

### Books for Beginning Readers

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.

- Brand New Readers (Candlewick)
- Kids Can Read (Kids Can Press)
- My First I Can Read (HarperCollins)
- My First Reader (Children’s Press)
- Scholastic Readers (Scholastic)
- Step Into Reading (Random House)
- Toon Into Reading (Toon) *graphic/comic*

### More Publishers’ Series for Beginning Readers (Varying Skill Levels)

- 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)
- Kids Can Read
- Puffin Easy to Read
- Scholastic Readers
- TFK (Time For Kids - *nonfiction*)
- Toon Into Reading *graphic/comic format*
- Viking Easy to Read
- Viking Hello Reading

### Authors’ Series for Beginning Readers (Varying Skill Levels)

- Adler, David A. *Young Cam Jansen*
- Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *Biscuit*.
- Cazet, Denys. *Minnie and Moo*.
- Cosby, Bill. *Little Bill*.
- Cousins, Lucy. *Maisy*.
- Dunrea, Olivier. *BooBoo*.
  - *Gossie and Gertie*
  - *Ollie*
  - *Peedee*.
- Giff, Patricia Riley. *Ronald Morgan*
- Guest, Elissa Haden. *Iris and Walter*
- Hest, Amy. *Sam Books*
- Howe, James. *Pinky and Rex*
  - *Houndsley and Catina*
- Krensky, Stephen. *Lionel*
- Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad*
- Marshall, Edward/James. *Fox*
- Mills, Claudia. *Gus and Grandpa*
- Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*
- Porte, Barbara. *Harry*
- Rylant, Cynthia. *Brownie and Pearl*.
  - *Henry and Mudge*.
  - *High Rise Private Eyes*.
  - *Mr. Putter and Tabby*.
  - *Poppleton*
- Sharmat, Marjorie. *Nate the Great*
- Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Amanda and Oliver*
- Wells, Rosemary. *Yoko & Friends*
- 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.

### **Selected Individual Titles for *Beginning Readers***

- 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 Naylor, 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.
E/STO	Stoeke, Janet Morgan. LAWRENCE. Dutton, 1990.
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.
E/TAF	Tafari, Nancy. WHOSE CHICK ARE YOU?. Greenwillow, 2007.
E/WIL	Willems, Mo. THERE IS A BIRD ON YOUR HEAD. Hyperion, 2007. (series)

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*\*\*See also our Patterned/Predictable Bibliography*

### Professional Resources

- REF Z 5818 .E5 B37 1995 Barstow, Barbara and Judith Riggle. BEYOND PICTURE BOOKS. Bowker, 1995.  
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.
- Z 1037 .G48 Gillespie, John T. BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN: PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 6. Libraries Unlimited, 2006, 20120, 2013 supplement.  
Includes a substantial section on Books for Beginning Readers. Entries include series title, "suitable grade levels," brief annotations, and review information.

### Articles:

- 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>
- Reading Grade-Level Comparison Chart - <http://www.slcolibrary.org/kidzone/kzgrwn/pdf/readinglevelcompchart.pdf>