

Books for Beginning Readers **Compiled by Barbara Campbell – March 2013**

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Most of the fiction books for early readers are found in the Beginning Readers Section, (first two ranges of shelves in the ERL). A catalog search for “Beginning Reader” *<as a phrase>* will generate a list of all of the books in this location, plus a few strays. But there will also be easy-to-read and leveled titles intermingled in other areas of the collection, particularly if they are non-fiction. Beginning Readers are typically published with some sort of leveling scheme and will have controlled vocabulary. Level 1 or Pre-K books for emergent readers will often have only one word or short sentence per page along with the supporting illustration. As the levels go up, the complexity of the vocabulary and number of words per page/per book will increase. Books can range from just a few words per page up to several paragraphs. The number of sight words used, repetition, and predictability also varies.

Publishers’ Series for the Very Beginning (Emergent) Reader

(Books from specific series can be found by typing in the series title listed below in a “title” search *as a phrase*. If given by the publisher, the level or “step” of the book is also listed in our catalog record, and can be added to your search. These series offer very low levels, suitable for emergent readers.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brand New Readers (Candlewick) • Kids Can Read (Kids Can Press) • I Like to Read (Holiday House) • My Readers (Macmillan) • My First I Can Read (HarperCollins) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My First Reader (Children’s Press) • Scholastic Readers (Scholastic) • Step Into Reading (Random House) • Toon Into Reading (Toon) <i>graphic/comic</i> |
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More Publishers’ Series for Beginning Readers (Varying Skill Levels)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alladin Ready to Read • All Aboard Reading • Bank Street Ready-to-Read • Brand New Readers • Dial Easy to Read • Dutton Easy Reader • Green Light (Harcourt) • Hello Reader (Scholastic) • I Can Read (HarperCollins) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Can Read • Puffin Easy to Read • Ready to Read (Simon Spotlight_ • Scholastic Readers • TFK (Time For Kids - <i>nonfiction</i>) • Toon Into Reading <i>graphic/comic format</i> • Viking Easy to Read • Viking Hello Reading |
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Authors’ Series for Beginning Readers (Varying Skill Levels)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adler, David A. <i>Young Cam Jansen</i> • Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. <i>Biscuit</i>. • Cazet, Denys. <i>Minnie and Moo</i>. • Cosby, Bill. <i>Little Bill</i>. • Cousins, Lucy. <i>Maisy</i>. • Dunrea, Olivier. <i>BooBoo</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Gossie and Gertie</i> ○ <i>Ollie</i> ○ <i>Peedee</i>. • Giff, Patricia Riley. <i>Ronald Morgan</i> • Guest, Elissa Haden. <i>Iris and Walter</i> • Hest, Amy. <i>Sam Books</i> • Howe, James. <i>Pinky and Rex</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Houndsley and Catina</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krensky, Stephen. <i>Lionel</i> • Lobel, Arnold. <i>Frog and Toad</i> • Marshall, Edward/James. <i>Fox</i> • Mills, Claudia. <i>Gus and Grandpa</i> • Parish, Peggy. <i>Amelia Bedelia</i> • Porte, Barbara. <i>Harry</i> • Rylant, Cynthia. <i>Brownie and Pearl</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Henry and Mudge</i>. ○ <i>High Rise Private Eyes</i>. ○ <i>Mr. Putter and Tabby</i>. ○ <i>Poppleton</i> • Sharmat, Marjorie. <i>Nate the Great</i> • Van Leeuwen, Jean. <i>Amanda and Oliver</i> • Wells, Rosemary. <i>Yoko & Friends</i> |
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- Willems, Mo. *Elephant and Piggy*

Selected Individual Titles for *Very Beginning (Emergent) Readers*

E/ALB	Alborough, Jez. YES. Candlewick, 2006.
E/BER	Berger, Carin. OK, GO. Greenwillow, 2009.
E/BRW	Browne, Anthony. I LIKE BOOKS. Random House, 1988.
E/BUC	Buck, Nola. SID AND SAM. Ill. G. Brian Karas. HarperTrophy, 1996.
E/CAM	Campoy, F. Isabel. GET UP. RICK1 Ill. Bernard Adnet. Harcourt, 2007.
E/FAK	Falwell, Cathryn. WE HAVE A BABY. Clarion, 1993.
E/FLE	Fleming, Denise. IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS. Holt, 1991.
E/GIN	Ginsburg, Mirra. ASLEEP, ASLEEP. Ill. Nancy Tafuri. Greenwillow, 1992.
E/HUT	Hutchins, Pat. ROSIE'S WALK. Macmillan, 1967.
E/McM	McMillan, Bruce. MOUSE VIEWS: WHAT THE CLASS PET SAW. Holiday House, 1993.
E/MIL	Milgrim, David. SEE OTTO. Atheneum, 2002.
E/LEE	Lee, Spike and Tonya Lewis Lee. PLEASE, PUPPY, PLEASE. Ill. Kadir Nelson. Simon and Schuster, 2009.
E/RAS	Raschka, Chris. YO? YES! Orchard, 1993.
E/RAT	Rathmann, Peggy. GOOD NIGHT, GORILLA. Putnam, 1994.
E/SAL	Saltzberg, Barney. I LOVE CATS. Candlewick, 2005.
E/SEE	Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. WHAT IF? Roaring Brook, 2010.
E/SHA	Shannon, David. NO, DAVID. Blue Sky, 1998.
E/SHA	Shaw, Charles. IT LOOKED LIKE SPILT MILK. HarperCollins, 1947.
E/TAF	Tafuri, Nancy. WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND? Scholastic, 2000.
W/WAR	Ward, Cindy. COOKIE'S WEEK. Ill. Tomie dePaola. Putnam, 1988.
E/WIL	Wildsmith, Brian. WAKE UP, WAKE UP! Harcourt, 1996.
E/WIL	Willem, Mo. CAT THE CAT, WHO IS THAT? Balzer & Bray, 2010.

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E/AYL	Aylesworth, Jim. COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO, CREAK, POP-POP, MOO. Ill. Brad Sneed. Holiday House, 2012.
E/BAN	Bang-Campbell, Monika. LITTLE RAT SETS SAIL. Ill. Molly Bang. Harcourt, 2002.
E/BAR	Barton, Byron. MACHINES AT WORK. HarperCollins, 1987.
E/BON	Bonsall, Crosby. MINE'S THE BEST. Harper, [1973].
E/BEA	Beaumont, Karen. MOVE OVER, ROVER. Harcourt, 2006.
E/CAP	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. BISCUIT AND THE LITTLE PUP. Harper, 2008. (series)
E/CAT	Catrow, David. FLY FLEW IN. Holiday House, 2012.
E/DEM	Deming, Alhambra G. WHO IS TAPPING AT MY WINDOW. Dutton, 1998.
E/DiC	DiCamillo, Kate. BINK AND GOLLIE: TWO FOR ONE. Ill. Tony Fucile. Candlewick, 2012.
E/DRA	Dragonwagon, Crescent. ANNIE FLIES THE BIRTHDAY BIKE. Ill. Emily Arnold McCully. Macmillan, 1993.
E/DUN	Dunrea, Olivier. GOSSIE AND GERTIE. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. (series)
E/DUN	Dunrea, Olivier. OLLIE THE STOMPER. Houghton Mifflin, 2003. (series)
E/EHL	Ehlert, Lois. RED LEAF, YELLOW LEAF. Harcourt, 1992.
E/EMB	Emberley, Rebecca. LION AND THE MICE. Holiday House, 2011.
E/EMB	Emberley, Rebecca. MICE ON ICE. Holiday House, 2012.
E/FLE	Fleming, Denise. LUNCH. Holt, 1992.
E/FOX	Fox, Mem. HATTIE AND THE FOX. Ill. Patricia Mullins. Bradbury, 1987.
E/GAR	Garland, Michael. FISH HAD A WISH. Holiday House, 2012.
595.76/GIB	Gibbons, Gail. LADYBUGS. Holiday House, 2012.
E/GOF	Goffstein, M. B. OUR SNOWMAN. Harper & Row, 1986.
E/GOL	Goldstone, Bruce. THE BEASTLY FEAST. Ill. Blair Lent. H. Holt, 1998.
E/GOM	Gomi, Tarō. MY FRIENDS. Chronicle, 1990.
E/GOR	Gore, Leonid. WORMS FOR LUNCH. Scholastic, 2011.

