

## Leveled Reading—K-2

One Home Library

I have attempted to put these in order of difficulty, a difficult task sometimes. Different publishers don't always match what they call Level 1 etc

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### Kindergarten to grade 1

#### Reading A-Z

S (Alphabet Book-S)

T (Alphabet Book-T)

They Look (High-Frequency Words, rebus), word cards added

Get In (Leveled Reader-C)—can, get in, yes

Too, Too Hot! By Judy Kentor Schmauss (Reader's Clubhouse Level 1)  
it is too hot, likes, short o, some rhymes



### First Little Readers Level A—by Deborah Schecter (Scholastic)

(you can read in order of phonic/sight word difficulty, by science topics, or season)

Sweet Treat (I add, you add, short a)

Fun with Mud (mud, short u)

I Like School! (I Like)

Shapes for Lunch (I like, different shapes)

What is for Supper? (I like, foods)

What Can I See? (see)

Where is Petey? (Is he?)

Hide and Seek (I can hide)

Look What I Found (I found)

Birthday Surprise (I have)

Hats, Hats, Hats (I have a hat)

I Can Draw! (I can draw)

What Do I Need? (I need)

Fun at the Playground (I go)

Almost Spring (is, are, -ing verbs)

Hello, Beach (Hello)

Cold Rose (rhyming)

Winter is Here (winter is here, sleep)

What Shines? (shines, long i)

When Night Comes (When night comes)

Bubbles! (rhyming)

I Like Stripes (I like stripes, long i)

What is Red? (red, short e)

Hurry Up! Hurry Up! (Hurry up, get ready for school)

Class Pets (around and around)

## Itty Bitty Phonics Readers by Rozanne Lanczak Williams (Creative Teaching Press)

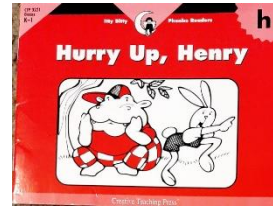
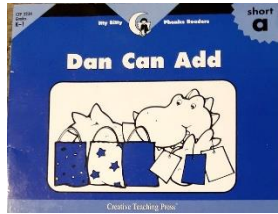
Dan Can Add (short a)

I Can Count (c,k)

Good-bye (g)

Hurry Up, Henry (h)

Bud in the Mud (short u)



I See by Francie Alexander and Nancy Hechinger (Scholastics Phonics Readers! (set 1 book 4)

Letters b, d, p, q, b, h, f, t, m, w: compare how they look, illustrations for sounds

Frog Jumps Around (Early Reader Sight Word Stories)—up, down

My Room by Joe Ramsey (TWiG Books), things a girl does in her room

Mud by Christina Wilsdon (Emergent Readers in Science by Outside the Box) mud, on, rhyming

That Hat (Sight Word Readers)—that, pretty4-16

Say the Sounds Rocket to the Jungle (Ladybird Phonic Reading Scheme)—read together

Key Words with Ladybird, Have a Go—like, want, can

Nat's Cat by Wayne Miller ([www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) , Decodable, Level 25)—short a

Berenstains' A Book (Bright and Early Books for Beginning Beginners)

My "i" Sound Box by Jane Belk Moncure (Sound Box Library)—focus on short i words

## Grade 1—DRA 4-16

### Science

Gravity by Jason Chin—read aloud

Planets by Gail Tuchman (Scholastic Discover More Readers Level 1) free digital activities. Great Photos/illustrations, informative text, pretend rocket.

Day and Night by Shira Evans (National Geographic Kids Level 1, You Read/I Read) Animals and plants in the day and in the night.

Light and Shadow by William Anton (Newbridge Discovery Links, many series titles inside back cover)—1 to 2 simple sentences per page, excellent photos and introduction to light, shadows, scientific thinking

The Disappearing Moon by Dori H. Butler ([www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) Leveled Reader J, DRA 16)

squirrel is worried as Chicken Little as he notices the moon getting smaller and smaller (thinner crescent). But owl explains what is happening.

