



Gift Books for Kids 0-5

Suggestions from **Evanston Public Library's
101 Great Books for Kids Committee**
November 8, 2023

Featuring - 2023 101 Great Books for Kids List
Plus some 2023 Blueberry Award contenders
And contenders for the 2023 Best Board Books List!

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Books from the 2023 101 Great Books for Kids list!



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HOW do we decide?

Our Goal: an annual list of 101 great books for children that reflects the *diversity* and *beauty* of Evanston's readership. *Variety* is important: in reading levels, authentic diverse voices, genres, topics, even publishing companies. [Other Criteria:](#)

- **2023!** Published in the US in the year of consideration
- **KIDS!** Written for kids 3 - 10+ (fiction, nonfiction, graphics, poetry, novels, folktales, readers)
- **Accurate!** Nonfiction should be well researched and up to date.
- **Respectful!** If works of fiction are about (or include) specific cultures or groups, they should not contain stereotypes or misinformation about those cultures or groups.

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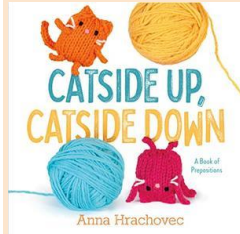
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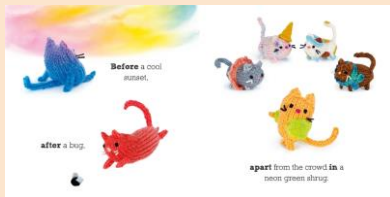
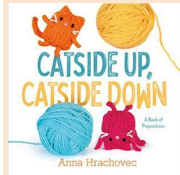
Catside Up, Catside Down:
A Book of Prepositions by Anna Hrachovec
Age Range: 2 - 5 years



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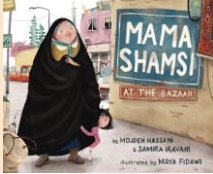


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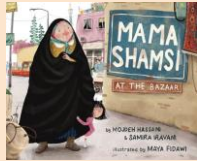
Mama Shamsi at the Bazaar by
Mojdeh Hassani & Samira Irvani
Illustrated by Maya Fidawi
Age Range: 4 - 8 years



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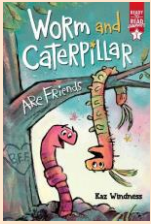
Kitty-Cam by Margie Palatini Illustrated by
Dan Yaccarino
Age Range: 3 - 5 years



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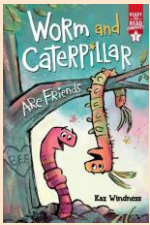
Worm and Caterpillar are Friends by Kaz Winston
Age Range: 5 - 8 years



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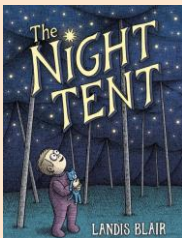
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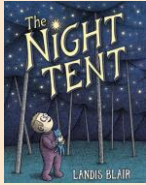


The Night Tent by Landis Blair
Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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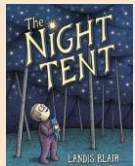
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Simon and the Better Bone by Corey Tabor
Age Range: 4 - 8 years



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How can you access the 101 List from 2023 and from the previous 4 years?

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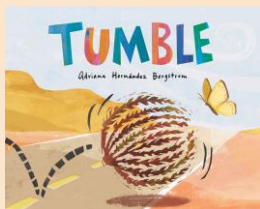
2023 Blueberry Award contenders!
(best nature and climate books for kids 3 and up)



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Tumble by Adriana Hernandez Bergstrom
Two word sentences share real science about tumbleweeds!

Age Range: 2 - 5 years

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All of Me is Nature by Ashley Renee Jefferson illustrated by Kristiana Vellucci

Follow kids of all colors, genders, and ability levels, as they explore nature with their fingers, toes, noses, ears, and taste buds! Written as a sweet poem that will become an anthem for all nature explorations, these beautiful full-color photographs show how we can sense and experience nature everywhere.

Age Range: Ages 2 - 6

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All of me is nature
From my head down to my feet
So many ways to smell it
Nature is part of me

What can you smell in nature?
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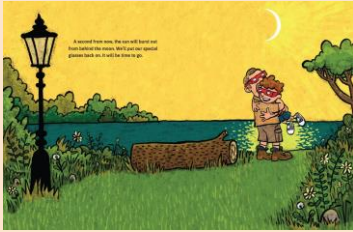
Eclipse by Andy Rash
Age Range: 4 - 8 years

A month ago, Earth had the perfect planet
and there would be eclipses all the time
and the kids of middle school would be doing
science projects about the moon and planets
remember that kids are weird little folks.

