

# Top 100 Children's Books

This list of children's books is based on an online survey of teachers conducted by the National Education Association in the spring of 1999. The age range for each book will help you choose books that are appropriate for your children. You can find most of the books on this list at your local library or bookstore.

1. **Charlotte's Web** by E. B. White (9-12 years)
2. **The Polar Express** by Chris Van Allsburg (4-8 years)
3. **Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss (4-8 years)
4. **The Cat in the Hat** by Dr. Seuss (4-8 years)
5. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak (4-8 years)
6. **Love You Forever** by Robert N. Munsch (4-8 years)
7. **The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein (All ages)
8. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle (Baby-Preschool)
9. **Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls (Young Adult)
10. **The Mitten** by Jan Brett (4-8 years)
11. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown (Baby-Preschool)
12. **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen (9-12 years)
13. **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C. S. Lewis (9-12 years)
14. **Where the Sidewalk Ends: the Poems and Drawing of Shel Silverstein** by Shel Silverstein (All ages)
15. **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson (9-12 years)
16. **Stellaluna** by Janell Cannon (4-8 years)
17. **Oh, The Places You'll Go** by Dr. Seuss (4-8 years)
18. **Strega Nona** by Tomie De Paola (4-8 years)
19. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** by Judith Viorst (4-8 years)
20. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?** by Bill Martin, Jr. (Baby-Preschool)
21. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl (9-12 years)
22. **The Velveteen Rabbit** by Margery Williams (4-8 years)
23. **A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle (9-12 years)
24. **Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (9-12 years)
25. **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** by Dr. Seuss (4-8 years)
26. **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka (4-8 years)
27. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by John Archambault (4-8 years)
28. **Little House on the Prairie** by Laura Ingalls Wilder (9-12 years)
29. **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett (9-12 years)
30. **The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh** by A. A. Milne (4-8 years)
31. **The Boxcar Children** by Gertrude Chandler Warner (9-12 years)
32. **Sarah, Plain and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan (9-12 years)
33. **Indian in the Cupboard** by Lynne Reid Banks (9-12 years)
34. **Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O'Dell (9-12 years)
35. **Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli (9-12 years)
36. **The BFG** by Roald Dahl (9-12 years)
37. **The Giver** by Lois Lowry (9-12 years)
38. **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Joffe Numeroff (4-8 years)

39. **James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story** by Roald Dahl (9-12 years)
40. **Little House in the Big Woods** by Laura Ingalls Wilder (9-12 years)
41. **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** by Mildred D. Taylor (9-12 years)
42. **The Hobbit** by J. R. R. Tolkien (Young Adult)
43. **The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss (4-8 years)
44. **Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner (9-12 years)
45. **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry (9-12 years)
46. **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh** by Robert C. O'Brien (9-12 years)
47. **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott (All ages)
48. **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister (Baby-Preschool)
49. **Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman (4-8 years)
50. **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** by Barbara Robinson (9-12 years)
51. **Corduroy** by Don Freeman (Baby-Preschool)
52. **Jumanji** by Chris Van Allsburg (4-8 years)
53. **Math Curse** by Jon Scieszka (4-8 years)
54. **Matilda** by Roald Dahl (9-12 years)
55. **Summer of the Monkeys** by Wilson Rawls (Young Adult)
56. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume (9-12 years)
57. **Ramona Quimby, Age 8** by Beverly Cleary (9-12 years)
58. **The Trumpet of the Swan** by E. B. White (9-12 years)
59. **Are You My Mother?** by Philip D. Eastman (4-8 years)
60. **The Chronicles of Narnia** by C. S. Lewis (9-12 years)
61. **Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McCloskey (4-8 years)
62. **One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish** by Dr. Seuss (4-8 years)
63. **The Phantom Tollbooth** by Norton Juster (9-12 years)
64. **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats (Baby-Preschool)
65. **The Napping House** by Audrey Wood (4-8 years)
66. **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** by William Steig (4-8 years)
67. **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** by Beatrix Potter (4-8 years)
68. **Tuck Everlasting** by Natalie Babbitt (9-12 years)
69. **The Wizard of Oz** by L. Frank Baum (All ages)
70. **Anne of Green Gables** by Lucy Maud Montgomery (9-12 years)
71. **Horton Hatches the Egg** by Dr. Seuss (4-8 years)
72. **Basil of Baker Street**, by Eve Titus (4-8 years)
73. **The Little Engine That Could** by Watty Piper (4-8 years)
74. **The Cay** by Theodore Taylor (Young Adult)
75. **Curious George** by Hans Augusto Rey (4-8 years)
76. **Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge** by Mem Fox (4-8 years)
77. **Arthur (series)** by Marc Tolon Brown (4-8 years)
78. **The Great Gilly Hopkins** by Katherine Paterson (9-12 years)
79. **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse** by Kevin Henkes (4-8 years)
80. **Little House** books by Laura Ingalls Wilder (9-12 years)
81. **The Little House** by Virginia Lee Burton (4-8 years)
82. **The Runaway Bunny** by Margaret Wise Brown (Baby-Preschool)
83. **Sideways Stories from Wayside School** by Louis Sachar (9-12 years)
84. **Amelia Bedelia** by Peggy Parish (4-8 years)
85. **Harriet the Spy** by Louise Fitzhugh (9-12 years)
86. **A Light in the Attic** by Shel Silverstein (9-12 years)
87. **Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater (9-12 years)

88. **My Father's Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett **(9-12 years)**
89. **Stuart Little** by E. B. White **(9-12 years)**
90. **Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech **(9-12 years)**
91. **The Witch of Blackbird Pond** by Elizabeth George Speare **(9-12 years)**
92. **The Art Lesson** by Tomie De Paola **(4-8 years)**
93. **Caps for Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina **(4-8 years)**
94. **Clifford, the Big Red Dog** by Norman Bridwell **(4-8 years)**
95. **Heidi** by Johanna Spyri (All ages)
96. **Horton Hears a Who** by Dr. Seuss **(4-8 years)**
97. **The Sign of the Beaver** by Elizabeth George Speare **(Young Adult)**
98. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963** by Christopher Paul Curtis **(9-12 years)**
99. **Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney **(Baby-Preschool)**
100. **The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert N. Munsch **(4-8 years)**