

Recommended Reads Year | 2020-21

Allepuz, Anuska Donkey loves eating

Donkey loves eating grass. So much so that eventually he turns green. A wonderfully funny cautionary tale which is sure to resonate with all picky eaters and their parents!

Little Green Donkey

Biddulph, Rob Show and Tell A class of children compete with each other to see who has bought the best thing into their show and tell session. Bright, cheerful illustrations and rollicking rhyme makes this a perfect book to read aloud.

Christou BethanySlow SamsonSloth is always late as he is too slow to get to places on time.Luckily his friends come up with a plan. Nice message aboutthe value of friendship.

Condon, John The Pirates Are Coming! A boy who is the town lookout for pirates keeps mistaking other ships for a pirate boat. A twist on the tale of the boy

who cried wolf. Though this has a much happier ending.

Cosgrove, Matt A Stack of Alpacas Macca is an alpaca. He loves splashing in puddles, and he gives the very best cuddles - especially to his nieces and nephew. A heart-warming story of kindness and family.











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Davies, Benji Tad

-A little tadpole worries that her brothers and sisters have been eaten up by a big fish when they start to turn into frogs and disappear. The perfect story for everyone who's ever grown up, or still has a way to go.



Gray, Kes Oi Puppies! Another brilliantly funny, rhyming read-aloud picture book, jam-packed with cute puppies and silliness. Follows on from Oi Frog, Oi Cat etc.



Greig, Louise The Bear Who Did When one bear with a very rumbly tummy steals a jar of honey from the other, it sparks a hilarious trail of events that lead to an epic and calamitous conclusion.



Hart, Caryl Knock Knock Superhero A hilarious rhyming superhero counting book with bright colourful illustrations. Other Knock Knock books feature Pirates, Aliens and Dinosaurs.



Hart, Caryl The Princess and the Shoe A twist on the classic Cinderella fairytale as Jasmine the princess doesn't want to wear dresses and go to a ball but would rather take up running. Maybe her Fairy Godmother's gift of a pair of trainers will help.



Hood, Morag Sophie Johnson Detective Genius Sophie Johnson is a detective genius – she can solve any crime, but hasn't the time to train her dog Bella. When Lion's tail goes missing and Sophie is on the case spotting clues, she fails to spot that Bella is perhaps cleverer than she thinks. A story on two levels – in words and pictures.

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Kelly, John What Do You Do If Your House is Zoo?

Oscar puts an advert in the paper only to be overwhelmed by applications – meerkats, an ostrich, ants, a horse, even an octopus – they all think they'd make the perfect pet. The illustrations are great fun and there are hidden jokes in the adverts for adult readers to enjoy.

Winner of the Hampshire Picture Book Award 2020.



Kwak, Soojin A Hat for Mr Mountain

Nara is a hat maker. One day she receives a letter from Mr Mountain as he needs a hat. Can she rise up to the challenge? A warm and humorous picture book.



McKinlay, Meg Duck!

Duck can clearly see that something is FALLING from the sky so he tries to warn the other farmyard animals but they all ignore him. An alternative to the Chicken Little story with a hilarious ending.



McKinley, Alice Nine Lives Newton

A dog is convinced that he has nine lives so embarks on a series of reckless adventures. He's pursued by his friend, a much more sensible cat, who realises that Newton has been misled. Wonderfully expressive illustrations.



Philip, Simon Be More Bernard

Bernard decides that he's not going to be like all the other bunnies any more. He is going to follow his dreams and become a disco dancing bunny. Joyously silly yet with a serious message about individuality.



Pye, Ali

The Littlest Bandit

When Grandma gets stuck up a tree everyone ignores little bandit because she's so small. There are laugh out loud moments when the bandits go to save Grandma (including using cannons!). Also contains a powerful message about the power of reading. Great fun. Y

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Robinson, Michelle The Day the Banana Went Bad Y A bruised banana decides to fight back after he is thrown into the reject bin. A celebration of being different. Because going bad can sometimes be very, very good. Brilliant rhyming story with bright cheerful illustrations.



Smallman, Steve I'm Not Grumpy! The cover of this book says it all! Mouse is g

The cover of this book says it all! Mouse is grumpy, but decides to help a baby badger who has lost her Mum. In doing so, he finds new friends and realises he doesn't need to be grumpy all the time.



Smith, Craig The Dinky Donkey

The Wonky Donkey has a daughter in this hilarious picture book sequel to the runaway hit. Great to read aloud and to encourage participation.



Taylor, SeanGood Dog!- Dog tries so hard to be good but keeps on getting
distracted. Hilarious, heart-warming story of one lovably
clueless dog and his owner with fabulously expressive
illustrations.



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