

Best Books for 0-5yrs

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Author: Judith Kerr

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Sophie and her Mummy are having tea in the kitchen when in walks a hungry tiger who asks to stay to tea.

Where's Spot?

Author: Eric Hill

Publisher: Puffin

This adorable picture book about Spot the dog is the first in the Spot series.

Each Peach Pear Plum

Author: Allan Ahlberg **Illustrator:** Janet Ahlberg

Publisher: Puffin

This classic book from author and illustrator team Janet and Allan Ahlberg is a real favourite with families.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Author: Eric Carle

Publisher: Puffin

Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* deserves its reputation as a much-loved classic.

The Elephant and the Bad Baby

Author: Elfrida Vipont **Illustrator:** Raymond Briggs

Publisher: Puffin

One day, an elephant offers a baby a ride through the town, and they set off on a great adventure.

Dogger

Author: Shirley Hughes

Publisher: Random House

When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate.

Lost and Found

Author: Oliver Jeffers

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Once there was a sad, lonely penguin who appeared at the door of a young boy. The boy decided he must be lost, so he set off to find his home.

[Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears](#)

Author: Emily Gravett
Publisher: Pan Macmillan

Little Mouse is scared of most things, from creepy crawlies and loud noises, to getting lost.

[I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato](#)

Author: Lauren Child
Publisher: Hachette

Charlie tricks his younger sister, Lola - an extremely fussy eater - into eating all her least favourite foods.

[Room on the Broom](#)

Author: Julia Donaldson **Illustrator:** Axel Scheffler
Publisher: Macmillan Children's Books

From former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson and long-time collaborator Axel Scheffler comes this much-loved tale about a witch and her gang of friends.

[The Snowman](#)

Author: Raymond Briggs
Publisher: Puffin

James builds a snowman in the garden, then wakes up in the night to find that it has come to life.

[Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes](#)

Author: Mem Fox **Illustrator:** Helen Oxenbury
Publisher: Walker Books

This charming first book is perfect for new arrivals.

[Dear Zoo](#)

Author: Rod Campbell
Publisher: Campbell Books

This appealing story, in lift-the-flap, board-book format has been a favourite with toddlers ever since it was first published in 1982.

[Gorilla](#)

Author: Anthony Browne
Publisher: Walker Books

Hannah's favourite animals in the whole world are gorillas, but her dad is always too busy to take her to the zoo.

[We're Going on a Bear Hunt](#)

Author: Michael Rosen **Illustrator:** Helen Oxenbury

Publisher: Walker Books

Follow a father and his family as they go out in search of a bear.

[Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy](#)

Author: Lynley Dodd

Publisher: Puffin

This hilarious rhyming story follows Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, as he sets off for a walk in town.

[Not Now, Bernard](#)

Author: David McKee

Publisher: Andersen

The classic tale of Bernard, whose distracted parents fail to notice that their son has been eaten and replaced by a monster.

[Where the Wild Things Are](#)

Author: Maurice Sendak

Publisher: Red Fox

First published in 1963, this classic picture book will fascinate both children and adults, evoking the fierce intensity of childhood.

[The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters](#)

Author: Allan Ahlberg **Illustrator:** Janet Ahlberg

Publisher: Penguin

Brilliantly designed with lots of little details to spot, this old favourite will be enjoyed time and time again.

[I Want My Hat Back](#)

Author: Jon Klassen

Publisher: Walker Books

A bear sets out in search of his hat - he loves his hat and he wants it back.

[The Cat in the Hat](#)

Author: Dr Seuss

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

When Sally and her brother are left alone on a rainy day, they think they are in for a dull time - but then the Cat in the Hat appears.

[Meg and Mog](#)

Author: Helen Nicholl **Illustrator:** Jan Pienkowski
Publisher: Puffin

In this the first story about much-loved characters Meg the witch and Mog her cat, the pair go off to a wild Halloween party with all the other witches.

[Would You Rather...](#)

Author: John Burningham
Publisher: Red Fox

A classic for children, *Would You Rather...* presents an alternative to a traditional story by imagining a mixture of fantastical and real-life choices. It's great for building confidence with little ones about making their own choices for their own reasons.

[Princess Smartypants](#)

Author: Babette Cole
Publisher: Penguin

Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms. But being a rich and pretty princess means that all the princes want her to become their wife.

[I Want My Potty!](#)

Author: Tony Ross
Publisher: Andersen Press

The Little Princess hates nappies, and thinks there must be something better. This is classic picture book entertainment, which will be especially appreciated by any children who are learning to love their potty!