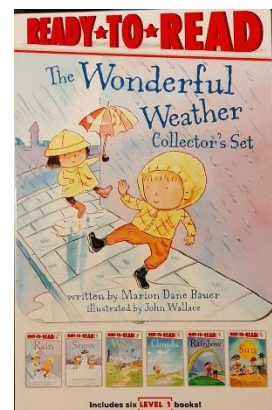
*The Wonderful Weather Collector's Set by Marion Dane Bauer  
(Ready to Read Level 1)*

Sun—sun is a star, part of a galaxy, looks big because it's close, solar system, function of sun, more info at back

Clouds—kinds of clouds and what they are made of, function of clouds, extra info at back

Rain—clouds develop, rain drops form and fall, plants and animals drink, puddles dry into the (intro to water cycle), more info at back

Rainbow—how they form, colors, shape, more info at back



Snow—winter cold, ice crystals form in clouds, small flakes/large flakes, 6-sided, unique, snow as a blanket over plants in winter, snow melt makes rivers, more info at back

Wind—earth is a spinning ball with air around it, warm air rises, cool air falls, warm & cool air trade places, making wind, birds and seeds use wind to move, kites/sailboats/windmills use wind, wind moves clouds/waves/trees, differences in temp cause storms, more info at back

The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins (Scholastic) DRA 16; the wind causes humorous havoc.

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw (Scholastic)—DRA 7-8; cloud shapes, art of seeing.

Storm Song by Nancy Viau, aspects of coping with a storm, especially the noises. Great story, great illustrations.

Where Paper Comes From by Susan Ring (Time for Kids Readers, word count 63)—simple explanations, history, Think & Respond inside back cover

Made From Milk by Susan Ternyey (2 editions, one illustrated, one for cut and paste milk products from ads)

Roots by Patricia Whitehouse (Heinemann Read and Learn: Plants) Contents, glossary, quiz. Simple information about roots, kinds, functions, propagation, animal & people uses.

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein; DRA 16. The touching story of a tree that gives all to the boy, who never appreciates all she gives until the end of his life. Obvious parallels.

Leaves by Carol Lawrence (baby explorer board book) Lots of information and vocabulary, but you can start early with little ones with this board book. Older children can read it to younger ones and still learn a lot.

## **Animals**

Starfish by Trudi Strain Trueit (Benchmark ReBus)—rebus, look/looks, like

Peek, Otter! By Shira Evans (National Geographic Kids pre-reader), DRA 4

Baby Penguin Slips and Slides by Michael Teitelbaum (Photo Adventure Book), DRA 6-8

Hello, Penguin! By Kathryn Williams (National Geographic Kids pre-reader), DRA 8-10

Animals at Home by Craig Brown—2 to 3 words per page, great illustrations, talk about pictures, more info at back

What Do Insects Do? By Susan Canizares—2 words/page, great photos, more info at back, Guided Reading A, DRA A-1

Creepy Crawlies by Kathie Atkinson—3 to 4 words per page, great photos, comparisons

Prairie Dog Rescue by Christine Ricci (Ready to Read Level 1) Dora's friend Diego in an adventure with prairie dogs. Rebus, problem solving, indications of prairie dog life.

Big Cat, Little Cat by Elisha Cooper, DRA 8-10, excellent story: black/white, old/young complimentary roles and life progression

A Butterfly's Life by Dona Herweck Rice (Time for Kids Level 1.5, DRA 8) excellent science book & photos

A Frog's Life by Dona Herweck Rice (Time for Kids Level 1.5, DRA 8) excellent simple science book and photos.

If I Were an Ant by Amy Moses (Scholastic Rookie Reader) Life from an ant's point of view; other titles listed back cover.

Wild Animal Babies (A Golden Tell-A-Tale Book) One simple 2-line sentence each page in large print. Nice illustrations worth at least 100 words.

My Little Book of Big Animals (A Golden Tell-A-Tale Book) One rhyming quatrain per page with nice illustrations. Animals you might find in a zoo.

Munch, Munch, Munch! By Norma L. Gentner (with written music and lyrics) Rhyming verses tell in simple terms the life cycle of caterpillars/butterflies.

Fish, Fish, Fish by Georgie Adams. (Theme 2 “Nature at Your Door”, Silver Burdett Ginn) Info about fish in a simple, poetic, rhyming book illustrated artistically.

Animals Day and Night by Katharine Kenah (Extreme Readers Level 1) Various nocturnal animals, great photos, simple text, large print.

Animal Kids: Cubs, Chicks, and Pups by Kathryn Knight (Reading Discovery Nature series Level 1) Nice illustration and simple text in large print, telling about animal families.

Big Cats of the World by Kathryn Knight (Reading Discovery Nature Series Level 1) Short simple paragraphs, nice illustrations.

