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ABC COMPLEMENTARY BOOK LIST

*Available in Spanish

The books on this list complement the ABC program. Principals, teachers, librarians, ABC volunteers, noon supervisors, FUNvisors, day-care providers, parents etc. can select from the books listed below to continue the conversation started during ABC reading or to reinforce tools students have learned. Please preview the books to make sure that they will be appropriate for your audience.

BOOKS FROM THIS LIST ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE READ IN PLACE OF ABC BOOKS.

Champion Year

***Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig**

- *Being Friends* by Karen Beaumont
- *Best Friends for Francis* by Russell Hoban
- *Better than You* by Trudy Ludwig
- *The Blue Ribbon Day* by Katie Couric
- *Four Feet, Two Sandals* by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed
- *Friends to the End* by Bradley Trevor Greive
- *The Friendship Bench* by Whitney Dineen
- **How Alex Learned to Choose his Friends/Como Alex aprendió a escoger sus amigos* by Mayra Ottati Stern
- *How to Lose All Your Friends* by Nancy Carlson
- *The Lemonade Club* by Patricia Polacco
- *Making Friends is an Art* by Julia Cook
- *Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book* by Celeste Shally and David Harrington
- *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld
- *Strickly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev
- *Yo! Yes?* by Chris Raschka

Chapter Books:

- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks
- *A Long Pitch Home* by Natalie Dias Lorenzi
- *Just My Luck* by Cammie McGovern
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- **Featherless/Desplumado* by Juan Herrera

***Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae**

- *Blue Ribbon Day* by Katie Couric
- *The Brand New Kid* by Katie Couric
- *The Magically Mysterious Adventures of Noelle the Bulldog* by Gloria Estefan
- *Not Yet* by Lisa Cox and Lori Hockema
- *Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson
- *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* by Eileen Spinelli
- *Something Beautiful* by Sharon Dennis Wyeth
- *Traveling the Twisting Troubling Tanglelows' Trail* by Greg McGoan
- *A Girl Like Me* by Angela Johnson
- **Call Me Tree* by Maya Christina Árbol

Chapter Books:

- *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
- *President of the Whole Fifth Grade* by Sherri Winston

BIG by Colleen Praetore

- *Come with me* by Holly McGhee
- *Do Onto Otters* by Lorrie Keller
- *Fly Free!* by Roseanne Thong
- *The Goat Lady* by Jane Bregoli
- *Kindness Quilt* by Nancy Wallace
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt De La Peña
- *Lessons From A Street Kid* by Craig Kielburger
- *A Little Peace* by Barbara Kerley
- *One Hen: How one small loan can make a big difference* by Katie Smith Milway
- *One Smile* by Cindy McKinley
- *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson
- *Reach Out and Give* by Cheri Meiners (K-2)
- *Rhino In the House* by Daniel Kirk
- *Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa that Brought Them Together* by Herb Shoveller
- *Sam and the Lucky Money* by Karen Chinn
- **Save the Planet/Slava el Planeta* by Lorenzo Liberto
- *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts
- *Twenty-two Cents* by Paula Yoo
- *When Life Gives you lemons, Change the world! Make a Stand* by Vivienne Harr
- *Come With Me* by Holly M. McGhee
- *June Peters, You Will Change the World* by Alika Turner
- *How to Heal a Broken Wing* by Bob Graham
- *Lend a Hand: Poems About Giving* by John Frank
- *The Can Man* by Laura E. Williams

Chapter Books:

- *Mother West Wind's Children* by Thornton W. Burgess

***When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang**

- **Cool Down and Work Through Anger* by Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed.
- *Grandfather Gandhi* by Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus
- *Peaceful Piggy Meditation* by Kerry Lee MacLean
- *Sometimes I'm Bambaloo* by Rachel Vail
- *What is a Thought? (A Thought is a Lot)* by Jack Pransky and Amy Kahofer
- *Zen Shorts* by Jon J. Muth

Chapter Books:

- *Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges and Ruby Bridges Goes to School by Ruby Bridges

- *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull
- *Mr. Lincoln's Way* by Patricia Polacco
- *Oliver Button is a Sissy* by Tommie dePaola
- *The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Remember The Journey to School Integration* by Toni Morrison
- *Separate is Never Equal; Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- *The Sneetches and Other Stories* by Dr. Seuss
- *White Socks Only* by Evelyn Coleman
- *Resist* by Veronica Chambers
- *The Youngest Marcher* by Cynthia Levinson
- *Antiracist Baby* by Ibram X. Kendi
- *Coming On Home Soon* by Jacqueline Woodson
- **Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki
- *Hammering for Freedom* by Rita Hubbard
- *As Fast As Words Could Fly* by Eric Velasquez
- *John Lewis in the Lead: a Story of the Civil Rights Movement* by Jim Haskins and Kathleen Benson

Chapter Books:

- *Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *P.S. Be Eleven* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Gone Crazy in Alabama* by Rita Williams-Garcia

- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

***How do I Stand in your Shoes?* by Susan DeBell, Ph.D.**

- *Make Someone Smile: And 40 More Ways to Be a Peaceful Person* by Judy Lalli
- *The Sandal Artist* by Kathleen T. Pelley
- *Stand in my Shoes: Kids Learning About Empathy* by Bob Sornson PH.D
- *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts
- *Understand and Care* by Cheri Meiners (K-2)
- *Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness* by Anastasia Higginbotham
- *Most People* by Michael Leannah
- *This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids From Around the World* by Matt Lamothe

Chapter Books:

- **Wonder* by RJ Palacio
- *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- *Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff

***The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds**

- *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon
- *The Exclamation Point* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- *Howard B. Wigglebottom Listens to His Heart* by Howard Binkow
- *Only One You* by Linda Krantz
- *Sebastian's Roller Skates* by Joan de Deu Prats
- *What Do You Do With a Problem?* By Kobi Yamada
- *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox
- *Calling the Water Drum* by LaTisha Redding
- **Rainbow Weaver* by Linda Elovita Marshall

Chapter Books:

- *The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin

***Thank You, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco**

- *Junkyard Wonders* by Patricia Polacco
- *Making a Splash: A Growth Mindset Children's Book* by Carol E. Reiley
- *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day* by Colin McNaughton and Satoshi Kitamura
- *Your Fantastic Elastic Brain* by JoAnn Deak Ph.D.
- *You're Smarter Than You Think: A Kid's Guide to Multiple Intelligences* by Thomas Armstrong Ph.D.
- **Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes

Chapter Books:

- **Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Sahara Special* by Esmé Raji Godell

All School Years

***Who Moved My Cheese for Kids* by Dr. Spencer Johnson & Christian Johnson**

- *Who Moved MY Cheese for Teens* by Dr. Spencer Johnson (May be Appropriate for 6th grade and up)
- *Choose Your Life* by Karen Gedig Burne