



# Beginning Readers

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
<b>EASY</b>		
2 - 3	Beecroft, Simon. <i>R2-D2 and Friends</i> . New York: DK, 2009. (DK Readers 2) (Additional titles: <i>Star Wars: Luke Skywalker's Amazing Story</i> , <i>Ready, Set, Podrace!</i> , <i>Anakin in Action!</i> and <i>Watch Out for Jabba the Hut!</i> )  Tales from R2-D2's life plus facts about other robots in the Star Wars films.	E B3921SR
N/A	Benjamin, Ruth. <i>My Little Pony: A Secret Gift</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2006. (I Can Read! Level 1)  The ponies are planning a very special surprise for a very special friend. Join them as they make their secret scrapbook, but do not tell Daisy Jo!	E B4385M
1 - 2	Berenstain, Stan. <i>The Berenstain Bears' New Kitten</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2007. (I Can Read! Level 1) (Additional titles: <i>The Berenstain Bears Help the Homeless</i> , <i>The Berenstain Bears Out West</i> , and <i>The Berenstain Bears' Seashore Treasure</i> )  One day while Brother Bear is hunting bullfrogs, he finds a tiny, muddy kitten instead, and when he takes it home and introduces it to Mama, Papa, Sister, and the family dog, they all decide to keep it.	E B4522BNWK

PreK	Berenstain, Stan. <b><i>Inside, Outside, Upside Down</i></b> . New York: Random House, 1996. (Bright and Early Books for beginning readers)	E B4522IN
	A simple tale, using a limited vocabulary for young readers, of how little bear travels to town in a cardboard box on a truck. By the time he has returned, the reader will be exposed to the concepts of "inside, outside, upside down."	
K	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. <b><i>Biscuit's Day at the Farm</i></b> . New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2007. (I Can Read!)	E C1753BSD
	Biscuit the dog meets hens, pigs, geese, and goats while visiting a farm.	
K - 3	Capolzzi, Suzy. <b><i>I am Kind</i></b> . Emmaus, PA: Rodale Kids, 2017. (Rodale Kids Curious Readers, Level 2)	E C1735IAK
	I Am Kind follows a little girl who sees kindness all around her. Her mother is kind when she volunteers in the community, and her neighbor is kind when he gives her strawberries from his garden. Even her nature troop is kind when they take care of the earth! The little girl realizes that she, too, has the power to be kind, and that even small actions can have a big impact.	
1 - 2	Cazet, Denys. <b><i>Minnie and Moo and the Haunted Sweater</i></b> . New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2007. (I Can Read! Level 3) (Additional titles: <i>Minnie and Moo: Wanted Dead or Alive</i> and <i>Minnie and Moo: The Case of the Missing Jelly Donut</i> )	E C3193MA
	Minnie and Moo want to give special presents to the Farmer for his birthday, but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater.	
K - 3	Cosby, Bill. <b><i>Hooray for the Dandelion Warriors!</i></b> New York: Scholastic Inc., 1999. (Little Bill books for beginning readers) (Other titles include: <i>The Best Way to Play</i> , <i>The Meanest Thing to Say</i> , <i>Shipwreck Saturday</i> , <i>Super-Fine Valentine</i> and <i>The Worst Day of My Life</i> )	E C8201H
	Little Bill and his teammates are excited to begin baseball practice, but they cannot agree on the team name.	
1 - 2	Dean, James. <b><i>Pete the Cat and the Cool Caterpillar</i></b> . New York: Harper, 2018. (I Can Read! Level 1)	E D345PAC
	When Pete the cat meets a super cool caterpillar, he thinks he has found a new best friend. But when one day his caterpillar goes missing, Pete has to find out what happened to his new friend. Pete is in for one wild surprise at the end!	
K - 2	de Groat, Diane. <b><i>Gilbert, the Surfer Dude</i></b> . New York: HarperCollins, 2009. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E D3652GI
	Gilbert the opossum imagines himself as Surfer Dude on a fun-filled day at the beach.	