A Trip to the Zoo by Karen Wallace (DK Readers Level 1, Beginning to Read). Billy’s mom takes him to the zoo, and he learns a lot, at end draws pictures to thank his mom and have a zoo at home. Great photos.

The Berenstain Bears and the Baby Chipmunk by Stan & Jan Berenstain (An I Can Read Book Level 1) The cubs find an orphan chipmunk and care for it, til it is time to let it go. Other Level 1 titles inside back cover.

Frogs by Laura Driscoll (All Aboard Reading Level 1, preschool to grade 1) Simple informative, artistic yet informative illustrations.

Owls by Laura Marsh (National Geographic Kids Level 1)

Bird Nests by Nina Shackelford and Gordon E. Burkes (A Golden Science Read It Yourself Reader) Short simple paragraphs and nice illustrations.

Slinky Scaly Snakes by Jennifer Dussling (DK Readers Level 2) DRA 16; great info and photos. More titles inside front cover.

Meerkats by Laura Marsh (National Geographic Kids Level 1) National Geographic tends to be a little more difficult text than other Level 1 texts. Great photos and info.

Ants by Melissa Stewart (National Geographic Kids Level 1) Great photos and info.

Turtles by Laura Marsh (National Geographic Kids Level 1) predators, food, life cycle, etc.

## **Transportation**

Star Wars Blast Off! (DK Readers, pre Level 1) read together

Star Wars The Clone Wars Don’t Wake the Zillo Beast! (DK Readers, pre Level 1) read together

Going Places by Frances Lawton, DRA 24 & read aloud. Look at picture clues to decide where the characters have been.

Flying by Donald Crews (Scholastic)—DRA 3-4; 1-4 words per page, great illustrations; fly with the airplane across the country in the simplest language. Author of Truck, Freight Train.

I’m Your Bus by Marilyn Singer (Scholastic)—DRA 24 and read aloud; ride through a school bus’ day, rhyming text. Extension: sing “The Wheels on the Bus”, adapted to a school bus.

Go, Dog. Go! By P.D. Eastman (I Can Read it by Myself Beginner Books) DRA 8; high frequency words in an engaging, poetic tale.

The Berenstain Bears On the Moon by Stan and Jan Berenstain (Bright and Early Books for Beginning Beginners) DRA 8-10; totally unrealistic illustrations and story, rhyming; still could be an intro to non-fiction about space and space travel; discuss real/pretend.

Luke Skywalker's Amazing Story by Simon Beecroft (DK Readers Level 1) based on Star Wars movies. Great photos, retelling of the story for fans.

What is a Wookiee? By Laura Buller and Kate Simkins (DK Readers Level 1) based on Star Wars movies. Great photos, retelling of the story for fans.

Ready, Set, Podrace! By Simon Beecroft (DK Readers Level 1) based on Star Wars movies. Great photos, retelling of the story for fans.

## **Health**

The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss (Bright and Early Book for Beginning Beginners) DRA 8, compare/count feet; position words, and rhyming.

Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox by Grace Maccarone (Scholastic Hello Readers! Level 1, K-1) Simple rhyming text in large font, typical childhood experience engagingly told.

My Tooth Is About to Fall Out by Grace Maccarone (Scholastic Reader Level 1)—simple text in large font, rhyming, typical childhood experience told engagingly. Word families.

Hop, Skip, Run by Marcia Leonard, a Phonics-based Story (Real Kids Readers Level 1) Very simple rhyming text in large font, Great photos, exercise theme.

## **Families/Feelings/Home**

The Best Birthday Mole Ever Had by Fay Robinson (Silver Burdette Ginn Leveled Readers, Stage 3, #11), animal characters make the best of a disaster and have fun after all.

Henry and Mudge and the Best Day of All by Cynthia Rylant (Scholastic Henry and Mudge series) DRA 16 Henry celebrates his birthday with his dog Mudge.

Olivia Plays Soccer/Olivia Goes to the Library adapted by Tina Galla from the Olivia series (Ready to Read Level 1) DRA 8-10, Olivia has problems to solve creatively

My Sister June by Deborah Eaton (Leap Ahead Readers Book 7) loving sister relationship, but older sister tends to get blamed for younger sister's mayhem, until one day

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats; DRA 16—big brother doesn't want to give up chair until...

My Clothes by Katherine Follett ([www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com)) vocabulary book. I put on, I wear, appropriate clothes for weather and activities.

