

Ways to choose a book



Books can be found at all reading levels. A book can be read to, with, or by a child.



Children need to know how to determine which of these ways is the most appropriate for the chosen book.

The easiest way to choose a book the child can read by himself is to use the **five finger rule**. The child chooses any page from the book and reads it. For every word that he cannot read, the child puts up one finger. If by the end of that page the child has all five fingers up, the book is too difficult to read. It would be a better choice to have the book read to him/her, or with someone.



Suggested 1st Grade Book List

Anna shares. Baker, Barbara.

When Justin comes to play with Anna, her mother tries to teach her how to share.

Big brown bear. McPhail, David.

A big brown bear turns blue with paint when a little bear accidentally knocks over his ladder with her baseball bat.

Diary of a spider. Cronin, Doreen.

A young spider discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs, and avoid vacuum cleaners.

Froggy plays in the band. London, Jonathan.

Froggy's marching band practices for their debut at the Apple Blossom Parade, hoping to win the big prize.

I like myself! Beaumont, Karen.

In rhyming text, a child expresses her self-esteem and exults in her unique identity.

I lost my tooth! Wilhelm, Hans.

When puppy's tooth comes out and he loses it, he figures out a way to get treats from the Tooth Fairy anyway.

If you give a mouse a cookie. Numeroff, Laura Joffe.

Relating the cycle of request a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

Koala Lou. Fox, Mem.

A young Koala, longing to hear her mother speak to her as she did before other children came along, plans to win her distracted parents attention.

The magic beans. Hillert, Margaret.

A retelling of Jack and the beanstalk story in simple language.

The mixed-up chameleon. Carle, Eric.

A bored chameleon wishes he could be more like all the other animals it sees, but soon decides it would rather just be itself.

Move over rover. Beaumont, Karen.

When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his dog house all to himself but finds that various other animals, including a skink, comes to join him.

My apron. Carle, Eric.

After his aunt makes him an apron just like his uncle's, a young boy helps him plaster the chimney.

Nate the great. Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman

Nate the great solves the mystery of the missing photo.

Tiny goes to the library. Meister, Cari.

Tiny the dog is a big help at the library when his owner checks out too many books to carry home.

Too many frogs. Asher, Sandy.

Rabbits comfortable nightly routine is disturbed by exuberant Froggie, who settles in for a snack, and a story without being invited.

If these specific titles cannot be found, any book read is fine.