PreK - K	Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. <i>Peanut and Pearl's Picnic Adventure</i> . New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 2007. (I Can Read!)	E D7424P
	Two friends set off for a picnic together, but by the time they are ready to eat, they have lost one another.	
K - 3	Fox, Jennifer. <i>Tea with Mr. Tumnus</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2005. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E F8573T
	Lucy befriends Mr. Tumnus in the magic land of Narnia.	
K - 3	Gates, Susan. <i>Bill's Baggy Pants</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2003. (Read-it! Readers, Red Level)	E G223B
	Bill is very proud of his new baggy pants with the many pockets but when he goes to buy potatoes for his mother, strange things begin to happen.	
K - 2	George, Jean Craighead. <i>Goose and Duck</i> . New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2008. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E G293GO
	A young boy becomes the "mother" to a goose, who becomes "mother" to a duck, as they learn about the rhythms of nature together.	
K - 2	Grimes, Nikki. <i>Wild, Wild Hair</i> . New York: Scholastic, 1997. (Hello Reader! Level 3)	BARNES E G8823WI
	In this rhyming story, an African American girl hides when it's time to comb and braid her hair. A young African American girl dreads Monday, when her hair is braided, in this easy-to-read book.	
1 - 2	Hale, Bruce. <i>Danny and the Dinosaur: School Days</i> . New York: Harper, 2017. (I Can Read! Level 1)	E H13D
	Why don't dinosaurs go to school? In Danny and the Dinosaur: School Days, the dinosaur gets curious and follows his friend Danny to school! But Danny's buddy is too big to ride the school bus, and school lunch isn't quite right for a dinosaur ... So, he decides to do school his own way -- dino style -- and it turns out to be the best class ever!	
K - 3	Hapka, Cathy. <i>I am Batman</i> . New York: HarperTrophy, 2008. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E H21I
	When Batman sees the Bat-Signal up in the sky, it means that danger is near! He'll need his Batsuit and Bat-Pod to help keep Gotham City safe from its newest enemy—the Joker!	

- 1 - 2 Hapka, Cathy. *Rio: Blu and Friends*. New York: Harper, 2010. (I Can Read! Level 2) E  
H21RB
- Blu, a rare blue Spix's Macaw, travels to Rio de Janeiro to save his species, where he meets Jewel, the only other bird of his kind, but they are soon kidnapped by rare animal smugglers and must escape.
- N/A Hapka, Cathy. *Shrek the Third: A Good King is Hard to Find*. New York: HarperCollins, 2007. (I Can Read! Level 2) (Additional title: *Shrek the Third: Friends and Foes*) E  
H21SA
- Shrek and Donkey find Fiona's cousin Artie to bring him back to Far Far Away to be king, but Artie doesn't think he can be king--and neither does Prince Charming, who wants the job for himself.
- 1 - 2 Herman, Gail. *Ginormica's Big Battle*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2009. (I Can Read! Level 2) E  
H42635G
- Susan Murphy used to think she was plain and ordinary. But that was before she turned into a giant, battled an alien invader, and saved planet Earth!
- 2 - 3 Hibbert, Clare. *Star Wars: Tatooine Adventures*. New York: DK Publishing, 2011. (DK Readers 1) (Additional title: *Star Wars: The Clone Wars. Boba Fett: Jedi Hunter*) E  
H521STA
- Take a trip to the sandy planet of Tatooine and meet the people and strange creatures who live there!
- 2 - 3 Hoban, Russell. *A Bargain for Frances*. New York: Harper & Row, [1970] (I Can Read! Level 2) E  
H65168BA
- Thelma always seems to get Frances into trouble. When she tricks Frances into buying her tea set, it's the last straw. Can Frances show her that it's better to lose a bargain than lose a friend?
- K - 3 Jones, Christianne C. *Busy Bear*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2006. (Read-it! Readers) E  
J7126BU
- Busy Bear wants to play all winter long with his animal friends, but when he becomes overly tired he begins to realize why bears need to hibernate.
- 1 - 2 Kenah, Katharine. *The Best Seat in Second Grade*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005. (I Can Read! Level 2) E  
K33BS
- Sam's favorite thing about second grade is the class pet, a hamster named George Washington, so when the class goes on a field trip to a science museum, Sam cannot resist bringing George along.

