

## Very Important Picture Books

We had fun adding to this list. There are so many incredible picture books - too many to include them all - but here is our updated list with what we feel are the most significant ones that we have come across. We have suggested age-groups that each title might work best for according to theme and content. Some titles we've included are texts that we have used for planning sequences and some are simply wonderful books!

3-5 Year Olds	
<i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i>	Judith Kerr
<i>Naughty Bus</i>	Jan Oke
<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Maurice Sendak
<i>How to Catch a Star</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>	Michael Rosen
<i>Handa's Surprise</i>	Eileen Browne
<i>Penguin</i>	Polly Dunbar
<i>Owl Babies</i>	Martin Waddell
<i>Rhinos Don't Eat Pancakes</i>	Anna Kemp and Sara Ogilvie
<i>Not a Box</i>	Antoinette Portis
<i>Slinky Malinki</i>	Lynley Dodd
<i>Peace at Last</i>	Jill Murphy
<i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i>	Bill Martin, Jr.
<i>Goodnight Moon</i>	Margaret Wise Brown
<i>Knuffle Bunny</i>	Mo Willems
<i>Good Little Wolf</i>	Nadia Shireen
<i>A Bit Lost</i>	Chris Houghton
<i>On the Road</i>	Susan Steggall
<i>There are No Cats in this Book</i>	Viviane Schwarz
<i>I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato</i>	Lauren Child
<i>How Loud is a Lion</i>	Clare Beaton
<i>Big Bear, Little Brother</i>	Carl Norac
<i>The Story Machine</i>	Tom McLaughlin
<i>These Are Animals</i>	Daniel Egñeus
<i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i>	Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees
<i>A Box of Butterflies</i>	Jo Rooks
<i>Bear Hug</i>	Katherine McEwan
<i>Triangle</i>	Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen

<i>Cat In A Box</i>	Jo Williamson
<i>What's That Smell?!</i>	Joppe Coelingh Bennink, and Lamia Sbiti
<i>Animalphabet</i>	Julia Donaldson and Sharon King-Chai
<i>Each, Peach, Pear, Plum</i>	Janet and Allan Ahlberg
<i>Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain</i>	Verna Aardema
<i>I am Henry Finch</i>	Alexis Deacon and Viviane Schwarz
<i>Halibut Jackson</i>	David Lucas
<i>The Magic Paintbrush</i>	Julia Donaldson and Joel Stewart
<i>Little Red</i>	Lynn Roberts and David Roberts
<i>The Tiny Seed</i>	Eric Carle
<i>Willy the Wimp</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy</i>	Lynley Dodd
<i>So Much</i>	Trish Cooke and Helen Oxenbury
<i>Oi Frog!</i>	Kes Gray and Jim Field
<i>Cave Baby</i>	Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett
<i>Titch</i>	Pat Hutchins

## 5-7 Year Olds

<i>The Magic Bed</i>	John Burningham
<i>Jim and the Beanstalk</i>	Raymond Briggs
<i>Me and You</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>Iggy Peck, Architect</i>	Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
<i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i>	Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
<i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i>	Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
<i>The Conductor</i>	Laetitia Devernay
<i>The Bear Under the Stairs</i>	Helen Cooper
<i>I'll Take You to Mrs Cole</i>	Nigel Gray
<i>The Conquerors</i>	David McKee
<i>Goldilocks and Just the One Bear</i>	Leigh Hodgkinson
<i>Wolves</i>	Emily Gravett
<i>That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown</i>	Cressida Cowell
<i>How to Be a Lion</i>	Ed Vere
<i>Wave</i>	Suzy Lee
<i>I Want My Hat Back</i>	Jon Klassen
<i>The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch</i>	Ronda and David Armitage
<i>Tadpole's Promise</i>	Jeanne Willis
<i>Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?</i>	Lauren Child
<i>Man on the Moon</i>	Simon Bertram
<i>Beegu</i>	Alexis Deacon
<i>My name is Elizabeth</i>	Annika Dunklee and Matthew Forsythe
<i>Tidy</i>	Emily Gravett
<i>Billy and the Beast</i>	Nadia Shireen
<i>A Dog with Nice Ears</i>	Lauren Child
<i>Pig the Pug</i>	Aaron Blabey
<i>How to be a Dog</i>	Jo Williamson
<i>The Wonder</i>	Faye Hanson
<i>The Bear and the Piano</i>	David Litchfield
<i>Grandad's Secret Giant</i>	David Litchfield
<i>Oliver &amp; Patch</i>	Claire Feedman and Kate Hindley
<i>If all the World were...</i>	Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys
<i>Baby Monkey, Private Eye</i>	Brian Selznick and David Serlin
<i>Islandborn</i>	Juno Díaz and Leo Espinosa
<i>Here We Are</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>The Worm and the Bird</i>	Coralie Bickford-Smith
<i>One Christmas Wish</i>	Katherine Rundell
<i>The Digger and the Flower</i>	Joseph Kuefler
<i>Sidney, Stella and the Moon</i>	Emma Yarlett
<i>Send for a Superhero</i>	Michael Rosen and Katharine McEwen
<i>The Odd Egg</i>	Emily Gravett
<i>Stanley's Stick</i>	John Hegley and Neal Layton