Dress-Up by Marcia Leonard (Real Kids Readers, Level 1, pre-K to grade 1) "A story blending phonics and whole language." All kinds of play with dress-up.

Charlie Needs a Cloak by Tomie dePaola (Scholastic) In simple sentences follows the making of a cloak from shearing sheep to wearing chic. Clever and informative.

Adventures of Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (An I Can Read Book) DRA 12; "Five stories about everyone's favorite puppy." Biscuit (intro), Biscuit finds a friend, Bathtime for Biscuit, Biscuit's new trick, Biscuit wants to play; puppy plays childlike roles

What Do Smurfs Do All Day? By Peyo (I Can Read It All By Myself Beginner Book) similar kinds of things kids might do throughout a day, but more, and with humor.

The Missing Necklace adapted by Lisa Ann Marsoli (World of Reading Level 1) based on Disney Sofia the First; solving a mystery with clues.

If You're Angry and You Know It by Cecily Kaiser (Scholastic Reader Level 2) An adaptation of the song "If you're happy and you know it". Some ideas for dealing with or expressing anger, some not so appropriate in time and place.

The Berenstain Bears Catch the Bus: A Tell the time Story by the Berenstains (Step into Reading Level 2, Reading with help). Rhyming, timing, typical tale of children catching the bus for school.

I Am a Big Brother! By Caroline Jayne Church (Scholastic boardbook) DRA 14; benefits of being a big brother, helping others, part of a family.

Charlie Goes to the Doctor (I Can Read! Level 1) Based on Charlie the Ranch Dog. Told from the dog's perspective, but definite applications to children's experiences.

Jake Baked the Cake by B.G. Hennessy (Scholastic) DRA 16; each page has a short simple phrase, but the vocabulary makes it a 16. A younger child could learn to read it. Cute story & illustrations.

I Want to be a Cowboy by Dan Liebman (I Want to Be series, you have to look up the author) DRA 16. Additional titles in the series inside front cover. Great photos, simple explanations.

Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood (Scholastic) Classic Kindergarten read-aloud. DRA 16 for first graders to read to younger kids. A child compares self to animals.

### **Learning Words**

Mouse's Hide-and-Seek Words: A Phonics Reader by Kathryn Heling (Step into Reading Level 1) DRA 9-10. Simple sentence, large font, rhyming words.

In a People House by Theo. LeSieg (Bright and Early Books for Beginning Beginners) DRA 9-10; a word book with humor

Mouse Makes Words: A Phonics Reader by Kathryn Heling & Deborah Hembrook (Step into Reading, phonics, ready to read, Level 1) simple rhyming text in large font; how changing one letter can change the word.

Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? By Dr. Seuss (Bright and Early Book for Beginning Beginners) DRA 14; "Book of Wonderful Noises" A fun intro to trying out all kinds of noises you can make and listen to.

We See (Read with Dick and Jane; ABDO publishing, and Penguin Young Reader Level 2) As I learned to read in school I was not entertained by these stories. As an adult I find the humor much more, and the quaint family life of a bygone era. These are historical.

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (I Can Read It By Myself Beginner Book) DRA 16; classic outrageous repeating rhyming story about trying new things, including various means of transportation.

### **Imagination & Problem Solving**

Bears, Bears, Everywhere by Luella Connelly (Learn to Read Fun and Fantasy series Level 2)— simple easy repetitive and rhyming text. Additional titles inside back cover.

Princesses and Puppies by Jennifer Liberts Weinberg (Step into Reading, Level 1) Disney princesses each have a suitable puppy. Simple rhyming text in large font.

A Box Can Be Many Things by Dana Meachen Rau, DRA 8; kids have fun with a box and pretend.

Chicken Said, "Cluck!" by Judyann Ackerman Grant (I Can Read! My First Shared Reading) Two kids plant a pumpkin garden and keep shooing chicken out, but when grasshoppers come, chicken gets them out and is rewarded. Cute story, cute illustrations.

Little Red Hen (Whitman Tell-a-Tale Book) simple repetitive tale about helping with the work.  
Other titles listed on back cover.

Sammy the Seal by Syd Hoff (An I Can Read Book) DRA 13-14. Sammy goes on adventure from the zoo, ends up at school. At end of day, is glad to be back home. Fun story.

Oliver by Syd Hoff (An I Can Read Book, Level 1) DRA 14. Oliver is one extra elephant from Africa, seeks a place to belong. In the end he is hired by the circus after all. More titles inside back cover.

