

# PICTURE BOOKS

**Buzzeo, Toni.** *One Cool Friend*  
Elliot, a very proper young man, feels a kinship with the penguins at the aquarium and wants to take one home with him.

**Fleming, Candace.**  
*Clever Jack Takes the Cake*  
A poor boy named Jack struggles to deliver a birthday present worthy of the princess.

**Gravett, Emily.** *Spells*  
Finding an old book of spells with torn pages, a little frog tries to match missing pieces to find the one that will make him a handsome prince, but he quickly discovers that trial-and-error is not a good idea when performing magic.

**Grey, Mini.**  
*Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey*  
Traction Man, the action figure, and his sidekick, Scrubbing Brush, share dangerous adventures at the beach.

**Jenkins, Steve.** *My First Day*  
Explore some of the fascinating things that animals do on their first day.

**McMillian, Bruce.**  
*The Problem with Chickens*  
When women in an Icelandic village buy chickens to lay eggs for them to use, the chickens follow them, adopting human ways and forgetting their barnyard roots, until the ladies hatch a clever plan.

**Reynolds, Aaron.** *Creepy Carrots*  
The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around and Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.

**Rocco, Jon.** *Blackout.*  
When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.

**Rosenthal, Amy Krouse.**  
*Exclamation Mark*  
An exciting tale of self-discovery. In this bold and highly visual book, an emphatic but misplaced exclamation point learns that being different can be very exciting! Period.

**Scieszka, Jon.** *Cowboy and Octopus*  
Cowboy and Octopus maintain their friendship despite different opinions about things like beans and knock-knock jokes.

**Scotton, Rob.** *Love, Splat*  
Splat notices that his favorite wooden ducks keep going missing—can Secret Agent Splat solve the mystery?

**Stein, David.** *Interrupting Chicken*  
Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her A bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

**Slate, Jenny.** *Marcel the Shell*  
Marcel is a creature with one eye and pink shoes and he lives in a shell. Detailed paintings illustrate the scenes as he describes his day around the house. Follow Marcel the Shell as he introduces his neighbors, favorite activities, and home.

**Smith, Lane.**  
*Grandpa Green*  
A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden.

**Willems, Mo.**  
*Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*  
A retelling of the classic fairy tale with a BIG twist.

# EASY READERS

Starting to read on your own? Try one of these! **Easy Reader series:**

*Adler, David Young Cam Jansen*  
*Brown, Marc. Arthur and Buster*  
*Rylant, Cynthia. Annie and Snowball*  
*Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge*  
**Various Authors.** *Martha Speaks*

# FICTION

Try one of these beginning chapter book **series:**

**Abbott, Tony.** *Secrets of Droon*  
After entering the tiny room underneath the stairs, three friends find themselves in a magic world of shiny red men and flying lizards, and they are soon forced to face great challenges in order to survive and make their way back home.

**DiCamillo, Kate.** *Mercy Watson*  
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

**McMullan, Kate.**  
*Dragonslayers Academy*  
Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.

**Osborne, Mary Pope.** *Magic Tree House*  
Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse. Each book in the series takes them to different places.

**Look, Leonard.** *Ruby Lu*  
After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

**Krosoczka, Jarrett.** *Lunch Lady and the League of Librarians* (741.5 Krosoczka)  
The school lunch lady, a secret crime fighter, sets out to stop a group of librarians bent on destroying a shipment of video games, while a group of students known as the Breakfast Bunch provides back-up. First in series.

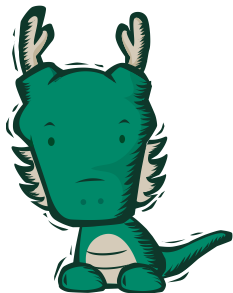
**Nursery Rhyme Comics** (741.5 Nursery)  
Presents fifty traditional nursery rhymes in comic book format, with illustrations by well-known cartoonists.

**Toon Books - Various Authors** (741.5)

## NON-FICTION

**George, Kristine O'Connell.**  
*Emma Dilemma* (811 George)  
Emma is Jess's little sister ... and her dilemma. How can one small girl be sweet, funny, playful, and affectionate as well as a clinging vine, tattletale, and nuisance all at the same time? Why is Jess supposed to be a good big sister while Emma doesn't have to be a good little sister?

**King, Martin Luther, Jr.** *I Have a Dream*  
(323.092 King)  
An illustrated edition of Martin Luther King's famous "I have a dream" speech.



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