

A BARE BONES EASY READER LIST

The easy reader field can be very confusing for both librarians and readers. Each publisher rates its books differently and there are many systems used for determining readability (e.g. Fountas and Pinnell; Lexile; Dale-Chall). So, what do you do? Do you pick one system and rate all your books that way? Do you try to make comparisons between the publishers' levels? Do you shelve them by level, or do you interfile all of the books together?

There is no right answer to these questions (sorry!) so you will need to do what is best for your readers and the collection. However, most Vermont libraries have such small collections of easy readers that it makes good sense to interfile all of the books. It will also save a lot of time for the librarian. If you choose to go that route, help children and parents find something at the right level, and then point out others (possibly in the same series) that are similar.

The list below includes everything from very first books to ones appropriate for the fluent first and second grade readers. It includes only books that were published as easy readers, although there are a lot of picture books that are also easy to read.

Adler, David A. *Bones and the Roller Coaster Mystery*. Viking, 2009. ISBN 978-0-670-06340-6.

Adler, David A. *Young Cam Jansen and the New Girl Mystery*. Puffin, 2005. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1424-0353-2. (series)

Archer, Dosh. *Big Bad Wolf*. Albert Whitman, 2013. ISBN 978-0807583524.

Archer, Dosh. *Itsy Bitsy Spider*. Albert Whitman, 2013. ISBN 978-0807583586.

Arnold, Ted. *Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl*. Cartwheel Books, 2010. ISBN 978-0-5451-1029-7. (series)

Baker, Keith. *Meet Mr. and Mrs. Green*. Harcourt, 2004. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1520-4955-3. (series)

Banks, Kate. *Monkeys and Dog Days*. FSG, 2008. ISBN 978-0-374-35029-1.

Bell, Cece. *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover*. Candlewick, 2012. ISBN 978-0763654757.

Bliss, Harry. *Luke on the Loose*. TOON Books, 2009. ISBN 978-1-9351790-0-9.

Bonsall, Crosby. *And I Mean It, Stanley*. HarperCollins, 1984. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-0644-4046-2.

The Case of the Hungry Stranger. HarperCollins, 1980. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-0644-4026-4.

Mine's the Best. HarperCollins, 1997. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-0644-4213-8.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *Biscuit*. HarperCollins, 2006. (10th ann. ed.) ISBN 978-0060261979.
(and others)

Catrow, David. *Max Spaniel: Dinosaur Hunt*. Orchard, 2009. ISBN 978-0-545-05748-6.

Cazet, Denys. *Minnie and Moo Go Dancing*. DK, 1998. (pap.) ISBN 978-0789425362. (and
others)

Chaconas, Dori. *Cork and Fuzz: Good Sports*. Viking, 2007. ISBN 978-0-6700-6145-7. (and
others)

Davis, Eleanor. *Stinky*. TOON Books, 2008. ISBN 978-0-9799-2384-5.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Bink and Gollie*. Candlewick, 2010. ISBN 978-0763632663. (series)

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride*. Candlewick, 2009. (pap.) ISBN 978-
0763645052. (series)

Eastman, Philip. *Are You My Mother?* Random House, 1960. ISBN 978-0394800189.

Go, Dog, Go! Random, 1961. ISBN 978-0394800202.

Edwards, Michelle. *Stinky Stern Forever*. HMH, 2007. (pap.) ISBN 978-0152061012.

Gorbachev, Valeri. *Me Too!* Holiday House, 2013. Brdbk ed. ISBN 978-0823427444.

Grant, Judyann Ackerman. *Chicken Said, "Cluck!"* HarperCollins, 2010. (pap.) ISBN 978-
0064442763.

Haas, Jessie. *Bramble and Maggie*. Candlewick, 2012. ISBN 978-0763649555. (series)

Haspiel, Dean & Jay Lynch. *Mo and Jo: Fighting Together Forever*. TOON Books, 2008.
ISBN 978-0-9799238-5-2.

Hayes, Geoffrey. *Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!* TOON Books, 2009. ISBN 978-0-9799-
2389-0. (series)

Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Song*. Greenwillow, 2012. (pap.) ISBN 978-0062081971.
(series)

Hoban, Russell. *A Bargain for Frances*. HarperCollins, 2003. (Rev. ed.) (pap.) ISBN 978-0064440011.

Hoff, Syd. *Danny and the Dinosaur*. HarperCollins, 2008. ISBN 978-0064440028.

Horowitz, Ruth. *Breakout at the Bug Lab*. Puffin, 2002. ISBN 978-0-1423-0200-2.

Howe, James. *Houndsley and Catina and the Quiet Time*. Candlewick, 2008. ISBN 978-0-7636-3384-4. (series)

Howe, James. *Pinky and Rex*. Simon Spotlight, 1998. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-6898-2348-0. (series)

Kvanosky, Laura McGee. *Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways*. Candlewick, 2006. ISBN 978-0-7636-2689-1. (series)

Lasky, Kathryn. *Poodle and Hound*. Charlesbridge, 2009. ISBN 978-1-58089-322-0.

