**Book Suggestions By Grade Level**

**My First: SHARED READING**

Basic language, word repetition, and whimsical illustrations, ideal for sharing with your emergent reader.

The first step to helping children become great readers is reading aloud to them. Books at this level, like Biscuit and Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School, have short compelling stories, and are written with simple vocabulary. Repeated phrases allow young readers to read some words along with their parents. Many of the words are sight words children recognize. Active, engaging stories have appealing plots and loveable characters just for early readers.

Axel the Truck: Beach Race By J. D. Riley

Biscuit and the Little Pup By Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Fancy Nancy's Fantastic Phonics By Jane O'Connor

Huff and Puff and the New Train By Tish Rabe

Little Critter: Going to the Sea Park By Mercer Maye

Mia and the Big Sister Ballet By Robin Farley

Mia and the Girl with a Twirl By Robin Farley

Mittens at School By Lola M. Schaefer

Night Animals by Gianna Marino

Peanut and Pearl's Picnic Adventure By Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Pete the Cat's Super Cool Reading Collection By James Dean

For more My First books click [here](https://www.icanread.com/books/?series=my-first-i-can-read&page_number=1).

**Level 1: BEGINNING READING**

Short sentences, familiar words, and simple concepts for children eager to read on their own.

This level is just right for readers who are beginning to sound out words and sentences. Books on this level, like Danny and the Dinosaur, are written with simple sentences using familiar words. Many of the books at this level are filled with animal characters that have wonderful adventures! The vocabulary is just challenging enough to stay interesting. Children looking for favorite characters at this level will find the Berenstain Bears, Pinkalicious, and more.

Bear’s Big Day by Salina Yoon

Big Cat, Little Cat by Elisha Cooper

Bruce’s Big Move by Ryan Higgins

Chicken in Charge By Adam Lehrhaupt

Danny and the Dinosaur in the Big City By Syd Hoff

Danny and the Dinosaur Mind Their Manners By Syd Hoff

Fancy Nancy: Shoe La La! By Victoria Saxon

Fancy Nancy: Toodle-oo, Miss Moo By Victoria Saxon

Louise and Andie: The Art of Friendship by Kelly Light

Louise Loves Art by Kelly Light

Mighty Truck: Surf’s Up! By Chris Barton

Now by Antoinette Portis

Penny and Her Doll by Kevin Henkes

Pete the Cat Goes Camping By James Dean

Pete the Cat's Trip to the Supermarket By James Dean

Pinkalicious: Fishtastic! By Victoria Kann

Ranger Rick: I Wish I Was a Monarch Butterfly By Jennifer Bové

Raybot by Adam Watkins

Surf’s Up by Kwame Alexander

The Story of Fish and Snail by Deborah Freedman

The Thank You Book by Mo Willems

For more Level 1 books click [here](https://www.icanread.com/books/?series=i-can-read-level-1).

**Level 2: READING WITH HELP**

Engaging stories, longer sentences, and language play for developing readers who still need some help.

Level 2 is for readers who are increasingly confident, but still need some help. Books at this level, like Frog and Toad Are Friends, and Amelia Bedelia titles include more complex story lines, longer sentences, and more challenging words. Mystery and adventure stories, like Plants vs. Zombies; Save Your Brains! and Justice League Classic: I Am the Flash, are included at this level, too.