Stanley by Syd Hoff (An I Can Read Book, Level 1) Stanley the Caveman is different. The community tosses him out. He searches for a new home, ends up building one. The rest of the community discover they can learn from him. Other titles by Syd Hoff at front cover, other level 1 titles at end.

The Case of the Two Masked Robbers by Lillian Hoban (An I Can Read Book Level 2) DRA 14-16; you may be in for a surprise!

Little Chick's Breakfast by Mary DeBall Kwitz (An Early I Can Read Book) DRA 16? Little chick wakes up early, hungry. He decides to watch the sun rise, but then everyone else on the farm is getting fed! What about me? He thinks. Will he at last get breakfast?

Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik (An I Can Read Book, pictures by Maurice Sendak) DRA 16; Little Bear has 4 adventures, including a birthday.

The Big Honey Hunt by Stnley and Janice Berenstain (I Can Read it By Myself Beginning Book) DRA 16; so delightful an adventure full of humor, rhyme, and clues.

Robert the Rose Horse by Joan Heilbroner, illustrated by PD Eastman (I Can Read it By Myself Beginning Book) DRA 16; a fun sneezing book to participate in; Robert tries to find his niche in life.

Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff (An I Can Read Book) DRA 16; Danny goes to the museum and wishes for a dinosaur. One volunteers. The find fun adventures in the city.

Big Bear, Small Mouse by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman; A delightful book of opposites, read-to younger children.

One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab: A counting by feet book by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre; DRA 16. A fun book of counting, grouping, adding, on various levels.

The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins; engaging story of how to divide up cookies when friends come. Look for details in the illustrations.

Come and Have Fun by Edith Thacher Hurd (An Early I Can Read Book) DRA 16; cat tries to lure mouse out of his hole. Mouse is wise to him.

Big Dog . . . Little Dog/Perro Grande . . . Perro Pequeno by P.D. Eastman; DRA 16. A fun story of opposites, problem solving, friendship.

Is Milton Missing? By Steven Kroll; A fun little, humorous mystery (humor in the illustrations).

## **Humor**

I Saw You in the Bathtub and Other Folk Rhymes by Alvin Schwartz (pictures by Syd Hoff, An I Can Read Book Level 1) Rhyming humor. Other Level 1 titles inside back cover.

There's a Carrot in My Ear and Other Noodle Tales retold by Alvin Schwartz (An I Can Read Book, Level 1, Preschool to Grade 1) funny stories about a funny family.

## History

North American Indian Girl and Boy paper dolls in full color by Kathy Allert (Dover) grades K-2  
Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving by Joseph Bruchac, gr 2-3 & read-aloud  
Mouse Creeps by Peter Harris; a great book for read-aloud, rhyming, history, 2 word sentences.

Drummer Hoff adapted by Barbara Emberley grade 1-2 or read-aloud

School in Colonial America by Mark Thomas (Welcome Books) grade 1-2, early intervention 10

George Washington by Caroline Crosson Gilpin (National Geographic Kids, Level 2) grade 1-2

George Washington and the General's Dog by Frank Murphy (Step into Reading Level 3) gr 1-2

The Great Big Wagon That Rang: How the Liberty Bell Was Saved by Joseph Slate, grade 1-2

Alexander Hamilton: From Orphan to Founding Father by Monica Kulling

(Step into Reading Level 3) grades 1-2

Francis Scott Key's Star-Spangled Banner by Monica Kulling (Step into Reading, Level 3) gr 1-2

Journey of a Pioneer by Patricia J. Murphy (DK Readers, Level 2) grades 1-2

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave by Laban Carrick Hill, grades 1-2, with more info at the end

Frederick Douglass by Barbara Kramer (National Geographic Kids Level 2) grades 1-2

Long, Tall Lincoln by Jennifer Dussling (I Can Read! Level 2, Guided Reading L) grades 1-2

Abe Lincoln's Hat by Martha Brenner (Step into Reading Level 2) grades 1-2

Abraham Lincoln by Caroline Crosson Gilpin (National Geographic Kids Level 2) gr 1-2

Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books by Kay Winters, grades 3-5 or read-aloud

Brave Clara Barton by Frank Murphy (Step into Reading Level 3) grades 1-2

The Long Way to a New Land by Joan Sandin (An I Can Read Book Level 3) grades 1-2

Take a Hike, Teddy Roosevelt! By Frank Murphy (Step into Reading Level 3) grades 1-2

Susan B. Anthony: Her Fight for Equal Rights by Monica Kulling (Step into Reading Level 2) gr 1

George Washington Carver by Kitson Jazyuka (National Geographic Kids, Level 1) includes historic photos, timeline, "Cool Facts", quiz at the back.