1 - 2	Kent, Lindsay. <i>Star Wars: The Adventures of Han Solo</i> . New York: DK Pub., 2011. (DK Readers 2)	E K416STT
	Join heroic Han Solo as he makes great friends--and some powerful enemies!	
N/A	Lime, Harry. <i>Rogue Finds a Home</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2006. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E L6293R
	Rogue must decide whether to join the X-men permanently or try to make her own way.	
1 - 2	Lock, Deborah. <i>A Trip to the Theater</i> . New York: DK Pub., 2008. (DK Readers 2)	E L789T
	A young boy tours a theater, including backstage, before watching a play. Information boxes provide details about the roles of the director, stage manager, and lighting and sound technicians, and the making of props.	
K - 2	Lodge, Bernard. <i>Custard Surprise</i> . New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2007. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E L8212CU
	Two chickens, Dinah and Rufus, find that running a diner is harder than they expected when every customer wants something that is not on the menu, until finally someone comes in for whom the Custard Surprise is just right.	
1 - 2	Hill, Susan. <i>Marley and the Runaway Pumpkin</i> . New York: Harper, 2010. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E L8535M
	Marley's family takes extra care in getting their blue-ribbon pumpkin to the fair, but with a dog like Marley around, being careful isn't always enough.	
PreK - K	McCourt, Lisa. <i>Ready for Kindergarten, Stinky Face?</i> New York: Cartwheel Books, 2010. (Scholastic reader. Level 1)	E M1375RE
	A mother reassures her son when he imagines increasingly silly things that might go wrong on his first day of kindergarten.	
N/A	McKay, Sindy. <i>The Big Tan Van</i> . San Francisco, CA: Treasure Bay, 2011. (We Both Read, Level 1)	E M1928BI
	Aunt Sue takes her niece on a ride of adventure that brings them to some unusual places.	
N/A	McKay, Sindy. <i>June's Tune</i> . San Francisco, CA: Treasure Bay, 2000. (We Both Read, Level 1)	E M1928J
	June and her friends Joe and Mike create a funny song.	

N/A	McKay, Sindy. <i>My Town</i> . San Anselmo, CA: Treasure Bay, 2007. (We Both Read, Level K)	E M1928MT
	This book for very beginning readers features a young boy and his father having a wonderful time making a map as they explore their neighborhood. As they explore, the boy learns where he lives in relation to various places and landmarks in the town. Through this charming story, you readers will learn a little about maps, including how to make and use their own maps!	
K - 3	Mayer, Mercer. <i>This is My Town</i> . New York: HarperCollins Children's Books, 2009. (I Can Read!)	E M4527THI
	Little Critter introduces his town, showing the reader everything from the post office to the movie theater.	
K - 2	O'Connor, Jane. <i>Fancy Nancy: Poison Ivy Expert</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2009. (I Can Read! Level 1) (Additional titles: <i>Fancy Nancy: Ooh La La, It's Beauty Day, Fancy Nancy: Pajama Day, Fancy Nancy Sees Stars, Fancy Nancy: Spectacular Spectacles, and Fancy Nancy: Stellar Stargazer!</i> )	E OC55FPOI
	A young girl who uses fancy words and considers herself practically a poison ivy expert learns a valuable (and itchy) lesson about the plant after picking a bouquet of wildflowers.	
K - 2	Paul, Ann Whitford. <i>Snail's Good Night</i> . New York: Holiday House, 2007. (Holiday House Reader, Level 1)	E P2812SN
	When Snail realizes that his friends are going to bed, he begins a very long, very slow slide to wish them all good night.	
N/A	Ring, Susan. <i>Pluto's Best</i> . New York: Disney Press, 2008. (Early Reader Level Pre-1)	E R4728PSB
	Let the games begin! Pluto and Butch have entered a competition to see who will be 'top dog.' In the end, they learn it's not about winning or losing, but how you play the game.	
K - 3	St.-Aubin, Bruno. <i>Daddy's an Alien</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2005. (Read-it! Readers, Green Level)	E SA22DA
	After a child's father returns from an airplane trip looking different and acting strangely, his family begins to suspect that he may be an alien.	
N/A	Teitelbaum, Michael. <i>Transformers: Training Day. Hunting for Decepticons</i> . New York: Harper, 2011. (I Can Read! Level 2)	E T2352T
	Optimus Prime and the Autobots learn the evil Decepticons are behind a series of seemingly natural disasters.	

