

## Suggested Picture Books

Dr. Mary Roche compiled this picturebook list based on her work with children over the past 30 years. The list includes suggestions some of which, hopefully, will interest the children you work with and provoke deep discussions. The list is far from exhaustive. Add books that you and the children have found useful for developing critical thinking and book talk skills.

The same books can be used to explore different concepts with older and younger children in different classes. For example, a discussion on why the Little Red Hen's friends didn't help her might take place with junior infants, with the wider concepts of friendship and pro-social behaviour as depicted in the story, being explored with older classes.

See the Support Material, *Critical Thinking and Book Talk Using Picturebooks* to help you support these discussions with children in your class. Discussions like these increase vocabulary as well as enabling children to think critically and to enhance their oral language skills.



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1. **A Bit Lost** (2010, Walker Books) Chris Houghton
2. **A Dark, Dark Tale** (1992, Picture Puffin) Ruth Brown
3. **Amazing Grace** (2007, Francis Lincoln Childrens Books) Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
4. **Angry Arthur** (1982, Andersen Press) Hiawyn Oram and Satoshi Kitamura
5. **Bear Hunt** (1994/2010, Puffin, Re-issue) Anthony Browne
6. **Beegu** (2004, Red Fox) Alexis Deacon
7. **Billy: Where have all Your Friends Gone?** (2005, Discovery) Declan Carville and Sarah Roche
8. **Bluebird** (2013, Random House) Bob Staacke
9. **Changes** (2008, Walker) Anthony Browne
10. **Cinderella** (1978, Houghton Mifflin) Paul Galdone \*
11. **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (2012, Little Simon) Judi and Ron Barrett
12. **Crusher is Coming** (1999, Picture Lions) Bob Graham
13. **Dear Greenpeace** (1998, Walker Books) Simon James
14. **Dog Loves Drawing** (2012, Red Fox) Louise Yates
15. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus** (2004, Walker Books Limited)
16. **Elsie Piddock Skips in her Sleep** (2000, Walker Books) Eleanor Farjeon and Charlotte Voake
17. **Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like** (1984, Prentice Hall) Jay Williams and Mercer Meyer
18. **Farther** (2013, Templar Publishing) Graeme Baker-Smith
19. **Feathers and Fools** (2000, HMH Books for Young Readers) Mem Fox and Nicholas Wilton



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20. **Flora and the Flamingo** (2013, Chronicle) Molly Idle
21. **Flotsam** (2012, Andersen) David Wisener
22. **Fox** (2008, Allen and Unwin) Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks
23. **Fred** (2014, Andersen) Posy Simmonds
24. **Freefall** (1991, William Morrow) David Wiesner
25. **Frog and Toad Collection** (2004, Harper Collins) Arnold Lobel
26. **Give a Dog a Name** (1995, Scholastic Hippo) Barrie Wade
27. **Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs** (2013, Walker Books) Mo Williams
28. **Good Little Wolf** (2011, Jonathan Cape) Nadia Shareen
29. **Gorilla** (1983 McRae; 2008, Walker Books) Anthony Browne
30. **Hansel and Gretel** (2008, Walker) Anthony Browne
31. **Harold and the Purple Crayon** (1955/2012, Essential Picture Book Classics) Crockett Johnson



32. **Hey, Little Ant** (1998, Tricycle Press) Philip and Hannah Hoose and Debbie Tilley
33. **Hooray for Bread** (2014, Walker) Allan Ahlberg Bruce Ingman
34. **Horton Hears a Who** (2008, Harper Collins Children's Books) Dr Seuss
35. **How to Catch a Star** (2004, Harper Collins Children's Books) Oliver Jeffers
36. **Humpty Dumpty** (2001, Scholastic) Daniel Kirk
37. **I am an Artist** (2013, Macmillan) Martha Althés

