

Very Important Picture Books

3-5 Year Olds	
<i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i>	Judith Kerr
<i>Naughty Bus</i>	Jan Oke
<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Maurice Sendak
<i>How to Catch a Star</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>	Michael Rosen
<i>Handa's Surprise</i>	Eileen Browne
<i>Penguin</i>	Polly Dunbar
<i>Owl Babies</i>	Martin Waddell
<i>Rhinos Don't Eat Pancakes</i>	Anna Kemp and Sara Ogilvie
<i>Not a Box</i>	Antoinette Portis
<i>Slinky Malinki</i>	Lynley Dodd
<i>Peace at Last</i>	Jill Murphy
<i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i>	Bill Martin, Jr.
<i>Goodnight Moon</i>	Margaret Wise Brown
<i>Knuffle Bunny</i>	Mo Willems
<i>Good Little Wolf</i>	Nadia Shireen
<i>A Bit Lost</i>	Chris Houghton
<i>On the Road</i>	Susan Steggall
<i>There are No Cats in this Book</i>	Viviane Schwarz
<i>I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato</i>	Lauren Child
<i>How Loud is a Lion</i>	Clare Beaton
<i>Big Bear, Little Brother</i>	Carl Norac
<i>The Story Machine</i>	Tom McLaughlin
<i>These Are Animals</i>	Daniel Egñeus
<i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i>	Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees
<i>A Box of Butterflies</i>	Jo Rooks
<i>Bear Hug</i>	Katherine McEwan
<i>Triangle</i>	Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen
<i>Cat In A Box</i>	Jo Williamson
<i>What's That Smell?!</i>	Joppe Coelingh Bennink, and Lamia Sbiti
<i>Animalphabet</i>	Julia Donaldson and Sharon King-Chai
<i>Each, Peach, Pear, Plum</i>	Janet and Allan Ahlberg
<i>Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain</i>	Verna Aardema
<i>I am Henry Finch</i>	Alexis Deacon and Viviane Schwarz
<i>Halibut Jackson</i>	David Lucas
<i>The Magic Paintbrush</i>	Julia Donaldson and Joel Stewart
<i>Little Red</i>	Lynn Roberts and David Roberts
<i>The Tiny Seed</i>	Eric Carle
<i>Willy the Wimp</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy</i>	Lynley Dodd
<i>So Much</i>	Trish Cooke and Helen Oxenbury
<i>Oi Frog!</i>	Kes Gray and Jim Field
<i>Cave Baby</i>	Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett
<i>Titch</i>	Pat Hutchins

5-7 Year Olds	
<i>The Magic Bed</i>	John Burningham
<i>Jim and the Beanstalk</i>	Raymond Briggs
<i>Me and You</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>Iggy Peck, Architect</i>	Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
<i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i>	Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
<i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i>	Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
<i>The Conductor</i>	Laetitia Devernay
<i>The Bear Under the Stairs</i>	Helen Cooper
<i>I'll Take You to Mrs Cole</i>	Nigel Gray

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<i>The Conquerors</i>	David McKee
<i>Goldilocks and Just the One Bear</i>	Leigh Hodgkinson
<i>Wolves</i>	Emily Gravett
<i>That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown</i>	Cressida Cowell
<i>How to Be a Lion</i>	Ed Vere
<i>Wave</i>	Suzy Lee
<i>I Want My Hat Back</i>	Jon Klassen
<i>The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch</i>	Ronda and David Armitage
<i>Tadpole's Promise</i>	Jeanne Willis
<i>Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?</i>	Lauren Child
<i>Man on the Moon</i>	Simon Bertram
<i>Beegu</i>	Alexis Deacon
<i>My name is Elizabeth</i>	Annika Dunklee and Matthew Forsythe
<i>Tidy</i>	Emily Gravett
<i>Billy and the Beast</i>	Nadia Shireen
<i>A Dog with Nice Ears</i>	Lauren Child
<i>Pig the Pug</i>	Aaron Blabey
<i>How to be a Dog</i>	Jo Williamson
<i>The Wonder</i>	Faye Hanson
<i>The Bear and the Piano</i>	David Litchfield
<i>Grandad's Secret Giant</i>	David Litchfield
<i>Oliver & Patch</i>	Claire Feedman and Kate Hindley
<i>If all the World were...</i>	Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys
<i>Baby Monkey, Private Eye</i>	Brian Selznick and David Serlin
<i>Islandborn</i>	Juno Díaz and Leo Espinosa
<i>Here We Are</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>The Worm and the Bird</i>	Coralie Bickford-Smith
<i>One Christmas Wish</i>	Katherine Rundell
<i>The Digger and the Flower</i>	Joseph Kuefler
<i>Sidney, Stella and the Moon</i>	Emma Yarlett
<i>Send for a Superhero</i>	Michael Rosen and Katharine McEwen
<i>The Odd Egg</i>	Emily Gravett
<i>Stanley's Stick</i>	John Hegley and Neal Layton
<i>Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish</i>	Michael Foreman
<i>Lost and Found</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>Yeti and the Bird</i>	Nadia Shireen
<i>The Journey Home</i>	Frann Preston-Gannon
<i>House Held up by Trees</i>	Ted Kooser and John Klassen
<i>The Dragon Machine</i>	Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson

