left behind.

NONFICTION

The Big Book of Things to Make by James Mitchem (editor). 2013.

A compendium of cool projects, exciting games and fun quizzes kids can do inside or outside.

J 790.1922 BIG

Follow It! Learn About Shadows by Pamela Hall. 2010.

Lexile: 380

With full-page color photos and a spare, interactive text, this small picture book in the Learn About series uses hands-on, everyday examples to explain basic physics.

J 535.4 HAL

Hide-and-Seek Science: Animal Camouflage by Emma Stevenson. 2013.

A fun, game-style look at how animals use camouflage to survive in their habitats.

J 591.472 STE

Locomotive by Brian Floca. 2013.

Lexile: 840

This visual exploration of America's early railroads examines the sounds, speed and strength of transcontinental locomotives and the experiences of pioneering travelers.

J 385.0973 FLO

Suryia and Roscoe: The True Story of an Unlikely Friendship by Bhagavan Antle. 2011.

Lexile: 430

When Suryia the orangutan first meets Roscoe, a stray dog, they immediately become best friends.

J 591.5 ANT

The Tortoise and the Hare by Jerry Pinkney. 2013.

Illustrations and minimal text relate the familiar fable of the race between a slow tortoise and a quick, but foolish, hare.

J 398.2 PIN

What to Do about Alice? by Barbara Kerley. 2008.

Lexile: 800

This witty, stylish biography of Teddy Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, is a great introduction to biographies and reads like an engaging picture book.

JB Longworth Alice

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