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**Year 1 (age 5-6)**

A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 1 (5 - 6 year olds) of average reading ability.

If your child is a competent reader or has read all these titles, then you can try the books from the Year 2 or 3 lists.

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### Usborne First Reading: Level One:

'First Reading Series', part of the Usborne Reading Programme. It is aimed at children who are beginning to read. Every title in this series features clear and compelling text accompanied by charming and highly appealing illustrations. It is designed to motivate children as they learn to read.

Designed to be the first real books a beginner will tackle, they are 32 pages in length, comprising the main story (up to 150 words) and up to six pages of fun, reading-related puzzles.



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### Usborne First Reading: Level Two:

Level Two titles stretch the reader a little more than Level One, with more advanced storylines. They are 32 pages in length, comprising character pages or maps, the main story (up to 250 words) and reading-related puzzles.

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### Usborne First Reading: Level Three:

Level Three titles encourage the reader to develop reading stamina. Stories include a strong element of repetition, with repeated language to help the reader gain confidence.



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## Usborne First Reading: Level Four:

Level Four titles continue to build readers' stamina with stories of up to 750 words. The narrative is more developed, there is more text on each page and sentence structure and vocabulary are more descriptive.



## Early Readers by Francesca Simon (level: reading together)

The Early Reader series from Orion enables young children who are beginning to gain confidence in reading alone to enjoy reading. Full-colour illustrations on every page with short, accessible chapters. This is only a small selection from this series.





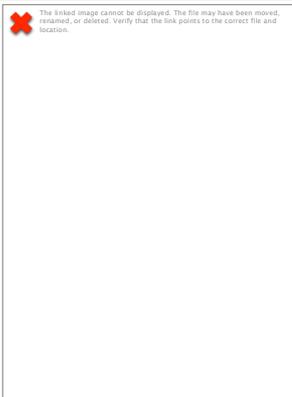
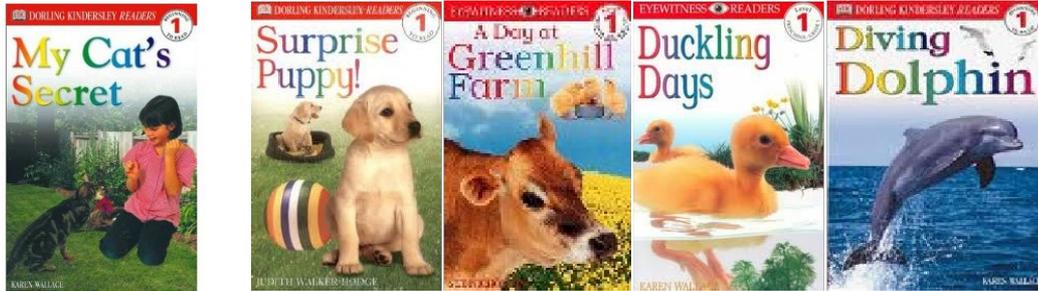
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## DK Readers (Level 1: beginning to read)

Each DK READER is guaranteed to capture a child's interest while developing his or her reading skills, general knowledge and love of reading. This is only a small selection from this series.



### **The Cat in the Hat (Green Back Book) Dr. Seuss**

To accompany the release of the live action movie of "The Cat in the Hat", starring Mike Myers, HarperCollins are proud to present Dr. Seuss's original, classic tale of the coolest, hippest cat in history! When the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, Sally and her brother are in for a roller-coaster ride of havoc and mayhem! The Cat can rescue them from a dull rainy day, but it means lots of thrills and spills along the way. The wonderfully anarchic Cat in the Hat is one of the most popular characters in children's fiction, and this book is ideal for budding readers to tackle on their own.

## **Picture Books**



### **The Elephant and the Bad Baby Elfrida Vipont, Raymond Briggs**

The Elephant takes the Bad Baby for a ride and they go 'rumpeta, rumpeta, rumpeta down the road.' They help themselves to ice creams, pies, buns, crisps, biscuits, lollipops and apples, and the shopkeepers follow them down the road shouting and waving. All ends well as the Bad Baby learns to say 'Please' and his mother makes pancakes for everyone.

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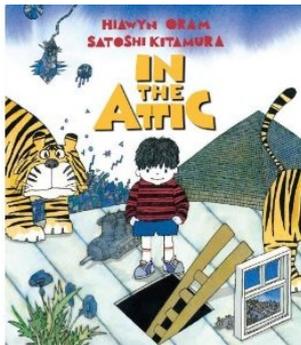
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## **The Emperor of Absurdia** **Chris Riddell**

Welcome to Absurdia: a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Trees are birds, umbrellas are trees, and the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons and amazing adventure. This gloriously rich and beautiful picture book comes from a uniquely talented artist at the height of his powers. With a story to enchant the youngest reader, and pictures to gasp and pore over whatever your age, it is an extraordinary achievement and one to savour.



## **In the Attic** **Hiawyn Oram**

This book cleverly illustrates what can be achieved when a child's imagination is nurtured from time to time with just 'nothingness', emptiness and space.

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## **Traction Man Is Here** **Mini Grey**

With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?

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### **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** **Michael Rosen**

Follow the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of the bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest.