



Children's Booklist 2025: Books to Start

Books for Very Beginning Readers

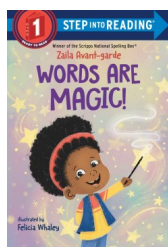


Word Families Series

by Anna Anderhagen

In this series, beginning readers will learn about word families, practice using them, and then apply what they've learned by reading a fun decodable animal story.

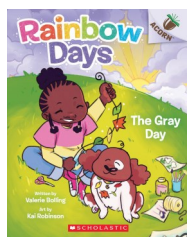
Readers can use their phonics skills to find out why cat's hat is not flat!



Words are Magic!

by Zaila Avant-garde

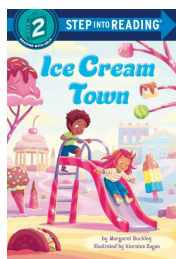
Celebrating the magic of words, this level 1 reader encourages kids to mix, match, shout and rap words as Scripps National Spelling Bee champ Zaila Avant-garde takes them along on an exuberant exploration of letters, sounds and reading.



"Rainbow Days" series

by Valerie Bolling

When it starts to rain while they're painting outside, Zoya and her puppy, Coco, rush back inside with their art supplies and find a creative way to add color and sparkle to a gray day!



Ice Cream Town

by Margaret Buckley

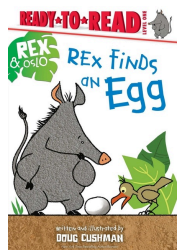
This rhyming reader takes kids on a tour of the fantastical Ice Cream Town, where everything is made of ice cream! Fancy a ride on the ice cream train, a dip in the ice cream lake, or a visit to the ice cream park? It's all possible in Ice Cream Town, where the sweetest dreams come true!



Parker Takes a Trip

by Parker Curry

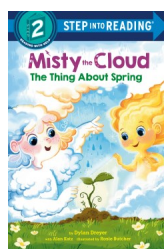
Parker is going on a big adventure as she and her family are flying on a plane to visit her Papi and Nani in Portugal, and readers can discover what Parker will see and do.



Rex Finds an Egg

by Doug Cushman

When unlikely friends warthog Rex and oxpecker Oslo find an egg and wonder who it could belong to, they set off on a new adventure to find out!



Misty the Cloud : The Thing About Spring

by Dylan Dreyer

During the spring, a season of change, Misty the Cloud and friends must do their part to help things grow on Earth as the days get longer and the weather turns warmer.



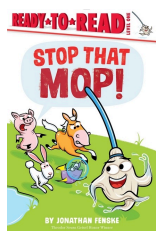
"Best Buddies" series

by Vicky Fang

Best friends--most of the time--Sniff (a dog) and Scratch (a cat) find creative solutions to such dilemmas as reaching a pie on the counter, getting stuck in a box, and meeting a strange new dog and cat just like them.

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Stop That Mop!

by Jonathan Fenske

Kids are invited to chase a runaway mop in this hilarious rhyming Level 1 Ready-to-Read by a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor-winning author-illustrator.



I Can Grow It!

by Kelly Greenawalt

Princess Truly and her friends grow a garden, she helps a baby bird learn to fly and she plants a magical tree, in three stories that promote believing in yourself, building confidence and having a positive self image.



More Trees, Please!

by Alastair Heim

Trees are big, beautiful, useful and important, and a little park ranger girl wants to explore them and all they do for us and the planet, such as giving us fruit, shade and a place to climb or sit beneath.



"Gigi and Ojiji" series

by Melissa Iwai

Ohayo! It's breakfast time and Gigi can't wait to make her favorite meal--peanut butter toast. But Ojiji doesn't like peanut butter. How can anyone NOT like peanut butter? Ojiji prefers Japanese foods--like natto, made from fermented soybeans.



"Ty's Travels" series

by Kelly Starling Lyons

Ty loves playing the instruments, but something's missing--his friends! With the help of his vivid imagination, Ty and his friends are onstage in a band making great music together.



Lost in the Library

by Joe McGee

When they stumble upon a secret door while searching for books to read in the castle library, the Junior Monster Scouts find a banshee who has lost her voice, they must help her.



Maxie Wiz and the Magic Charms

by Michelle Meadows

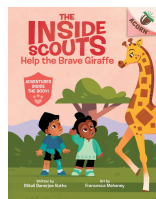
Little wizard Maxie Wiz and her dragon embark on an enchanting treasure hunt to collect all the charms needed to rev up her magic wand.



Makeda Makes a Birthday Treat

by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

A young girl celebrates her birthday and the special treats she can make for her class.



"The Inside Scout" series

by Mitali Banerjee Ruths

When a giraffe can't eat because her tummy feels sick, Inside Scouts Viv and Sanjay shrink super small and go inside to find out what's stuck in her stomach and work together to make her feel better.



"The Adventure Friends" series

by Brandon Todd

In this collection of four interconnected stories, adventure friends Miguel and Clarke use the power of imagination to blast off into outer space, explore a new planet, make a map of the stars and meet some aliens!



Firefly Night

by Steph Waldo

Excited to light up the night and show their friends the beautiful moonflower, Firefly hopes they can rouse them from their slumber to see nature's magic.



"Meet the Boxcar Children" series

by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny are brothers and sisters. They're orphans and the only way they can stay together is to make it on their own. When the children find an abandoned boxcar they decide to call it home and become

Box-car children!



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