

"Bear-y" Good
Books & More for
5-year-olds



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Choosing Books for 5-year-olds

Five-year-olds enjoy many of the same books that four-year-olds do. But, because they have more life experiences, they can handle books that deal with a wider range of topics and situations. They will sit still for both realism and fantasy, but may need some help in distinguishing between the two. Simple nonfiction books are excellent for this age group because they are becoming more and more curious about things around them, especially their own bodies and how they work.

Great Books about Reading

- Hearne, Betsy *Choosing Books for Children: A Commonsense Guide* (JP/T 011.62 Hea)
- Carlson, Ann D. *The Preschooler and the Library* (JRef 027.625 Car)
- Odean, Kathleen *Great Books for Babies and Toddlers* (JP/T 028.162 Ode)
- Hall, Susan *Straight Talk About Reading* (JP/T 372.41 Hal)
- Trelease, Jim *The Read-Aloud Handbook* (JP/T 372.64 Tre)
- Fox, Mem *Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever* (JP/T 649.58 Fox)



Tips for Reading to 5-year-olds

Continue to:

- Read to your child every day and make sure he or she sees you reading. Even though your child is older and may be more involved in activities such as soccer or preschool, continue to read aloud to him or her. Be flexible—you can make waiting in the doctor's office or car trips a perfect time to pull out a book and share it.
- Encourage your child to talk about the cover, the endpapers, the illustrations, and/or the story in a book. Encourage him or her by asking interesting questions.

This is also the time when you can start playing some pre-reading games:

- By this time, children will be able to identify at least some of the letters of the alphabet and may even know the sounds that go with them. Ask your child what sound the word "bus" starts with. Then ask him or her to think of other words that start with the "buh" sound, such as box, bath, etc.
- Say words slowly, with a pause between syllables, e.g. "ti—ger." Then have your child guess the word.
- Say a compound word such as "cowboy" and ask your child what is left if you take away "cow."
- Make up silly words by changing the first sound in a word, e.g. milk, nilk, pilk, rilk, silk.
- Have children draw pictures and then dictate a sentence or two about that picture. Write down what your child says. Your child will begin to think of himself or herself as a writer.



A New Baby is coming to Our House

Harris, Robie *Hi, New Baby!* (J E Har)

Hoban, Russell *A Baby Sister for Frances* (J E Hob)

McClelland, Julia *This Baby* (J E McC)

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie *Mama Elizabeti* (J E Stu)

Cole, Joanna *The New Baby at Your House*
(J 155.422 Col)

Murkoff, Heidi *What to Expect When the New Baby Comes Home* (J 306.875 Mur)

Heiligman, Deborah .. *Babies: All You Need to Know*
(J 612.65 Hei)

Rosenberg, Maxine ... *Mommy's In the Hospital Having a Baby*
(J 618.4 Ros)

Good Books for 5-year-olds



Armour, Peter *Stop That Pickle* (J E Arm)
Bemelmans, Ludwig .. *Madeline* (J E Bem)
Bishop, Chris *The Five Chinese Brothers* (J E Bis)
Brett, Jan *The Gingerbread Baby* (J E Bre)
Brown, Marc *Any of the Arthur books* (J E Bro)
Child, Lauren *I Will Never, Not Ever Eat a Tomato*
(J E Chi)
Cronin, Doreen *Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type*
(J E Cro)
DeBeer, Hans *Little Polar Bear* (J E DeB)
DePaola, Tomie *Strega Nona Meets Her Match* (J E DeP)
Falconer, Ian *Olivia* (J E Fal)
Flack, Majorie *The Story About Ping* (J E Fla)
Gray, Kes *Eat Your Peas* (J E Gra)
Harper, Dan *Sit, Truman* (J E Har)
Henkes, Kevin *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* (J E Hen)
Hoban, Russell *Bread and Jam for Frances* (J E Hob)
Hoffman, Mary *Amazing Grace* (J E Hof)
Ireland, Karin *Don't Take Your Snake for a Stroll*
(J E Ire)
Isadora, Rachel *Over the Green Hills* (J E Isa)
Kasza, Keiko *The Wolf's Chicken Stew* (J E Kas)
Kirk, David *Miss Spider's Tea Party* (J E Kir)
Leaf, Munro *The Story of Ferdinand* (J E Lea)
Lionni, Leo *An Extraordinary Egg* (J E Lio)
London, Jonathan *Froggy Gets Dressed* (J E Lon)
Mahy, Margaret *The Boy Who Was Followed Home*
(J E Mah)
Marshall, James *George and Martha* (J E Mar)

McCloskey, Robert ... *Blueberries for Sal* (J E McC)
McCully, Emily *Mirette on the High Wire* (J E McC)
McPhail, David *Edward and the Pirates* (J E McP)
Munsch, Robert *Mortimer* (J E Mun)
O'Brien, John *Poof!* (J E O'Br)
Peet, Bill *Pamela Camel* (J E Pee)
Polacco, Patricia *Chicken Sunday* (J E Pol)
Rathmann, Peggy *Officer Buckle and Gloria* (J E Rat)
Root, Phyllis *Rattletrap Car* (J E Roo)
Schick, Eleanor *My Navajo Sister* (J E Sch)
Schneider, Christine .. *Picky Mrs. Pickle* (J E Sch)
Soto, Gary *Snapshots from the Wedding* (J E Sot)
Stanley, Diane *Saving Sweetness* (J E Sta)
Steig, William *Brave Irene* (J E Ste)
Tolhurst, Marilyn *Somebody and the Three Blairs* (J E Tol)
Van Allsburg, Chris ... *The Polar Express* (J E Van)
Waber, Bernard *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* (J E Wab)
Waber, Bernard *Ira Sleeps Over* (J E Wab)

Fairy Tales and Folktales



- Galdone, Paul *The Monkey and the Crocodile*
(J 398.2 Gal)
- Kimmel, Eric *Anansi Goes Fishing* (J 398.2 Kim)
- Brett, Jan *Beauty and the Beast* (J 398.21 Bre)
- Perrault, Charles *Cinderella* (J 398.21 Per)
- San Souci, Robert *The Talking Eggs* (J 398.21 San)
- Temple, Frances *Tiger Soup: An Anansi Story from
Jamaica* (J 398.2452 Tem)
- Brill, Marlene *Tooth Tales from Around the World*
(J 398.353 Bri)

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