

Books for Autistic Children

Read Alouds and Picture Books



This resource contains a list of books selected for autistic children who are at a preschool learning level. While this list is not comprehensive, it is a good starting point for both library professionals and family members. This resource includes books for read-alouds that have autistic characters, and books for autistic children who are new readers.

Read Aloud Books with Autistic Characters

Ansloos, Jeffrey. *Thunder and the Noise Storms*. Annick Press, 2021.

Bailey, Jenn. *A Friend for Henry*. San Francisco, Chronicle Books, 2019.

Bronstein, Christine. *Stewie Boom! And Princess Penelope*. Greenbrae, Nothing but the Truth, 2018.

Cotterill, Samantha. *Little Sense Series*. New York, Penguin Random House, 2019.

Kapit, Sarah. *Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen*. Dial Books, 2021.

Kapit, Sarah. *The Many Mysteries of the Finkel Family*. Dial Books, 2021.

Malia, Jen. *Too Sticky!* Chicago, Albert Whitman & Company, 2020.

Moroton, Clay. *Why Johnny Doesn't Flap*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2015.

Neal, DeShanna. *My Rainbow*. Kokila, 2020.

Peete, Holly Robinson. *My Brother Charlie*. New York, Scholastic, 2010.

Pla, Sally J. *Benji, the Bad Day, and Me*. New York, Lee & Low, 2018.

Robbins, Rose. *Me and My Sister*. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 2020.

Rudolph, Shaina and Danielle Royer. *All My Stripes: A Story for Children with Autism*. Washington, DC, Magination Press, 2015.

Scott, Libby. *Can You See Me?* Scholastic, 2019.

Picture and Board Books for Autistic Early Readers

Carle, E. *From Head to Toe*. HarperFestival, 1999.

Cheetham, S. *Off to the Park!* Child's Play International, 2014. (Tactile picture book)

Cousins, Lucy. *Peck Peck Peck*. Candlewick, 2016.

Ehlert, L. *Color Zoo*. HarperCollins, 1989. (High contrast, large text)

Parrish, Emma. *Hoppity Frog: A Slide-and-Seek Board Book*. Little Bee Books, 2015. (Interactive, high contrast)

Rueda, C. *Huff & Puff: Can You Blow Down The Houses of The Three Little Pigs?* Abrams Appleseed, 2012.

Schofield-Morrison, C. *I Got the Rhythm*. Bloomsbury USA, 2014. (Picture book, patterned)

Scholastic, Inc. *Shapes That Go*. 2014.

Thomas, J. *Can You Make a Scary Face?* Beach Lane Books, 2009. (Picture book, high contrast, large Print)

Tullet, Herve. *Press Here*. Chronicle, 2011. (High contrast, large text)

Young, J. *Pet This Book*. Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2018. (Picture book, interactive)

Young, J. *Play This Book*. Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2019. (Picture Book, high contrast, interactive)