

**H AISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2016**  
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*Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.*

- Antony, Steve. ***Please, Mr. Panda.*** Scholastic, 2014. Mr. Panda wants to share his doughnuts with the other animals, but only if they remember to say “please” and “thank you.”
- Appelt, Kathi. ***Counting Crows.*** Atheneum, 2015. The reader is invited to count hungry crows as they hunt for savory snacks.
- Barner, Bob. ***Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!*** Chronicle Books, 1999. A nonsense rhyme and whimsical illustrations introduce children to familiar bugs, with fun facts and an “actual size” chart included.
- Barnett, Mac. ***Sam & Dave Dig a Hole.*** Candlewick, 2014. Perseverance prevails as Sam and Dave dig a hole in search of something spectacular.
- Barton, Byron. ***My Bike.*** Greenwillow, 2015. Tom describes all the parts of his bicycle and then shares his journey to work as a circus performer.
- Bass, Jennifer Vogel. ***Edible Colors.*** Roaring Brook, 2014. The many colors found in different fruits and vegetables are explored through simple text and photographs.
- Beaumont, Karen. ***Move Over, Rover!*** Harcourt, 2006. When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself but finds that other animals, including a skunk, come to join him.
- Becker, Bonny. ***A Library Book for Bear.*** Candlewick, 2014. Bear thinks he has all the books he needs until his cheery friend, Mouse, persuades him to visit the library.
- Bertram, Debbie. ***The Best Place to Read.*** Dragonfly Books, 2007. A young child with a new book hunts inside and outside the house before finding just the right chair for reading.
- Brown, Margaret Wise. ***Another Important Book.*** Joanna Cotler, 1999. Illustrations and rhyming text describe how a child grows from ages one through six.
- Bruel, Nick. ***A Wonderful Year.*** Roaring Brook, 2015. This picture book comically follows one girl through each of the four seasons.
- Camcam, Princesse. ***Fox’s Garden.*** (Translated from the French) Enchanted Lion Books, 2014. In this gentle story without words, a fox seeks shelter from winter’s icy snow in an abandoned greenhouse, but she is spotted by a small boy looking out his window at the moonlit landscape.
- Carle, Eric. ***What’s Your Favorite Animal?*** Holt, 2014. With beautiful illustrations and charming personal stories, 14 children’s book artists share their favorite animals and tell the reader why they love them.

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- Cousins, Lucy. **Peck, Peck, Peck.** Candlewick, 2013. A young woodpecker masters the skill of pecking as he works his way through the house, reveling in his newfound talent.
- Crews, Nina. **The Neighborhood Mother Goose.** Greenwillow/Amistad, 2003. This collection of nursery rhymes, both familiar and lesser known, is creatively illustrated with photographs in a city setting.
- Curtis, Jamie Lee. **Big Words for Little People.** Joanna Cotler, 2008. A big sister teaches her younger siblings some important words, like “respect,” “responsibility,” and “perseverance.”
- DePaola, Tomie. **Look and Be Grateful.** Holiday House, 2015. A boy awakens with the dawn and expresses gratitude for all he sees around him, the gifts of another unique day.
- Dewdney Anna. **Llama Llama and the Bully Goat.** Viking, 2013. Following their teacher’s lead, Llama Llama speaks to Gilroy Goat and tells him he should not act like a bully on the playground.
- Dunrea, Olivier. **Gossie.** Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Gossie is a gosling who likes to wear bright red boots every day, no matter what she is doing, and so she is heartbroken the day the boots are missing and she cannot find them anywhere.
- Ehlert, Lois. **Waiting for Wings.** Harcourt, 2001. Simple text and bright illustrations show the life cycle stages of butterflies and how they search for nectar to sip from colorful flowers.
- Elliott, David. **On the Farm.** Candlewick, 2008. Farmyard animals are described in lively verse, which is beautifully accompanied by woodcut and watercolor illustrations.
- Elya, Susan Middleton. **Rubia and the Three Osos.** Disney-Hyperion, 2010. This retelling of the story of Goldilocks and the three bears uses rhyming text mainly in English, but interspersed with Spanish words.
- Emberley, Ed. **Go Away, Big Green Monster!** Little, Brown, 1992. Die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed may help children control nighttime fears by making the monster disappear as they turn the remaining pages.
- Falconer, Ian. **Olivia Saves the Circus.** Atheneum, 2001. At school, Olivia tells about her summer vacation and how, when she went to the circus and all the performers were out sick, she saved the day!
- Falwell, Cathryn. **David’s Drawings.** Lee & Low, 2001. A shy boy arriving at a new school makes friends with his classmates by drawing a picture of a tree and inviting them to add their ideas, thus making it a class effort.
- Fleming, Denise. **Alphabet under Construction.** Holt, 2002. A mouse works his way through the alphabet as he folds the “F,” measures the “M,” and rolls the “R.”

