



2019 2X2 Reading List

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

Berger, Samantha. ***What If...*** Illustrated by Mike Curato. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780316390965. \$17.99.

A young girl is determined to use her imagination and create, despite any obstacles that may arise.

[Cover Image](#) Reviews: Booklist, PW, SLJ, *Kirkus

Burach, Ross. ***Truck Full of Ducks***. Scholastic Press. ISBN 9781338129366. \$17.99.

A truck full of ducks has a wacky adventure as they travel without directions or a map to their final destination. Their mission is successful when they find a fox who was ready...to take a bath with the ducks!

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Cummings, Troy. ***Can I Be Your Dog?*** Random House Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780399554537. \$16.99.

"Can I be your dog?" asks Arfy the dog, in hopeful letters written to each person on Butternut Street. Will Arfy get the response he's hoping for?

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Doerrfeld, Cori. ***The Rabbit Listened***. Dial Books. ISBN 9780735229358. \$17.99.

After a child's block castle falls, animals offer suggestions on how the child should cope with the disappointment, but it doesn't seem to help. It isn't until a rabbit snuggles up, waits, and listens, that the child can express their feelings, and start building again.

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Dominguez, Angela. ***How Are You? / ¿Cómo estás?*** Henry Holt and Co. ISBN 9781250126863. \$17.99.

How do you feel when you meet new people? Come join in the fun of learning basic Spanish words as two giraffes try to discover how their new friend ostrich is feeling.

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Dunlap, Cirocco. ***Crunch, The Shy Dinosaur***. Illustrated by Greg Pizzoli. Random House Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780399550560. \$17.99.

An interactive, humorous book, that has the reader (and audience) trying to make Crunch, a shy dinosaur, come out of his hiding places.

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Duquenooy, Jacques. ***Shapes***. Twirl Books. ISBN 9782747086998. \$12.99.

Zoe and Zack love to paint. Separately, they paint simple lines and shapes, but when their paintings are brought together, they transform into works of art.

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Dyckman, Ame. **Misunderstood Shark**. Illustrated by Scott Magoon. Orchard Books. ISBN 9781338112474. \$17.99.

Shark is trying his best to behave on a live underwater T.V. show to prove that he is civilized...or is he?

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Heos, Bridget. **Stegothosaurus**. Illustrated by T. L. McBeth. Henry Holt and Co. ISBN 9781250134882. \$17.99.

Stegothosaurus does not fit in with his siblings. Then he meets Allothesaurus and all seems well with the world- but is it?

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Johnson, Cindy Chambers. **Russell Wrestles the Relatives**. Illustrated by Daniel Duncan. Aladdin. ISBN 9780805097696. \$17.99.

When Russell's wrestling relatives arrive for the family reunion, they take their wrestling moves seriously. Now, it's up to Russell to develop his own moves to win over the family.

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Kurtz, Jane. **What Do They Do with All That Poo?** Illustrated by Allison Black. Beach Lane Books. ISBN 9781481479868. \$17.99.

Think you know all there is to know about poo? Guess again. Learn the ins and outs of the poo movement at the zoo and delve into this perplexing poo problem.

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Maier, Brenda. **The Little Red Fort**. Illustrated by Sonia Sanchez. Scholastic Press. ISBN 9781610675932. \$17.99.

A new twist on the tale of the Little Red Hen. Ruby's brothers don't want to help *build* a fort, but they do want to play in it once it is complete. Should Ruby let them?

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Martinez-Neal, Juana. **Alma and How She Got Her Name**. Candlewick. ISBN 9780763693558. \$15.99.

Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela believes she has the longest name ever, and isn't impressed, until her Daddy tells her the story of her name.

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Pham, LeUyen. **The Itchy Book**. Hyperion Books for Children. ISBN 9781368005647. \$9.99.

Rules written in stone must be followed no matter what; or should you take a second look?

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Sehgal, Kabir and Surishtha. **Festival of Colors**. Illustrated by Vashti Harrison. Beach Lane Books. ISBN 9781481420495. \$17.99.

Vibrant colors abound in this story as one family introduces us to the Indian festival of colors, Holi.

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Trimmer, Christian. **Teddy's Favorite Toy**. Illustrated by Madeline Valentine. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9781481480796. \$17.99.

Teddy plays with all his toys, but his favorite is a doll named Bren-Da, who always saves the day. But when Bren-Da is accidentally thrown away, a surprising superhero comes to the rescue!

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Valdez, Patricia. **Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor.** Illustrated by Felicita Sala. Knopf Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9780399557255. \$17.99.

Born in 1897, Joan Procter took her pet crocodile to school when she was 16 years old. Her intelligence and love for reptiles led her to become an admired herpetologist and a friend to Komodo dragons.

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Vignocchi, Chiara. **Shake the Tree!** Illustrated by Silvia Borando. Candlewick. ISBN 9781626725362. \$14.00.

Mouse sees a delicious nut in the tree, but when she shakes the tree, a surprise falls out! This interactive book enables children to participate with repetitive phrases and actions and have a rollicking good time!

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Wade, Stef. **A Place for Pluto.** Illustrated by Melanie Demmer. Capstone Editions. ISBN 9781684460045. \$15.95.

After being kicked off the list of planets, Pluto packs up his suitcase and sets out on a journey of self-discovery to find out what he's really made of. #PlutoBelongs

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Wheeler, Lisa. **People Don't Bite People.** Illustrated by Molly Idle. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. ISBN 9781481490825. \$17.99.

A rhyming story that combines humor and an important lesson in manners-people should only bite food!

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