**Books Every Child Below 7 Must Read**

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The way a lot of mothers choose books is typically at local book stores, book readings, or must-read book lists. That's when I decided that we have absolutely no list that is curated by experts and mothers and it's time to give our readers that balanced list between Indian and International authors. I hope this list will serve as a guide in buying great books for your children and inculcate the love for reading early on.

We have curated age-wise bestsellers lists for your kids as well as a more recent Best Of 2020: Children's Books by Indian and International Authors on our Learning Division- KSP Summer Fun Factory- make sure you go ahead and access the lists right away!

**Up to 3 years**

**1.** [**The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle:**](http://amzn.to/2lRFEuT)  A brilliant picture book about a caterpillar's journey to blooming into a Butterfly. It is a picture book for kids, designed, illustrated, and written by Eric Carle, published in 1969. What we often miss out on and what I figured out much later is that it's not just a book that you can use while the kids are young. With every stage in a kid's life- the book too evolves. First, it’s a story, then you learn about different foods, different colours, counting, days of the week and finally about match concepts about small, big, bigger and finally about the life-cycle of a butterfly.

**2.**[**The Shape of Me and Other Stuff- Dr. Seuss:**](http://amzn.to/2mIOKrE)Kids get to learn about various shapes and sizes in an adventurous way. This book by Dr. Seuss is more useful for Babies and Toddlers.

**3.**[**Ten in The Bed by Penny Dale:**](http://amzn.to/2mJ3JSo)This book By Penny Dale is sure to become your kids' favorite bedtime story. The book is a spectacular bedtime read featuring one little child, nine nursery animals, and a bedtime song.

**4.** [**The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf:**](http://amzn.to/2lRw9fs)Have you ever met a bull who isn't interested in Bullfights? Meet this bull who is more interested in smelling flowers than getting into fights. Kids will love this Bull Story by Munro Lbedti

**5.**[**The frogs and their monster by GurumayiChidvilasanada:**](http://amzn.to/2mbxwXg)A story based on frogs living peacefully in a pond. And, then suddenly a monster turns up and the fun begins. This story teaches the kids to be courageous.

**6.**[**The Great Hiss by GurumayiChidvilasanada:**](http://amzn.to/2lUvh8k)A story based on a cobra who turns non-violent on a piece of advice given to him by a teacher. Kids learn to be smart in a non-violent way without hurting others.

**7.**[**Stuck by Oliver Jeffers**](http://amzn.to/2lREY8Y)**:**A picture book by Oliver Jeffers that is a must-read for every kid. Can a problem be solved by throwing things at it? Find out how.

**3.5  - 7 years**

**8.**[**The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson:**](http://amzn.to/2lUM4Ib)You will find this one in every bookshelf in a kids' room but it didn’t make it to ours. The daughter was always scared of Gruffalo. The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson is based on the story of a mouse, who is the central character of the story, taking a walk in the woods. The book also has a sequel to it named The Gruffalo’s child. With many different stories and experiences with activity books as well- Gruffalo makes a soft spot in your heart forever.

**9.**[**Charlie Cook’s Favorite Book by Axel Scheffler:**](http://amzn.to/2mbIImV)The book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler is a hilarious book for kids. The story begins with a pirate who has his favorite book along with Goldilocks and a knight who have their own favorite book. The story entertains the child in every way and concludes in a surprising manner.

**10. [Sunu S](http://amzn.to/2lnrbn7%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**[**unu Snail by Sandhya Rao:**](http://amzn.to/2lnrbn7) Lights, action, and Sunu along with stunning illustrations is what makes it such a favourite book among kids. Kids love the name SunuSunu and the little snail will create a space in your child's heart forever.

**11. [Bookasura: The Adventures of Bala and the Book - Eating Monster by Arundhati Venkatesh:](https://linksredirect.com/?cid=7835&source=linkkit&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.in%2FBookasura-Adventures-Bala-Eating-Monster%2Fdp%2F9351037061%2Fref%3Dsr_1_1%3Fkeywords%3DBookasura%253A%26qid%3D1566539661%26s%3Dgateway%26sr%3D8-1" \t "_blank)**Bookasura is a story about a boy Bala how he outwits the book eating monster with his clever plan. The author was genius enough to interlink the famous Indian cartoon character ChotaBheem and the names of the ten books appropriately.

**12.** [**Princess Easy Pleasy by Natasha Sharma**](https://amzn.to/2TUrl8o)**:**This rollicking picture book written by Natasha Sharma and illustrated by PriyaKuriyan guarantees many laughs.  “Kuriyan depicts the tantrum-prone princess and her comically dismayed entourage with a range of skin colours nearly as individual as the styles of their brightly patterned traditional dress. Along with such universal funny business as a dog lifting its leg in one chaotic scene and an elephant delivering a massive mound of poop in another, her rollicking cartoons feature sights from each locale.”

**13.**[**The Tiger who came to Tea by Judith Kerr**](http://www.amazon.in/Tiger-Who-Came-Tea/dp/0007393652/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1446794317&sr=8-1&keywords=The+Tiger+who+came+to+Tea+by+Judith+Kerr)**:** What happens when a Tiger enters your House? Little Sophie has a tiger visiting her one day and the story is about how he manages to eat every morsel in the house leaving Sophie surprised and hungry.