"No, Agatha!" by Rachel Isadora; active Agatha on a ship to Europe with her family in the early 1900s.

Amelia Earhart by Caroline Crosson Gilpin (National Geographic Kids Level 1) includes historic photos, map, as well as text in large print.

Eleanor Roosevelt by Macy Stevens, grade 1-2

Mother Teresa by Barbara Kramer (National Geographic Kids Level 1) includes historic photos, maps, as well as text in large print, "Cool Facts", timeline, quiz at the end.

Getting Around Through the Years by Clare Lewis (History in Living Memory) grades 1-2



## Grade 2—DRA 18-28

### Literature

A Hat for the Queen by Joan Chase Bacon (A Little Golden Book Eager Reader) clever story focusing on -at word family; problem solving & pride

Oops! Excuse Me Please! By Bob McGrath; a book of manners with humor, cute illustrations

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson; DRA 18, classic imaginative tale about a boy drawing pictures and imagining himself in an adventure

Just the Way You Are by Kara McMahon (Sesame Street) friends can like each other even if they like different things

Frog and Toad All Year by Arnold Lobel; DRA 18, classic stories of friendship

Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel (An I Can Read Book, Level 2) DRA 18, tales of friends; Additional Level 2 titles listed inside back cover

Silly Doggy! By Adam Stower; DRA 18—a little girl mistakes a bear for a dog for a pet

Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel; “Seven funny mouse tales!”

I’ll Teach My Dog 100 Words by Michael Frith (Bright and Early Books for Beginning Beginners) DRA 18; humor and rhyme using high frequency words

The Grandma Mix-Up by Emily Arnold McCully (An I Can Read Book, Level 2) DRA 18; two very different grandmas learn to work together in tending grandchild while folks away

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff; DRA 19--classic humorous imaginative

Tall in the Saddle by Anne Carter & David McPhail; DRA 18—a boy’s imaginative adventure

Curious George by H.A. Rey; DRA 18—little monkey & his misadventures

Joey Runs Away by Jack Kent; kangaroo son doesn’t want to clean, looks for new home . . .

Corduroy by Don Freeman; DRA 18-- stuffed animal at the store longs for a home . . .

Baseball Ballerina by Kathryn Cristaldi (Step into Reading Level 2) two girls who love to play baseball are made to take ballet . . .

Why Are You So Mean to Me? By Deborah Hautzig (Sesame Street Start to Read) true friendship and dealing with hurts

Nobody Cares About Me! By Sarah Roberts (Sesame Street Start to Read) feeling left out

Bread and Jam for Frances by Russell Hoban (I Can Read Level 2) learn to eat a variety of foods

Harry in Trouble by Barbara Ann Porte (Dell Young Yearling/An I Can Read Book Level 2) Harry keeps losing his library card

Don’t Throw it to Mo! By David A. Adler (Penguin Young Readers, Level 2) strategy to win

Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel (I Can Read, Level 2 reading with help) 5 short humorous adventures of a not-so-wise owl

Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel (An I Can Read Book, Level 2 reading with help) 7 bedtime stories

Oscar Otter by Nathaniel Benchley (An I Can Read Book) Dra 18—dangers of staying out too late

Ten Apples Up On Top! By Dr Seuss (I Can Read it by Myself Beginner Books) DRA 18-20—fun counting book as characters try to outdo each other and mayhem ensues

Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss (I Can Rad it by Myself Beginner Books) “The Simplest Seuss for Youngest Use”, rhyming words/word families in funny situations

Morris Goes to School by B. Wiseman (An I Can Read Book) DRA 18-20; Morris Moose at school

The Bear Next Door by Ida Luttrell (An I Can Read Book) DRA 18-20; getting along with neighbor

Bear Can’t Sleep by Karma Wilson; DRA 20—Bear’s friends try to help him sleep (hibernate), humor; more titles about Bear and friends inside back jacket and at KarmaWilson.com

The Popcorn Shop by Alice Low (Scholastic Hello Reader! Level 3, grades 1 & 2) machine goes crazy, makes too much popcorn!

Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish (An I Can Read Book) DRA 20; Amelia takes all literally

The Amelia Bedelia Treasury: Three Books by Peggy Parish (An I Can Read Book) DRA 20-24

Curious George Flies a Kite by Margret Rey (for beginning readers) DRA 24 loveable monkey's misadventures

One Monday Morning by Uri Shulevitz (Aladdin Books) read-aloud for those unable to read; imaginative tale through the days of the week—at end boy is playing with face cards

Chip the Chimp by Robert Charles ([www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com)) decodable 47, lots of ch words

Toby the Tiger by Joe Slade ([www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com)) "Read-Aloud", 626 words, consonant T

Thomas' Snowsuit by Robert Munsch; DRA 20-24—Thomas doesn't want to put on a snowsuit

Gregory, the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat (Scholastic) DRA 24—goat likes food good for kids instead of goats; cute story with the table turned

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin; DRA 24—labor negotiations on the farm

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey; DRA 24—duck delight in the city; classic story

Hedgie's Surprise by Jan Brett (Scholastic) DRA 28—hedgehog solves a problem for friend hen

## **Math**

One Little, Two Little, Three Little Pilgrims by B.G. Hennessy; counting book loosely based on the First Thanksgiving

Benny's Pennies by Pat Brisson; Benny has 5 pennies and decides to spend them for others

One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor J. Pinczes; ants spend so much time organizing they miss the picnic: different ways of making 100 (2 rows of 50, etc)

How Much is a Million by David M. Schwartz; DRA 16-18; creative ways of making a million

The Button Box by Margarette S. Reid; sorting buttons

Sea Sums by Joy N. Hulme (Scholastic) DRA 20—beautiful illustrations, rhyme for each page, addition problem written out

Divide and Ride by Stuart J. Murphy (Scholastic Mathstart, Dividing) DRA 24—intro to the concept of division by finding ways to divide a group of kids into cars for each ride; engaging and delightful story and illustrations, depictions of how the problem is solved

## **Science**

Bones by Stephen Krensky (Step into Reading Science Reader Level 2) fairly comprehensive coverage of bones at this level

Germ's Make Me Sick by Melvin Berger (Let's Read and Find Out) read-aloud

More Potatoes! By Millicent E. Selsam (A Science I Can Read Book) tracking down where potatoes come from

Where Jeans Come From by Lucy Floyd (Silver Burdett Ginn Leveled Readers, stage 5, reader 28) from field to closet

My Picture Book of the Planets by Nancy E. Krulik (Scholastic) short description of each planet in the solar system

Night Sky by Stephanie Warren Drimmer (National Geographic Kids Level 2) covers all kinds of objects in space

Weather by Robyn Supraner (I Can Read About) kinds of weather, originates from sun, clouds...

\_\_\_\_\_ by Penny Clarke (World Wise) tropical rainforest habitat floor to canopy, animals, plants, indigenous people, modern people, includes maps

The Sahara Desert by Lisa Trumbauer (Time for Kids Readers) 7 pp, 96 words; map, photos, plants/animals/people

All About the Sonoran Desert by Kendra Adams (All About series) map, grayscale photos, plants/animals

Destruction Earth by Katharine Kenah (Extreme Readers Level 2, emergent) volcano, earthquake, tsunami, wildfire, landslide, avalanche, glacier, meteor, erosion, drought, storms, pollution...

Volcanoes! By Kenn Goin and Christopher Nicholas (Know-it-Alls) great illustrations, explanations, kinds, effects on humans...

## **Animals**

The Jolly Barnyard by Annie North Bedford (Little Golden Book) each animal contributes

Animals, Animals by Ned Jensen ([www.sciencea-z](http://www.sciencea-z.com)) word count 195 (there are two other versions, one lower, one higher level reading) a general overview of animals

Animals in the City by Elizabeth Carney (National Geographic Kids Level 2) wild animals that find a living in human habitat

Puppies by Janie Reinart (Video Fact Book Level 2) action videos with app

A First Look at Bats by Millicent E. Selsam; nice close-up pencil drawings, map

Wild, Wild Wolves by Joyce Milton (Step into Reading Level 2) facts & fictions about wolves

Wild Cats! By Carol Harrison (Know-it-Alls) various kinds of big cats; action illustrations

Amazing Tigers! By Sarah Thomson (An I Can Read Book Level 2, reading with help) good photos

Penguins by Anne Schreiber (National Geographic Kids Level 2) map, labeled parts, great photos

Bear by Mary Hoffman (Animals in the Wild) life cycle and lifestyle

Quokkas by Victoria Blakemore (Elementary Explorers) good photos, various aspects of life

Toothwalkers by Jo Windsor (walruses) includes how to write a report and guide notes

Narwhal by Katie Marsico (A Day in the Life: Polar Animals) labeled photos, good explanations

Whales by Jane Werner Watson (Little Golden Book) life cycle, kids, etc.