7-9 Year Olds

<i>The Polar Express</i>	Chris van Allsburg
<i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i>	Jon Scieszka
<i>Art and Max</i>	David Wiesner
<i>The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish</i>	Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean
<i>Dear Greenpeace</i>	Simon James
<i>Jim</i>	Hilaire Belloc and Mini Grey
<i>Eric</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>Leon and the Place Between</i>	Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>The Flower</i>	<i>John Light</i>
<i>The Heart and the Bottle</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>FaRther</i>	Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>Jack and the Baked Beanstalk</i>	Colin Stimpson
<i>The Mysteries of Harris Burdick</i>	Chris Van Allsburg
<i>Varmints</i>	Helen Ward and Marc Craste
<i>The Tunnel</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>Weslandia</i>	Paul Fleischman
<i>365 Penguins</i>	Jean-Luc Fromental
<i>The Lion and the Unicorn</i>	Shirley Hughes

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<i>The Gift</i>	Rob Ryan and Carol Ann Duffy
<i>Mum and Dad Glue</i>	Kes Gray
<i>The Black Book of Colors</i>	Menena Cottin
<i>The Tear Thief</i>	Carol Ann Duffy and Nicoletta Ceccoli
<i>A Child of Books</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>The First Drawing</i>	Mordicai Gerstein
<i>Sparky!</i>	Jenny Offill and Chris Appelhans
<i>Cinnamon</i>	Neil Gaiman and Divya Srinivasan
<i>The Iron Man (Illustrated)</i>	Ted Hughes and Laura Carlin
<i>Wisp - A Story of Hope</i>	Zana Fraillon and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>How to Live Forever</i>	Colin Thompson
<i>The Tin Forest</i>	Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson
<i>Cloud Tea Monkeys</i>	Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham
<i>Black Dog</i>	Levi Pinfold
<i>Tar Beach</i>	Faith Ringold
<i>Until I met Dudley</i>	Roger McGough and Chris Riddell
<i>Winter's Child</i>	Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>The Selfish Giant</i>	Oscar Wilde and Alexis Deacon
<i>The Matchbox Diary</i>	Paul Fleischman and Bagram Ibatoulline
<i>Jonathon's Swift's Gulliver</i>	Martin Jenkins and Chris Riddell

9-11 Year Olds

<i>Why the Whales Came</i>	Michael Morpurgo
<i>The Hidden Forest</i>	Jeannie Baker
<i>The Wolves in the Walls</i>	Neil Gaiman
<i>Rose Blanche</i>	Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti
<i>The Lost Thing</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>Otto</i>	Tomi Ungerer
<i>The Arrival</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>	David Selznick
<i>King Kong</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>No!</i>	David McPhail
<i>Firebird</i>	Saviour Pirotta
<i>Snow Goose</i>	Paul Gallico
<i>The Young Inferno</i>	John Agard
<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i>	Mordicai Gerstein
<i>The Last Resort</i>	J Patrick Lewis and Roberto Innocenti
<i>The Princess' Blankets</i>	Carol Ann Duffy
<i>The Lost Happy Endings</i>	Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray
<i>Cicada</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>The Promise</i>	Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin
<i>PRIDE The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag</i>	Rob Sanders and Steven Salerno
<i>The Sleeper and the Spindle</i>	Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell
<i>The Dam</i>	David Almond and Levi Pinfold
<i>Way Home</i>	Libby Hathorn
<i>The Island</i>	Armin Geder (11+)
<i>The Red Tree</i>	Shaun Tan (11+)