



2022 2X2 Annotated Reading List

The 2X2 Committee's charge is to produce a list of 20 recommended books for children, age two to grade two.

Archer, Micha. ***Wonder Walkers***. Nancy Paulsen Books. ISBN 978-0-593-10964-9. \$17.99. Join two young children on their “Wonder Walk,” as they ask questions about and delight in the natural world.

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Epstein, Adam Jay. ***Have You Seen Gordon?*** Illustrated by Ruth Chan. Simon and Schuster. ISBN 978-1-5344-7736-0. \$17.99. This isn't your classic seek-and-find book! Gordon isn't hidden at all, he was born to stand out!

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Feder, Tyler. ***Bodies Are Cool***. Dial Books for Young Readers. ISBN 978-1-250-3404-9. \$17.99. A picture celebration of every kind of body! Cheerful, rhyming text and wildly representational artwork support this book's positive message.

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Finison, Carrie. ***Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)***. Illustrated by Daniel Wiseman. G.P. Putnam's Sons. ISBN 978-1-9848-1302-2. \$16.99. Doug doesn't like hugs. It has nothing to do with you. He just doesn't like them.

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Higgins, Carter. ***Circle Under Berry***. Chronicle Books. ISBN 978-1-7972-0508-3. \$15.99. Simple, rhyming text and bright, bold illustrations combine in this stunning concept book. From recognizing shapes to discovering patterns, *Circle Under Berry* appeals to many readers.

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Higgins, Ryan T. ***Norman Didn't Do It (Yes, He Did)***. Disney – Hyperion. ISBN 978-1-36802623-9. \$17.99. Norman has a best friend, a tree named Mildred, until another tree gets in the way.

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Maizes, Sarah. ***Atticus Caticus***. Illustrated by Kara Kramer. Candlewick Press. ISBN 978-1-5362-0840-5. \$16.99. A young boy and his feline companion bee-bop through their day with rhythmic text, typical kitty cat shenanigans, and a whole lot of friendship!

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McAnulty, Stacy. ***Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack***. Illustrated by Matthew Rivera. Macmillan. ISBN 978-0-06-279860-2. \$18.99. Zombies love to eat brains. Learn interesting facts and find out from a zombie's point of view who has the tastiest brain and why!

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Mosco, Rosemary. ***Butterflies Are Pretty...Gross!*** Illustrated by Jacob Souva. Tundra Books. ISBN 978-0-7352-6592-9. \$18.99. Butterflies are beautiful, but that doesn't mean they aren't hiding some gross secrets! Turn the pages of this book to learn increasingly gnarly facts about these seemingly elegant insects.

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Norman, Kim. ***One-osaurus, Two-osaurus***. Illustrated by Pierre Collet-Derby. Candlewick Press. ISBN 978-1-5362-0179-6 \$16.99. Play hide-and-seek with these counting dinosaurs.

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Shea, Bob. ***Chez Bob***. Little, Brown and Company. ISBN 978-0-316-48311-7. \$ 17.99. Meet Bob, a lazy alligator whose only goal is to take all the hard work out of finding tasty birds to eat. After opening the hottest birdseed restaurant in town, he'll find his snout runneth over and his heart opening to new friendships.

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Spires, Ashley. ***Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite!*** Kids Can Press. ISBN 978-1-5253-0146-9. \$12.99. Burt the Beetle may not have super strength or speed or venom like other bugs, but he does have a positive can-do attitude when he finds he must rescue his friends from a spider's web.

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Quang, Phung Nguyen and Huynh Kim Lien. ***My First Day***. Make Me a World, An Imprint of Penguin Random House. ISBN 978-0-593-30626-0. \$17.99. A young Vietnamese boy paddles downriver alone. Overcoming loneliness, wild animals, and unpredictable weather, the boy arrives for the first day of school.

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Sauer, Tammi. ***Not Now, Cow***. Illustrated by Troy Cummings. Abrams Appleseed. ISBN 978-1-4197-4629-1. \$17.99. The animals on the farm are ready to celebrate each season... except for Cow. Will Cow ever figure out what to wear for each season?

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Sterer, Gideon. ***The Midnight Fair***. Illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio. Candlewick Press. ISBN 978-1-5362-1115-3. \$16.99.

The Midnight Fair uses gorgeous visual storytelling to show how woodland creatures can enjoy the carnival just as much as humans do. When the sun goes down, the fun begins.

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Tabor, Corey R. ***Mel Fell***. Balzer + Bray. ISBN 978-0-06-287801-4. \$17.99.

Mel is ready to leave the nest, but will she fall or fly? Read this book (from top to bottom, and bottom to top!) to find out!

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Trevino, Charles. ***Seaside Stroll***. Illustrated by Maribel Lechuga. Charlesbridge. ISBN 978-1-58089-932-1. \$16.99. Bundle up and get ready to take a stroll in a snowy, sandy adventure in *Seaside Stroll*. With every word beginning with the letter “S,” you’ll be sure to enjoy everything from sunsets, surf, sand, and finally silence.

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Tougas, Chris. ***Poem in My Pocket***. Illustrated by Josee Bisailon. Kids Can Press. ISBN 978-1-5253-0145-2. \$16.99. A colorful rhyming book celebrating poetic language and the writing process.

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Wenzel, Brendan. ***Inside Cat***. Chronicle Books. ISBN 978-1-4521-7319-1. \$17.99. Inside Cat experiences life through windows as it wanders and wonders through the many rooms of its inside home. Inside Cat knows it all, that is, until it finds that there is more than meets the eye when they reach a door instead of a window.

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Wheeler, Lisa. ***Someone Builds The Dream***. Illustrated by Loren Long. Dial Books For Young Readers. ISBN 978-1-9848-1433-3. \$19.99.

Someone Builds The Dream draws attention to the often overlooked work of physical laborers in today’s society. From construction workers and miners to welders and electricians, we see the vast array of people who actually make big ideas happen.

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