Incredible Sea Creatures by Kathryn Knight (Video Fact Book) action videos with app

Octopus' Den by Deirdre Langeland (Scholastic Smithsonian Oceanic Collection) great illustrations; octopus character and life

Newts and Other Amphibians by Mary Schulte (Scholastic News Nonfiction Readers) great photos, simple explanations

Sea Turtles by Susanna Milham (Houghton Mifflin Leveled Readers) 553 words, response

Snakes and Their Young by Donna Bailey (My World Books green level—2B) additional titles back cover

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! By Jennifer Dussling (DK Readers Level 2 beginning to read alone) great close-up photos, not for the squeamish

Bug Out! The World's Creepiest Crawliest Critters by Ginjer L. Clarke (All Aboard Science Reader Level 2) included in this title are other creatures than insects: spiders & scorpions

Spiders by Nic Bishop (Scholastic Level 2 reader) great close-up photos

Backyard Insects by Millicent E. Selsam; great photos

The Great Migration by Deborah Lock (DK Readers Level 2, beginning to read alone) maps, month by month, and animals involved

## History

Drummer Hoff adapted by Barbara Emberley; DRA 18-20—fanciful art, repetitive story builds on self, set possibly in the 1700s

Pocahontas by Caryn Jenner (DK Readers Level 2 Beginning to read alone) based on fact with some literary license to make the story more interesting to children

Ben Franklin Thinks Big by Sheila Keenan (I Can Read Level 2, reading with help) Many of Franklin's accomplishments, includes a timeline

George Washington and the General's Dog by Frank Murphy (Step into Reading Level 3, reading on your own) the dog belonged to the other general. Note: publishers don't have a standardized leveling system, so some Level 3 are easier than some Level 2 readers.

George Washington by Caroline Crosson Gilpin (National Geographic Kids, Level 2) maps, historic paintings, his likeness on our money, stamps, etc.

Alexander Hamilton: From Orphan to Founding Father by Monica Kulling (Step into Reading Biography, Level 3) Note: Step into Reading books are easier reading than National Geographic Readers. Cartoon type illustrations.

The Great Big Wagon That Rang: How the Liberty Bell Was Saved by Joseph Slate; set in 1777  
Journey of a Pioneer by Patricia J. Murphy (DK Readers Level 2) written as a diary, tells what it was like to move west in a wagon

Frederick Douglass by Barbara Kramer (National Geographic Kids, Level 2) includes a timeline, and a quiz at the end

Abe Lincoln's Hat by Martha Brenner (Step Into Reading, Level 2) a more human side of him

Long, Tall Lincoln by Jennifer Dussling (I Can Read! Level 2) timeline, map, Lincoln likenesses

Abraham Lincoln by Caroline Crosson Gilpin (National Geographic Kids, Level 2) includes a map, timeline, money with Lincoln's likeness, and a quiz at the end

Susan B. Anthony: Her Fight for Equal Rights by Monica Kulling (Step into Reading, Level 2) easiest reading of the biographies listed here

Helen Keller by Kitson Jazynka (National Geographic Kids, Level 2) includes historic photos, timeline, quiz at the end

Thomas Edison Lighting the Way by Lori Haskins Houran (I Can Read! Level 2) timeline, historic photos at the end

Thomas Edison by Barbara Kramer (National Geographic Kids, Level 2) includes historic photos, timeline, quiz at the end

The Long Way to a New Land by Joan Sandin (An I Can Read Book, Level 3) early 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading; a family immigrates from Sweden to America by steamship

Eleanor Roosevelt by Macy Stevens (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) 6 pp plus quiz page

Martin Luther King Jr.: A Peaceful Leader by Sarah Albee (I Can Read! Level 2, with help)

Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story by Ruby Bridges (Scholastic Level 2) historic photos

Apollo 11: Mission to the Moon by Courtney Acampora (Smithsonian Level 2) historic photos, diagrams, quiz at the end

Getting Around Through the Years by Clare Lewis (History in Living Memory) how transportation has changed within the lifetime of a person