

Picture Books Too Good To Miss

JE BRO

Margaret Wise Brown

This prolific children's author created a few classics of the twentieth century – the wonderfully sweet **Goodnight Moon**, the **Runaway Bunny** and **Home For A Bunny**.



JE BUN

Eve Bunting

Bunting's books cover a wide range: homelessness in **Fly Away Home**, the Vietnam war in **The Wall**, animals in **Red Fox Running** and family love in **The Flower Garden**. Her respect for children always shows.

JE BUR

John Burningham

This British author / illustrator has a large body of work to his credit. His witty studies of parental inattention as in **Come Away From the Water**, **Shirley**, **First Steps**, **Hushabye** and **The Magic Bed** are winners.



JE CAR

Eric Carle

The creator of the well-known **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** has many other fine books, including **The Very Busy Spider** and **A House for Hermit Crab**. His colourful collage illustrations are popular with children and adults.



JE HEI

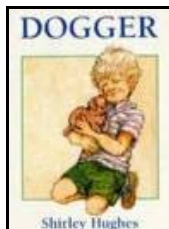
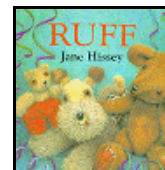
Florence Parry Heide

Heide writes moving books of children in other lands: **The Day of Ahmed's Secret** and **Sami and the Time of the Troubles**. Her "Treehorn" (J HEI) books are brilliant satires for older children and adults.

JE HIS

Jane Hissey

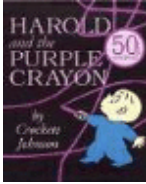
An English author / illustrator who paints her own antique stuffed toys and brings them alive: **Ruff**, **Jolly Snow** and **Jolly Tall**. She expands her toy world in the Chapter Books **Old Bear Tales** and **Best Friends: Old Bear Tales** (J CHP HIS).



JE HUG

Shirley Hughes

You'll want to move into this English author/illustrator's world of cozy, warm family stories! The "Alfie" books: **Dogger**, **The Big Cement Mixer** and many more. When you want longer stories, try the Chapter Books: **The Big Alfie Out-of-Doors Storybook** and **The Big Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook** (J CHP HUG).



JE JOH

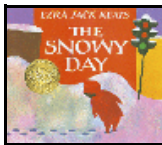
Crockett Johnson

Johnson wrote the children's classic **Harold And The Purple Crayon**, a tale about a little boy named Harold who has fantastic adventures with his purple crayon.

JE JON

Ann Jonas

With visually challenging and stimulating illustrations, Jonas's books are great for the development of looking skills and as discussion starters: **Reflections, Round Trip, The Trek** and **The 13th Clue**.



JE KEA

Ezra Jack Keats

Keats' clever collage illustrations bring the Inner City to life: **The Snowy Day, Dreams, Pet Show, Louie** and more.

JE MAR

James Marshall

Marshall illustrated Harry Allard's "**The Stupids**" and "**Miss Nelson**" books. His own much-loved creations include the "**Fox**" and "**George and Martha**" books in the Readers (JE RDR MAR) and the hilarious **Rats on the Roof** and **Rats on the Range** in the Chapter Books (J CHP MAR). He has also illustrated several classic folktales.



JE MAR

Bill Martin

Martin's rhymes and songs help children learn new concepts and words in the classic works of **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**, **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?** and **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**.

JE MCC

Robert McCloskey

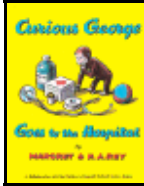
This American author and illustrator created a couple of children's classics: the lovely **Blueberries for Sal** and **Make Way For Ducklings**.



JE PEE

Bill Peet

Grades one and two children love the rollicking rhymes, good, solid plots and gentle fable messages of Peet's books. **Big Bad Bruce, The Caboose Who Got Loose** and **Cowardly Clyde** are just a few.



JE REY

H.A. Rey

Rey created the wonderfully famous “**Curious George**” series about a monkey adapted by a zookeeper who brings adventure and fun wherever he goes.

JE SCI

Jon Scieszka

Children love the twist on the traditional story of the three little pigs in **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs**, where the wolf gives his own unusual and outlandish version of what really happened. Also read **Frog Prince, Continued**.



JE SEN

Maurice Sendak

Maurice Sendak reinvented children’s illustration and storytelling with the mighty **Where The Wild Things Are**, as well as **Chicken Soup With Rice: A Book of Months**.

JE SEU

Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss redefined writing for children with his infectious, tongue-twisting verses and wacky characters. Try **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** and **And to Think That I Saw it on Mulberry Street**. Find more Seuss in the Readers, including the modern classics **The Cat in the Hat** and **Green Eggs and Ham** (JE RDR SEU).



JE SLO

Esphyr Slobodkina

Slobodkina created a children’s class in the tale of **Caps For Sale**, where mischievous monkeys steal caps from a peddler while he sleeps.

JE STE

William Steig

Steig writes fables with sophisticated language and themes, such as the importance of love and loyalty. Children will not be put off by the unfamiliar words as the stories are so gripping: **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**, **Solomon the Rusty Nail**.



JE STE

James Stevenson

The hilarious “**Grandpa**” books alone would guarantee Stevenson a place on this list: **The Castaway, Brrr!**, etc. He has also written a series of autobiographical works: **Don’t You Know There’s A War On?** (JE 813.54 STE) and **I Had A Lot Of Wishes** (JE 813.54 STE)



JE VAN

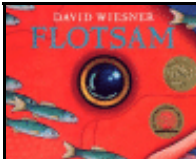
Chris Van Allsburg

Thought-provoking and challenging are two words that definitely apply to **Van Allsburg**. **Jumanji**, **The Garden of Abdul Gasazi** and **The Mysteries of Harris Burdick** are imagination stretchers for the young. He is best known for the Christmas book **The Polar Express**.

JE WAB

Bernard Waber

In **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile**, Waber creates a lovable character in Lyle the crocodile who causes a neighbourhood feud on East 88th Street in New York City.



JE WIE

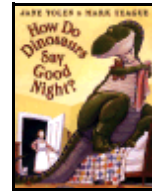
David Wiesner

Wiesner is the Master of the almost wordless picture book. In **Flotsam**, a camera lost at sea records some surprising photos! Wiesner's book Tuesday was a Caldecott Award winner. Other titles include **Hurricane**; **June 29, 1999**; **Free Fall** and **Sector 7**.

JE YOL

Jane Yolen

Yolen writes witty children's books that also instruct at the same time – check out her **"How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight"** where a Mother and child ponder the different ways a dinosaur can say goodnight, from slamming his tail and pouting to giving a big hug and kiss.



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