



1st GRADE BOOKLIST

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Titles on this list were selected as the “best of the best” for first graders.

Reading is a developmental skill that children master at different ages. There are different levels of readers among first graders. This list is meant to meet the needs of as many first graders as possible. Please note that all first graders may not have the skills to read the books on this list.

Hopefully this list will help you find fun, appealing, and interesting books for your child at his or her reading level.

Beginning First Grade Books

These titles are for the first grader who has just learned or is learning to read.



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Shoo, Fly Guy

By Tedd Arnold

Call #: JE Arnold

Buzz has gone to a picnic without Fly Guy. Now Fly Guy has to find dinner by himself. It's not easy being a fly!



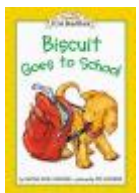
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The Berenstain Bears and the Spooky Old Tree

By Stan and Jan Berenstain

Call #: JE Berenstain

Three little bears have an adventure as they explore a spooky tree.



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Biscuit Goes to School

By Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Call #: JE Capucilli

Biscuit wants to go to school. But dogs aren't allowed! Will he ever get to go to school?



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Peanut and Pearl's Picnic Adventure

By Rebecca Dotlich

Call #: JE Dotlich

Two friends set off for a picnic together, but they get lost from each other.





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One Hundred Shoes

By Charles Ghigna

Call #: JE Ghigna

This story considers the types of shoes a centipede might wear and how he might shop for them.



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Whose Hat Is It?

By Valeri Gorbachev

Call #: JE Gorbachev

When someone's hat blows off in the wind, Turtle tries to find its owner.



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A Dream For a Princess

By Melissa Lagonegro

Call #: JE Lagonegro

This is a simple retelling of the tale of Cinderella. Complete with a fairy godmother, a fancy ball and a handsome prince.



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Max and Mo's First Day of School

By Patricia Lakin

Call #: JE Lakin

Max and Mo, two hamsters, are heading back to school after summer vacation.



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The Counting Race

By Margaret McNamara

Call #: JE McNamara

When Mrs. Connor challenges her first grade students to count to ten in less than one second, they find a way to count that will beat the clock.



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Tiny Goes Camping

By Cari Meister

Call #: JE Meister

Tiny and his owner are having fun camping until they discover that Tiny doesn't fit in their tent.



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Cat On Ice

By Susan Schade

Call #: JE Schade

Cat and Rat learn ice skating at an indoor rink and get to be Snowballs in a show there.





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Follow Me, Mittens

By Lola Schaefer

Call #: JE Schaefer

Mittens goes for a walk but gets distracted by a butterfly and becomes lost.



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Turtle and Snake Go Camping

By Kate Spohn

Call #: JE Spohn

When Turtle and Snake go camping, they find the perfect spot for their tent only to be scared off by a strange sound in the dark.



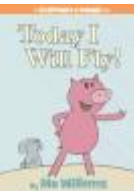
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Lucky Duck

By Ellen Weiss

Call #: JE Weiss

This adventure features a duck, oblivious to the dangers around him, whose day is filled with near-misses.



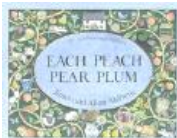
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Today I Will Fly!

By Mo Willems

Call #: JE Willems

While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen.



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Each Peach Pear Plum

By Janet Ahlberg

Call #: JP Ahlberg

Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play "I Spy" with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.



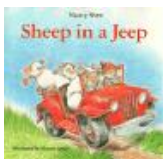
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Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?

By Bill Martin, Jr.

Call #: JP Martin

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color.



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Sheep In a Jeep

By Nancy Shaw

Call #: JP Shaw

Have fun reading about the misadventures of a group of sheep as they go for a ride in a jeep.



Intermediate First Grade Books

These titles are for the first grader who reads with help or is just beginning to read alone.



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The Berenstain Bears' New Kitten

By Stan and Jan Berenstain

Call #: JE Berenstain

The Bear family has found a lost kitten but they already have a dog. Can their family manage another pet?



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Tara and Tiree, Fearless Friends

By Andrew Clements

Call #: JE Clements

When Jim falls through the ice on a lake in Canada, his two dogs try to rescue him.



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Polar Animals

By Wade Cooper

Call #: JE Cooper

Learn about polar bears, penguins, seals and other animals that live in the chilly polar region.



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The Best Nest

By P.D. Eastman

Call #: JE Eastman

Tired of their nest, Mr. And Mrs. Bird search for a new one.



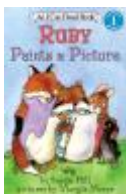
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The Cat On the Mat Is Flat

By Andy Griffiths

Call #: JE Griffiths

Crash! Bong! Pow! Kersplack! This book may cause a laugh attack. A collection of nine humorous stories in rhyme.



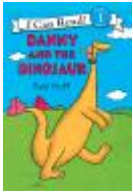
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Ruby Paints a Picture

By Susan Hill

Call #: JE Hill

Ruby is painting a picture of a tree and all of her friends want to be in the picture too.



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Danny and the Dinosaur

By Syd Hoff

Call #: JE Hoff

A little boy is surprised and pleased when a dinosaur from the museum agrees to play with him.



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Mrs. Brice's Mice

By Syd Hoff

Call #: JE Hoff

Mrs. Brice has twenty-five mice and they all do everything together.



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The Pizza That We Made

By Joan Holub

Call #: JE Holub

Three young cooks have fun making their own pizza, cleaning up their mess, and eating hot slices!



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Pup and Hound At Sea

By Susan Hood

Call #: JE Hood

Two friends, Pup and Hound, have a scary adventure on a raft.



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Sam Gets Lost

By Mary Labatt

Call #: JE Labatt

Sam goes for a ride with his owners and gets lost. Can he find his way home?



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Put Me In the Zoo

By Robert Lopshire

Call #: JE Lopshire

A large spotted animal discovers he really belongs in a circus, not the zoo.



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The Mixed-Up Morning

By Mercer Mayer

Call #: JE Mayer

Little Critter is having a bad morning. He can't find his favorite shirt and misses the bus. What will happen when he gets to school?



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A New Brain for Igor

By Teddy O'Connor

Call #: JE O'Connor

A mad scientist's assistant wants a bigger brain.



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Ballet Sisters: The Newest Dancer

By Jan Ormerod

Call #: JE Ormerod

Sylvie gets to attend ballet school, just like her older sister.



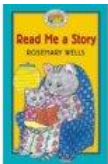
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Baa-Choo!

By Sarah Weeks

Call #: JE Weeks

When Sam the lamb has trouble sneezing, the other animals try to help.



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Read Me a Story

By Rosemary Wells

Call #: JE Wells

Yoko pretends she can't read because she still wants her mom to read her bedtime stories.



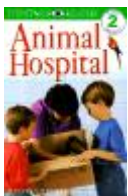
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By Nina Crews

Call #: JP Crews

Jack has adventures and rescues with his action-figure, Guy.



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Animal Hospital

By Judith Walker-Hodge

Call #: J636.089 Wal

Two children find an injured duck, take it to a veterinarian at an animal hospital, and watch as she cares for it.



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A Pet for Me: Poems

By Lee Bennett Hopkins

Call #: J811.008 Pet

A collection of poems about friendship between children and their pets.

