

Books for Families to Share

Books on this list have been selected because they are books that families can share and talk about. Many are old favorites; some are recent award winners and are sure to become classics. Check with your local library to see if they have these books. The staff of the children's department at your local library will be happy to suggest other books to share, too.

Books for Very Young Readers and Listeners

Brown, Margaret Wise. *Good Night Moon*
Carle, Eric. "*Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,*" *said the Sloth*
Carlsom, Nancy. *Baby-O*
Fleming, Denise. *Alphabet Under Construction*
Hughs, Shirley. *All About Alphonse*
Keats, Ezra Jack. *Peter's Chair*
Martin, Bill, Jr. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*
Rohmann, Eric. *My Friend Rabbit*
Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*
Thomas, Shelley Moore. *Get Well, Good Knight*
Wilson, Karma. *Bear Snores On*
Wood, Audrey and Don Wood. *The Napping House*

Books for Children in Early Elementary Grades

Bang, Molly. *When Sophie Gets Angry - Really Really Angry*
Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *The Berenstain Bears and Too Much TV*
Bond, Michael. Any of the *Paddington Bear* books
Dillon, Leo and Dillon, Diane. *Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles - Think of That!*
Hest, Amy. *The Purple Coat*
Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. *Aunt Flossie's Hats (and crab cakes later)*
Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird Greene*
Paye, Won-Ldy and Lippert, Margaret H. *Head, Body, Legs: A Story from Liberia*
Stevenson, James. *Grandpa's Great City Tour*
Viorst, Judith. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
Williams, Vera B. *A Chair for My Mother*
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Visiting Day*

Books for Children in Upper Elementary Grades

Andrews-Goebel, Nancy. *The Pot that Juan Built*
Creech, Sharon. *Ruby Holler*
Dicamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn-Dixie*
Fogelin, Adrian. *Crossing Jordan*
Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Love, from the Fifth-Grade Celebrity*
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *The Agony of Alice* and other titles in the Alice series

Funke, Cornelia. *The Thief Lord*
Horvath, Polly. *Everything on a Waffle*
MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall*
Peck, Richard. *Fair Weather*
Ryan, Pam Munoz. *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson*
Tolan, Stephanie S. *Surviving the Applewhites*

Books for Older Readers

Avi. *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*
Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*
Fox, Paula. *The Slave Dancer*
Gantos, Jack. *Hole in My Life*
Hiaasen, Carl. *Hoot*
Hobbs, Will. *Down the Yukon*
Myers, Walter Dean. *Fallen Angels*
Park, Linda Sue. *When My Name Was Keoko: A Novel of Korea in World War II*
Paterson, Katherine. *Lyddie*
Pierce, Tamora. *The Woman Who Rides Like a Man*
Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee*
Taylor, Mildred. *The Gold Cadillac: A Fancy New Car and an Unforgettable Drive*
Voigt, Cynthia. *Dacey's Song*

Books for All Ages to Enjoy

Alarcon, Francisco X. *Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems*
Cleary, Beverly. *Dear Mr. Henshaw*
Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together*
Lengle, Madeline. *Wrinke in Time*
Livingston, Myra Cohn. *Poems for Mothers*
Mak, Kam. *My Chinatown: One Year in Poems*
Martin, Bill Jr. and Sampson, Michael. *I Pledge Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance with Commentary*
Martin, Ann M. *The Doll People*
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Shilo*
Polacco, Patricia. *Rechenka's Eggs*
Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*
Williams, Vera B. *Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart: The Story of Amber and Essie Told Here in Poems and Pictures*
Wisniewski, David. *The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups*
Zelinsky, Paul O. *Knick-Knack Paddywhack!*