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- Fogliano, Julie. ***And Then It's Spring*** Roaring Brook, 2012. Simple text reveals the anticipation of a boy who, having planted seeds while everything around is brown, fears that something has gone wrong until, at last, the world turns green.
- Frazee, Marla. ***The Farmer and the Clown***. Beach Lane Books, 2014. In this wordless picture book, a farmer rescues a baby clown who has bounced off the circus train and reunites him with his clown family. *Boston Globe Horn Book Award Winner 2015*
- Gliori, Debi. ***What's the Time, Mr. Wolf?*** Walker, 2012. Mr. Wolf's day is packed, not only with his own activities and errands, but with such characters as three giggling pigs and a fiddling cat continually asking him what time it is until, at last, it is bedtime.
- Hale, Bruce. ***Clark the Shark***. HarperCollins, 2013. Clark finds everything about school fun and exciting, but his enthusiasm causes problems until he begins inventing rhymes to remind himself to stay cool at school.
- Halpern, Shari. ***Dinosaur Parade***. Holt, 2014. Colorful illustrations and simple, rhyming text present a wide variety of dinosaurs for very young readers.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Go! Go! Go! Stop!*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Little Green only knows one word, "Go!" which is the perfect thing to get the construction site moving, but how will they stop?
- Harris, Robie. ***Turtle and Me***. Little Bee Books, 2015. This charming story details the beautiful friendship between a boy and his plush toy turtle that has been ripped, chewed, sewn, and taped up, but is still a comforting friend at bedtime.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***Waiting***. Greenwillow, 2015. This beautifully illustrated picture book finds the reader happily waiting with owl, puppy, bear, bunny and pig for marvelous things to happen.
- Holub, Joan. ***Mighty Dads***. Scholastic, 2014. Told in simple rhyming text, hard-working construction vehicle fathers guide and encourage their children.
- Houblon, Marie. ***A World of Colors: Seeing Colors in a New Way***. National Geographic, 2009. Photographs and simple text explore the relationship between colors and objects with images from around the world.
- Idle, Molly. ***Flora and the Flamingo***. Chronicle Books, 2013. In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.
- Janeczko, Paul B. ***Firefly July: a Year of Very Short Poems***. Candlewick, 2014. This illustrated collection of thirty-six classic short poems invites children of all ages to sample poetry throughout the four seasons of the year.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Actual Size***. Houghton Mifflin, 2004. Using collage illustrations, the reader is invited to view examples of the actual size of various animals and some of their parts.

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- John, Jory. ***Goodnight Already!*** Harper, 2014. Bear has never been so tired but his next-door neighbor, a wide-awake duck, keeps disturbing his sleep.
- Kirk, David. ***Oh So Tiny Bunny.*** Feiwel and Friends, 2013. Oh So Tiny, a very small bunny, dreams every night of being big but eventually realizes that being tiny is not so bad.
- Klostermann, Penny Parker. ***There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight.*** Random House, 2015. Based on the folk song “Little old lady who swallowed a fly,” this variation finds a greedy, hungry dragon learning the lesson of moderation.
- Lionni, Leo. ***Fish Is Fish.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 1970. After suffering disappointment when his best friend tadpole grows into a frog and leaves the pond, a little fish discovers that being himself can still bring happiness.
- Lloyd-Jones, Sally. ***The Ultimate Guide to Grandmas & Grandpas.*** HarperCollins, 2008. Hints are offered to grandchildren about how to make grandparents happy, such as singing and dancing for them, sharing naps, and letting them give you special treats and presents.
- Lobel, Arnold. ***The Frogs and Toads All Sang.*** HarperCollins, 2009. Before becoming the famous friends, Frog and Toad, these amphibious buddies enjoyed other adventures told through ten short, rhyming stories.
- London, Jonathan. ***Froggy Plays T-Ball.*** Puffin, 2007. Froggy looks forward to playing in his first T-ball game but finds it hard to remember the rules.
- Long, Loren. ***Otis.*** Philomel, 2009. When a big yellow tractor arrives, Otis friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs he is the only one who can help.
- Mack, Jeff. ***Ah Ha!*** Chronicle Books, 2013. The ups and downs of a frog’s day are told through the use of just two words.
- Marino, Gianna. ***Too Tall Houses.*** Viking, 2012. Owl and Rabbit are good friends until a dispute over Rabbit’s garden develops into a house-building frenzy and the now not-so-good friends have the two tallest houses in the world!
- Matheson, Christie. ***Tap the Magic Tree.*** Greenwillow, 2013. A lonely apple tree needs help to change with the seasons and the reader is interactively invited to participate.
- McDonnell, Patrick. ***Thank You and Good Night.*** Little, Brown, 2015. Maggie hosts a pajama party at which Clement, Alan Alexander, and Jean play a variety of fun games, tire themselves, and drift off to sleep, but not before sharing their gratitude.

