


Books for Five Year Olds

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Picture Books: J Easy

JE AHLBERG

SHOPPING EXPEDITION

A fanciful little girl describes how a shopping expedition goes dramatically awry in this story of blizzards, floods, and jungles.

JE ASHFORTH

MONKEY TRICKS

While his friend Horatio, a stuffed rabbit, enjoys the bungled tricks of a mischievous monkey, James, a teddy bear, wonders why the monkey's props look so familiar.

JE ASHMAN

RUB-A-DUB SUB

Rhyming text complemented by vivid artwork follows a little boy on an underwater fantasy in a bright orange submarine.

JE AYLESWORTH

TEDDY BEAR TEARS

Each of four beloved teddy bears fears something at bedtime. As the little master explains away each fear, he makes the nighttime worry free for himself too.

JE BAKER

YOU BAD DOG!

Bridget, a gentle Rottweiler, is tired of getting blamed for the mischief of her friend, Lulu the terrier. She goes to the movies alone, hoping for a little peace and quiet; when Lulu shows up and causes a ruckus, Bridget flees, but turns back after deciding that having a good friend is worth the trouble it entails.

JE BANKS

THE TURTLE AND THE HIPPOPOTAMUS: A REBUS BOOK

In this rebus book, a turtle attempts to imitate other animals in his quest to cross a river and avoid a scary-looking hippo.

JE BILLOUT

THE FROG WHO WANTED TO SEE THE SEA

Feeling adventurous one day, a frog leaves her pond and sets out to visit the great sea she has heard so much about.

JE SCHAEFER

THE SQUIGGLE

As she walks to the park with her classmates, a young girl finds a piece of string and with her imagination turns it into a dragon's tail, an acrobat, fireworks, a storm cloud, and more.

JE SEUSS

HORTON HATCHES THE EGG

When a lazy bird hatching an egg wants a vacation, she asks Horton, the elephant, to sit on her egg – which he does through all sorts of hazards until he is rewarded for doing what he said he would do.

JE SHANNON

A BAD CASE OF STRIPES

In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.

JE STEIG

SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE

In a moment of fright, Sylvester, the donkey, asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again

JE STEVENSON

HEAT WAVE AT MUD FLAT

The animals at Mud Flat pay Raymond the Rainmaker to bring relief from the hot weather. Even though he fails, rain finally comes.

JE MARTIN

GOOD TIMES ON GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

Mountain man, Washburn, insists on looking on the bright side of things, even as disaster after disaster befalls him.

JE MARZOLLO

SNOW ANGEL

Accidentally left behind in a snowstorm, a young girl is befriended by a snow angel who takes her on a magical flight in search of her mother.

JE MEDDAUGH

MARTHA CALLING

When she wins a call-in radio contest, Martha the talking dog and her family go for a vacation and manage to change the “no dogs allowed” policy.

JE NUMEROFF

THE CHICKEN SISTERS

The chicken sisters drive a troublesome wolf home to his mother with their overwhelming eccentricities.

JE NUMEROFF

IF YOU GIVE A MOOSE A MUFFIN

Chaos can ensue if you give a moose a muffin and start him on a cycle of urgent requests.

JE PFISTER

RAINBOW FISH

The most beautiful fish in the ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

JE PHILLIPPS

WINK: THE NINJA WHO WANTED TO BE NOTICED

Although ninjas should be silent and use stealth, Wink finds his enthusiasm get him into trouble with his teacher until he finds a way to express both traits.

JE RATHMANN

OFFICER BUCKLE AND GLORIA

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle’s safety tips until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

JE ROHMANN

THE CINDER-EYED CATS

A boy makes a magical trip to a tropical island where he and five tiger cats watch as various sea creatures emerge from the ocean to dance by the light of the campfire.

JE BARRETT

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers -- until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

JE BRANDENBERG

BALLERINA FLYING

Mina, who loves dance and especially ballet is off to her Tuesday afternoon class with Miss Viola.

JE BREATHED

MARS NEEDS MOMS!

When a disgruntled boy sees his mother being kidnapped by Martians, he realizes he loves her and will go to any lengths to protect her.

JE BRENNAN

DIRTBALL PETE

No matter how hard he tries, Dirtball Pete is always mess, and even after his mother scrubs him clean for a school recital to show others what a beautiful and special boy he is, he seems destined to live up his name.

JE BURTON

MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAM SHOVEL

Mike Mulligan proves that, although dated, his steam shovel is still useful.

JE CANNON

STELLALUNA

After she falls headfirst into a bird’s nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

JE CATALANOTTO

EMILY’S ART

Emily paints four pictures and enters one in the first-grade art contest, but the judge interprets Emily’s entry as a rabbit instead of a dog.

JE CHENG

GOLDFISH AND CHRYSANTHEMUMS

To cheer up her Chinese-born grandmother, Nancy builds a fishpond and borders it with chrysanthemums, just like Ni Ni had as a child.

JE CHOLDENKO

MOONSTRUCK: THE TRUE STORY OF THE COW WHO JUMPED OVER THE MOON

The horse seriously doubts that the cow will ever be able to jump over the moon, but offers respect and admiration when the determined cow accomplishes the feat.

JE CLIFTON

EVERETT ANDERSON'S GOODBYE

Everett Anderson has a difficult time coming to terms with his grief after his father's death.

JE CURTIS

I'M GONNA LIKE ME

This book reinforces the concept that children should learn to like themselves despite their strengths or weaknesses.

JE DEPAOLA

STREGA NONA: HER STORY

Grandma Concetta heals everyone with her remedies and advice. When she retires, she leaves Nona her magic pasta pot with its secret ingredient.

JE DODDS

SING SOPHIE!

Everyone ignores Sophie's singing talent except her baby brother, who prefers it to the sound of thunder.

JE FRENCH

OLIVER'S FRUIT SALAD

Although he loves to help Grandpa pick fresh fruit, Oliver will not eat any until one day Mom prepares something very special in a big glass bowl.

JE GRAHAM

DIMITY DUMPTY: THE STORY OF HUMPTY'S LITTLE SISTER

Humpty Dumpty's little sister is too shy to be part of her family's circus act, but she finds courage when her brother needs her help.

JE HARTMAN

THE WOLF WHO CRIED BOY

The cautionary tale is turned inside-out in this humorous story in which a wolf spots a pack of boy scouts.

JE HENKES

LILLY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher. But when he asks her to wait awhile before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is later sorry.

JE HUGHES

THE BIG ALFIE OUT OF DOORS STORYBOOK

Preschooler Alfie has pleasant outdoor adventures with various family members, including his sister Annie Rose, Grandma, and Dad.

JE HUGHES

THE SNOW LADY: A TALE OF TROTTER STREET

Sam and Barney build a snow lady that resembles their elderly neighbor, mean Mrs. Dean.

JE HUTCHINS

TIDY TITCH

Titch helps his older brother and sister clean their rooms.

JE JAMES

LEON AND BOB

Leon and his imaginary friend Bob do everything together until a new boy moves in next door.

JE JOOSSE

NUGGET AND DARLING

Nell has to deal with the reaction of her dog, Nugget, when a kitten appears on the scene.

JE MCCULLY

MIRETTE ON THE HIGH WIRE

Mirette learns tightrope walking from Monsieur Bellini, not knowing that he is a celebrated tightrope walker who has withdrawn from performing because of fear.

JE MCPHAIL

EDWARD AND THE PIRATES

After learning to read, Edward's books and his vivid imagination provide him with great adventures.

JE MARSHALL

GEORGE AND MARTHA

The perfect expression of friendship in picture book form.