



# Books a 1<sup>st</sup> Grader Can Fall in Love With!



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These suggested books represent a wide variety of genres, themes, and reading levels that may be right for a soon-to-be 1<sup>st</sup> grader. Ask your friendly librarian for more age-appropriate suggestions!

***After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)*** by Dan Santat,  
Humpty Dumpty conquers his fears in a most extraordinary result.

***Good Night, Planet*** by Liniers  
After a busy day of play, a girl's favorite toy animal begins his day, befriending a dog, eating a cookie and exploring the unknown.

***Clip Clop*** by Nicola Smee  
One after the other, a group of barnyard friends climb aboard Mr. Horse for a ride.

***The Boy Who Loved Words***  
by Roni Schotter  
A word-loving boy spreads the wealth. But what do you do with so many *luscious* words? Share them!

***Ivy and Bean*** by Annie Barrows  
This book is about making a new friend, learning about differences and sharing an adventure. **Read the whole series!**

***The Recess Queen*** by Alexis O'Neill  
Mean Jean was Recess Queen and nobody said any different. Until a new kid came to school!

***If Sharks Disappeared*** by Lily Williams  
This simple, powerful book explores how one species is connected to all the others.

***National Geographic Kids: Frogs***  
by Elizabeth Carney  
A striking round-the-world safari packed with stunning nature photos and explanatory facts! **Read the whole series!**

***Diary of a Worm***  
by Doreen Cronin  
Clever, playful, and just a little yucky, this entertaining story offers a peek into the life of a worm kid through the pages of his diary.

***The Night Gardener***  
by Terry Fan and Eric Fan  
William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork.

***Hooway for Wodney Wat***  
by Helen Lester  
Poor Rodney Rat can't pronounce his R's and the other rodents tease him. A new student comes to class and saves the day.

***Missing Math: A Number Mystery***  
by Loreen Leedy  
The numbers all over town suddenly disappear. The animals can't count, use the phone, or even find out what time it is.

***Billy Bloo is Stuck in Goo***  
by Jennifer Hamburg  
This cumulative, rhyming tale is a humorous story of Billy Bloo stuck in goo as passersby try to help free him.

***Duck, Duck, Dinosaur***  
by Kallie George  
Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble—in this twist on the child's game. **Read the whole series!**

***This Book Will Not be Fun***

by Cirocco Dunlap

A charming yet uptight mouse is challenged by a Word-Eating Flying Whale, a glow-in-the-dark worm, and other craziness.

***Shark VS. Train***

by Chris Barton

Shark and Train egg each other on for one competition after another. Who do you think will win?

***Thunder Underground***

by Jane Yolen

Open readers' eyes to what may not immediately be seen underground through this collection of poems.

***Thesaurus Rex***

by Laya Steinberg

Encourage children to explore synonyms with the loveably cheeky Thesaurus Rex.

***The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the***

***World's Coral Reefs*** by Kate Messner

All it takes is one: one coral gamete to start a colony, one person to make a difference, one idea to change the world.

***The Cat Man of Aleppo***

by Karim Shamsi-Basha

The true story of Mohammad Alaa Aljaleel, who in the midst of the Syrian Civil War courageously offered safe haven to Aleppo's abandoned cats.

***Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals.***

by Katy S. Duffield

This powerful nonfiction picture book explores wildlife crossings around the world and how they are helping save thousands of animals every day.

***Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built***

by Angela Burke Kunkel

Based on the life of José Alberto Gutiérrez: a garbage collector in Bogotá, Colombia who started a library with a single discarded book found on his route.

***I Am Every Good Thing***

by Derrick Barnes

The confident Black narrator of this book is proud of everything that makes him who he is.

***Nana Akua Goes to School***

by Tricia Elam Walker

In this moving story that celebrates cultural diversity, a shy girl brings her West African grandmother--whose face bears traditional tribal markings--to meet her classmates.

***See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog*** by David LaRoche

Max the Dog must interact with the text to prove to the narrator and a cast of zany characters that he is indeed canine.

***Sugar in Milk*** by Thrity Umrigar

This clever picture book reaches back to an Ancient Persian legend to help a young immigrant girl find the courage to make friends in her new country.

***King of the Birds*** by Elise Gravel

Arlo is a big bird with a big brain in the big city. Join Arlo and a little bird named Pips as they match wits on their zany adventures.

***Skunk and Badger***

by Amy Timberlake

Quiet, fussy Badger is surprised one day when loud, exuberant Skunk knocks on his door... and then moves in! Can these two polar opposites coexist?

**Don't forget about these other**

**favorite series and authors:** Mr. Putter and Tabby ♦ Skippy Jon Jones ♦ Splat the Cat ♦ Pete the Cat ♦ Henry and Mudge ♦ Frog and Toad ♦ Toot and Puddle ♦ Mo Willems