



# GREAT BOOKS

**FOR KIDS** A collection of great books and gift ideas for kids of all ages



**AGES 5 – 8**

## THE AMAZING BOOK OF LEGO® STAR WARS

by *David Fentiman*

Fold-outs allow young Jedi readers to view and compare their favorite LEGO® Star Wars characters, creatures and ships. This is the perfect gift for the young Star Wars fan.

**PRINT:**  
DK Publishing / nonfiction / 9781465455413

## ANIMALS BY THE NUMBERS: A BOOK OF INFOGRAPHICS

by *Steve Jenkins*

Discover which animal lives the longest; compare the fastest animals on land, sea and air; trace the longest migratory paths; and much more. Put this one on the coffee table or nightstand because kids will want to open it up again and again.

Lexile = 990  
**PRINT:**  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / nonfiction / 9780544630925

**EBOOK:**  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9781328664129

## CHARLIE & MOUSE

by *Laurel Snyder*

illustrated by *Emily Hughes*

Charlie and Mouse hatch plans together, play with their friends and visit many diverse neighborhood kids and adults. The first in a series for beginning readers, this book offers four very simple and captivating chapters about brotherhood.

Lexile = 420  
**PRINT:**  
Chronicle Books / 9781452131535

**EBOOK:**  
Chronicle Books / 9781452146409

## CRASH! THE KID FROM PLANET Z #1

by *Nancy Krulik*

illustrated by *Louis Thomas*

Zeke Zander and his family, residents of Planet Z, have crash-landed their spaceship on Earth. Now Zeke must go to school to help keep their cover until their ship is repaired. Earth kids will love reading about Zeke's zany attempts to fit in. This is a fabulous and funny read for young science fiction fans.

Lexile = 640  
**PRINT:**  
Grosset & Dunlap / 9780448490137

**EBOOK:**  
Penguin Young Readers Group / 9781524785239

## DRAGONS AND MARSHMALLOWS: ZOEY AND SASSAFRAS #1

by *Asia Citro*

illustrated by *Marion Lindsay*

The magical creatures of the forest turn to Zoey's mom for help whenever they're sick or injured. When Zoey's mom is away, it's up to Zoey and her loyal cat, Sassafras, to save a sick baby dragon. This book is an excellent choice for your budding veterinarian.

Lexile = 640  
**PRINT:**  
Innovation Press / 9781943147083

**EBOOK:**  
Innovation Press / 9781943147113

## THE FRIEND SHIP

by *Kat Yeh*

illustrated by *Chuck Groenink*

A misunderstanding surrounding the word "friendship" leads a group of animals to travel the world in search of a ship full of friends. The humor in this book is spot on for elementary school readers.

**PRINT:**  
Disney Hyperion / 9781484707265

## GIANT SQUID

by *Candace Fleming*

illustrated by *Eric Rohmann*

In the dark depths of the "sunless sea" dwell mysterious creatures with eight long arms and a parrot-like beak; an enormous animal that changes colors and leaves an inky trail behind. Dive deep into the world of giant squids!

Lexile = 990  
**PRINT:**  
Roaring Brook Press / 9781596435995

**EBOOK:**  
Roaring Brook Press / 9781626729728

## THE GOOD FOR NOTHING BUTTON

by *Charise Mericle Harper*

Yellow Bird is excited to show the button he found to Red Bird and Blue Bird ... until he discovers that pressing the button does absolutely nothing. Yellow Bird is disappointed, but Red Bird and Blue Bird realize that the good for nothing button actually does do something pretty special.

Lexile = 210  
**PRINT:**  
Hyperion Books for Children / 9781484726464

## I AM A STORY

by *Dan Yaccarino*

This entertaining book transports readers from the beginnings of oral storytelling around a campfire to the development of eReaders.

**PRINT:**  
Harper / 9780062411068

## IN PLAIN SIGHT: A GAME

by *Richard Jackson*

illustrated by *Jerry Pinkney*

Your child will love this wonderfully warm story of a granddaughter and grandfather who share a memory game each day after school. As a bonus, this book hides a fun seek-and-find opportunity on each page.

