



Bright and Early Reading List

We all know the importance of reading for our youngest. What is sometimes undervalued though, is the importance of having a great variety of books at home for our children as they progress through the years. At Bright and Early Books, we don't just value reading, we value the quality of texts on offer. Through our experience as educators and booksellers we have collated a list of books that will not only provide enjoyment, but wonderful exposure to a range of texts for different stages of their development.

Age: 0-3yrs

What to look for: Books for babies and toddlers must be short and engaging. Board books are preferred by many as they tend to last longer, especially with rather robust children. This doesn't mean all your books should be board books. We recommend having a variety, but choose the right time to introduce paperback books. An important process of reading is getting babies and toddlers to understand how books work. Modelling the direction of words and turning of pages is important for them to learn. Black and white books are popular for 0-3 months, whilst short rhyming books are great for 3+ ages.

Title	Author	Price \$	Purchase
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown	14.99	
Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?	Bill Martin Jnr	16.99	
Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell	14.99	
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site	Sherri Duskey Rinker	34.99	

Steam Train, Dream Train	Sherri Duskey Rinker	34.99	
Each Peach Pear Plum	Janet and Allan Ahlberg	16.99	
Press Here	Herve Tullet	15.99	
Tap, Tap, Tap	Herve Tullet	27.99	
Look, Look	Peter Linenthal	13.99	
Imagine	Alison Lester	15.99	
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	19.99	
We're Going On a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen	14.99	
Guess How Much I Love You	Sam McBratney	16.99	
Where Is The Green Sheep	Mem Fox	14.99	
Sounds All Around Us	Rhyia Dank	16.99	
Counting Our Country	Jill Daniels	12.99	
Where's Spot	Eric Hill	14.99	
Hairy McLary and Friends - How Do I Feel?	Lynley Dodd	16.99	
Ten Little Finger and Ten Little Toes	Mem Fox	16.99	
AlphaBlock	Christopher Franceshelli	24.99	
Noni the Pony	Alison Lester	15.99	
Elmer	David McKee	16.99	
Who Sank The Boat	Pamela Allen	14.99	
Little One	Jane Godwin	24.99	
Harry the Dirty Dog	Gene Zion	14.99	

Age: 3-5yrs

What to look for: The continuation of rhyme is beneficial, but ensure variety. Be mindful though, as not all rhyming books allow flow important for rhythm and enjoyment. Once your child knows the book and rhyme well, a fun thing to do is leave the last word for them to say. Funny books are hugely popular for kids. Where possible, match books to current loves/hobbies/trends, as the more enjoyable reading time is, the more likely for reading to continue. Building connections is an important skill for comprehension, so look to work on these skills from a young age. Developing skills involving inferencing is also a bonus.

Title	Author	Price \$	Purchase
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	17.99	
The Tiger Who Came To Tea	Judith Kerr	16.99	
Dogger	Shirley Hughes	16.99	
Hairy McLary From Donaldson's Dairy	Lynley Dodd	19.99	
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson	14.99	
I Want My Hat Back	Jon Klassen	14.99	
The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywalt	16.99	
The Snale and the Whale	Julia Donaldson	14.99	
What the Ladybird Heard	Julia Donaldson	14.99	
Wombat Stew	Marcia Vaughan	18.99	
Starting School	Jane Godwin	24.99	
Breathing Makes it Better	Christopher Willard	26.99	
Feelings	Libby Walden	19.99	
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus	Mo Willems	16.99	

Giraffe's Can't Dance	Giles Andreae	14.99	
Beautiful Oops	Barney Saltzberg	24.99	
Once Upon a Rhinocerus	Meg McKinley	16.99	
The Terrible Plop	Ursula Dubrosarsky	16.99	
The Runaway Hug	Nick Bland	16.99	
Banjo and Ruby Red	Libby Gleeson	17.99	
All the Ways to be Smart	Davina Bell	24.99	
Tricky's Bad Day	Alison Lester	15.99	
John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat	Ron Brooks	14.99	
The Rainbow Serpent	Dick Roughsey	16.99	
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Rhonda and David Armitage	19.99	
Mr Archimedes' Bath	Pamela Allen	16.99	
Possum Magic	Mem Fox	14.99	
Where the Forest Meets the Sea	Jeannie Baker	16.99	
Magic Beach	Alison Lester	16.99	
Window	Jeannie Baker	16.99	
Belinda	Pamela Allen	16.99	
The Lorax	Dr Seuss	12.99	
Walk of the Whales	Nick Bland	24.99	
In My Heart - A Book of Feelings	Jo Witek	24.99	
Back on Country	Adam Goodes	24.99	

