

2023 Recommended Diverse Picture Books for Early Childhood

Curated by Auntie Zettie's Read Aloud Time

Early Learning Concepts



Like by Annie Barrows and Leo Espinosa
Birds by Kevin Henkes, illustrated by Laura Dronzek
Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
Creature ABC by Andrew Zuckerman
Hippopotuses by Janik Coat
Yummy Yucky by Leslie Patricelli
Actual Size by Stevie Jenkins

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns by Hena Khan, illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini
Good Night, Little Bookstore by Amy Cherrix, illustrated by E.B. Goodale
Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes by Roseanne Thong, illustrated by John Parra
Over Under by Marthe Jocelyn, illustrated by Tom Slaughter

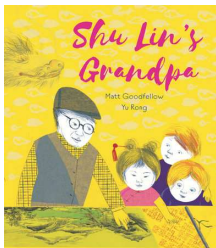
Social & Emotional Learning



The Year We Learned to Fly by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael Lopez
Always with You, Always with Me by Kelly Rowland and Jessica McKay, illustrated by Fanny Liem
This Story is Not About a Kitten by Randall de Seve, illustrated by Carson Ellis

Busy Betty by Reese Witherspoon, illustrated by Xindi Yan
Sometimes, All I Need Is Me by Juliana Perdomo
How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mark Teague
Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou & Sara Jane Boyers, art by Jean-Michel Basquiat
Why the Face? By Jean Jullien
Sonya's Chickens by Phoebe Wahl
How Do You Feel? By Lizzy Rockwell
Happy Right Now by Julie Berry & Holly Hatam

Diversity and Inclusion



Shu Lin's Grandpa, by Matt Goodfellow, illustrated by Yu Rong
All Are Neighbors by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman
Gibberish by Young Vo
Pink is Not a Color by Lindsay Ward
Meet ClaraBelle Blue by Adiba Nelson
Windows by Julia Denos
We All P Lay by Julie Flett

Where is Marshmallow? By Kathryn Lynn Seifert, illustrated by Ann Murray and Jean Weir
Thank You, Omu! By Oge Mora

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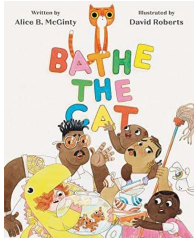
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The Life of a S'more by Kris Taft Miller

Together by Mona Damluji, illustrated by Innosanto Nagara

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts & Math) & Problem Solving



Bathe the Cat by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by David Roberts

At the Same Moment, Around the World by Clotilde Perrin

How to Code a Sandcastle by Josh Funk, illustrated by Sara Palacios

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty

When I Build with Blocks by Niki Alling

Dreaming Up by Christy Hale

Awesome Dawson by Chris Gall

Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy & Theresa Howl, illustrated by Rafael Lopez

Squeak, Rumble, Whomp! Whomp! Whomp!: A Sonic Adventure by Wynton Marsalis

What Happens on Wednesdays by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Lauren Castillo

All About the Weather: A First Weather Book for Kids by Huda Harajli

Cece Loves Science by Kimberly Derting & Shelli R. Johannes, illustrated by Vashti Harrison