Classic Picture Books

The Biggest Bear / Lynd Ward
Johnny goes hunting for a bearskin, but returns with a bundle of trouble.

Max's birthday / Rosemary Wells (J T WELLS)
Max's sister Ruby gives him a windup toy lobster for his birthday.

The Napping House / Audrey Wood
A wakeful flea atop some sleeping creatures causes a commotion.

“More More More” Said the Baby / Vera B. Williams
Three babies are given loving attention by their family.

Umbrella / Taro Yashima
Momo waits for rain so she can use her new red boots and umbrella.

Owl Moon / Jane Yolen
A father and his daughter hike in the woods under a full moon.

Lon Po Po / Ed Young
A Chinese Red Riding Hood tale.

Harry the Dirty Dog / Gene Zion
Harry gets so dirty that his family doesn’t know him.

I Know a Lady / Charlotte Zolotow
Sally describes a loving and lovable old lady in her neighborhood.

Who's in Rabbit's House?: A Masai Tale / Verna Aardema
Rabbit has a problem—someone is in her house and won’t let her in.

Each Peach Pear Plum / Janet and Allan Ahlberg (J T AHLBERG)
Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play ‘I Spy’ with a variety of Mother Goose characters.

Miss Nelson is Missing! / Harry Allard
The kids in Room 207 are surprised when their teacher disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute. (series)

Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain / Edward Ardizzone
A stowaway on a ship becomes friends with the captain and crew. (series)

Three Billy Goats Gruff / Peter Asbjornsen
Three billy goats outwit a nasty troll.

Mooncake / Frank Asch
Bear builds a rocket to take him to the moon.

Ten, Nine, Eight / Molly Bang
The numbers 10 to 1 are part of this lullaby.
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs / Judith Barrett
In the town of Chewandswallow, there are hamburger storms.

Madeline / Ludwig Bemelmans
Madeline wakes up with an attack of appendicitis. (series)

Moo, Baa, La La La! / Sandra Boynton (j T BOYNTON)
Children learn the sounds made by cows, sheep, pigs, and other animals.

The Mitten / Jan Brett
Several animals sleep snugly in a lost mitten.

Clifford, The Big Red Dog / Norman Bridwell
A girl describes the activities she enjoys with her big red dog. (series)

The Snowman / Raymond Briggs
In this wordless book, a little boy’s snowman comes to life.

Arthur’s Nose / Marc Brown
Arthur is unhappy with his nose. (series)

Stone Soup / Marcia Brown
Three soldiers make soup of water and stones.

Goodnight Moon / Margaret Wise Brown (j T BROWN)
A bunny says goodnight to the objects in the great green room.

The Runaway Bunny / Margaret Wise Brown
A little rabbit tells his mother how he will run away; she assures him she will always be right behind him.

Mr. Gumpy’s Outing / John Burningham
Mr. Gumpy accepts more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.

The Little House / Virginia Lee Burton
A country house is unhappy when the city grows around her.

Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel / Virginia Lee Burton (j Em BURTON)
Can Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel dig a cellar in one day?

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs / Jon Scieszka
The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

Where the Wild Things Are / Maurice Sendak
Max sails to the land of the Wild Things.

The Cat in the Hat / Dr. Seuss (j Er SEUSS)
Two children at home on a rainy day are visited by the Cat in the Hat.

Horton Hears a Who! / Dr. Seuss
A dust-swelling Who convinces Horton that Whos really exist.

Caps For Sale / Esphyr Slobodkina
A peddler sells caps by balancing them all on his head.

Brave Irene / William Steig
Irene braves a fierce snowstorm to deliver a new gown in time for the ball.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble / William Steig
After a donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock he discovers he can’t turn back to normal again.

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale / John Steptoe
Mufaro’s two daughters go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

Have You Seen My Duckling? / Nancy Tafuri (j T TAFURI)
A mother duck searches for one missing duckling.

Cricitor / Tomi Ungerer
Cricitor, a pet snake, follows his mistress everywhere she goes.

The Polar Express / Chris Van Allsburg
A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole.

Alexander And the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day / Judith Viorst
On a day everything seems to go wrong for Alexander.

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile / Bernard Waber
The adventures of a pet crocodile in New York City.
Blueberries for Sal / Robert McCloskey  
Little Sal & Little Bear mix up their mothers while picking blueberries.

Make Way for Ducklings / Robert McCloskey  
The Mallard family searches for a home.

Flossie & the Fox / Patricia C. McKissack  
A fox meets his match when he meets a bold little girl in the woods.

Martha Speaks / Susan Meddaugh  
A dog learns to speak after eating alphabet soup. (series)

Little Bear / Else Minarick  
The adventures of Little Bear. (series) (j Er MINARIK)

Tikki Tikki Tembo / Arlene Mosel  
A Chinese boy’s name causes him trouble.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie / Laura Numeroff  
All the things a mouse will ask for after receiving a cookie.

Say Goodnight / Helen Oxenbury (j T OXENBURY)  
A toddler gets ready for bed.

Amelia Bedelia / Peggy Parish (j Er PARISH)  
A silly housekeeper takes everything literally. (series)

The Little Engine That Could / Watty Piper (j Em PIPER)  
The Little Blue Engine pulls a train over the mountain.

Mrs. Katz and Tush / Patricia Polacco  
A long-lasting friendship develops between Larnel, a young African-American, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely, Jewish widow.

The Tale Of Peter Rabbit / Beatrix Potter  
A disobedient bunny explores a garden. (series)

Curious George / H. A. Rey  
A monkey’s curiosity gets him into trouble. (series)

When I was Young in the Mountains / Cynthia Rylant  
Reminiscences of life in the mountains as a child.

Stellaluna / Janell Cannon  
A baby bat is raised like a bird.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar / Eric Carle  
Follow a little caterpillar as he eats his way through a variety of food.

Will I Have a Friend? / Miriam Cohen  
Jim worries that he will not find a friend in kindergarten.

Miss Rumphius / Barbara Cooney  
Miss Rumphius makes life more beautiful.

Freight Train / Donald Crews (j Em CREWS)  
The journey of a colorful train.

Andy and the Lion / James Daugherty  
Modern version of “Androcles & the Lion.”

The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant / Laurent De Brunhoff  
Babar the elephant returns to the jungle and becomes king. (series)

Strega Nona / Tomie de Paola  
Big Anthony creates havoc with Strega’s magic pasta pot. (series)

May I Bring a Friend? / Beatrice Schenk de Regniers  
A well-mannered boy brings his animal friends to visit the king and queen.

Play with Me / Marie Hall Ets  
A little girl goes to the meadow to play.

Angus and the Ducks / Marjorie Flack  
A dog investigates the strange noise on the other side of the hedge.

The Story about Ping / Marjorie Flack  
A disobedient duck spends the night on the Yangtze River.

Corduroy / Don Freeman  
A toy bear in a department store finds what he has always wanted most of all when a little girl buys him.
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