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- Mitton, Tony. **Cool Cars**. Kingfisher, 2005. Illustrations and rhyming text describe different kinds of cars, including fast cars, police cars, and taxis, with descriptions about various car parts and how each is used.
- Murray, Alison. **Hickory Dickory Dog**. Candlewick, 2014. Charming illustrations highlight Zack's day at school – with a surprise canine visitor – in this twist on a nursery rhyme about the hours of the day.
- Nelson, Kadir. **If You Plant a Seed**. Balzer + Bray, 2015. While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn the value of kindness.
- Nichols, Lori. **Maple**. Nancy Paulsen, 2014. A nature-loving little girl's favorite playmate is her maple tree, until the day she's surprised with a baby sister.
- Novak, B. J. **The Book with No Pictures**. Dial Books, 2014. In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter how preposterous they are!
- Nyeu, Tao. **Bunny Days**. Dial Books, 2010. All's well that ends well, as a pair of busy goats inadvertently cause trouble for six bunnies and their neighbor, Bear, who comes to the rescue.
- O'Brien, Anne Sibley. **I'm New Here**. Charlesbridge, 2015. Three children from other countries struggle to adjust to their new home and school in the United States.
- Offill, Jenny. **While You Were Napping**. Schwartz & Wade, 2014. A child tells an outlandish tale of what took place while a younger sibling was taking a nap.
- Olson, Jennifer Gray. **Ninja Bunny**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. A little rabbit tries to follow the rules in order to become a "super awesome ninja," but discovers that his book is wrong about one very important thing.
- Parr, Todd. **The I'm Not Scared Book**. Little, Brown, 2011. This story relates some of the things that can frighten children and shows how these fears may be overcome.
- Paschkis, Julie. **P. Zonka Lays an Egg**. Peachtree, 2015. The other chickens in the farmyard think P. Zonka is just lazy because she does not lay eggs regularly, but then she lays the most beautiful egg they've ever seen.
- Perkins, Maripat. **Rodeo Red**. Peachtree, 2015. Rodeo Red and her dog Rusty are happy as can be, but when Side Swiping Slim comes to town and stirs up trouble for them by stealing Rusty, Red will do anything to get him back – even give up the birthday gift her Aunt Sal sent.
- Pham, LeUyen. **A Piece of Cake**. Balzer + Bray, 2014. Mouse has baked a special treat for Little Bird's birthday, but delivering it to his friend isn't easy—not when everyone he meets along the way offers to trade something for a piece of cake.
- Pinkney, Jerry. **The Lion and the Mouse**. Little, Brown, 2009. In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

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- Raschka, Chris. ***A Ball for Daisy***. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. This wordless picture book illustrates all the fun a dog can have with her ball. *Caldecott Medal 2012*
- Ray, Mary Lyn. ***Stars***. Beach Lane Books, 2011. The wonder of stars is explored, whether they are in the night sky, on a plant as a promise of fruit to come, or in one's pocket for those days when one does not feel shiny.
- Rockwell, Lizzy. ***The Busy Body Book: A Kid's Guide to Fitness***. Crown, 2004. This introduction to the human body describes how it functions and its need for exercise.
- Roemer, Heidi. ***What Kinds of Seeds Are These?*** NorthWord, 2006. Rhyming riddles describe nine different types of seeds and how they get to where they need to go in order to grow and bloom.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***Duck! Rabbit!*** Chronicle Books, 2009. Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.
- Saltzberg, Barney. ***Beautiful Oops!*** Workman, 2010. Using lift-the-flap pages, torn, crinkled, and smudged bits of paper are transformed into creative artwork of various shapes and images.
- Samuels, Barbara. ***Fred's Beds***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2014. Zelda's beagle, Fred, has many napping places which he makes great use of before, during, and after her birthday party.
- Savage, Stephen. ***Supertruck***. Roaring Brook, 2015. When the city is hit by a colossal snowstorm, a mysterious superhero saves the day and then disappears once his job is done.
- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Woodpecker Wham!*** Holt, 2015. Enter woodpecker world and get a bird's eye view of the everyday life of nature's homebuilders.
- Schaefer, Lola M. ***One Special Day***. Disney-Hyperion, 2012. An energetic and imaginative boy becomes a big brother.
- Schertle, Alice. ***Little Blue Truck***. Harcourt, 2008. A small blue truck finds his way out of a jam with a little help from his friends.
- Schwartz, Amy. ***100 Things That Make Me Happy***. Abrams Books, 2014. Listing a wide variety of items, from red socks to peekaboo, this celebration of everyday things can make anyone happy!
- Shannon, David. ***Duck on a Bike***. Blue Sky Press, 2002. A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.
- Shea, Susan. ***Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?*** Blue Apple Books, 2011. Exploring the simple notion of living versus non-living, the author presents a rhyming inquiry into which objects grow and which do not.