Bad Seed by Jory John

Ben Franklin Thinks Big By Sheila Keenan

By Mouse and Toad by Deborah Freedman

Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer

First Grade Dropout by Audrey Vernick

Flat Stanley and the Bees By Jeff Brown

Friend Ship by Kat Yeh

Frog and Toad Storybook Favorites By Arnold Lobel

Goatilocks and the Three Bears by Erica S Perl

Guinness World Records: Fun with Food By Christy Webster

Hannah and Sugar by Kate Berube

Helen Keller: The World at Her Fingertips By Sarah Albee

Hotel Bruce by Ryan Higgins

How to Read a Story by Kate Messner

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall

Justice League Reading Collection By Various, Illustrated by Andie Tong

Little Elliot, Big City by Mike Curato

Morris Mole by Dan Yaccarino

Nerdy Birdy Tweets by Aaron Reynolds

Ninja by Arree Chung

Rappy and His Favorite Things By Dan Gutman

Ribbit! by Rodrigo Folgueira

Shoe Dog by Megan McDonald

Splat the Cat and the Lemonade Stand By Rob Scotton

Splat the Cat Gets a Job! By Rob Scotton

The Angry Birds Movie: Meet the Angry Birds By Chris Cerasi

The Midnight Library by Kazuno Kohara

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

What Do You Do With A Problem by Kobi Yamada

What Do You Do With An Idea by Kobi Yamada

Where Are My Books by Debbie Ohi

Yard Sale by Eve Bunting

For more Level 2 books click [here](https://www.icanread.com/books/?series=i-can-read-level-2&page_number=1).

**Level 3: READING ALONE**

Complex plots, challenging vocabulary, and high-interest topics for the independent reader.

Level 3 includes many fun subjects kids love to read about on their own. Historical fiction books, like The Drinking Gourd and Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express, are introduced at this level. Other themes include friendship, adventure, and science. Level 3 books are written for independent readers. They include challenging words and more complex themes and stories.

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty

Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express By Eleanor Coerr

Building Our House by Jonathan Bean Farrar

Clara and the Bookwagon By Nancy Smiler Levinson

Greg's Microscope By Millicent E. Selsam

How to Train a Train by Jason Carter Eaton

If You Plant A Seed by Blake Hoena

Last Stop On Market Street by Matt De La Pena

Minnie and Moo: The Case of the Missing Jelly Donut By Denys Cazet

Peanut Butter and Jellyfish by Jarrett J Krosocska

School’s First Day of School by Adam Rex

Snowshoe Thompson By Nancy Smiler Levinson

The Big Balloon Race By Eleanor Coerr

The Bravest of the Brave by Shutta Crum

The Day the Crayon Came Home by Drew Daywalt

The Long Way to a New Land By Joan Sandin

The Outside Dog By Charlotte Pomerantz

The Smallest Cow in the World By Katherine Paterson

Weather By Lee Bennett Hopkins

When Charlie McButton Lost Power by Suzanne Collins

For more Level 3 books click [here](https://www.icanread.com/books/?series=i-can-read-level-3&page_number=1).

**Level 4: ADVANCED READING**

Short paragraphs, chapters, and exciting themes for the perfect bridge to chapter books.

Level 4 books are for children who are well on the road to becoming book lovers and are fully independent readers. This level features more historical fiction titles, like Dinosaur Hunter and First Flight, as well as books about adventure and suspense. The stories are the most advanced of all the I Can Read! levels.

100 Unforgettable Moments in Pro Baseball by Bob Italia

Air and Water Pressure By Richard Spilsbury

Air Rescue Teams By Michael Green

After The Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up by Dan Santat

Ballerina Dreams By Elaine DePrince & Michaela DePrince

Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares By Frank Murphy

Dear Emma By Johanna Hurwitz

Deep Sea Extremes By Natalie Hyde

Dinosaur Hunter By Elaine Marie Alphin

Double-Team! (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles) By Christy Webster

Finding Providence By Avi

First Flight By George Shea

Hungry Plants By Mary Batten

Kindergarten Luck by Louise Borden

Life in Colonial America By Linda Wade

Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins

One Word From Sophia by Jim Averbeck

Otis and the Puppy by Loren Long

Porky and Bess By Ellen Weiss

Prairie School By Avi

The Animal Rescue Club By John Himmelman

The Lifecycle of Mammals By Susan Gray

The Numberlys by William Joyce

Wherever You Go by Pat Miller

For more Level 4 books click [here](http://www.stepintoreading.com/step-4).

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