**PRINT:**  
Roaring Brook Press / 9781626722552

**EBOOK:**  
Roaring Brook Press / 9781626729438

## THE INFAMOUS RATSO

by Kara LaReau

illustrated by Matt Myers

Brothers Louie and Ralphie Ratso attempt to show they are as tough as their dad, Big Lou, but their plans go hilariously awry as they accidentally perform a series of good deeds instead.

Lexile = 580

### PRINT:

Candlewick Press / 9780763676360

### EBOOK:

Candlewick Press / 9780763687267

### AUDIOBOOK:

Books on Tape / 9780525527398

### EAUDIOBOOK:

Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group  
9780525527404

## JABARI JUMPS

by Gaia Cornwall

Climbing the steps to make your first high dive is a milestone for many children. This book will give your child the courage to take the leap and accomplish anything they set their mind to.

### PRINT:

Candlewick Press / 9780763678388

## JUANA & LUCAS

by Juana Medina

Juana lives in Bogotá, Colombia. She loves playing *fútbol* at recess; riding the bus with her best friend, Juli; and being with her loyal dog, Lucas. However, she definitely does not love her new English class. Can determination and a special promise from her *abuelo* help Juana pass English?

Lexile = 870

### PRINT:

Candlewick Press / 9780763672089

### AUDIOBOOK:

Brilliance Audio / 9781522656142

### PLAYAWAY:

Findaway World, LLC / 9781522656180

## THE LEGEND OF ROCK PAPER SCISSORS

by Drew Daywalt

illustrated by Adam Rex

Three mighty champions – Rock from the Kingdom of Backyard, Paper from the Empire of Mom’s Home Office and Scissors from the Village of Junk Drawer – duel in an epic and hilarious battle for the ages.

### PRINT:

Balzer + Bray / 9780062438898

## LUCY

by Randy Cecil

Set in four “acts,” this enchanting story follows Lucy, a little dog, and Eleanor, a little girl who wants nothing more than a dog to love. This story is perfect for reading aloud and for kids who are ready to read chapter books.

PRINT: Candlewick Press / 9780763668082

## MONKEY BROTHER

by Adam Auerbach

Big brother finds little brother’s antics annoying until they find some common ground. Their new-found harmony might not last once baby sister enters the picture. You’ll laugh out loud at this funny story of mischief and siblings.

### PRINT:

Henry Holt and Company / 9781627796002

### EBOOK:

Henry Holt and Company / 9781250173973

## MONSTER’S NEW UNDIES

by Samantha Berger

illustrated by Tad Carpenter

Delve into the world of underwear shopping when nothing quite fits or looks right, and nothing is good enough to cover monster’s buns. Told in rhyme, this hysterical story is perfect for reading aloud and for beginning readers alike.

### PRINT:

Orchard Books / 9780545879736

## NARWHAL – UNICORN OF THE SEA! NARWHAL AND JELLY #1

by Ben Clanton

When an irrepressibly cheerful Narwhal meets a serious Jellyfish, opposites attract and a new friendship is born. Join Narwhal and Jelly and their “pod of awesomeness” for lots of waffles, dance parties and other silly adventures. This beginning reader is a great introduction to the graphic novel format.

### PRINT:

Tundra Books / 9781101918265

## PRINCESS CORA AND THE CROCODILE

by Laura Amy Schlitz

illustrated by Brian Floca

Princess Cora is tired of sitting through boring lessons, jumping rope and taking three baths a day. When she writes to her fairy godmother for help, it comes in the form of a misbehaving crocodile who wreaks havoc in the castle.

Lexile = 590

### PRINT:

Candlewick Press / 9780763648220

### AUDIOBOOK:

Recorded Books, Inc. / 9781501959035

## WHAT IS CHASING DUCK?

by Jan Thomas

A misunderstanding starts to spiral out of control in this hysterical early reader. Fans of Mo Willems’ Elephant and Piggie series will love making the acquaintance of Duck, Donkey, Sheep and Bear.

Lexile = 330

### PRINT:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9780544939073

### EBOOK:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9781328810021