Preschool Classic Books list:

**Ten, nine, eight** (Jan 1983)
By: Bang, Molly

Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed.

**Goodnight moon** (Jan 1947)
By: Brown, Margaret Wise, 1910-1952

A little bunny bids goodnight to all the objects in his room before falling asleep.

Lexile: 360 Adult-directed text

**The runaway bunny** (Jan 1942)
By: Brown, Margaret Wise, 1910-1952

A little rabbit who wants to run away tells his mother how he will escape, but she is always right behind him.

Lexile: 600 Adult-directed text

**Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel** (Sep 1939)
By: Burton, Virginia Lee, 1909-1968

When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to the gasoline, electric, and diesel motor shovels, they go to a little country town where they find that one new job leads to another.

Lexile: 820
**Katy and the big snow** (Jan 1943)

By: Burton, Virginia Lee, 1909-1968

Katy, a red crawler tractor, belonged to the Highway Department of the City of Geoppolis. She was not used in winter, however, until a huge snow storm snowed in the whole city. Then Katy plowed out everyone.

**Lexile:** 420

**Popularity:** Fiction Ages 0-8

**The very hungry caterpillar** (Jan 1969)

By: Carle, Eric

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.

**Lexile:** 460 Adult-directed text

**Popularity:** Fiction Ages 0-8

**Corduroy** (Jan 1968)

By: Freeman, Don, 1908-1978

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

**Popularity:** Fiction Ages 0-8

**Millions of cats** (Jan 1928)

By: Gag, Wanda, 1893-1946

How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions? An old man's search for a cat becomes a lesson in greed and vanity.

**Lexile:** 730
**Is your mama a llama?** (Jan 1989)

By: Guarino, Deborah

A young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals.

Lexile: 290

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**Bedtime for Frances** (Jan 1960)

By: Hoban, Russell

Frances has trouble going to sleep because of frightening sounds and objects that may be going to get her.

Lexile: 360

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**The snowy day** (Jan 1962)

By: Keats, Ezra Jack

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

Lexile: 500 Adult-directed text

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**Brown bear, Brown bear, what do you see?** (Jan 1967)

By: Martin, Bill, 1916-2004

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.

Lexile: 440 Adult-directed text
**Blueberries for Sal** (Sep 1948)

**By:** McCloskey, Robert, 1914-2003

Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother.

**Lexile:** 890 Adult-directed text

**Popularity:** Fiction Ages 0-8

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**Make way for ducklings** (Jan 1941)

**By:** McCloskey, Robert, 1914-2003

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

**Lexile:** 630 Adult-directed text

**Popularity:** Fiction Ages 0-8

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**The little engine that could** (Jan 1954)

**By:** Piper, Watty

When the other engines refuse, the Little Blue Engine tries to pull a stranded train full of toys and good food over the mountain.

**Lexile:** 740 Adult-directed text

**Popularity:** Fiction Ages 0-8

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**The complete adventures of Peter Rabbit** (Jan 1982)

**By:** Potter, Beatrix, 1866-1943

A collection of the four stories relating all the adventures of Peter Rabbit and his mischievous cousin, Benjamin Bunny. Included are "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny," "The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies," and "The Tale of Mr. Tod."

**Popularity:** Fiction Ages 0-8
**The original Curious George**  (Oct 1998)
**By:** Rey, H. A. (Hans Augusto), 1898-1977

The curiosity of a newly captured monkey gets him into continual trouble.

**Popularity:**

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**We're going on a bear hunt**  (Sep 1989)
**By:** Rosen, Michael, 1946-

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.

**Lexile:** 0 Beginning reader

**Popularity:**

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**Where the wild things are**  (Jan 1963)
**By:** Sendak, Maurice

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

**Lexile:** 740 Adult-directed text

**Popularity:**

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**Caps for sale: a tale of a peddler, some monkeys and their monkey business**  (Jan 1947)
**By:** Slobodkina, Esphyr, 1909-

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.

**Lexile:** 480 Adult-directed text

**Popularity:**
The napping house  (Jan 1984)

By: Wood, Audrey

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

Popularity: Fiction Ages 0-8