<i>Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish</i>	Michael Foreman
<i>Lost and Found</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>Yeti and the Bird</i>	Nadia Shireen
<i>The Journey Home</i>	Frann Preston-Gannon
<i>House Held up by Trees</i>	Ted Kooser and John Klassen
<i>The Dragon Machine</i>	Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson

## 7-9 Year Olds

<i>The Polar Express</i>	Chris van Allsburg
<i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i>	Jon Scieszka
<i>Art and Max</i>	David Wiesner
<i>The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish</i>	Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean
<i>Dear Greenpeace</i>	Simon James
<i>Jim</i>	Hilaire Belloc and Mini Grey
<i>Eric</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>Leon and the Place Between</i>	Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>The Flower</i>	<i>John Light</i>
<i>The Heart and the Bottle</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>FaRther</i>	Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>Jack and the Baked Beanstalk</i>	Colin Stimpson
<i>The Mysteries of Harris Burdick</i>	Chris Van Allsburg
<i>Varmints</i>	Helen Ward and Marc Craste
<i>The Tunnel</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>Weslandia</i>	Paul Fleischman
<i>365 Penguins</i>	Jean-Luc Fromental
<i>The Lion and the Unicorn</i>	Shirley Hughes
<i>The Gift</i>	Rob Ryan and Carol Ann Duffy
<i>Mum and Dad Glue</i>	Kes Gray
<i>The Black Book of Colors</i>	Menena Cottin
<i>The Tear Thief</i>	Carol Ann Duffy and Nicoletta Ceccoli
<i>A Child of Books</i>	Oliver Jeffers
<i>The First Drawing</i>	Mordicai Gerstein
<i>Sparky!</i>	Jenny Offill and Chris Appelhans
<i>Cinnamon</i>	Neil Gaiman and Divya Srinivasan
<i>The Iron Man (Illustrated)</i>	Ted Hughes and Laura Carlin
<i>Wisp - A Story of Hope</i>	Zana Fraillon and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>How to Live Forever</i>	Colin Thompson
<i>The Tin Forest</i>	Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson
<i>Cloud Tea Monkeys</i>	Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham

<i>Black Dog</i>	Levi Pinfold
<i>Tar Beach</i>	Faith Ringold
<i>Until I met Dudley</i>	Roger McGough and Chris Riddell
<i>Winter's Child</i>	Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith
<i>The Selfish Giant</i>	Oscar Wilde and Alexis Deacon
<i>The Matchbox Diary</i>	Paul Fleischman and Bagram Ibatoulline
<i>Jonathon's Swift's Gulliver</i>	Martin Jenkins and Chris Riddell

## 9-11 Year Olds

<i>Why the Whales Came</i>	Michael Morpurgo
<i>The Hidden Forest</i>	Jeannie Baker
<i>The Wolves in the Walls</i>	Neil Gaiman
<i>Rose Blanche</i>	Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti
<i>The Lost Thing</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>Otto</i>	Tomi Ungerer
<i>The Arrival</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>	David Selznick
<i>King Kong</i>	Anthony Browne
<i>No!</i>	David McPhail
<i>Firebird</i>	Saviour Pirotta
<i>Snow Goose</i>	Paul Gallico
<i>The Young Inferno</i>	John Agard
<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i>	Mordicai Gerstein
<i>The Last Resort</i>	J Patrick Lewis and Roberto Innocenti
<i>The Princess' Blankets</i>	Carol Ann Duffy
<i>The Lost Happy Endings</i>	Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray
<i>Cicada</i>	Shaun Tan
<i>The Promise</i>	Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin

<i>PRIDE The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag</i>	Rob Sanders and Steven Salerno
<i>The Sleeper and the Spindle</i>	Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell
<i>The Dam</i>	David Almond and Levi Pinfold
<i>Way Home</i>	Libby Hathorn
<b>Age 11+</b>	
<i>The Island</i>	Armin Geder
<i>The Red Tree</i>	Shaun Tan