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38. ***If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*** (2000, Laura Geringer Books) Laura Joffe Numeroff and Felicia Bond
39. ***If You Give a Dog a Donut*** (2011, Balzer and Bray/HarperTeen) Laura Joffe Numeroff and Felicia Bond
40. ***If You Give a Moose a Muffin*** (1994, Harper Collins) Laura Joffe Numeroff and Felicia Bond
41. ***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*** (2013, Harper Collins) Laura Joffe Numeroff and Felicia Bond
42. ***If You Give a Pig a Pancake*** (1998, Scholastic) Laura Joffe Numeroff and Felicia Bond
43. ***Ish*** (2005, Walker) Peter Reynolds
44. ***It's a Book!*** (2012, Macmillan) Lane Smith
45. ***I Wonder Why the Wind Blows and Other Questions*** (1994, Kingfisher Books Ltd) Anita Ganeri
46. ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** (1974, Houghton Mifflin) Paul Galdone \*
47. ***Journey*** (2013, Walker) Aaron Becker
48. ***Kate and the Beanstalk*** (2000, Atheneum) Mary Pope Osborne and Giselle Potter
49. ***Let the Celebrations Begin*** (1996, Orchard Books) Margaret Wild and Julie Vivas)
50. ***Lily Takes a Walk*** (1988, Picture Corgi) Satoshi Kitamura
51. ***Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears*** (2008, Macmillan) Emily Gravett
52. ***Little Red Hen*** (2001, Houghton Mifflin) Paul Galdone \*
53. ***Lost and Found*** (2005, Harper Collins Children's Books) Oliver Jeffers
54. ***Maia and What Matters*** (2013, Book Island) Tine Mortier and Kaatje Vermeire



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55. ***Meanwhile Back at the Ranch*** (2010, Picture Puffin)  
Trinka Hawkes Noble and Tony Ross
  56. ***Mister Magnolia*** (2010, Red Fox ) Quentin Blake
  57. ***Mr Wuffles*** (2013, Andersen Press) David Wiesner
  58. ***My Many Coloured Days*** (1996, Red Fox) Dr Seuss,  
Steve Johnson and LouFancher
  59. ***Night Noises*** (2001, Harcourt Australia) Mem Fox and  
Terry Denton
  60. ***No Bears*** (2013, Walker) Meg McKinlay and Lelia Rudge
  61. ***Oi! Get off our Train*** (1989, Red Fox Books) John  
Burningham
  62. ***Oliver Button is a Sissy*** (1990, Harcourt) Tomie  
de Paola
  63. ***Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*** (2004, Andersen  
Press) Colin McNaughton and Satoshi Kitamura
  64. ***Penguin*** (2007, Candlewick Press) Polly Dunbar
  65. ***Piggybook*** (1990/2008, Walker, Revised Edition) Anthony  
Browne
  66. ***Prince Cinders*** (1997, Picture Puffin) Babette Cole
  67. ***Princess Smartypants*** (1996, Picture Puffin) Babette Cole
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68. ***Quick as a Cricket*** (2004, Child's Play International)  
Audrey & Don Wood
  69. ***Rosie's Walk*** (2009, Simon and Schuster) Pat Hutchins
  70. ***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*** (2009,  
Pearson) Eleanor Coerr and Ronald Himler
  71. ***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*** (2015, Walker Books) Mac  
Barnett and Jon Klassen
  72. ***Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend*** (2008, Catnip)  
Melanie Watts
  73. ***Seven Blind Mice*** (2002, Pearson) Ed Young

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74. ***Shh! We Have a Plan*** (2014, Walker Books) Chris Houghton
75. ***Silver Buttons*** (2013, Walker Books) Bob Graham
76. ***Six Men*** (2011, North South Books) David McKee
77. ***Something Else*** (1995, Picture Puffins) Kathryn Cave and Chris Riddell
78. ***That is Not a Good Idea*** (2013, Walker) Mo Williams
79. ***The Bad Tempered Ladybird*** (2010, Puffin reissue) Eric Carle
80. ***The Black Book of Colours*** (2010, Walker) Menena Cottin and Rosana Faria
81. ***The Butter Battle Book*** (1984, Random House Books for Young Readers) Dr Seuss
82. ***The Colour of Home*** (2002, Frances Lincoln) Mary Hoffman and Karin Littleton
83. ***The Conquerors*** (2004, Andersen Press) David McKee
84. ***The Day the Cow Sneezed*** (2010, Enchanted Lion Books) James Flora
85. ***The Dot*** (2004, Walker Books) Peter Reynolds
86. ***The First Drawing*** (2013, Little, Brown and Co) Mordicai Gerstein
87. ***The Frog Prince, Continued*** (1992, Picture Puffin) John Scieszka and Steve Johnson
88. ***The Gruffalo*** (1999, Macmillan Children's Books) Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
89. ***The Heart and the Bottle*** (2010, Harper Collins Children's Books) Oliver Jeffers
90. ***The Ink Garden of Brother Theophane*** (2010, Charlesbridge) C.M. Millen and Andrea Wisniewski

