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


*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 Leslie 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
- *Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes* by Annie Kubler
- *Peek-a-Who?* by Nina Laden
- *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