

50 Modern Classic Picture Books

These stand out books - published since the year 2000 - are destined to become classics. These titles are shelved in the Picture Book section by the first three letters of the author's last name unless otherwise noted.

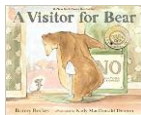
Beaumont, Karen. [I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!](#) (E BEA) 2005

In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.



Becker, Aaron. [Journey.](#) (E BEC) 2013

Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor.



Becker, Bonny. [A Visitor for Bear.](#) (E BEC) 2008

Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

Boynton, Sandra. [Dinosaur Dance!](#) (Board Book: BB BOY) 2016

Join Boynton's lively prehistoric bunch as they get everyone's tails shaking for a feet-stomping good time!

Boynton, Sandra. [Happy Hippo, Angry Duck: A Book of Moods.](#) (Board Book: BB BOY) 2011

Animals exemplify a wide range of emotions in this story about different feelings.



Cousins, Lucy. [Peck, Peck, Peck.](#) (E COU) 2013

Pecking his way through the door of a house, an intrepid little woodpecker busily raps on a rhyming sequence of indoor objects, from a hat and a mat and a racket and jacket to a teddy bear and a book called Jane Eyre.

Cronin, Doreen. [Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type.](#) (E CRO) 2000

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.

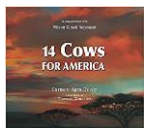
Daywalt, [The Day the Crayons Came Home.](#) (E DAY) 2015

One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.



Daywalt, [The Day the Crayons Quit.](#) (E DAY) 2013

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.



Deedy, Carmen Agra. [14 Cows for America.](#) (Juvenile Nonfiction: J 327.14 DEE) 2009

Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11th attacks from a young Maasai, who was in New York on that day, decide to present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift.

Dewdney, Anna. [Llama Llama, Red Pajama.](#) (E DEW) 2005

At bedtime, a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.

Emberley, Ed. [Go Away, Big Green Monster!](#) (E EMB) 2005

Die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed are designed to help a child control nighttime fears of monsters.

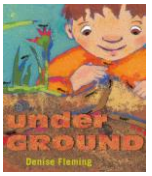
Falconer, Ian. [Olivia.](#) (E FAL) 2000

Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.



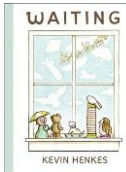
Fleming, Denise. [Underground](#). (E FLE) 2012

Pulp paintings and rhyming text spotlight the underground world of burrowing, tunneling, and digging animals.



Fox, Mem. [Where is the Green Sheep?](#) (E FOX) 2004

A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.



Henkes, Kevin. [Kitten's First Full Moon](#). (E HEN) 2004

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Henkes, Kevin. [Waiting](#). (E HEN) 2015

Five friends sit happily on a windowsill, waiting for something amazing to happen.

Hort, Lenny. [The Seals on the Bus](#). (E HOR) 2000

Different animals--including seals, tigers, geese, rabbits, monkeys, and more--make their own sounds as they ride all around the town on a bus.

Hutchins, Pat. [Where, Oh Where, is Rosie's Chick](#). (E HUT) 2016

Rosie's chick is hatched and she is trying to find it, but the chick is following Rosie.



Jeffers, Oliver. [Stuck](#). (E JEF) 2011

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.

Kann, Victoria. [Pinkalicious](#). (E KAH) 2006

A little girl who is obsessed with the color pink eats so many pink cupcakes that she herself turns pink.



Klassen, Jon. [I Want My Hat Back](#). (E KLA) 2011

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

Litwin, Eric. [The Nuts: Bedtime at the Nuts House](#). (E LIT) 2014

Mama Nut says it's bedtime, but Hazel Nut and Wally Nut just aren't quite ready to stop the fun and go to bed.

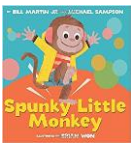


Litwin, Eric. [Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes](#). (E PET) 2008

As he walks down the street, Pete the cat sings about his brand new white shoes as they change from red to blue to brown to wet.

Martin Jr, Bill. [Spunky Little Monkey](#). (E MAR) 2017

Little monkey will not get out of bed, so the doctor prescribes some exercise, and monkey learns to dance.



McMullan, Kate & Jim. [I Stink!](#) (Easy Reader: ER MCM) 2002

A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.

