

Wordless Modern Picture Books

Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad by Henry Cole.
Flotsam by David Wiesner
Moletown by Torben Kuhlmann
Draw! by Raul Colon
Journey by Aaron Becker
Wave by Suzy Lee
The Typewriter by Bill Thomson

Modern Picture Books about Friendship

Hooray for Hat! by Brian Won.
Little Elliot Big City by Mike Curato
A Visitor for Bear by Bonny Becker and illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton.
Churchill's Tale of Tails by Anca Sandu.
Peanut Butter and Cupcake by Terry Border.
Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld.
How to Be Friends with a Dragon by Valeri Gorbachev.
Friends by Mies van Hout
Room for Bear by Ciara Gavin

Modern Holiday Picture Books

Snowmen at Christmas by Caralyn Buehner and illustrated by Mark Buehner
Bear Stays Up by Karma Wilson and illustrated by Jane Chapman
Angelina's Christmas by Katharine Holabird and pictures by Helen Craig
Toot and Puddle: Let It Snow by Holly Hobbie
The Christmas Quiet Book by Deborah Underwood and illustrated by Renata Liwska
Gingerbread Christmas by Jan Brett
Auntie Claus by Elise Primavera

Modern Picture Books Just For Fun

Red Sled by Lita Judge
Bats at the Library by Brian Lies
What to do with a Box by Jane Yolen and illustrated by Chris Sheban
It's Only Stanley by Jon Agee
This is Our Baby, Born Today by Varsha Bajaj and illustrated by Eliza Wheeler
Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman and illustrated by Zachariah OHora
The House in the Night by Susan Marie Swanson and illustrated by Beth Krommes.
Yellow Time by Lauren Stringer
Sneezy the Snowman by Maureen Wright and illustrated by Stephen Gilpin
Into the Snow by Yuki Kaneko and illustrated by Masamitsu Saito

Modern Picture Books for Bedtime

Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker and illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld.
Goodnight Already! by Jory John and illustrated by Benji Davies
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late! by Mo Willems
A Book of Sleep by Il Sung Na
The Quiet Book by Deborah Underwood and illustrated by Renata Liwska
Sleep Like A Tiger by Mary Logue and illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski
In a Blue Room by Jim Averbeck and illustrated by Tricia Tusa
A Bedtime for Bear by Bonny Becker and illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton
Little Owl's Night by Divya Srinivasan

Modern Picture Books that Make You Laugh

The Book With No Pictures by B.J. Novak.
Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas
The Princess and the Pig
Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great by Bob Shea
Battle Bunny by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett and illustrations by Matthew Myers
Stuck by Oliver Jeffers
This book just at my dog! by Richard Byrne
Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin and illustrated by Daniel Salmier
Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Drouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld
Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Modern Picture Books Make Learning Fun

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature
Billions of Bricks by Kurt Cyrus
Water is Water by Miranda Paul and Illustrations by Jason Chin
1 to 20, Animals Aplenty by Katie Viggers
Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens by Cindy Neuschwander and illustrated by Wayne Geehan
My Half Day by Doris Fisher and Dani Sneed and illustrated by Karen Lee
Best in Snow by April Pulley Sayre
Shape Shift by Joyce Hesselberth
Shape Hunters: Shapes in the City by Bullfrog Books
Click, Clack, Splish, Splash: A Counting Adventure by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin
Welcome Home, Bear: A Book of Animal Habitats by Il Sung Na

Modern Picture Books go Around the World

In a Village by the Sea by Muon Van and illustrated by April Chu

Soccer Fence: A Story of Friendship, Hope, and Apartheid

If you Lived Here: Houses of the World by Giles Laroche

If the World Were a Village (second edition): A Book about the World's People by David J. Smith and illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong

One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley

Throw your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World by Selby B. Beeler and Illustrated by G. Brian Karas

Modern Picture Books True Stories

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein

Around American to Win the Vote: Two suffragists. A Kitten. And 10,000 miles by Mara Rockliff and illustrated by Hadley Hooper

Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla by Katharine Applegate *****

The Wall: Growing up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sis

Sugar Hill: Harlem's Historic Neighborhood by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Dear Mr. Washington by Lynn Cullen and illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

The Hole Story of the Doughnut by Pat Miller and illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch

Modern Picture Books of Poetry

Stardines Swim High Across the Sky by Jack Prelutsky

Winter Bees by Joyce Sidman and illustrated by Rick Allen

Shape Me A Rhyme: Nature's Forms in Poetry by Jane Yolen

Jon Scieszka's Trucktown: Truckery Rhymes illustrated by David Shannon, Loren Long, and David Gordon

Water Sings Blue: Ocean Poems by Kate Coombs and illustrated by Meilo So

Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings by Douglas Florian

Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word by Bob Raczka and illustrated by Nancy Doniger

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reverso Poems by Marilyn Singer

Award Winning Modern Picture Books

Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klassen

Waiting by Kevin Henkes

This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen

The Adventures of Beekle The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead and illustrated by Erin E. Stead

The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

My Top Ten Modern Picture Books

The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt and Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

We Are In A Book by Mo Willems

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes story by Eric Litwin and created & illustrated by James Dean

Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon by Torben Kuhlmann

This is Sadie by Sara O'Leary and illustrated by Julie Morstad

Press Here by Herve' Tullet

Return by Aaron Becker

Coming Home by Greg Ruth

If I Never Forever Endeavor by Holly Meade