Books for Four and Five Year Olds

The books listed here are excellent examples of the types of topics and formats that are appropriate for children ages four and five. Books can go out of print quickly; if you are unable to find some of these books, ask your librarian to recommend similar titles.

- Aylesworth, Jim. Old Black Fly. Henry Holt, 1992. (Several others by the same author)
- Baker, Keith. 1–2–3 Peas. Beach Lane, 2012. (Also LMNO Peas)
- Barrett, Judi. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Atheneum, 1978. (Several others by the same author)
- Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline. Viking, 1958. (Several others in the series)
- Beaumont, Karen. I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More! Harcourt, 2005. (Several others by the same author)
- Cabrera, Jane. The Wheels on the Bus. Holiday House, 2011. (Several other song picture books by this author)
- Carle, Eric. The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Philomel, 1994. (Several others by the same author)
- Christelow, Eileen. Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed. HMH, 1989. (Several others in the series)
- Craig, Lindsey. Farmyard Beat. Knopf, 2011. (Also Dancing Feet)
- dePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona. Simon & Schuster, 1975. (Several others by the same author)
- Ehler, Lois. RRalph. Beach Lane, 2011. (Also Waiting for Wings, Leaf Man, and several others by the same author)
- Emberley, Rebecca and Adrian Emberley. There Was an Old Monster. Orchard, 2009. (Several others by the same authors)
- Faulkner, Keith. The Wide–Mouthed Frog. Dial, 1998. (Several others by the same author)
- Fleming, Denise. Mama Cat Has Three Kittens. Henry Holt, 1998. (Several others by the same author)
- Fox, Mem. Two Little Monkeys. Beach Lane, 2012. (Several others by the same author)
- Frazee, Marla. Boot & Shoe. Beach Lane, 2012. (Several others by the same author)
- Freeman, Don. Corduroy. Viking, 1968. (Several others in the series)
- Galdone, Paul. Henny Penny. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013. (Other folktale books by the same author)
- Gall, Chris. Dinotrux. Little, Brown, 2009. (Several others by the same author)
- Gorbachev, Valeri. Goldilocks and the Three Bears. NorthSouth, 2001. (Several others by the same author)
- Henkes, Kevin. Lily’s Purple Plastic Purse. Greenwillow, 2006. (Several others by the same author)
- Hillenbrand, Will. Spring Is Here. Holiday House, 2011. (Several others by the same author)
- Horáček, Petr. Butterfly Butterfly. Candlewick, 2007. (Several others by the same author)
- Isadora, Rachel. There Was a Tree. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. (Several other folktale books by this author)
• Johnson, Paul Brett. *On Top of Spaghetti*. Scholastic, 2006. (Several others by the same author)
• Lionni, Leo. *Swimmy*. Knopf, 1963. (Several others by the same author)
• Martin Jr., Bill. *Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?* Henry Holt, 2007. (Several others in the series)
• Martin Jr., Bill. *Ten Little Caterpillars*. Beach Lane, 2011. (Several others by the same author)
• McBratney, Sam. *Guess How Much I Love You*. Candlewick, 2008. (Several others in the series)
• McMullan, Kate. *I Stink!* Joanna Cotler Books, 2002. (Several others by the same author)
• Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. HarperCollins, 2010. (Several others in the series)
• Polacco, Patricia. *Oh, Look!* Philomel, 2004. (Several others by the same author)
• Raschka, Chris. *Five for a Little One*. Atheneum, 2006. (Several others by the same author)
• Rey, H.A. *Curious George*. HMH, 1973. (Several others in the series)
• Sayre, April Pulley. *Rah, Rah, Radishes!* Beach Lane, 2011. (Several others in the series)
• Schachner, Judy. *Skippyjon Jones*. Dutton, 2003. (Several others in the series)
• Scieszka, Jon. *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. Viking, 1989. (Several others by the same author)
• Scotton, Rob. *Splat the Cat*. HarperCollins, 2008. (Several others in the series)
• Sedaka, Neil. *Waking Up Is Hard to Do*. Imagine, 2010. (Several others by the same author)
• Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *Dog and Bear*. Roaring Brook Press, 2007. (Several others by the same author)
• Shea, Bob. *Dinosaur vs. The Library*. Disney–Hyperion, 2011. (Several others in the series)
• Sherry, Kevin. *I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*. Dial, 2007. (Several others in the series)
• Taback, Simms. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*. Viking, 1999. (Several others by the same author)
• Thomas, Jan. *Rhyming Dust Bunnies*. Beach Lane, 2009. (Several others by the same author)
• Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Shapes*. Harcourt, 2007. (Also *Mouse Paint* and *Mouse Count*)
• Willems, Mo. *Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Hyperion, 2003. (Several others in the series)
• Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* Scholastic, 2000. (Several others in the series)