The Goat and the Stoat and the Boat	Em Lynas	24.99	
Simpson and His Donkey	Mark Greenwood	18.99	
The Little Refugee	Anh Do	24.99	
Sorry Day	Coral Vass	17.99	
The Happiness Box	Mark Greenwood	16.99	
The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals	Sami Bayly	32.99	
The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals	Sami Bayly	32.99	
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	19.95	
Olivia	Ian Falconer	16.99	
Oh The Places You'll Go	Dr Seuss	11.99	

Age: 6+yrs (Early Readers)

What to look for: As with all reading, it is essential to aim for enjoyment. The curiosity and wonder of kids at this age, and hopefully coupled with some basic reading skills, allows the opportunity for non-fiction books to be read. School readers will strengthen reading skills, but can dampen enthusiasm, as they aren’t always the most enjoyable books to read. By continuing with books of their own choice, you can maintain a love for reading. Be sure to read with your kids, even when they are capable of reading the book themselves. Modelling correct intonation and timing is essential. Your interest in the books does wonders for their interest as well! If you can get your child into a book series that they enjoy, persist!

Title	Author	Price \$	Purchase
School of Monsters	Sally Rippin	10.99 e	
Billie B Brown	Sally Rippin	10.99 e	
Hey Jack Series	Sally Rippin	10.99 e	

Dearl The Unicorn Series	Sally Odgers	14.99 e	
The Princess in Black Series	Shannon Hale	14.99 e	
The Besties Series	Felice Arena	12.99 e	
Itty Bitty Kitty	Maddy Mara	14.99	
Sporty Kids Series	Felice Arena	12.99 e	
Aussie Kids Series	Mixed authors	12.99 e	
Little Ash Series	Ash Barty	9.99 e	
7/8+ Readers			
Willa and Wolf Series	Jaqueline Harvey	12.99 e	
The Wish Sisters Series	Allison Rushby	12.99 e	
A Sprinkle of Sadie	Lana Spasevski	14.99 e	
Juliet Nearly a Vet	Rebecca Johnson	12.99 e	
The Travelling Bookshop Series	Katrina Nannestad	14.99 e	
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	16.99	
The Twits	Roald Dahl	16.99	
Thorfinn Series	David McPhail	17.99 e	

The Invincibles!

There are a select group of authors who seem to strike gold with whatever book they write. With a rare exception here or there, **all** books written by the authors below would not look out of place in a pre-school bookshelf at home.

Mem Fox	Alison Lester
Oliver Jeffers	Julia Donaldson
Giles Andreae	Pamela Allen

Read Aloud Chapter Books

We all remember the stories that were read to us by our parents and teachers when we were younger. Reading a chapter book in front of the kids of an evening is a great way to promote stories and the importance of reading. Here is a list of some great chapter books to read to your kids

Title	Author	Price \$	Purchase
Charlotte's Web	E.B White	19.99	
Charlie and The Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	19.99	
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	J.K. Rowling	16.99	
The Enchanted Wood	Enid Blyton	14.99	
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe	C.S Lewis	17.99	
Winnie the Pooh	A.A.Milne	29.99	
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame	29.99	
Wonder	R J Palacio	19.99	
The Hobbit	J R Tolkien	17.99	
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	16.99	
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	19.99	
Goodnight Mister Tom	Michelle Magorian	14.99	
Storm Boy	Colin Thiele	16.99	
Danny the Champion of the World	Roald Dahl	16.99	
Matilda	Roald Dahl	19.99	
The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events)	Lemony Snicket	14.99	

The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	22.99	
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	23.95	
The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions	Isabel Thomas	24.99	
Everything Under the Sun	Molly Oldfield	39.99	
The Last Bear	Hannah Gold	19.99	
Runt	Craig Silvey	22.99	
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate Di Camillo	15.99	

At Bright and Early Book, we also have a range of titles to ensure kids read into their teenage years. Please don't hesitate to get in contact with us if you need more recommendations.

The books we love when we're growing up shape us in a special way. The characters in the books we read help us decide who we want to be.

Anna James

Reading Recommendations

This reading list is by no means complete. It's quite satisfying to know that due to wonderful new books being released each year, the list will never be 'final'. If you think we've missed a book that definitely needs to be added, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We also believe that sharing the books that you loved as a child is most important. Each person should have a list of books that they personally have connected with that they would love to share throughout the years.

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