

# Suggested Picturebook List

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Dr Mary Roche (St. Patrick's College, Thurles) compiled this book list based on her work with children over the past 20 years. The list includes **suggestions**; hopefully some of these will interest the children you work with and provoke deep discussions.

The age groupings are a **guide**. The same book can be used to explore different concepts with younger and older children. For example, a discussion on why the Little Red Hen's friends did not help her might take place at age 3, with the concept of friendship as depicted in the story being explored with children aged 4, 5 and 6.

Have a look at the podcasts on Critical Thinking and Book Talk in the Supporting interactions section of the Aistear Toolkit ([www.ncca.ie/aisteartoolkit](http://www.ncca.ie/aisteartoolkit)) to find out how you can use picture books to support children's thinking and discussion.



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# Toddlers

## 2-3 years

1. *A Bit Lost* (2011, Walker), Chris Houghton
2. *Are you my Mother?* (1960, Random House Books), P.D. Eastman
3. *Elephant and Piggy series/Pigeon series* (Walker Books, Mo Willems)
4. *Elmer* (1990, Red Fox), David McKee
5. *First the Egg* (2009, Frances Lincoln Children's Books), Laura V Seeger
6. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* (2009 Puffin), Lauren Child
7. *Good Little Wolf* (2011, Jonathan Cape), Nadia Shireen
8. *Have You Ever, Ever, Ever?* (2012, Walker), Colin McNaughton & Emma Chichester Clark
9. *I Want my Hat Back* (2011, Candle wick), Jon Klessen
10. *Little Red Hen* (2001, Houghton Mifflin), Paul Galdone
11. *Night Monkey, Day Monkey* (2002), Egmont Books Ltd), Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
12. *Not Last Night But The Night Before* (2010, Walker), Colin McNaughton & Emma Chichester Clark
13. *Not Now Bernard* (1990, Red Fox), David McKee
14. *Penguin* (2007, Walker), Polly Dun bar
15. *Room on the Broom* (2004, Puffin), Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
16. *Rosie's Walk* (2009, Simon&Schuster), Pat Hutchins
17. *The Gruffalo* (1999, Macmillan Children's Books), Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
18. *The Gruffalo's Child* (2005, Macmil lan Children's Books), Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
19. *The Magic Bed* (2004, Red Fox), John Burningham
20. *The Rainbow Fish* (2000, North South Books), Marcus Pfister
21. *The Tickle Ghost* (2011, Andersen Press), David and Brett McKee
22. *This is not my Hat* (2012, Candlewick), Jon Klessen
23. *Where is the Green Sheep?* (2004, Harcourt Books), Mem Fox

# Young children

## 3-4

1. *A Squash and a Squeeze* (2003, Macmillan Children's Books), Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
2. *Egg Drop* (2003, Red Fox), Mini Grey
3. *Fish is Fish* (1987, Demco Media), Leo Leonni
4. *Frog and the Birdsong* (1991, Anderson Press, London), Max Velthuijs
5. *Give a Dog a Name* (1995, Scholastic Hippo), Barrie Wade
6. *I Want my Hat Back* (2011, Candlewick), Jon Klessen
7. *Let's Get a Pup* (2003, Candlewick Press), Bob Graham
8. *Little Blue and Little Yellow* (1995, William Morrow), Leo Leonni
9. *Penguin* (2007, Walker), Polly Dunbar
10. *Room on the Broom* (2004, Puffin), Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
11. *Slow Loris* (2003, Red Fox), Alexis Deacon
12. *Ten, Nine, Eight* (1991, Harcourt School Publishers), Molly Bang
13. *The Avocado Baby* (1999, Red Fox), John Burningham
14. *The Fish who Could Wish* (1993), Oxford University Press), John Bush & Korky Paul
15. *The Lonely Beast* (2011, Andersen), Chris Judge
16. *The Princess and the Pea* (2005, Penguin), Lauren Child
17. *The Rainbow Fish* (2000, North South Books), Marcus Pfister
18. *The Smartest Giant in Town* (2002, Macmillan Children's Books), Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
19. *The Sneetches* (1961, Random House), Dr Seuss
20. *The Teddy Robber* (1991, Corgi Children's), Ian Beck
21. *This is not my Hat* (2012, Candlewick), Jon Klessen
22. *Three Monsters* (2004, Andersen Press Ltd), David McKee
23. *Where the Wild Things are* (2000, Red Fox), Maurice Sendak

## 4+ years

1. *Crusher is Coming* (1999, Picture Lions), Bob Graham
2. *Dear Greenpeace* (1991, Walker), Simon James
3. *Feathers and Fools* (2000, First Voyager Books), Mem Fox
4. *Frog and Toad are Friends* (1971, Harper Collins ), Arnold Lobel
5. *It's a Book* (2010, Roaring Book Press), Lane Smith
6. *Look what I've got* (1996, Walker Books Ltd), Anthony Browne
7. *Oi! Get off our Train* (1989, Red Fox Books), John Burningham
8. *Prince Cinders* (1997, Picture Puffin), Babette Cole
9. *Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend* (2008 Happy Cat Books), Melanie Watt
10. *Something Else* (1995, Puffin Books), Kathryn Cave & Chris Riddell
11. *The Conquerors* (2004, Andersen Press Ltd), David McKee
12. *The Hueys* (2012, HarperCollins Children's Books), Oliver Jeffers
13. *This Moose Belongs to Me* (2012, HarperCollins Children's Books), Oliver Jeffers
14. *The Paper Bag Princess* (1980, Scholastic), Robert Munsch
15. *The Sneetches* (1961, Random House), Dr Seuss
16. *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* (1993, Simon & Schuster), Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury
17. *The Three Robbers* (1987, Atheneum), Tomi Ungerer
18. *The Tooth* (2009, Kane Miller), Avi Slodovnick & Manon Gauthier
19. *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* (1997, Puffin), Jon Scieszka
20. *Tusk Tusk* (1990, Red Fox), David McKee
21. *Two Monsters* (1987, Red Fox), David McKee
22. *Voices in the Park* (1999, Corgi Children's), Anthony Browne
23. *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* (1992, Picture Puffins), Mem Fox
24. *William's Doll* (1991, Picture Lions), Charlotte Zolotow and William Pene du Bois
25. *Willy the Wimp* (1995, Walker Books Ltd), Anthony Brown
26. *Yellow Bird, Black Spider* (2004, Bloomsbury), Dosh and Mike Archer