E/GRA	Gravett, Emily. THE ODD EGG. Simon & Schuster , 2009.
E/HAM	Hamilton, K. R. RED TRUCK. Viking, 2008.
E HAR	Harris, Robie H. MAYBE A BEAR ATE IT! Ill. Michael Emberley. Orchard , 2008.
E HAR	Hartman, Gail. AS THE ROADRUNNER RUNS: A FIRST BOOK OF MAPS. Ill. Cathy Bobak. Bradbury /Maxwell Macmillan, 1994.
E/HES	Hest, Amy. GUESS WHO, BABY DUCK!. Ill. Jill Barton. Candlewick, 2004.
E/HIL	Hillenbrand, Will. SPRING IS HERE. Holiday House, 2011.
E/HAY	Hayes, Sarah.. NINE DUCKS NINE. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1990.
E/HAY	Hayles, Marsha. BEACH PLAY. Ill. Hideko Takahashi. Henry Holt, 1998.
E/HEN	Hennessy, B. G. SCHOOL DAYS. Ill. Tracey Campbell Pearson. Viking, 1990.
E/HES	Hest, Amy. YOU CAN DO IT, SAM!. Ill. Anita Jeram. Candlewick, 2003. (series)
E/HIL	Hillenbrand, Jane. WHAT A TREASURE!. Ill. Will Hillenbrand. Holiday House, 2006.
E/WIL	Hillenbrand, Will. KITE DAY: A BEAR AND MOLE STORY. Holiday House, 2012.
E/HIN	Hindley, Judy. DO LIKE A DUCK DOES!. Ill. Ivan Bates. Candlewick, 2002.
E/HOR	Horáček, Petr. BUTTERFLY, BUTTERFLY. Candlewick, 2007.
E/HOR	Horáček, Petr. LOOK OUT, SUZY GOOSE. Candlewick, 2008.
E/HOR	Horáček, Petr. SILLY SUZY GOOSE. Candlewick, 2006.
E/HUB	Hubbard, Patricia. MY CRAYONS TALK. Ill. G. Brian Karas. H. Holt, 1996.
E/HUT	Hutchins, Pat. BUMPETY BUMP. Greenwillow, 2006.
E/HUT	Hutchins, Pat. DON'T GET LOST! Greenwillow, 2004.
E/HUT	Hutchins, Pat. GOOD-NIGHT, OWL! Macmillan [1972].
E/JAN	Janowitz, Marilyn. I WILL TRY. Holiday House, 2012.
E/KEL	Keller, Holly. GOODBYE, MAX. Greenwillow, 1987.
E/KOP	Kopper, Lisa. DAISY KNOWS BEST. Dutton, 1999.
E/KRA	Kraus, Robert. WHOSE MOUSE ARE YOU? Simon & Schuster, 2000.
E/LON	Long, Ethan. PIG HAS A PLAN. Holiday House, 2012.
E/McC	McCully, Emily Arnold. LATE NATE IN THE RACE. Holiday House, 2012.
E/McP	McPhall, David. BOY, BIRD, AND DOG. Holiday House, 2011.
E/McP	McPhail, David. THE PUDDLE. Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, 1998.
E/McP	McPhall, David. SICK DAY. Holiday House, 2012.
E/MEI	Meisel, Paul. SEE ME RUN. Holiday House, 2011.
E/MIL	Milgrim, David. MY FRIEND LUCKY. Atheneum, 2002.
391.43/MOR	Morris, Ann. HATS, HATS, HATS. Photo. Ken Heyman. Lothrop, Lee, & Shepard, 1989.
E/NAR	Narahashi, Keiko. IS THAT JOSIE? Macmillan, 1994.
E/NAY	Nayor, Phyllis Reynolds. PLEASE DO FEED THE BEARS. Atheneum, 2002.
E/NEW	Newman, Marjorie. MOLE AND THE BABY BIRD. Bloomsbury, 2002.
E/NEI	Neitzel, Shirley. THE DRESS I'LL WEAR TO THE PARTY. Greenwillow, 1992. (rebus)
E/NEI	Neitzel, Shirley. THE BAG I'M TAKING TO GRANDMA'S. Greenwillow, 1995. (rebus)
E/NEI	Neitzel, Shirley. THE JACKET I WEAR IN THE SNOW. Greenwillow, 1989. (rebus)
E/NEI	Neitzel, Shirley. THE HOUSE I'LL BUILD FOR THE WRENS. Greenwillow, 1997. (rebus)
811.5/NIC	Nichol, B. P. ONCE, A LULLABY. Greenwillow, 1986.
E/NIL	Niland, Deborah. ANNIE'S CHAIR. Walker & Co., 2006.
E/NOL	Noll, Sally. LUCKY MORNING. Greenwillow, 1994.
E/NOV	Novak, Matt. ELMER BLUNT'S OPEN HOUSE. Orchard, 1992.
E/NUM	Numeroff, Laura Joffe. WHAT BROTHERS DO BEST: WHAT SISTERS DO BEST. Chronicle, 2009.
E/ORA	Oram, Hiawyn. IN THE ATTIC. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1985.
E/POR	Portis, Antoinette. NOT A BOX. Harper, 2006.
E/POR	Portis, Antoinette. NOT A STICK. Harper. 2008.
E/PON	Ponti, Claude. CHICK & CHICKIE PLAY ALL DAY! Toon, 2012. (series)
E/RAN	Ransome, James. NEW RED BIKE. Holiday House, 2011.
E/REI	Reiser, Lynn. ANY KIND OF DOG. Greenwillow, 1992.
E/REY	Reynolds, Peter. MY VERY BIG LITTLE WORLD: A SUGARLOAF BOOK. Atheneum , 2006.
E/RIC	Rice, Eve. SAM WHO NEVER FORGETS. Greenwillow, 1977.
E/RIL	Riley, Linnea Asplind. MOUSE MESS. Blue Sky, 1997.

