



## Children's Storytelling Book List

Effective storytelling is a fine and beautiful art. A well-developed and presented story can cut across age barriers and will hold the interest and reach its listeners. Stories will be remembered long after their creation.

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** – Judith Viorst – Recounts the events of a day when everything goes wrong for Alexander.  
**E V**

**Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse** – Leo Lionni – Alexander, a real mouse, wants to be a toy mouse like his friend Willy until he discovers Willy is to be thrown away.  
**E L**

**The Amazing Bone** – William Steig – On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.  
**E S**

**Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock** – Eric Kimmel – Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.  
**E K**

**Andersen's Fairy Tales** – Friederun Reichenstetter – Offers an illustrated retelling of thirteen popular fairy tales by Hans Christian Andersen, including "The Princess and the Pea," "The Ugly Duckling," "Thumbelina," and "The Steadfast Tin Soldier."  
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**Baby Brains** – James Simon – Even though the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brains is very intelligent, they realize that he is still just a baby.  
**E S**

**A Bad Case of Stripes** – David Shannon – In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.  
**E S**

**Barnyard Banter** – Denise Fleming – All the farm animals are where they should be, clucking and mucking, mewing and cooing, except for the missing goose.  
**Board Books**

**Book! Book! Book!** – Deborah Bruss – When the children go back to school, the animals on the farm are bored, so they go into the library in town trying to find something to do.  
**E B**

**The Boy who Cried Wolf** – B.G. Hennessy – A boy tending sheep on a lonely mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry "wolf" and watch the people come running--and then one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call.  
**E H**

**The Boy Who Was Raised by Librarians** – Carla D. Morris – Melvin discovers that the public library is the place where he can find just about anything--including three librarians who help in his quest for knowledge.  
**E M**

**The Bremen Town Musicians** – Brothers Grimm – While on their way to Bremen, four aging animals who are no longer of any use to their masters find a new home after outwitting a gang of robbers.  
**E B**

**Chrysanthemum** – Kevin Henkes – Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.  
**E H**

**Corduroy** – Don Freeman – A toy bear in a department store wants number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has always wanted most of all.  
**E F**

**Counting Kisses** – Karen Katz – How many kisses does it take to say good night?  
**E K**

**The Cow Who Clucked** – Denise Fleming – When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.  
**E F**

**The Dog Who Cried Wolf** – Keiko Kasza – Tired of being a house pet, Moka the dog moves to the mountains to become a wolf but soon misses the comforts of home.  
**E K**

**Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus** – Mo Willems – When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place--a pigeon!  
**E W**

**Duck** – Randy Cecil – Duck happily raises a duckling that has wandered into the amusement park where she is a carousel animal, but finds that she cannot teach what she herself has always longed to do--fly--and sets out to find real ducks to instruct him.  
**E C**

**Duck on a Bike** – David Shannon – A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.  
**E S**

**Fairy Tales and Fables** – Eve Morel – An illustrated anthology of well-known fairy tales and Aesop's fables.  
**JF Morel**

**Fireside Stories: Tales for a winter's Eve** – Caitlin Matthews – A collection of eight traditional tales associated with a variety of winter celebrations from Scottish, Russian, Inuit, Austrian, Czech, and Jewish lore.  
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**Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed** – Eileen Christelow – A counting book in which one by one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads.  
**E C**

**Fred Stays with Me** – Nancy Coffelt – A child describes how she lives sometimes with his mother and sometimes with his father, but his dog is his constant companion.  
**E C**

**Frog Prince, Continued** – Jon Scieszka – After the frog turns into a prince, he and the Princess do not live happily ever after and the Prince decides to look for a witch to help him remedy the situation.  
**E S**

**The Frog with the Big Mouth** – Teresa Bateman – In this version of the classic folktale, an Argentine wide-mouthed frog sets out through the rain forest to brag about his fly-eating abilities and encounters a toco toucan, a coati, a capybara, and a jaguar. Includes a note about the South American rain forest animals featured in the story.  
**E B**

**Goodnight Moon** – Margaret Wise Brown – A young rabbit says good night to the objects in his room as he drifts off to sleep.  
**E B**

**Good-Night, Owl!** – Pat Hutchins – Because all the other animals' noises keep him from sleeping, Owl watches for a chance to take his revenge.  
**E H**

**Gorgonzola** – Margie Palatini – When Gorgonzola the dinosaur learns that everyone runs from him to avoid his smell, rather than out of fear, he is grateful to the little bird who shows him how to brush his teeth and wash.  
**E P**

**The Great Monster Hunt** – Norbert Landa – When Duck hears a noise under her bed and runs to fetch help, each animal that hears about it imagines a more dangerous beast in Duck's room.  
**E L**

