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## **ABC COMPLEMENTARY BOOK LIST**

### **Building Year**

\*Available in Spanish

The books on this list complement the ABC program. Principals, teachers, ABC volunteers, noon supervisors, FUNvisors, day-care providers, 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.**

### **Building Year**

\***René Has Two Last Names** by Rene' Colato Lainez

- *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- *My Name is Sangoel* by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed
- *My Name is Yoon* by Helen Recorvits
- *Naming Liberty* by Jane Yolen
- *One Green Apple* by Eve Bunting
- *Radio Man* by Arthur Dorros
- *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall
- *The Butterfly/La Mariposa* by Francisco Jimenez
- *The Crayon Box that Talked* by Shane DeRolf
- *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi
- *Three Names of Me* by Mary Cummings
- *Thunder Boy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie
- *What Are Your Words?* By Katherine Locke
- *Yoko Writes Her Name* by Rosemary Wells

Chapter Books:

- *My Name is Maria Isabel* by Alma Flor Ada
- *Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani
- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- *The Wind Called My Name* by Mary Louise Sanchez

## **Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell**

- *Big Mean Mike* by Michelle Knudsen
- *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales
- *Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell
- *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers
- *I'm Gonna Like Me* by Jamie Lee Curtis
- *\*Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match* by Monica Brown
- *My Name is Yoon* by Helen Recorvits
- *Parker Looks Up* by Parker Curry and Jessica Curry
- *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: Having the Courage to Be Who You Are* by Maria Dismody
- *The New Girl ...and Me* by Jacqui Robbins

### Chapter Books:

- *Out of my Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
- *Rickshaw Girl* by Mitali Perkins
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Stef Soto, Taco Queen* by Jennifer Torres

## **\*The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson**

- *A Different Pond* by Bao Phi
- *A Map into the World* by Kao Kalia Yang
- *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold
- *Bein' with You This Way* by W. Nikola-Lisa
- *Birds of a Different Feather* by Matthew Beasley
- *Come With Me* by Holly M McGhee
- *I am Golden* by Eva Chen
- *Just Ask!* By Sonia Sotomayor
- *La Mariposa* by Francisco Jiménez
- *Lailah's Lunchbox* by Reem Faruqi
- *Mama's Nightingale* by Edwidge Danticat
- *Mixed* by Arree Chung
- *Most People* by Michael Leannah
- *My Blue Happy* by Jessica Young
- *New Shoes* by Susan Lynn Meyer
- *Odd Boy Out Young Albert Einstein* by Don Brown
- *Odd Velvet* by Mary Whitcomb
- *One Green Apple* by Eve Bunting
- *Our Friend Mikayla* by Mikayla's Third-Grade Classmates
- *Red* by Michael Hall
- *Saturday at the Food Pantry*, by Diane O'Neill
- *Terrance the Trapezoid* by Drew McSherry and Hilary McSherry

- *The Boy with Long Hair* by Pushpinder Singh
- *The Only One Club* by Jane Naliboff
- *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhammad
- *The Proudest Color* by Shelia Modir, PhD and Jeff Kashou, LMFT
- *The Sandwich Swap* by Queen Raina of Jordan
- *The Skin You Live In* by Michael J. Tyler

#### Chapter Books:

- *Boy, Everywhere* by A.M. Dassu
- *Braced* by Alyson Gerber
- *Forget Me Not* by Ellie Terry
- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft (graphic novel)
- *The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones* by Wendelin Van Draanen

#### **Today I Feel Silly by Jamie Lee Curtis**

- *A Blue Kind of Day* by Rachel Tomlinson
- *Dragons on the Inside (And Other Big Feelings)* by Valerie Coulman
- *Grandpa Bear's Fantastic Scarf* by Gillian Heal
- *Grumpy* by Suzanne Lang
- *Happy, Sad, & Everything in Between: All About My Feelings* by Sunny Im-Wang Psy.D, S.S.P.
- *In My Heart: A Book of Feelings* by Jo Witek
- *Michael Rosen's Sad Book* by Michael Rosen
- *My Cold Plumb Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood* by Shane W. Evans
- *My Many Colored Days* by Dr. Seuss
- *Rainbow Hands* by Mamta Nainey
- *See How I Feel* by Julie Aigner-Clark
- *Silly Billy* by Anthony Browne
- *What is a Thought? (A Thought is a Lot)* by Jack Pransky and Amy Kahofer

#### Chapter Books:

- *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina
- *See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng
- *Speed of Life* by Carol Weston
- *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

#### **Long Shot by Chris Paul**

- *Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle* by Helda Eunice Burgos
- *\*Biblioburro* by Jeanette Winter
- *Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream* by Crystal Hubbard
- *Dream Big, Little Pig* by Kristi Yamaguchi
- *Dream, A Tale of Wonder, Wisdom & Wishes* by Susan V. Bosak

- *Firebird* by Misty Copeland
- *\*Frida Kahlo and her Animalitos* by Monica Brown
- *Game, Set, Match, Tennis Champion Arthur Ashe* by Crystal Hubbard
- *Grace, Gold and Glory: My Leap of Faith* by Gabby Douglas and Michelle Burford
- *Hello Star* by Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic
- *Inch and Miles: The Journey to Success* by Coach John Wooden
- *Ira's Shakespeare Dream* by Glenda Armand
- *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Katherine Russell-Brown
- *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed
- *Manjhi Moves a Mountain* by Nancy Churnin
- *\*My Name is Celia* by Monica Brown
- *\*My Name is Gabriela* by Monica Brown
- *\*Pele King of Soccer* by Monica Brown
- *\*Rosie Revere Engineer* by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
- *Salt in His Shoes* by Deloris Jordan with Roslyn M. Jordan
- *Shining Star: The Anna May Wong Story* by Paula Yoo
- *The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom* by Bettye Stroud
- *The Three Questions* based on a story by Leo Tolstoy by Jon J Muth
- *The Tower: A Story of Humility* by Richard Paul Evan
- *The William Hoy Story* by Nancy Churnin
- *You are Enough* by Margaret O'Hair and Sofia Sanchez

#### Chapter Books:

- *A Whole New Ballgame: Rip and Red, Bool 1* by Phil Bildner
- *Ghost (Track)* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

#### **\*Enemy Pie by Derek Munson**

- *Dear Ichiro* by Jean Davies Okimoto
- *Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away* by Meg Medina
- *Something Else* by Kathryn Cave
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *The English Roses* by Madonna
- *The Strange Egg* by Mary Newell DePalma
- *Two Speckled Eggs* by Jennifer K. Mann

#### Chapter Books:

- *Double Dog Dare* by Lisa Graf
- *Restart* by Gordon Korman
- *Utterly Me, Clarice Bean* by Lauren Child

#### **The OK book by Amy Krouse Rosenthal**

- *Beautiful Oops* by Barney Saltzberg
- *Howard B. Wigglebottom Listens to His Heart* by Howard Binkow
- *If I Never Forever Endeavor* by Holly Meade

- *It's OK to Make Mistakes* by Todd Parr
- *My Brave Year of Firsts* by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell
- *The Book of Mistakes* by Corrina Luyken
- *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires
- *The Remarkable Farkle McBride* by John Lithgow and C.F. Payne
- *When Sophie Thinks She Can't...* by Molly Bang

Chapter Books:

- *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff
- *Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin

<b>All School Years</b>
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**\**Who Moved My Cheese for Kids* by Spencer Johnson,MD & Christian Johnson**

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