Books for Beginning Readers

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Super-Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold. Scholastic, 2006.

Wiley and the Hairy Man by Molly Bang. Macmillian, 1976.

Small Wolf by Nathaniel Benchley. HarperCollins, 1973.

The Berenstain Bears' New Puppy by Stan and Jan Berenstain. HarperCollins, 2005.

Juan Bobo: four folktales from Puerto Rico by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand. HarperCollins, 1994.

Wagon Wheels by Barbara Brenner. Harper and Row, 1978.



Biscuit Finds a Friend by Alyssa S. Capucilli. HarperCollins, 1997.

Wheels! by Annie Cobb. Random House, 1996.

Chang's Paper Pony by Elenor Coerr. HarperCollins, 1988.

Baseball Ballerina by Kathryn Cristaldi. Random House, 1992.

Aunt Eater's Mystery Vacation by Doug Cushman. HarperCollins, 1992.

Stinky by Eleanor Davis. RAW Junior, 2008.

Gossie by Olivier Dunrea. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2002.

Are You My Mother? by Philip D. Eastman. Beginner, 1960.

Five Silly Fisherman by Roberta Edwards. Random House, 1989.

A Class Play with Ms. Vanilla by Fred Ehrlich. Viking, 1992.

Chicken Said, "Cluck!" by Judyann Ackerman Grant. HarperCollins, 2008.

Wild, Wild Hair by Nikki Grimes. Scholastic, 1997.

Digby by Barbara Shook Hazen. HarperCollins, 1997.



Ruby Bakes a Cake by Susan Hill. HarperCollins, 2004.

Buzby to the Rescue by Julia Hoban. HaperCollins, 1993.

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Two Silly Trolls by Nancy Jewell. HarperCollins, 1960.

A Picture for Harold's Room by Crockett Johnson. HarperCollins, 1960.

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The Fat Cat Sat on a Mat by Nurit Karlin. HarperCollins, 1996.

Pig Wig by Yukiko Kido. Blue Apple Books, 2006.

Wacky Wednesday by Theo LeSieg. Random House, 1974.

Clara and the Bookwagon by Nancy S. Levinson. HarperCollins, 1988.

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel. HarperCollins, 1970.

Four on the Shore by Edward Marshall. Dial, 1985.

Soccer Sam by Jean Marzollo. Random House, 1987.

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Little Bear's Visit by Else H. Minarik. HarperCollins, 1951.

Word Bird's New Friend by Jane Belk Moncure. Child's World, 2003.

The Drinking Gourd by F. N. Monjo. HarperCollins, 1989.

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The Teeny Tiny Woman by Jane O'Connor. Random House, 1985.

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish. HarperCollins, 1992.

The Outside Dog by Charlotte Pomerantz. HarperCollins, 1993.

Addie's Bad Day by Joan Robins. HarperCollins, 1993.

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Putnam & Grosset Group, 1985.

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