**Grimm's Fairy Tales** – Brothers Grimm – A collection of twenty-two favorite fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm, including "Rapunzel," "The Bremen Town Musicians," "The Valiant Tailor", "The Frog Prince," "Ashenputtel," and "The Elves and the Shoemaker."  
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**The Gunniwolf** – Wilhelmina Harper – A little girl cautioned never to go into the jungle & wanders in deeper and deeper while searching for flowers --and is suddenly confronted by the gunniwolf.  
**E H**

**Handmade Tales: Stories to make and take** – Dianne De las Casas –  
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**Hanne's Quest** – Oliver Dunrea – On an island off the coast of Scotland, a young hen must prove herself pure, wise, and brave in a quest to help her beloved owner, Mem Pocket, from losing her family's farm.  
**JF Dunrea**

**Hey! Listen to This: Stories to Read Aloud** – Various Authors – A collection of fairy tales, folklore, and famous stories from around the world arranged for reading aloud.  
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**Hooray for Amanda and Her Alligator** – Mo Willems – Amanda and her alligator have lots of fun together, but when Amanda's grandfather buys her a panda, Alligator must learn to make new friends.  
**E W**

**Hot-Air: The Mostly True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride** – Marjorie Priceman –  
**E P**

**How Chipmunk got his Stripes: A tale of bragging and teasing** – Joseph Bruchac – When Bear and Brown Squirrel have a disagreement about whether Bear can stop the sun from rising, Brown Squirrel ends up with claw marks on his back and becomes Chipmunk, the striped one.  
**E B**

**How I Became a Pirate** – Melinda Long – Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manner, and other aspects of their life.  
**E L**

**I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!** – Karen Beaumont – In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.  
**E B**

**If You Take a Mouse to School** – Laura Joffe Numeroff – Follows a boy and his mouse through a busy day at school.  
**E N**

**Imagine Harry** – Kate Klise – After Little Rabbit starts school, he sees less and less of his invisible friend, Harry, and finally tells his mother that Harry moved away.  
**E K**

**I Need My Monster** – Amanda Noll – When the monster under his bed goes fishing, Ethan interviews some substitute monsters, but finds none of them are as good as his own.  
**E N**

**Jamberry** – Bruce Degen – A little boy walking in the forest meets a big lovable bear that takes him on a delicious berry-picking adventure in the magical world of Berryland.  
**E D**

**Kiss! Kiss! Yuck! Yuck!** – Kyle Mewburn – Every time Auntie Elsie comes to visit, she finds Andy wherever he is hiding and gives him sloppy kisses on both cheeks.  
**E M**

**Late for School** – Mike Reiss – A boy who has never been late to school runs into some very strange obstacles as he hurries on his way, only to discover when he arrives that he is a day early.  
**E R**

**Library Lion** – Michelle Knudsen – A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.  
**E K**

## **Listen, Read and Learn with Classic Stories –**

Various Authors – Presents a collection of rhymes, fairy tales, and folk tales accompanied by follow-up reading activities for each story.

-Kindergarten

-1<sup>st</sup> Grade

-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

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## **The Little House –**

Virginia Burton – A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.

**E B**

## **The Little Mermaid and Other Stories –**

Hans Christian Andersen – The Little Mermaid is just one jewel in this enchanting collection of twenty stories by the father of the modern fairy tale, Hans Christian Andersen.

**JF Little**

**Madeline –** Ludwig Bemelmans – Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.

**E B**

## **Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Story**

– Carmen Agra Deedy – In this humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale, a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry.

**E D**

## **Me First –**

Helen Lester – Pinkerton the pig always manages to be first until he rushes for a sandwich and it turns out to be not the edible kind.

**E L**

## **The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale –**

Jan Brett – Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes.

**E B**

## **More Spaghetti, I Say! –**

Rita Gelman – Minnie the monkey is too busy eating spaghetti--all day, in all ways--to play with her friend Freddie.

**E G**

**Move Over Rover –** Karen Beaumont – With the help of her dog, Jenny spends her birthday investigating a bicycle theft and wondering why no one seems to remember it is a special day for her.

**E B**

## **Mr. George Baker –**

Amy Hest – Harry sits on the porch with MR. George Baker, an African American who is one hundred years old but can still dance and play the drums, waiting for the school bus that will take them both to the class where they are learning to read.

**E H**

## **My Dog and the Birthday Mystery –**

David Adler – With the help of her dog, Jenny spends her birthday investigating a bicycle theft and wondering why no one seems to remember it is a special day for her.

**Beginning Readers A**

## **Night of the Veggie**

**Monster –** George McClements – Every Tuesday night, while his parents try to enjoy their dinner, a boy turns into a monster the moment a pea touches his lips.

**E M**

## **One-Eye! Two-Eyes! Three-Eyes! A Very Grimm Fairy Tale –**

Aaron Sheppard – A retelling of a classic fairy tale about a little girl who has two eyes and is horribly teased by her sisters who have one and three eyes respectively.

