**Our Favorite Children’s Books**

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I’ve wanted to compile a list of children’s books for a long while now. The list below highlights some of our favorites, they also all sit on my personal bookshelf. There were many that didn’t make the list, but my hope is that this will help you find new favorite treasures and expand your library. My opinion is you can never have too many books, especially when it comes to children! The top five or ten on the list are our most favorite, and I consider must haves.

* What the Wind Told – Betty Boegehold
* Uno’s Garden – Graeme Base
* Frog Belly Rat Bone – Timothy Basil Ering
* Quail Song – Valerie Scho Carey
* Deep Down Underground – Olivier Dunrea
* Ultra-Violet Catastrophe! – Margaret Mahy
* The Curious Garden – Peter Brown
* Maybe – Kobi Yamada
* Wonder Bear – Tao Nyeu
* Zen Shorts – Jon J Muth
* Wabi Sabi – Mark Weibstein
* The Mitten – Jan Brett
* The Dead Bird – Margaret Wise Brown
* Scranimals – Jack Prelutsky
* The Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson
* Red Knit Cap Girl and the Reading Tree – Naoko Stoop
* Weather Witch – Joanna Stubbs
* Bog Baby – Jeanne Willis
* Someone is Eating the Sun – Ruth a Sonneborn
* Thunder Cake – Patricia Polacco
* Beetle Bedlam – Vlasta van Kampen
* Cactus Hotel – Brenda Z Guiberson
* Oleg the Snow Leopard – Jean-Claude Brisville
* Children of the Northern Lights - Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
* Sophie’s Masterpiece – Eileen Spinelli
* We are the Gardeners – Joanna Gaines
* The Night Gardener – The Fan Brothers
* Bugs for Lunch – Margery Facklam
* The Grasshopper and the Ants – Jerry Pinkney
* Brother Eagle, Sister Sky – Chief Seattle/Susan Jeffers
* The Story of Snowflake and Inkdrop - Pierdomenico Baccalario, Alessandro Gatti
* Plantzilla – Jerdine Nolen
* Deep in the Swamp – Donna Bateman
* Alejandro’s Gift – Richard E Albert
* The Giant Cabbage – Cherie B Stihler
* The Enormous Carrot – Vladimir Vagin
* Miss Maple’s Seeds – Eliza Wheeler
* Feathers for Lunch – Lois Ehlert
* We All Went on Safari – Laurie Krebs
* House Held up by Trees – Ted Kooser
* Quiet – Peter Parnall
* Everybody Needs a Rock – Byrd Baylor

**Preschool** –

* Listen Listen – Phillis Gershator
* The Tiny Seed – Eric Carle
* Oh No! – Candace Fleming
* Driving My Tractor – Jan Dobbins
* Snow Rabbit Spring Rabbit – Il Sung Na
* and then it’s spring – Julie Fogliano
* Counting Lions – Katie Cotton

**Young Adult** –

* The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
* Hatchet – Gary Paulsen
* The Girl who Drank the Moon – Kelly Barnhill

**Reference(ish)** –

* The Bumper Book of Nature – Stephen Moss
* Animalium – Kate Scott/Jenny Bloom
* A Little Book of Slime – Clint Twist
* The Beetle Book – Steve Jenkins
* The Beautiful Bee Book – Sue Unstead
* Humongous Fungus – DK Children
* Fairy Dusters and Blazing Stars – Suzanne M Samson
* Where Butterflies Grow – Joanne Ryder
* A Shine-a-Light Book Series – Carron Brown (multiple)
* A…. - Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long (6 book series. Amazing!)
* EXPLORER Series – Nick Forshaw (multiple)