

Book recommendations by reading age

ages 5 to 7

- The Gruffalo, Julia Donaldson
- Oi Frog!, Kes Gray
- Mr Men series, Roger Hargreaves (great for early Tap-a-word practice)
- Elephant and Piggie, Mo Willems

ages 7 to 9

- The Boy at the Back of the Class, Onjali Q. Rauf
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl
- The Worst Witch, Jill Murphy
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Jeff Kinney (visual support helps)

ages 9 to 11

- Wonder, R. J. Palacio
- The Last Bear, Hannah Gold
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, J. K. Rowling

ages 11+

- The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins
- A Monster Calls, Patrick Ness
- Northern Lights, Philip Pullman
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

how to use this list

Pick a book one notch below your child's current independent level. Wobble's character voices and Tap-a-word make harder books accessible, but starting just-below-comfort builds confidence faster.