

Picture Books

<p>Atinuke & Angela Brooksbank <u>B is for Baby</u> <u>Baby Goes to Market</u> <u>Catch That Chicken!</u></p> <p>Archer, Micha <u>Daniel's Good Day</u> <u>Daniel Finds a Poem</u></p> <p>Averbeck, Jim & Yasmeen Ismail <u>One Word from Sophia</u> <u>Two Problems for Sophia</u></p> <p>Barnes, Derrick <u>Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut</u> (w/ Gordon C. James) <u>I Am Every Good Thing</u> (w/ Gordon C. James) <u>The King of Kindergarten</u> (w/ Vanessa Brantley Newton)</p> <p>Berger, Samantha & Mike Curato <u>What If?</u></p> <p>Boswell, Addie & Eric Velasquez <u>The Rain Stomper</u></p> <p>Brantley Newton, Vanessa <u>Grandma's Purse</u></p> <p>Cherry, Matthew A. & Vashti Harrison <u>Hair Love</u></p> <p>Clarke, Maxine Beneba & Van T. Rudd <u>The Patchwork Bike</u></p> <p>Cooper, Floyd <u>Max & the Tag-Along Moon</u></p> <p>Cornwall, Gaia <u>Jabari Jumps</u> <u>Jabari Tries</u></p> <p>Deeniham, Jamie L.B. & Lorraine Rocha <u>When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree</u></p> <p>Denos, Julia <u>Here and Now</u> <u>Windows</u></p> <p>Eliopoulos, Christian <u>The Yawns Are Coming!</u></p>	<p>Fogliano, Julia <u>When's My Birthday?</u></p> <p>Fredrickson, Lane & Michael Robertson <u>Monster Trouble!</u></p> <p>Grimes, Nikki <u>Southwest Sunrise</u></p> <p>Heder, Thyra <u>Alfie: The Turtle That Disappeared</u></p> <p>Jonker, Travis & Mark Pett <u>The Very Last Castle</u></p> <p>Laditan, Bunmi & Thomas Knight <u>The Big Bed</u></p> <p>Lambert, Megan Dowd <u>Real Sisters Pretend</u></p> <p>Larkin, Shabazz <u>The Thing About Bees</u></p> <p>Love, Jennifer <u>Julián is a Mermaid</u></p> <p>Lyons, Kelly Starling & Daniel Minter <u>Going Down Home with Daddy</u></p> <p>McDaniel, Breanna <u>Hands Up!</u></p> <p>McQuinn, Anna & Rosalind Beardshaw <u>Lola series</u> <u>Leo series</u></p> <p>Miller, Sharee <u>Don't Touch My Hair!</u> <u>Princess Hair</u></p> <p>Mora, Oge <u>Saturday</u> <u>Thank You, Omu!</u></p> <p>Muhammad, Ibtihaj with S.K. Ali & Hatem Aly <u>The Proudest Blue</u></p> <p>Myers, Christopher <u>H.O.R.S.E.</u> <u>Wings</u></p>	<p>Nolen, Jerdine <u>Raising Dragons</u> <u>Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life</u> <u>Thunder Rose</u></p> <p>Nyong'o, Lupita & Vashti Harrison <u>Sulwe</u></p> <p>Paul, Baptiste & Jacqueline Alcantara <u>The Field</u></p> <p>Pinkney, Brian <u>Adventures of Sparrow Boy</u> <u>Cosmo and the Robot</u> <u>JoJo's Flying Side Kick</u> <u>Puppy Truck</u> <u>Thumbelina</u></p> <p>Raczka, Bob & Simone Shin <u>Niko Draws a Feeling</u></p> <p>Robinson, Christian <u>Another</u></p> <p>Salas, Laura Purdie & Micha Archer <u>Snowman-Cold = Puddle</u></p> <p>Sauer, Tammi & Vanessa Brantley Newton <u>Mary Had a Little Glam</u></p> <p>Schofield-Morrison, Connie & Frank Morrison <u>I Got the Rhythm</u> <u>I Got the School Spirit</u></p> <p>Shireen, Nadia <u>Billy and the Beast</u> <u>Billy and the Dragon</u></p> <p>Sima, Jessie <u>Harriet Gets Carried Away</u></p> <p>Tallie, Mariahdessa Ekere <u>Layla's Happiness</u></p> <p>Velasquez, Eric <u>Looking for Bongo</u> <u>Octopus Stew</u></p> <p>Watson, Stephanie <u>Best Friends in the Universe</u></p>
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Elementary Chapter Books

This list contains options for newly independent readers-upper elementary. See the third column for options that 3rd-5th graders might especially enjoy. The “middle grade” list has some good options for upper elementary students as well.

