The Kindergarten Canon: The 100 Best Children’s Books

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1. “1 is One” By Tasha Tudor
3. “Anansi the Spider” By Gerald McDermott
4. “Amazing Grace” By Mary Hoffman & Caroline Binch
5. “Are You My Mother?” By P.D. Eastman
6. “A Bear Called Paddington” By Michael Bond
8. “The Beauty and the Beast” By Brothers Grimm
9. “Big Red Barn” By Margaret Wise Brown
10. “A Birthday for Frances” By Russell Hoban & Lillian Hoban
11. “Blueberries for Sal” By Robert McCloskey
12. “The Bremen Town Musicians” By Brothers Grimm
14. “Caps for Sale” By Esphyr Slobodkina
16. “Cars and Trucks and Things that Go” By Richard Scarry
17. “The Cat and the Hat” By Dr. Seuss
18. “A Chair for My Mother” By Vera B. Williams
19. “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” By Bill Martin, Jr. & John Archambault
20. “Cinderella” By Brothers Grimm
21. “Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type” By Doreen Cronin & Betsy Lewin
22. “Corduroy” By Don Freeman
23. “Curious George” By Margret Rey & H.A. Rey
24. “Dear Zoo” By Rod Campbell
25. “The Emperor’s New Clothes” By Hans Christian Andersen
26. “The Fisherman and His Wife” By Brothers Grimm
27. “Frederick” By Leo Lionni
28. “Freight Train” By Donald Crews
29. “Frog and Toad are Friends” By Arnold Lobell
30. “George and Martha” By James Marshall
32. “The Giving Tree” By Shel Silverstein
33. “Go, Dog. Go!” By P.D. Eastman
34. “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” By Brothers Grimm
35. “Good Night, Gorilla” By Peggy Rathmann
36. “Good Night, Moon” By Margaret Wise Brown & Clement Hurd
37. “Green Eggs and Ham” By Dr. Seuss
38. “Guess How Much I Love You” By Sam McBratney & Anita Jeram
39. “Hansel and Gretel” By Brothers Grimm
40. “Harold and the Purple Crayon” By Crockett Johnson
41. “Harry the Dirty Dog” By Gene Zion & Margaret Bloy Graham
42. “Horton Hears A Who!” By Dr. Seuss
43. “The House on East 88th Street” By Bernard Waber
44. “If You Give A Mouse A Cookie” By Laura Numeroff & Felicia Bond
45. “In the Night Kitchen” By Maurice Sendak
46. “Jack and the Beanstalk” By Fairy Tale Firsts
47. “King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub” By Audrey Wood & Don Wood
48. “Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale” By Mo Willems
49. “The Lion and the Mouse” By Aesop’s Fable
50. “Little Bear” By Else Holmelund & Maurice Sendak
51. “The Little Engine that Could” By Watty Piper
52. “The Little Red Hen” By Fairy Tale Firsts
53. “Little Red Riding Hood” By Brothers Grimm
54. “Madeline” By Ludwig Bemelmans
55. “Make Way for Ducklings” By Robert McCloskey
56. “Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel” By Virginia Lee Burton
57. “Millions of Cats” By Wanda Gag
58. “Mother Goose” Illustrated By Blanche Fisher Wright
59. “Olivia” By Ian Falconer
60. “One fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish” By Dr. Seuss
61. “One Morning in Maine” By Robert McCloskey
62. “The Owl and the Pussycat” By Edward Lear
63. “Pat the Bunny” By Dorothy Kunhardt
64. “Pinocchio” By Carlo Collodi
65. “The Poky Little Puppy” By Janette Sebring Lowrey & Gustaf Tenggren
66. “The Princess and the Pea” By Hans Christian Andersen
67. “Puss in Boots” By Charles Perrault
68. “Put Me in the Zoo” By Robert Lopshire
69. “The Rainbow Fish” By Marcus Pfister
70. “Rapunzel” By Brothers Grimm
71. “The Runaway Bunny” By Margaret Wise Brown
72. “Sleeping Beauty” By Brothers Grimm
73. “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” By Brothers Grimm
74. “The Snowy Day” By Ezra Jack Keats
75. “Stellaluna” By Janell Cannon
76. “Stone Soup” By Fairy Tale Firsts
77. “The Story about Ping” By Marjorie Flack & Kurt Wiese
78. “The Story of Babar” By Jean de Brunhoff
79. “The story of Ferdinand” By Munro Leaf & Robert Lawson
80. “Strega Nona” By Tomie dePaola
81. “Swimmy” By Leo Lionni
82. “Sylvester and the Magic Pebble” by William Steig
83. “The Tale of Peter Rabbit” By Beatrix Potter
84. “There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly” By Simms Taback
85. “There’s a Nightmare in My Closet” By Mercer Mayer
86. “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” By Paul Galdone
87. “The Three Little Pigs” By Brothers Grimm
88. “Thumbelina” By Hans Christian Andersen
89. “Tikki Tikki Tembo” By Arlene Mosel & Blair Lent
90. “Time for Bed” By Mem Fox & Jane Dyer
91. “Tootle” By Gertrude Crampton & Tibor Gergely
92. “The Tortoise and the Hare” By Aesop’s Fables
93. “The Ugly Duckling” By Hans Christian Andersen
94. “The Velveteen Rabbit” By Margery Williams & William Nicholson
95. “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” By Eric Carle
96. “When We were Very Young” By A.A. Milne
97. “Where the Wild Things Are” By Maurice Sendak
98. “Winnie-the-Pooh” A.A. Milne