



Susan Fry's Children's Book Recommendations February 11, 2011

Key:

A= All Ages (even grown-ups!)

Y= Younger (1-3)

M= Middle (2-5)

O= Slightly Older (3-7)

Wordless Books

- *Ten Minutes to Bedtime*, by Peggy Rathman (Y)
- *Wow, City!* by Robert Neubecker (Y)
- *Rainstorm*, by Barbara Lehman (A)
- *In the Town All Year Round*, by Susanne Berner Rotraut (A)

Books to Gobble, Gobble Up!

- *Turkey Trouble*, by Wendi Silvano, illustrated by Lee Harper. (M)
- *A Plump and Perky Turkey*, by Teresa Bateman, illustrated by Jeff Shelly. (M)
- *This First Thanksgiving Day: A Counting Story*, by Laura Krauss Melmed, illustrated by Mark Buehner. (M)
- *Harvest Year*, by Cris Peterson, photographed by Alvis Uptis. (O)

Time Traveling

- *A Street Through Time: A 12,000-Year Walk Through History*, written by Dr. Anne Millard, illustrated by Steve Noon. (O)

Books to be Thankful For

- *The Story of Thanksgiving*, by Nancy J. Skarmeas, illustrated by Stacy Venturi-Pickett. (Y)
- *The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving*, by Ann McGovern, illustrated by Elroy Freem. (M)
- *Giving Thanks: The 1621 Harvest Feast*, by Kate Waters, photographs by Russ Kendall, in cooperation with Plimoth Plantation. (O)

Space, for Beginners

- *I'm going to be the Best Astronaut Ever!* by Moira Butterfield, illustrated by Caroline Davis. (Y)
- *On the Moon*, by Anna Milbourne, illustrated by Benji Davies and designed by Laura Fearn. (M)
- *If You Decide to Go to the Moon*, by Faith McNulty, illustrated by Steven Kellogg. (M)

**Snow Daze**

- *The Biggest Snowball Ever*, by John Rogan. (M)
- *The Winter Visitors*, by Karel Hayes. (A)
- *Snow Day*, by Kamato Sakai. (M)

Super Siblings

- *The New Baby*, by Mercer Mayer. (Y-M)
- *Just Me and My Brother*, by Mercer Mayer. (Y-M)
- *Me Too!* by Mercer Mayer. (Y-M)
- *The Great Brain* series, by John D. Fitzgerald, illustrated by Mercer Mayer. (O)

Bienvenue Chez Polo!

- *The Adventures of Polo* (A)
- *Polo and Lily* (A)
- *Polo and the Dragon* (A)
- *Polo: The Runaway Book* (A)
- *Polo and the Magic Flute* (A)
- *Polo and the Magician* (A)
- *Polo: A la Recherche de Lili* (A)
- *Polo et L'étoile Magique* (A)

Sometimes You Just Want to Say "Aaargh!"

- *On a Pirate Ship*, by Sarah Courtauld and Benji Davies. (Y)
- *How I became a Pirate*, by Melinda Long, illustrated by David Shannon. (M)
- *Archie and the Pirates*, by Marc Rosenthal. (M)
- *See Inside: Pirate Ships. An Usborne Flip-Flap Book*. By Rob Lloyd Jones and Jörg Mühle. Designed by Stephen Wright. Expert Advice by Simon Stephens. (O)

Changing the World, One Marker at a Time

- *Chalk*, by Bill Thomson. (M)
- *Purple, Green, and Yellow*, by Robert Munsch, illustrated by Helene Desputeaux. (M)
- *Jeremy Draws a Monster*, by Peter McCarty. (M)

Future Cult Sensation(s)

- *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!*, by Grace Lin (M-O)



Vacation? What Vacation?

- *Airport*, by Byron Barton. (Y)
- *Airport*, an Usborne Flip Flap Book. (A)
- *Busy, Busy, World*, by Richard Scarry. (M)
- *Medieval Castle*, by Phil Wilson. (A)

Zzzzzzzzzzzzz

- *Russell the Sheep*, by Rob Scotton. (A)
- *Topsy-Turvy Bedtime*, by Joan Levine and Tony Auth. (M)
- *No Nap*, by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Susan Meddaugh. (M)
- *The Napping House*, by Audrey Wood and Don Wood. (A)

Halloween Howls

- *Room on the Broom*, by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. (M)
- *Spooky Joke Book*, compiled by Helen Burnford. (M)
- *Skeleton Hiccups*, by Margery Cuyler, illustrated by S.D. Schindler. (M)
- *Goodnight Goon*, by Michael Rex. (M)

Touchable Books

- *Pat the Bunny*, by Dorothy Kunhardt. (Y)
- *Too Many Bunnies*, by Matt Novak. (M)
- *Alphabet*, by Matthew Van Fleet. (M)
- *Pop-Up: Everything You Need to Create Your Own Pop-Up Book*, by Ruth Wickings, illustrated by Frances Castle. (O)

Not-So-Scary Fairy Tales

- *Red Riding Hood*, retold and illustrated by James Marshall. (M)
- *The Three Snow Bears*, by Jan Brett. (M)
- *Mr. Wolf's Pancakes*, by Jan Fearnley. (M)
- *A First Book of Fairy Tales*, retold by Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Julie Downing. (M-O)

The Monovore's Dilemma

- *Little Pea*, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. (M)
- *I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato*, by Lauren Child. (M)
- *The Seven Silly Eaters*, by Mary Ann Hoberman, illustrated by Marla Frazee. (M)
- *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*, by Oliver Jeffers. (M)

**Everybody Can Love Dragons!**

- *The Knight and the Dragon*, by Tomie de Paola. (A)
- *Where's the Dragon?*, written by Jason Hook, illustrated by Richard Hook. (A)
- *Everybody Knows what a Dragon Looks Like*, written by Jay Williams, illustrated by Mercer Mayer. (M)
- *Dragon World*, by Milivoj Ceran, Keith Moseley, Skip Skwarek. (M-O)

I Dare You Not to Cry

- *The Sea Serpent and Me*, by Dashka Slater, illustrated by Catia Chien. (M)
- *The Dog Who Belonged to No One*, by Amy Hest, illustrated by Amy Bates. (M)

A Pretty Darn Perfect Children's Book

- *The Circus Ship*, by Chris Van Dusen (A)

School Craze

- *Wow, School!*, by Robert Neubecker. (Y)
- *Wanda's First Day*, by Mark Sperring, illustrated by Kate and Liz Pope. (M)
- *Miss Nelson is Missing*, by Harry Allard, illustrated by James Marshall. (M)
- *First Day Jitters*, by Julie Danneberg, illustrated by Judy Love. (M)

A is for Aisle

- *How to Build an A: An Alphabet Book*, by Sara Midda. (M)
- *Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First*, by Alethea Kontis, illustrated by Bob Kolar. (M)
- *Alphabeasties and Other Amazing Types*, by Sharon Werner and Sarah Forss. (O)
- "Crazy ABCs," from the *Barenaked Ladies' Snack Time*. (A)

Adèle and Simon

- *Adèle and Simon*, by Barbara McClintock (M)

The Last Minute Santa!

- *Who Will Guide My Sleigh Tonight?* by Jerry Palotta. (M)
- *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree*, by Robert Barry. (M)
- *Santa's Stuck!* by Rhonda Gowler Greene, illustrated by Henry Cole. (M)

The Books of Peter Sís

- *Trucks, Trucks, Trucks*, written and illustrated by Peter Sís. (Y)
- *Madlenka, Soccer Star*, written and illustrated by Peter Sís. (M)
- *Komodo!* written and illustrated by Peter Sís. (M)