

## BOOKS TO TRY

**MacLear, Kyo and Rashin Kheiriyeh**  
***Story Boat***

When a little girl and her younger brother are forced along with their family to flee the home they've always known, they must learn to make a new home for themselves.

**Moser, Lisa**  
***Friendship Yarn***

Porcupine and Badger have always been the best of friends, so when Porcupine finds some yarn in the woods, she makes a present for Badger. And when Badger finds yarn, she makes a present for Porcupine. The only problem? It's the same yarn

**Robinson, Christian**  
***You Matter***

Illustrations and easy-to-read text remind the reader that no matter what happens or how one feels, he or she matters.

**Rosenthal, Jason & Paris**  
***Dear Boy***

This book encourages readers to be confident, curious, adaptable, and willing to speak up.

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# Preschool Reading 2021



# LITERACY FOR 4-5 YEAR OLDS

Here are some ideas for what these kiddos really seem to enjoy in books:

## ALPHABET

Not only will the child learn their ABC's, but these books help her to identify objects and specifically objects that start with that letter.

## HUMOR

These books have great illustrations of wacky situations. A child can easily look through these books and pick out the things "wrong" and tell you why, "Socks go on feet- not hands!" With these books whether they are looked at just for the pictures or read aloud-conversations are encouraged... "Do you think dinosaurs could really wear underwear?"

## ANIMALS

A combination of fiction and non-fiction is best. Children love animals and like seeing them in both settings. By having both available a child can compare how the "real" monkey lives to Curious George.

## RECURRING CHARACTERS

The familiarity of these characters is comforting to a child. He knows Max and Ruby. He may not know the story, but he knows who they are and wants to know what will happen this time. "Max is going to make a mess!"

# AUTHORS WE LOVE!

**David Adler**

**Mac Barnett**

**Cece Bell**

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**Barnett, Mac**

***Just Because***

When a child is too full of questions about the world to go to sleep, her patient father offers up increasingly creative responses to his child's nighttime wonderings.

**Howley, Jonty**

***Big Boys Cry***

It's Levi's first day at a new school, and he's scared. He is told "boys don't cry." But the big boys in the world outside are telling him something different.

**Isadora, Rachel**

***I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)***

A group of children describe many things in their world using their senses in this early nonfiction title.

**Lam, Thao**

***My Dad Looks Like My Cat***

A child describes all the ways in which her cat and father are--or are not--alike.

**Liu, Chingyen and I-Tsun Chinag**

***Woodpecker Girl***

A little girl was born with cerebral palsy, a condition that rendered her wheelchair bound. One day, her art teacher affixed a paintbrush to her forehead with a headband. From then on, the little girl was able to express herself and freely explore the world through her paintings