K - 3 Van Leeuwan, Jean. *Amanda Pig, First Grader*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007. (Dial Easy-to-Read) E  
V324AF

Amanda is very excited about starting first grade, and although everything is not exactly as she expected, she soon begins learning to read and finding her way.

1 - 2 Weeks, Sarah. *Pip Squeak*. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2007. (I Can Read! Level 1) E  
W4187P

Pip Squeak the mouse works hard to clean the house for his friend Max's visit, but then he has to clean up after Max too.

## NONFICTION

1 - 2 Carbone, Courtney. *This Makes Me Sad*. New York: Rodale Kids, 2018. 152.4  
(Rodale Kids Curious Readers, Level 2) (Also by author: *This Makes Me Happy*) C1775THS

A young boy accidentally lets his dog loose from the yard, in a book that helps young readers learn to express and articulate sadness.

K - 3 Moore, Max. *Homes Around the World*. New York: DK, 2009. (DK Readers 1) 392.36  
M7854H

Come see the different kinds of homes people live in, from tents to treehouses.

K - 3 Hayden, Kate. *Starry Sky*. New York: DK Pub., 2006. (DK Readers 2) 523.8  
H3245S

Discusses the night sky and stars.

N/A Dickstein, Leslie. *Storms!* New York: HarperCollins, 2006. (Time for Kids, Level 1) 551.55  
D5613S

Learn about different kinds of storms.

K - 2 Thomson, Ruth. *Dinosaur's Day*. New York: DK Pub., 2009. (DK Readers 1) 567.9  
T386D

A gentle Triceratops forgets to stay with the herd and has to use his sharp horns to fight a Tyrannosaurus.

N/A Iasevoli, Brenda. *Plants!* New York: HarperCollins, 2006. (Time for Kids, Level 1) 580  
IA7P

A very simple introduction to the world of plants.

K	Wallace, Karen. <i>Wild Baby Animals</i> . New York: DK Pub., 2012. (DK Readers 1)	591.3 W1555W
	Describes some of the differences in the ways various baby animals--including monkeys, rhinos, wolves, seals, and elephants--behave and grow.	
K - 3	Lock, David. <i>Animals at Home</i> . London; New York: DK, 2007. (DK Readers 1)	591.56 L789A
	Text and photographs describe how a variety of animals construct their homes.	
1 - 2	Guiberson, Brenda Z. <i>Ocean Life</i> . New York: Scholastic, 2011. (Scholastic Reader, Level 1)	591.77 G9409O
	Learn all about ocean life in this book full of facts and photographs.	
K - 3	Murphy, Patricia J. <i>Bugs and Us</i> . New York: DK, 2012. (DK Readers 1)	595.7 M956B
	Helps your child to discover all about the lives of creepy crawlies--what they eat, where they live, and how they help humans.	
K	Marzollo, Jean. <i>I'm a Caterpillar</i> . New York: Scholastic, 2008. (Beginning Reader, Level 1)	595.78 M3699I
	Provides a simple explanation of what happens as a caterpillar changes into a butterfly--from the caterpillar's point of view.	
K	Wallace, Karen. <i>Born to Be a Butterfly</i> . London: DK, 2010. (DK Readers 1)	595.78 W1555B
	Simple text and photographs describe the stages by which a butterfly develops from an egg.	
2 - 3	Winchester, Elizabeth. <i>Bees!</i> New York: HarperCollins, 2005. (Time for Kids, Level 1)	595.799 W721B
	Get the inside scoop on the world's most fascinating creatures! Meet a beekeeper. Peek inside a beehive. Find out how some bees make honey. Learn more than thirty fun facts about these busy insects.	
1 - 2	Dussling, Jennifer. <i>Slinky, Scaly Snakes</i> . New York: DK Pub., 2011. (DK Readers 2)	597.96 D948S.A
	An introduction to the physical characteristics and habits of snakes.	



