

Vintage Children's Books

Books with staying power. Classics that are engaging for real kids in real time. The books below have been charming kids for generations and should be readily available at your library! For reading tips and extension activities, look for each book's feature at

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Author	Title	Skills/Strategies/Themes	We read it!
Bemelmans	<i>Madeline</i>	Caldecott Honor, rhyming stories, leadership, bravery, illness, strong girls	
Campbell	<i>Dear Zoo</i>	lift the flap, short books, object permanence, repetition, pattern & predictability, animals	
Crews	<i>Freight Train</i>	Caldecott Honor, colors & color blending, spectrum of colors, short books	
Day	<i>Good Dog, Carl</i>	sequence, (nearly) wordless books, short books, cause & effect	
dePaola	<i>Strega Nona</i>	Caldecott Honor, following directions, magic, author study, series	
Fox	<i>Koala Lou</i>	unconditional love, perseverance, failure, emotions, Australian animals	
Freeman	<i>Corduroy</i>	suspense, prediction, stuffed animals	
Hoff	<i>The Horse in Harry's Room</i>	imagination & imaginary friends, early readers, inferencing, short books	
Johnson	<i>Harold and the Purple Crayon</i>	imagination, creativity, cause & effect	
Keats	<i>The Snowy Day</i>	Caldecott Award, inferencing, act it out	
Kraus	<i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i>	patience, emotions, parenting	
Leaf	<i>The Story of Ferdinand</i>	individuality, pacifism, sequencing/retelling, bulls & bull fighting	
Lionni	<i>Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse</i>	Caldecott Honor, predictions, suspense, magic, comparison/contentment, toys	
Minarik	<i>Little Bear</i>	early readers, short stories (building reading stamina), humor, imagination, parent-child relationship, series	
Rey	<i>Curious George</i>	exploration, making predictions, cause & effect	
Seuss	<i>Horton Hatches the Egg</i>	perseverance, trustworthiness & faithfulness, rhyming stories, elephants	
Slobodkina	<i>Caps for Sale</i>	humor, repetition, predictability, prediction, sequencing, act it out, monkeys	
Stone	<i>The Monster at the End of This Book</i>	humor, metafiction, emotions, Sesame Street TV tie-in	
Ungerer	<i>CriCTOR</i>	number & letter formation, snakes, heroism	
Williams, L	<i>The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything</i>	repetition, act it out, cumulative story, building listening memory, sequencing, scarecrows	
Williams, S	<i>I Went Walking</i>	short books, repetition, predictability, rhyme, picture clues, animals, colors, sequencing	
Zion	<i>Harry the Dirty Dog</i>	humor, prediction, "I spy" (visual literacy)	