

Easiest Books for Emergent Readers

Learning to read is an exciting and sometimes daunting process. Following is a sample of some of the simplest books for beginning readers. They contain simple vocabulary, few words per page, visual clues, and large text to help young readers decode the words. Remember that it is still very important to read a variety of books aloud to your child during this exciting period in their young lives to ensure that their love of well-written stories is not lost in their struggle to decode words. The following titles are shelved by the first three letters of the author's last name in the easy reader section unless otherwise noted. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Benjamin, Cynthia. **Footprints in the Sand**. (ER BEN)

Pictures and simple text depict desert animals and the tracks they leave in the sand as they rush to their homes.

Capucilli, Alyssa. **Biscuit**. (ER CAP)

A little yellow dog wants ever one more thing before he'll go to sleep.

Capucilli, Alyssa. **Biscuit Plays Ball**. (ER CAP)

Biscuit is excited to be at the ball game, but no dogs are allowed to play. Can the determined puppy find a way to join in the fun?

Colorful Days. (ER COL)

Explores a variety of colors seen in the different seasons from winter through spring and summer to fall.

Godwin, Laura. **Happy and Honey**. (ER GOD)

Honey the cat is determined to play with Happy the dog, even though he is trying to sleep.

Hall, Kirsten. **At the Carnival**. (ER HAL)

A boy's mother reminds him to stay close as they enjoy the rides at a carnival. Includes related vocabulary activities.

Herman, Gail. **There Is a Town**. (ER HER)

Illustrations and simple text draw the reader into a family celebration at which a girl receives a dollhouse in which a birthday party is also going on.

Holub, Joan. **Scat, Cats!**. (ER HOL)

Cats cause so much trouble in a house that they are shoed away--and then missed!

Hood, Susan. **Pup and Hound**. (ER HOO)

Hound discovers Pup curled on the ground in need of dinner. Will Hound find a way to make his new friend feel better?

Hope, Laura Lee. **Freddie and Flossie**. (ER HOP)

Twins Freddie and Flossie play at having a store and at being firefighters.

Kalish, Muriel. **Bears on the Stairs: A Beginner's Book of Rhymes**. (ER KAL)

Presents easy-to-read rhymes on foldout pages.

Krensky, Stephen. **Trucks**. (ER KRE)

A simple text describes various trucks at work.

Long, Ethan. **Up, Tall, and High!**. (Picture Books—E LON)

Through illustrations and simple text, birds demonstrate the meanings of the words up, tall, and high.

Maccarone, Grace. **Pizza Party**. (ER MAC)

A group of children have fun making a pizza.

McPhail, David. **Dot and Bob**. (ER MCP)

When Dot's mother begins to plant a tree, Bob the dog decides to help.

Medearis, Angela Shelf. **We Play on a Rainy Day**. (ER MED)

Children pout when the rain begins, but, soon, properly dressed, they enjoy playing outdoors in the rain.

Milgrim, David. **Swing, Otto, Swing!**. (ER MIL)

When Otto has trouble learning to swing on vines like his monkey friends, he decides to make his own swing set instead.

Neuman, Susan B. **Swing Sloth: Explore the Rain Forest**. (ER Non-fiction 577.34 NEU)

Come along on an adventure through the rain forest. Along the way, you'll meet new friends big and small, see amazing sights, and learn all about the creatures that make their home in the rain forest.

Portis, Antoinette. **Not a Box**. (Picture Books—POR)

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

Rex, Michael. **Where Can Bunny Paint?**. (ER REX)

After several failed attempts, Bunny finally gets to paint something.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Puppy Mudge Has a Snack**. (ER RYL)

When Henry has a snack, his puppy wants one too.

Seuss, Dr. **The Foot Book**. (ER SEU)

From left feet to right feet and wet feet to dry feet, there are so many feet to meet. *The Foot Book* will have young readers eager to step into the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss.

Wilhelm, Hans. **I Love Rainy Days**. (ER WIL)

Noodles the dog finds many ways to have fun when rain keeps him indoors all day.

Wilhelm, Hans. **I Love Snow!**. (ER WIL)

A dog finds lots of fun things to do in the snow.

Ziefert, Harriet. **Street Music**. (ER ZIE)

Rhyming text reveals the rhythms of a city street and how they sound like music.