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Whose Prints? by Kari Allen
Illustrated by Kim Smith
Age Range: 0 - 3 years



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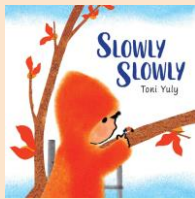
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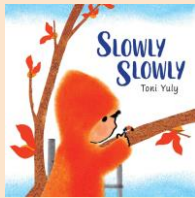
Slowly Slowly by Toni Yuly
Age Range: 4 - 8 years



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One Tiny Treefrog a Countdown to Survival by Tony Piedra and Mackenzie Joy
Age Range: 4 - 8 years




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Wings, Waves & Webs: Patterns in Nature by Robin Mitchell Cranfield
Age Range: 2 - 6 years





Stripes ■

Millions of animals have stripes. A striped fish swims away from danger. They may be just for fun! Earth has stripes and a happy message. "Stripes are great!"


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How can you access the Blueberry List from 2022 and 2021? (2023 announcement: 3/14/24)

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Best Board Books of 2023!
(something for the wee ones)



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Puddle Song by Laura Purdie Salas,
Illustrated by Monique Fox
Age Range: 3 - 5 years

**Bring me your boots,
you stompers and jumpers!
Bring me your leaves,
You wind-rattled trees!**

**I'll dance with you, cradle you and
Show you your world in my silver skin,
Rippling light in the breeze.**

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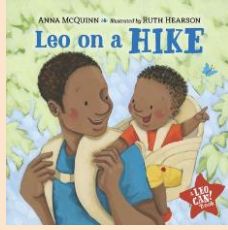
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Leo On a Hike by Anna McQuinn, Illustrated by Ruth Hearson

A lovely father/son hike with explorations of bugs, rocks, leaves, and snails! Reclaiming nature for black and brown kids.

Age Range: 0 - 3 years

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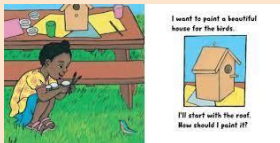


He discovers a smooth stone under a spiky bush.

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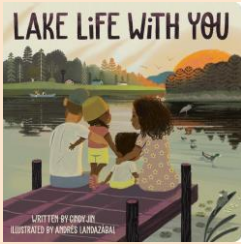
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Lake Life with You by Cindy Jin illustrations by Andres Landazabal
Lovely rhyming morning-till-evening day in this family's vacation!
Age Range: 1 - 5 years

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Global Baby Grandparents
by Maya Ajmer
Age Range: 3 Months to 3 Years



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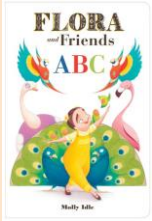


Flora and Friends ABC by Molly Idle
Age Range: Baby - 3 years



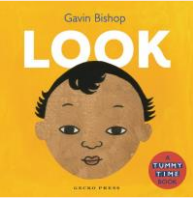

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LOOK by Gavin Bishop
Age Range: Baby - 1 year



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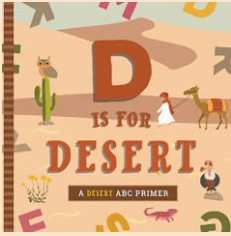
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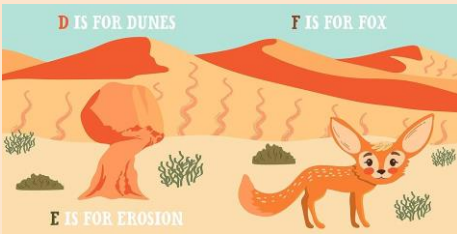
D is for Desert: A Desert ABC Primer by Ashley Marie Mireles, illustrated by Volha Kaliaha

Age Range: Baby - 4 years

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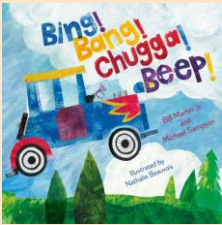
How can you access great board book suggestions?

- Betsy Bird's 31 lists in 31 days, every year in December: <https://afuse8production.sli.com/2022/12/01/31-days-31-lists-2022-great-board-books/>
- Best Nature Board Books of 2022 (2023 not yet ready): <https://www.epl.org/booklist/best-nature-books-for-babies-toddlers-preschoolers-baby-blueberry/>

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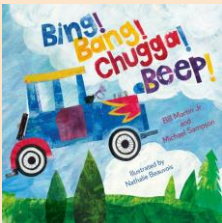
A bonus book
Bing! Bang! Chugga! Beep! by
 Bill Martin Jr and Michael
 Sampson, illustrated by Nathalie
 Beauvois
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THANK YOU
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