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- Spires, Ashley. ***The Most Magnificent Thing***. Kids Can Press, 2014. A little girl, with a wonderful idea, elicits help from her canine assistant and begins the challenging process of trying to make “the most magnificent thing.”
- Staake, Bob. ***Look! Another Book!*** Little, Brown, 2012. Readers will delight in this easy-to-read, rhyming book, which invites one to search for items with a different theme on each page.
- Stead, Phillip Christian. ***Bear Has a Story to Tell***. Roaring Brook, 2012. Bear wants to tell his animal friends a story before they begin their long winter nap, but the story has to wait until spring when everyone will share in the process.
- Stephens, Helen. ***How to Hide a Lion***. Holt, 2013. Iris understands that grown-ups are afraid of lions so she tries to keep one hidden for as long as possible, but when the lion catches two burglars he becomes the town hero.
- Stockdale, Susan. ***Spectacular Spots***. Peachtree, 2015. Presented with engaging rhymes and bright bold images, young readers learn about the many ways in which animals benefit from their spots.
- Sullivan, Mary. ***Ball***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. While searching for someone to play with him, a dog dreams of fantastical adventures he could have with his ball.
- Tardif, Benoit. ***Sport-O-Rama***. (translated from the French) Kids Can Press, 2015. This informational picture book provides an introduction to 23 sports using simple illustrations and humorous touches.
- Teague, Mark. ***The Sky Is Falling!*** Orchard Books, 2015. In this humorous version of the traditional tale, Chicken Little panics when an acorn falls on her head and sets off a dance frenzy among the other chickens.
- Thompson, Lauren. ***Little Quack’s Bedtime***. Simon & Schuster, 2005. A mother duck tries to persuade her five ducklings to go to sleep on a dark night when something is blinking, hooting, and swaying and keeping them awake.
- Thong, Roseanne. ***Green Is a Chile Pepper***. Chronicle Books, 2014. A little girl discovers all the bright colors in her Hispanic American neighborhood.
- Tupera, Tupera. ***Polar Bear’s Underwear***. (Translated from the Japanese) Chronicle Books, 2015. Polar Bear has lost his underwear and his friend, Mouse, offers to help him find it..
- Underwood, Deborah. ***Bad Bye, Good Bye***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Using simple rhyming text and expressive illustrations, a child describes the many feelings and emotions that accompany a family’s move.
- Vamos, Samantha R. ***Alphabet Trucks***. Charlesbridge, 2013. In simple rhyming text, this book follows hardworking trucks from A to Z, describing where they are and what they do.

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- Wells, Rosemary. ***Max Cleans Up***. Puffin, 2000. Max's big sister Ruby wants to help him clean up his messy room, but he keeps rescuing things that she wants to throw away.
- Willems, Mo. ***That Is Not a Good Idea***. Balzer + Bray, 2013. When a plump mama goose is invited to dinner by a hungry fox, her babies try to warn her that this is a very bad idea!
- Wilson, Karma. ***Where Is Home, Little Pip?*** McElderry Books, 2008. After Little Pip the penguin gets lost, she meets a whale, a Kelp Gull, and sled dogs who cannot help her, but home finds her with the aid of her family's song.
- Wolff, Ashley. ***Baby Bear Counts One***. Beach Lane Books, 2013. Before curling up with his mother in their cozy den, Baby Bear counts other animals from one to ten as they prepare for winter.
- Wood, Audrey. ***The Full Moon at the Napping House***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. In this cumulative tale, a chirping cricket calms a worried mouse, a prowling cat, and other restless creatures, helping them to finally fall asleep.
- Yim, Natasha. ***Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas***. Charlesbridge, 2014. In this Chinese-American retelling of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," a careless Goldy Luck wreaks havoc on the home of a family of panda bears.
- Yolen, Jane. ***You Nest Here with Me***. Boyds Mills, 2015. A mother soothes her child at bedtime as she describes how baby birds and sleepy children everywhere are safe at home in their own nests.
- Yum, Hyewon. ***The Twins' Blanket***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. Twin girls, who have always shared everything, sleep in separate beds with their own blankets for the first time.

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