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91. **The Jolly Postman** (1999, Puffin) Janet and Allan Ahlberg
92. **The Lion and The Mouse** (2011, Walker) Jerry Pinkney
93. **The Lorax** (2010, Harper Collins Children's Books) Dr Seuss
94. **The Magic Bed** (2007, Red Fox) John Burningham
95. **The Man with the Violin** (2013, Annick Press) Kathy Stinson and Dusan Petricic
96. **The Matchbox Diary** (2013, Candlewick Press) Paul Fleischman and Bagram Ibatoulline
97. **The Maths Curse** (1998, Puffin) Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith
98. **The Paperbag Princess** (2009, Annick Press) Robert Munsch and Michael Marchenko
99. **The Pencil** (2009, Walker) Allan Ahlberg and Bruce Ingman
100. **The Princess and the Pea** (2005, Penguin) Lauren Child
101. **The Rabbit Problem** (2010, Macmillan Childrens Books) Emily Gravett
102. **The Shopping Basket** (1992, Red Fox) John Burningham
103. **The Sissy Duckling** (2002, Simon and Schuster) Harvey Fierstein and Henry Cole
104. **The Smartest Giant in Town** (2002, Macmillan) Julia Donaldson and Axel Sheffler
105. **The Sneetches and Other Stories** (2003, Harper Collins Children's Books) Dr Seuss
106. **The Stranger** (1986, Houghton Mifflin) Chris Van Allsburg
107. **The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig** (2003, Egmont) Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury



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- 108. ***The Three Pigs*** (2012, Andersen) David Wiesner
- 109. ***The Three Robbers*** (1962/2009, Phaidon) Tomi Ungerer
- 110. ***The Tooth*** (2010, Kane/Miller Book Publishers) Avi Slodovnick and Manon Gauthier
- 111. ***The Troll*** (2009, Macmillan) Julian Donaldson and David Roberts
- 112. ***The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*** (1991, Picture Puffin) John Scieszka and Lane Smith
- 113. ***The Tunnel*** (1992, Walker Books) Anthony Browne
- 114. ***The Umbrella*** (2015, Book Island) Ingrid and Dieter Schubert
- 115. ***The Very Smart Pea and the Princess to be*** (2011, Dragonfly Books) Mini Grey
- 116. ***The Way Back Home*** (2007, Harper Collins Children's Books) Oliver Jeffers
- 117. ***The Whale's Song*** (1997, Puffin Books) Dyan Sheldon and Gary Blythe
- 118. ***Think of an Eel*** (1993, Walker Books/2004 Candlewick) Karen Wallace and Mike Bostok



- 119. ***This is not my Hat*** (2012, Walker) Jon Klassen
- 120. ***Through the Magic Mirror*** (2010, Walker) Anthony Browne
- 121. ***Tuesday*** (1998, Houghton Mifflin) David Wiesner
- 122. ***Tusk Tusk*** (2006, Andersen Press) David McKee
- 123. ***Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar*** (1993, Oxford University Press) John Foster
- 124. ***Up and Down*** (2010, Harper Collins Children's Books) Oliver Jeffers



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125. **Voices in the Park** (1999, Corgi) Anthony Browne
126. **War and Peas** (2002, Andersen Books) Michael Foreman
127. **We are in a Book** (2010, Hyperion Books) Mo Willems
128. **Weslandia** (2007, Walker) Paul Flesichman and Kevin Hawkes
129. **What does Peace Feel Like?** (2004, Atheneum) Vladimir Radunsky
130. **When Jesse Came across the Sea** (1999, Walker Books) Amy Hest and P.J. Lynch
131. **When Sophie Gets Angry - Really Really Angry** (2008, Scholastic) Molly Bang
132. **Where the Wild Things Are** (2000, Red Fox new edition) Maurice Sendak
133. **Who Sank the Boat?** (1988, Puffin) Pamela Allen
134. **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears** (2002, Penguin) Verna Aardema and Leo and Diane Dillon
135. **Why?** (1998, North South Books) Nikolai Popov
136. **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge** (1987, Puffin) Mem Fox and Julie Vivas
137. **William's Doll** (1991, Picture Lions) Charlotte Zolotow and William Pene du Bois
138. **Wolves** (2006, Macmillan) Emily Gravett
139. **Yellow Bird, Black Spider** (2004, Bloomsbury) Dosh and Mike Archer
140. **Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories** (2004, Harper Collins Children's Books) Dr Seuss
141. **Zoo** (1999, Red Fox) Anthony Browne
142. **Zoom** (1995, Viking Kestrel) Isvan Banyai
- \*Any version of traditional stories will do.