Muth, Jon. [Zen Shorts](#). (E MUT) 2005

When Stillwater the bear moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways.

Novak, B. J. [The Book With No Pictures](#). (E NOV) 2014

In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.



O'Connor, Jane. [Fancy Nancy](#). (E OCO) 2006

A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night.

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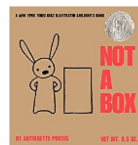
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Pinkney, Jerry. [The Lion and the Mouse](#). (E PIN) 2009

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.



Portis, Antoinette. [Not a Box](#). (E POR) 2007

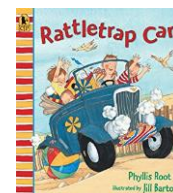
To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.

Rinker, Sherri Duskey. [Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site](#). (E RIN) 2011

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Root, Phyllis. [Rattletrap Car](#). (E ROO) 2001

Various disasters threaten to stop Poppa and the children from getting to the lake in their rattletrap car, but they manage to come up with an ingenious solution to each problem.



Rubin, Adam. [Those Darn Squirrels!](#) (E RUB) 2008

When grumpy Old Man Fookwire builds feeders to try to keep birds--the only creatures he likes--from leaving for the winter, he finds himself in a battle with clever, crafty squirrels who want a share of the abundant food.

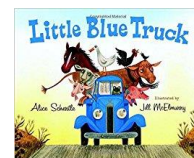


Schachner, Judy. [Skippyjon Jones](#). (E SCH) 2003

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese cat with an overactive imagination who would rather be El Skippito, his Zorro-like alter ego.

Schertle, Alice. [Little Blue Truck](#). (Board Book: BB SCH) 2008

A small blue truck finds his way out of a jam, with a little help from his friends.



Seuss, Dr. [Come Over To My House](#). (Easy Reader: ER SEU) 2016

A child realizes that while houses around the world may be very different, they are all alike when a friend asks you in.

Shannon, David. [Duck on a Bike](#). (E SHA) 2002

A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.

Stead, Philip C. [A Sick Day for Amos McGee](#). (E STE) 2010

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros, and the owl. But one day--'Ah-choo!'--he woke with the sniffles and the sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests.



Thomas, Jan. [Rhyming Dust Bunnies](#). (E THO) 2009

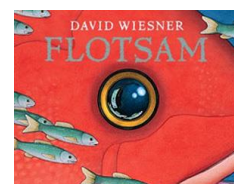
As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.

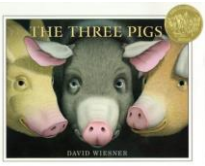
Tullet, Hervé. [Press Here](#). (E TUL) 2010

Instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to create imaginative images.

Wiesner, David. [Flotsam](#). (E WIE) 2006

A bright boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam--anything floating that has washed ashore. While there, he discovers a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera with its own secrets to share.





Wiesner, David. [Three Pigs](#). (E WIE) 2001

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

Wilcox, Leah. [Falling for Rapunzel](#). (E WIL) 2003

A prince tries to get Rapunzel to throw down her hair so he can rescue her, but she mishears him and throws down random objects from her room instead.



Willems, Mo. [Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!](#) (E WIL) 2003

When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place.



Willems, Mo. [There is a Bird on Your Head!](#) (E WIL) 2007

Gerald the elephant discovers that there is something worse than a bird on your head-- two birds on your head! Piggie will try to help her best friend.

Willems, Mo. [We Are in a Book!](#) (E WIL) 2010

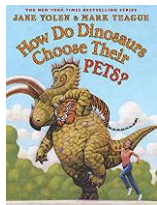
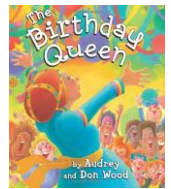
Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends?

Wilson, Karma. [Bear Snores On](#). (E WIL) 2001

On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.

Wood, Don & Audrey. [The Birthday Queen](#). (E WOO) 2013

The Birthday Queen is busy in the Birthday Palace, making everything perfect for your birthday, and it will be the best birthday party ever.



Yolen, Jane. [How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets?](#) (E YOL) 2017

At first, the dinosaurs try to bring home all manner of wild beasts, but in the end, they learn to bring home an appropriate animal from a shelter or pet store and to love and care for it with attention.