

Amadee's Storytime Favorites for Interactive Reading

Many of these titles will be available at your local library. Books within each category are listed alphabetically by author. Authors marked with an asterisk (*) have written other titles that fit the same category. Several authors appear in more than one category, but I have not listed individual books more than once.

Favorite singable picture books

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont

Monster Boogie by Laurie Berkner

If You're Happy and You Know It by Jane Cabrera*

She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain by Jonathan Emmett

Hush, Little Baby: A Folk Song with Pictures by Marla Frazee

Bling Blang by Woody Guthrie (2000)

Miss Mary Mack by Mary Ann Hoberman*

Itsy Bitsy Spider by Annie Kubler*

I Love You a Bushel and a Peck by Frank Loesser

Frosty the Snowman by Steve Nelson (2003)

Wheels on the Bus by Raffi*

Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Iza Trapani*

Picture books with rhythm (bonus: many of these rhyme!)

Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker*

Moo, Baa, La La La by Sandra Boynton*

Drum City by Thea Guidone

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Rah, Rah Radishes: A Vegetable Chant by April Pulley Sayre

I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison

Tanka Tanka Skunk! by Steve Webb

Silly Sally by Audrey Wood

Picture books with repeated words or phrases (great for participation!)

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Go Away, Big Green Monster! by Ed Emberley

The Wide-Mouthed Frog: A Pop-Up Book by Keith Faulkner

Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan

My Truck Is Stuck! by Kevin Lewis

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin*

There's a Shark in the Park! by Nick Sharratt

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow? by Susan Shea

Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys & Their Monkey Business by Esphyr Slobodkina

Clip-Clop by Nicola Smee

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams

The Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson*

Hooray for Hat! by Brian Won*

Interactive picture books (bonus: many of these books include movement!)

From Head to Toe by Eric Carle

Wiggle by Doreen Cronin*

Cat Secrets by Jef Czekaj

It's a Tiger! by David LaRochelle

Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson*

Move! by Robin Page

There Are Cats in this Book by Vivian Schwarz*

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles B. Shaw

Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas*

Press Here by Herve Tullet*

Nearly wordless picture books (great for reading with expression!)

Red Sled by Lita Judge*

Moo! by David LaRochelle

Up, Tall and High by Ethan Long

Ah Ha! by Jeff Mack*

Faster! Faster! by Lesie Patricelli*

Yo! Yes? by Chris Raschka

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krause Rosenthal

Banana! by Ed Vere

Favorites for choral reading

Note: In public library settings, "choral reading" assumes that adult participants have copies of the book in hand. In early childhood classrooms, it means that the children repeat the words after the reader, page by page.

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Where's Spot? by Eric Hill

Where Is Baby's Belly Button? by Karen Katz*

Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes by Annie Kubler*

Peek-a-Who? by Nina Laden*

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.

I Kissed the Baby by Mary Murphy

The Baby Goes Beep! by Rebecca O'Connell

Picture book nonfiction (short enough for preK!)

A Nest Is Noisy by Diana Hutts Aston*

Chameleon, Chameleon by Joy Cowley*

Apples for Everyone by Jill Esbaum

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins* (This is not long, but I would only use selected pages.)

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner*

Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell

Plants Feed Me by Lizzie Rockwell*

Shades of People by Shelley Rotner*

Raindrops Roll by April Pulley Sayre*

Little Humans by Brandon Stanton

Series that may be of interest: Let's Read and Find Out Science

National Geographic Readers (watch out for scary subjects)

Picture This series (board books)

Rookie Read-About Science (great except for very small format)

Favorites for social-emotional learning

Hands Are Not for Hitting by Martine Agassi*

I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson

The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

I Like Being Me by Judy Lalli

Just Because I Am / Solo Porque Soy Yo by Lauren Murphy Payne*

Gentle Hands and Other Sing-Along Songs for Social-Emotional Learning by Amadee Ricketts

Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard

Calm-Down Time by Elizabeth Verdick*

My Friend Is Sad by Mo Willems