E/ROB	Robart, Rose. THE CAKE THAT MACK ATE. Ill. Maryann Kovalski. Little Brown, 1987.
E/ROS	Ross, Tony. WASH YOUR HANDS. Kane/Miller, c1998, 2000.
E/ROT	Roth, Carol. THE LITTLE SCHOOL BUS. Ill. Pamela Paparone. North-South, 2002.
E/RUS	Russo, Marisabina. THE BUNNIES ARE NOT IN THEIR BEDS. Schwartz & Wade, 2007.
E/SAG	Sage, Angie. MONKEYS IN THE JUNGLE: FROM ANIMALS BY LAUREN SAGE. Dutton, 1989.
E/SCH	Schaefer, Lola M. ONE SPECIAL DAY. Disney/Hyperion, 2012.
E/SCH	Schwartz, Corey Rosen and Tali Klein. HOP! PLOP! Ill. Olivier Dunrea. Walker, 2006.
E/SEE	Seeger, Lauren Vaccaro. ONE BOY. Roaring Brook, 2008. (AWARD BOOK)
398.251/SHA	Shannon, George. RABBIT'S GIFT. Harcourt, 2007.
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E/SHA	Shaw, Nancy. SHEEP IN A JEEP. Houghton Mifflin, 1986.
E/STO	Stover, Jill. ALAMO ACROSS TEXAS. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1993.
E/SUT	Sutton, Sally. DEMOLITION. Candlewick, 2012.
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E/WIL	Willems, Mo. THERE IS A BIRD ON YOUR HEAD. Hyperion, 2007. (series)

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Provides an annotated booklist of easy readers (most in series) and includes both subject and readability indexes.
- LB 1573 .F64 1996 Fountas, Irene C. and Gay Su Pinnell. GUIDED READING: GOOD FIRST TEACHING FOR ALL CHILDREN. Heinemann, 1996.
Describes how to use guided reading as one part of a literacy program. Includes an appendix of over 2500 leveled books.
- LB 1525 .F63 1999 Fountas, Irene C. and Gay Su Pinnell. MATCHING BOOKS TO READERS: USING LEVELED BOOKS IN GUIDED READING, K-3. Heinemann, 1999.
Contains guided reading book lists arranged by title and by reading level for 7500 books. Information is given on how to match books to readers, the role of leveled books in a literacy program, how to develop a collection, and how to use the book lists.
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Includes a substantial section on Books for Beginning Readers. Entries include series title, "suitable grade levels," brief annotations, and review information.

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- Smith, Robin. "Too Easy? Too Hard? Finding the Right Easy Reader." Booklist. July 2003: 1902-1903.
Discusses easy readers in terms of three levels and recommends some titles.
- Classroom Connections. "Books as Training Wheels: Selecting easy Readers." Booklinks. July 2007: 44.
Features a bibliography of recent, recommended fiction and nonfiction easy readers and tips for selection.
- Classroom Connections "15 Classic Easy Readers." Booklinks. July 2006: 56.
Presents a bibliography of 15 much-loved easy readers that engage and entertain early readers.

On the Web:

- International Reading Association: Beginning Readers Overview
- <http://www.reading.org/Resources/ResourcesByTopic/BeginningReaders/Overview.aspx>