Le Sieg, Theo. *Ten Apples Up on Top*. Beginner Books, 1961. ISBN 978-0394800196.

Lin, Grace. *Ling and Ting*. LB Kids, 2011. (pap.) ISBN 978-0316024532.

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends*. HarperCollins, 2003. ISBN 978-0064440202.

Other available titles about Frog & Toad are:

Days with Frog and Toad. HarperCollins, 2004. ISBN 978-0060239633.

Frog and Toad All Year. HarperCollins, 1976. ISBN 0-06-023950-6.

Frog and Toad Together. HarperCollins, 1972. ISBN 0-06-023959-X.

Lobel, Arnold. *Mouse Soup*. HarperCollins, 1977. ISBN 0-060-239-67-0.

Mouse Tales. HarperCollins, 1978. ISBN 978-0064440134.

Long, Ethan. *Up, Tall and High*. Putnam, 2012. ISBN 978-0399256110.

Mack, Jeff. *Frog and Fly*. Philomel, 2012. ISBN 978-0399256172.

Marshall, Edward. *Fox at School*. Puffin, 1993. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1403-65443.

Other available titles about Fox are:

Fox on Stage. Puffin, 1996. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1403-8032-3.

Fox on Wheels. Puffin, 1993. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1403-6541-2.

Fox Outfoxed. Puffin, 1996. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1403-8113-9. (by James Marshall)

Marshall, Edward. *Three by the Sea*. Puffin, 1994. (pap.) ISBN 0-14-037004-8.

Other available titles about Spider, Sam and Lolly are:

Four on the Shore. Puffin, 1994. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1403-7006-5.

Three up a Tree. Puffin, 1994. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-1403-7003-4. (by James Marshall).

McCully, Emily Arnold. *Pete Won't Eat*. Holiday House, 2013. ISBN 978-0823428533.

McMullan, Kate. *Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day*. Dial, 2009. ISBN 978-0-8037-3085-4.
(series)

Meisel, Paul. *See Me Run*. Holiday House, 2011. ISBN 978-0823423491.

See Me Dig. Holiday House, 2013. ISBN 978-0823427437.

Minarik, Else Holmelund. *Little Bear*. HarperCollins, 1992. ISBN 0-060-242-40-X. (series)

Palmer, Helen. *A Fish Out of Water*. Random House, 1961. ISBN 0-394-800-23-0.

Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*. Greenwillow, 2013. (50th ann. ed.) ISBN 978-0062209696.
(series)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge: The First Book*. Atheneum, 1996. ISBN 0-689-810-04-0.
Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas. Simon Spotlight, 2005. ISBN 978-0689811708. (series)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea*. Harcourt, 1994. (pap.) ISBN 978-0152009014. (series)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Poppleton*. Blue Sky Press, 1997. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-5908-4783-4. (series)

Schaefer, Lola. *Mittens*. HarperCollins, 2007. (pap.) ISBN 978-0060546618. (series)

Schneider, Josh. *Tales for Very Picky Eaters*. Clarion, 2011. ISBN 978-0547149561.

Schwartz, Alvin. *Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore*. HarperCollins, 1993. (pap.) ISBN 978-0-0644-4170-4.

Schwartz, Alvin. *In a Dark, Dark, Room and Other Scary Stories*. HarperCollins, 1984. ISBN 0-06-025271-5.

Seuss, Dr. *The Cat in the Hat*. Random, 1957. ISBN 0-394-80001-X.

The Cat in the Hat Comes Back. Random, 1958. ISBN 0-394-80002-8.

Fox in Socks. Random, 1965. ISBN 0-394-80038-9.

- Green Eggs and Ham*. Random, 1960. ISBN 0-394-80016-8.
- Hop on Pop*. Random, 1963. ISBN 0-394-80029-X.
- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. Random, 1960. ISBN 978-0394800134.
- Sharmat, Marjorie. *Nate the Great*. Random. (series)
- Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa*. Harcourt, 2005. ISBN 978-0-1520-2124-5. (and others)
- Smith, Jeff. *Little Mouse Gets Ready*. TOON Books, 2009. ISBN 978-1-9351-7901-6.
- Spiegelman, Art. *Jack and the Box*. TOON Books, 2008. ISBN 978-0-9799238-3-8.
- Thomas, Shelley Moore. *Get Well, Good Knight*. Penguin, 2004. (pap.) ISBN 978-0142400500.
Good Night, Good Knight. Dutton, 2000. ISBN 0-525-46326-7.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day*. Dial, 2005. ISBN 978-0-8037-2887-5. (and others)
- Viva, Frank. *A Trip to the Bottom of the World*. Toon Books, 2012. ISBN 978-1935179191.
- Willems, Mo. *There Is a Bird on Your Head!* Hyperion, 2007. ISBN 978-1-4231-0686-9.
(Elephant and Piggie series)
- Willems, Mo. *Cat the Cat, Who is That?* Balzer & Bray, 2010. ISBN 978-0-0617-2840-2.
(series)
- Yee, Wong Herbert. *Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends*. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. ISBN 978-0547152226. (series)

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