**E S**

**Owen –** Kevin Henkes – Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

**E H**

## **The Owl and the Pussycat –**

Edward Lear – An illustrated collection of twenty-four nonsensical poems.

**E L**

## **Owl Moon –**

Jane Yolen – On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

**E Y**

## **Pete 'n' Pickles –**

Berke Breathed – When Pickles the elephant turns his life upside-down, Pete the pig comes to realize that a perfectly predictable, practical, and uncomplicated life is not always preferable.

**E B**

## **Peter Spit a Seed at Sue –**

Jackie French Koller – One hot summer day, four bored children start a watermelon seed-spitting battle that soon spreads throughout their town.

**E K**

## **Pete's a Pizza –**

William Steig – When Pete feels miserable because rain makes it impossible to play ball outdoors, his father finds a fun indoor game to play with his son.

**E S**

## **The Pout-Pout Fish in the Big-Big Dark –**

Deborah Diesen – Mr. Fish feels nervous venturing deep in the sea to look for Ms. Clam's lost pearl until Miss Shimmer helps him conquer his fear of the dark.

**E D**

## **Russell the Sheep –**

Rob Scotton – Russell the sheep tries all different ways to get to sleep.

**E S**

## **Saint Francis and the Wolf**

Jane Langton – An old and hungry wolf terrorizes the townspeople of Gubbio until Saint Francis shows the villagers how to live peacefully with the wolf.

**E L**

## **Sheila Rae, The Brave –**

Kevin Henkes – When brave Sheila Rae, who usually looks out for her sister Louise, becomes lost and scared one day, Louise comes to the rescue.

**E H**

## **Snoring Beauty –**

Bruce Hale – An adaptation of the traditional tale, featuring a sleeping, snoring princess who is rescued by a prince after being cursed to turn into a dragon by a bad fairy.

**E H**

## **Snow Bears –**

Martin Waddell – When three little bears play in the snow, they pretend to be "snow bears" and their mother goes along with the game.

**E W**

**Splat the Cat** – Rob Scotton – A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected.  
**E S**

**The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Stories** – Jon Scieszka – Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales.  
**E S**

**Stone Soup** – Marcia Brown – When three hungry soldiers come to a town where all the food has been hidden, they set out to make soup out of water and stones. The entire town enjoys a feast.  
**E B**

**A Story, A Story: An African Tale** – Gail Haley – Recounts how most African folk tales came to be called "Spider Stories."  
**E H**

**Strega Nona** – Tomie De Paola – When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.  
**E D**

**Sure As Sunrise: Stories of Bruh Rabbit and His Walkin' Talkin' Friends** – Alice McGill – With the humor and wisdom of her Carolina roots, Alice McGill shares the stories she remembers from her father, mother, grandmother, and neighbors. For sure as sunrise, the cleverness of the small but sassy Bruh Rabbit shines through as he outwits the more powerful, again and again.  
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**Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** – William Steig – In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.  
**E S**

**Swimmy** – Leo Lionni – Deep in the sea there lives a happy school of little fish. Their watery world is full of wonders, but there is also danger, and the little fish are afraid to come out of hiding . . . until Swimmy comes along. Swimmy shows his friends how—with ingenuity and team work—they can overcome any danger.  
**E L**

**That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown** – Cressida Cowell – Emily defends her stuffed rabbit from the naughty queen who is determined to acquire it any way she can.  
**E C**

**There's a Nightmare in My Closet** – Mercer Mayer – At bedtime a boy confronts the nightmare in his closet and finds him not so terrifying after all.  
**E M**

**Those Shoes** – Maribeth Boelts— Jeremy, who longs to have the black high tops that everyone at school seems to have but his grandmother cannot afford, is excited when he sees them for sale in a thrift shop and decides to buy them even though they are the wrong size.  
**E B**

**The Three Billy Goats Gruff** – Peter C. Asbjornsen – Three clever billy goats outwit a big ugly troll that lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain.  
**E G**

**Three Good Deeds** – Vivian Vande Velde – Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself, and he can only become human again by performing three good deeds.  
**JF Vande Velde**

**The Three Little Pigs** – David Wiesner – The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.  
**E W**

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** – Eric Carle – Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.  
**E C**

**Wheels on the Bus** – Raffi – As the rickety old bus collects an odd assortment of passengers in a quaint little town, the reader may join in with the sounds of the bus and motions of the driver and passengers.  
**Board Books**

**Where Is the Green Sheep?** – Mem Fox – A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.  
**E F**

**Whuppity Stoorie** – John Stewig – In order to cure her ailing pig, an Irish widow agrees to give a strange woman whatever she wants and then the widow must guess the woman's name or give up her baby.  
**E S**

**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears** – Verna Aardema – A retelling of a traditional West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying habit.  
**E A**