<p>For newer readers...</p> <p>Step Into Reading Level 1 (preschool-gr 1)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Beach Day!</u> <u>Pumpkin Day!</u> <u>Apple Picking Day!</u> <u>Garden Day!</u> <u>Snow Day!</u> <u>Soccer Time!</u> <u>I Want to Be a Doctor</u></p> <p>Adler, David A. <u>Mo Jackson</u> series</p> <p>Cox, Katherine & Vanessa Brantley Newton <u>Katie Fry, Private Eye</u> series</p> <p>Elementary readers...</p> <p>Atinuke <u>Anna Hibiscus</u> series <u>The No. 1 Car Spotter</u> series</p> <p>Beaty, Andrea & David Roberts <u>Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants</u></p> <p>Butler, Dori Hillestad <u>King & Kayla</u> series</p> <p>Charles, Tami <u>Definitely Daphne</u></p> <p>Citro, Asia & Marion Lindsay <u>Zoey and Sassafras</u> series</p> <p>Eliopoulos, Christian <u>Monster Mayhem</u> (graphic novel)</p>	<p>English, Karen <u>Carver Chronicles</u> series <u>Nikki and Deja</u> series</p> <p>Goldberg, Whoopi <u>Sugar Plum Ballerinas</u> series</p> <p>Grimes, Nikki <u>Dyamonde Daniel</u> series</p> <p>Kuipers, Alice <u>Polly Diamond</u> series</p> <p>Hatke, Ben <u>Little Robot</u> (graphic novel)</p> <p>Lyons, Kelly Starling & Vanessa Brantley Newton <u>Jada Jones</u> series</p> <p>Marti, Dumas <u>Jaden Toussaint</u> series</p> <p>Maker, Martha <u>Craftily Ever After</u> series</p> <p>McKay, Hilary <u>Lulu</u> series</p> <p>McKissack, Patricia <u>Miami Jackson</u> series</p> <p>Nolen, Jerdine <u>Bradford Street Buddies</u> series</p> <p>Smith, Nikki Shannon <u>The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane</u></p> <p>Thomson, Melissa <u>Keena Ford</u> series</p> <p>West, Kara & Leeza Hernandez <u>Mia Mayhem</u> series</p>	<p><i>3rd-5th graders (and some advanced 2nd grade readers) might especially enjoy...</i></p> <p>Allen, Crystal & Eda Kaban <u>Mya Tibbs</u> series</p> <p>Barnes, Derrick & Vanessa Brantley Newton <u>Ruby and the Booker Boys</u> series</p> <p>Draper, Sharon M. <u>Clubhouse Mysteries</u> series</p> <p>Elliott, Zetta <u>Dragons in a Bag</u> series <u>The Phoenix on Barkley St</u></p> <p>Ellis, Tonya Duncan <u>Sophie Washington</u> series</p> <p>Mowry, Tia & Tamera <u>Twintuition</u> series</p> <p>Robinson, Craig <u>Jake the Fake</u> (great for fans of <u>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</u>)</p> <p>Watson, Renée <u>Ways to Make Sunshine</u></p>
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Middle Grade

This list contains books marketed to children between upper elementary and middle school.

Keep in mind that this is a broad developmental range; not every one of these books is necessarily an ideal fit for your child. To make informed choices with your child, consider reading some reviews. *Kirkus* and *Publishers Weekly* are a useful place to start (for example, Google name of book + Kirkus). Feel free to email me for more personalized guidance. I am also happy to recommend “Young Adult” options (aimed at ages 13/14+) by email.

Alexander, Kwame <u>The Crossover</u> <u>The Crossover</u> (graphic novel adaptation) <u>Booked</u> <u>Rebound</u>	Johnson, Varian <u>The Parker Inheritance</u>	Rhodes, Jewell Parker <u>Bayou Magic</u> <u>Ghost Boys</u> <u>Towers Falling</u>
Barber, Tiki <u>Barber Game Time</u> series	Jones, Kelly <u>Sauerkraut</u>	Riordan, Rick <u>The Kane Chronicles</u> series
Brooks, Molly <u>Sanity & Tallulah</u> series (graphic novels)	Kiernan, Celine <u>Begone the Raggedy Witches</u> series	Steinkellner, Emma <u>The Okay Witch</u> (graphic novel)
Cabot, Meg <u>From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess</u> series	Magoon, Kekla <u>The Season of Styx Malone</u>	Stone, Nic <u>Clean Getaway</u> <u>Shuri: A Black Panther Novel</u>
Craft, Jerry <u>New Kid</u> (graphic novel)	Mbalia, Kwame <u>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</u>	Stoudemire, Amar'e <u>STAT</u> series
Draper, Sharon <u>Blended</u>	Milliner, Naomi <u>Super Jake and the King of Chaos</u>	Thomas, S.O. <u>The Slug Queen Chronicles</u> <u>#GraveyardChallenge</u> (Fright Vision Book 5)
Giles, Lamar <u>The Last Last- Day- of- Summer</u>	Montclare, Brandon <u>Moon Girl & Devil Dinosaur</u> (Marvel comic series)	Van Eekhout, Greg <u>Cog</u>
Godoy, Manuel <u>Black Sands: The Seven Kingdoms</u> (graphic novel)	Okorafor, Nnedi <u>Akata Witch</u> <u>Akata Warrior</u>	Watson, Renée <u>Some Places More Than Others</u>
Grimes, Nikki <u>Garvey's Choice</u>	Ramée, Lisa Moore <u>A Good Kind of Trouble</u>	Whitley, Jeremy <u>Princeless</u> series (graphic novels)
Hyman, Fracaswell <u>Mango Delight</u> series	Reynolds, Jason <u>Look Both Ways</u> <u>As Brave As You</u> <u>Track</u> series: (<u>Ghost</u> , <u>Patina</u> , <u>Sunny</u> , <u>Lu</u>)	Winston, Sherri <u>President of the Whole 5th Grade</u> <u>President of the Whole 6th Grade</u> <u>Jada Sly, Artist & Spy</u>
Hilton, Marilyn <u>Full Cicada Moon</u>		Woodson, Jacqueline <u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u> <u>Feathers</u> <u>Harbor Me</u>
Jackson, Sharna <u>High Rise Mystery</u>		
Jamieson, Victoria & Omar Mohamed <u>When Stars Are Scattered</u> (graphic novel)		