

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Recommended Reads

Birth-Kindergarten

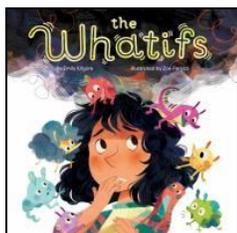


[Chowder](#)

by Peter Brown

Genre: Picture Book, Pets

Description: Chowder the bulldog has never fit in with the other neighborhood canines, but he sees a chance to make friends with the animals at the local petting zoo.

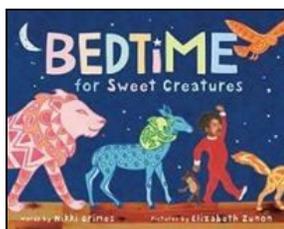


[The Whatifs](#)

by Emily Kilgore

Genre: Picture Book, Growing Up, Feelings

Description: Cora, always bothered by the Whatifs, grows anxious before her piano recital, but a fellow performer helps her imagine what could go right, rather than wrong.

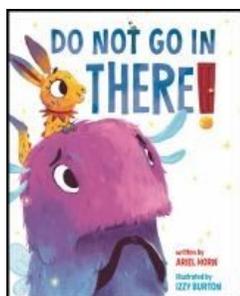


[Bedtime For Sweet Creatures](#)

by Nikki Grimes

Genre: Picture Book, Growing Up, Bedtime

Description: A sleepy little boy resists his mother's efforts to put him to bed.

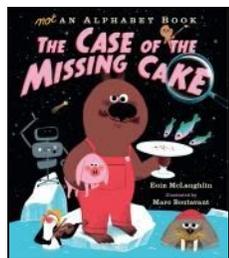


[Do Not Go In There!](#)

by Ariel Horn

Genre: Picture Book, Growing Up, Feelings

Description: Morton and Bogart are best friends, but they don't always see eye to eye. Together, these monsters learn that being open to the unknown can lead to new discoveries.



[Not An Alphabet Book: The Case Of The Missing Cake](#)

by Arundhati Roy

Genre: Fiction

Description: Someone has stolen a delicious chocolate cake! Bear sets off to find the culprit, questioning characters and compiling clues from A to Z.



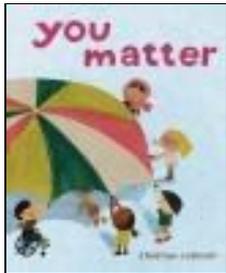


[Truman](#)

by Arundhati Roy

Genre: Picture Book, Pets

Description: He may be slow but Truman the turtle is determined to find his girl Sarah, who has boarded a city bus on her way to preschool.

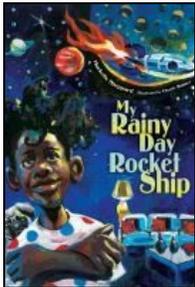


[You Matter](#)

by Christian Robinson

Genre: Picture Book, Growing Up, All About Me

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

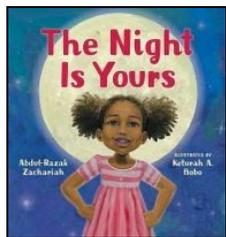


[My Rainy Day Rocket Ship](#)

by Markette Sheppard

Genre: Picture Book, Imagination

Description: Told in rhyming text, a young African American boy uses his imagination to create a rocket ship out of a rocking chair and takes off on a trip to a distant planet.



[The Night Is Yours](#)

by Abdul-Razak Zachariah

Genre: Picture Book, Playtime, Friends, Bedtime

Description: From the vantage point high in their apartment, a parent narrates as Amani plays hide-and-seek at night with their friends in the neighborhood.

