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## Berkeley Public Library

### READ TO ME EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS



Medina, Juana. ***Juana and Lucas***

Juana, a spunky young girl in Bogotá, Colombia loves playing fútbol and struggles learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place. Sprinkled with Spanish words.

Milne, A.A. ***Winnie the Pooh***

Join Pooh Bear in the warm, whimsical world of the Hundred Acre Woods with Christopher Robin and his friends.



Nilsson, Ulf. ***Detective Gordon: The First Case***

Squirrel's nuts have been stolen! Never fear, Detective Gordon, the toad, and his new assistant, Buffy, the mouse, are on the case. A delightful mystery, translated from the Swedish.

Sachar, Louis. ***Sideways Stories from Wayside School***  
Silly stories from the strangest school.

Taylor, Sydney. ***All-of-a-Kind Family***

A look into the daily life of five sisters in a warm and loving Jewish family in New York in the early 1900s.

Timberlake, Amy. ***Skunk and Badger***

Badger is unsure about his new housemate. Skunks have a bad reputation and this one has brought along a lot of chickens.



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*These early chapter books are a great introduction for 4 to 7 year olds who are just beginning to enjoy stories that last for more than one sitting. They have short chapters, simple illustrations, and are fast paced. Most books are a part of a series so that you can continue to enjoy your favorite characters!*

Angleberger, Tom. ***Inspector Flytrap*** (2016)

Inspector Flytrap, the potted Venus Flytrap with a necktie, is wheeled around on a skateboard by his assistant Nina the Goat. This silly duo investigates "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop and a garden.

Atinuke. ***Anna Hibiscus*** (2010)

Anna Hibiscus lives in Africa in a big white house with her extended family. She enjoys playing with her cousins and really, really wants to visit her Canadian grandmother and see snow.

Bond, Michael. ***A Bear Called Paddington*** (1960)

Mr. and Mrs. Brown find a bear in the train station, who has come all the way from Peru. It's not long before Paddington learns about life in London, and loves marmalade.

Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy and Bean*** (2006)

Energetic tomboy Bean thinks she has nothing in common with Ivy, the quiet new girl next door, but a wonderful friendship takes hold.

Cameron, Ann. ***The Stories Julian Tells*** (1981)

In a warm African American family, a wise father plants seeds of understanding as successfully as he plants the family garden.



Cleary, Beverly. ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle*** (1965)  
If you were a young mouse with a motorcycle, where would you go?



DiCamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue***

Mercy the pig is truly a beloved pet. Her penchant for “hot toast with a great deal of butter on it” leads to a merry midnight chase before she saves the day!

Domingues, Angela. ***Stella Díaz Has Something to Say***  
Speaking up is hard when you're shy, and it can be even harder if you've got two languages in your head.

Elliott, Zetta. ***Dragons in a Bag***

When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother—but she is a witch! And she needs his help rescuing baby dragons.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. ***My Father's Dragon***

Join young Elmer as he journeys to the Wild Island to rescue a baby dragon.

Giff, Patricia Reilly Giff. ***Meet the Crew at the Zoo***

Luke is sad about moving to New York City and leaving his Abeulo behind in Florida but maybe the new neighbors at the zoo where his dad works will be interesting.

Goodner, David ***Kondo and Kezumi Visit Giant Island***

Kondo is big and Kezumi is small. When a bottle with a message inside washes up on the beach of their island, the adventure begins.

Grahame, Kenneth. ***Wind in the Willows***

Mole ventures out with new friends: industrious and wise Badger, sensible and generous Rat, and dear old Toad, fun-loving and flighty.

Hale, Shannon & D. Hale. ***The Princess in Black***

Flouncy Princess Magnolia has a secret – when her ring signals an alarm, she transforms into the Princess in Black, solving mysteries and defeating scary monsters.

Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory***

Dory, the youngest in her family, really wants to be included in her older siblings' play. Her wild imagination brings home some crazy monsters, invented friends, and entertaining antics.

*Blend one of these chapter books into your next batch of picture books to strengthen your child's attention span and get them hooked on reading.*

*It is difficult to guess who most enjoys the experience of sharing books – the child who listens or the adult who is reading. Reading aloud is the best introduction to lifelong literacy that a child can have!*

Hughes, Shirley. ***Digby O'Day in the Fast Lane***

Best friends Digby and Percy enter the Didsworth Car Race, but they encounter problem after problem. Will they be able to beat Digby's archenemy, the fancy Lou Ella?

Jenkins, Emily. ***The Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone called Plastic***

A peek into the secret lives of three toys who are friends. What adventures will they have when they go into the wide world outside?



Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Maybe, Maybe Marisol Rainey***

Maybe Marisol is sensitive and scared of lots of things but maybe she has courage that will surprise her friends and family and even mean Evie.

Klise, Kate. ***The Show Must Go On!***

When someone new takes over Sir Sidney's Circus the performers, including the lion and elephant, must figure out how to cope.

Krishnaswami, Uma. ***Book Uncle and Me***

At the rickety book stand next to her home, Yasmin finds lots and lots of stories. Maybe she'll even find one that will save Book Uncle and his books when the mayor wants him gone.

LeGuin, Ursula. ***Catwings***

Why are Mrs. Jane Tabby's four kittens born with wings? And where can they safely live?

Lindgren, Astrid. ***Pippi Longstocking***

Spunky nine-year-old Pippi lives with her horse and her monkey at the edge of a Swedish village, and is a champion of fun!



McKay, Hilary. ***Lulu and the Duck in the Park***

When Lulu finds a duck egg, she takes it to class to keep it safe. But are eggs covered by the “No Pets” rule? Surely nothing bad will happen...