2 - 3	Iorio, Nicole. <b><i>Bears!</i></b> New York: HarperCollins, 2005. (Time for Kids, Level 1)	599.78 IO7B
	From the icy north to the hot rain forests, bears settle in their dens. These powerful mammals may be big, but they are not slow. Bears are strong climbers, runners, and swimmers. And bears like to eat! Some lick honey with long tongues. Others use sharp claws and teeth to fish in rivers.	
K	Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. <b><i>Human Body</i></b> . New York: Scholastic Inc., 2010. (Scholastic Reader, Level 1)	612 Z72H
	A simple explanation of how the human body works, discussing the five senses, muscles, bones, digestion, the heart, and the brain.	
1 - 2	Lakin, Patricia. <b><i>The Stellar Story of Space Travel</i></b> . New York: Simon Spotlight, 2016. (Ready-to-Read, Level 3)	629.41 L1496S
	Blast off into a galaxy full of fun with this fact-tastic history of fun stuff!	
K	Wallace, Karen. <b><i>Rockets and Spaceships</i></b> . London; New York: DK, 2011. (DK Readers 1)	629.47 W1555R
	Describes how space shuttles, probes, satellites, the Hubble space telescope, and space stations allow astronauts to explore the moon and planets.	
K	Nichols, Catherine. <b><i>Good Morning, Farm!</i></b> London; New York: DK Publishing, 2010. (DK Readers 1)	630 N515G
	Milk the cows, feed the sheep, build a pen, and more--it's morning on the farm!	
N/A	Domnauer, Teresa. <b><i>Peculiar Pets</i></b> . Columbus, OH: School Specialty Pub., 2007. (Extreme Readers, Level 1)	636.088 D7141P
	Extreme Reader investigates unusual animals that are kept as pets around the world.	
K - 3	Hayward, Linda. <b><i>A Day in the Life of a Musician</i></b> . New York: DK, 2001. (DK Readers 1)	780 H3356D
	Follow violinist Jane Lee through the day as she prepares for a concert.	
N/A	Beecroft, Simon. <b><i>Star Wars: A Queen's Diary</i></b> . New York: DK, 2007. (DK Readers 2)	791.4375 B3921Q
	Padmé Amidala, Queen of Naboo, explains her life and explains what happens when her planet is invaded by enemy soldiers.	

- K Murphy, Patrica J. *Let's Play Soccer*. New York: DK Publishing, 2008. (DK Readers 1) 796.334 M956L
- At his first soccer practice, Erik learns how to stretch, the rules of the game, and kicking techniques before playing a practice game.
- K - 3 Simkins, Kate. *I Want to Be a Gymnast*. New York: DK Publishing, 2006. (DK Readers 2) 796.44 SI459I
- Examines two young girls as they learn the beam, bars and vault.

## BIOGRAPHIES

- 1 - 2 Shields, Brian. *John Cena*. New York: DK, 2009. (DK Readers 2) B C3324S
- A biography of WWE wrestler John Cena. He has also been in movies and recorded a rap song.
- 1 - 2 Sullivan, Kevin. *Hornswoggle*. London; New York: DK, 2011. (DK Readers 2) B H7849S
- Profiles the life and career of professional wrestler Hornswoggle.
- 1 - 2 Shields, Brian. *CM Punk*. London; NY: DK Pub., 2009. (DK Readers 2) B P9696S
- A brief biography of the WWE professional wrestler known as CM Punk.
- K - 3 Sullivan, Kevin. *Rey Mysterio*. London; New York: DK Pub., 2011. (DK Readers 2) B R3303S
- Describes events in the wrestling career of a professional wrestler known as Rey Mysterio.

## PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Barstow, Barbara. *Beyond Picture Books: Subject Access to Best Books for Beginner Readers*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2008. 011.62 B28BS
- Gunning, Thomas G. *Best Books for Beginning Readers*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1998. 372.41 G957B