

# POPULAR CHILDREN'S BOOK EXAMPLES

Most of these fiction brands feature many individual titles in the collection but don't worry too much about numbering. Even the older stories in these series will find a good home, though the more recently published, the more popular. And please keep in mind that we frequently run short of current, relevant non-fiction.

## Toddlers & Preschoolers

### Board books and picture books (soft or hardback)

*Goodnight Moon, The Runaway Bunny*  
*Thomas the Train, Dora the Explorer*  
*Dr. Seuss, Sandra Boynton (any)*  
*Elmo & other Sesame Street characters*  
*The Hungry Caterpillar, Grouchy Ladybug, any by Eric Carle*  
*Anything with children's faces showing various emotions*

### Ages 4-6 (we especially need Level 1 Early Readers)

*Dr. Seuss*  
*Fly Guy, Pete the Cat*  
*Doc McStuffins, Sofia the First, Dora the Explorer*  
*Clifford, Olivia, Pinkalicious*  
*Curious George, Berenstain Bears*  
*Disney stories, princess stories*  
*Little Critter, Froggy*  
*David (by David Shannon), Jake & The Neverland Pirates*  
Popular commercial series:  
*Pixar characters, Scooby Doo, Sponge Bob*

### Ages 7-8

*Magic Tree House*  
*Geronimo/Thea Stilton, Dear Dumb Diary*  
*Judy Moody, Ivy & Bean, Stink*  
*Captain Underpants, Ook & Gluk*  
*Bad Kitty, Junie B. Jones*  
Popular commercial series:  
*Pokemon, Star Wars, Superheroes*

### Ages 9-12

*Goosebumps, Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (or similar)*  
*Dork Diaries, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Big Nate*  
*I Survived (series), Star Wars, Minecraft (any)*  
*Middle School (series by James Patterson)*  
*Harry Potter, Eragon, Hunger Games (all)*  
*Candy Apple, Monster High, High School Musical (all)*  
*Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus, or any by Rick Riordan*  
*The BFG, Matilda, or others by Roald Dahl*  
*How I Survived Middle School (series)*  
*Sports fiction (modern only)*  
*Warriors or Seekers (cat series)*  
*Wonder, Smile, Sisters, The Book Thief, Hatchet*  
*Other mystery, adventure or scary stories (scary is hot!)*

## Teen & Young Adults

*Stephen King, John Green, Sarah Dessen, Gayle Forman (any)*  
*Pretty Little Liars, Maximum Ride, Divergent (all series)*  
*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (series)*  
*Lord of the Rings, or youth-oriented Sci-Fi & Fantasy*  
*Post-apocalyptic novels*  
*Graphic Novels/Manga (not too graphic)*  
**NOTE: Vampires are out but zombies are still in!**

## DON'T FORGET THE NON-FICTION ☺

### Science & Animals, especially:

*Planets, solar system*  
*Dinosaurs, snakes (and other reptiles)*  
*Sharks, dolphins*  
*Cats, dogs, penguins, polar bears*  
*Storms, volcanoes*  
*Spiders & other insects*  
*Magic School Bus (all)*  
*Science experiments*

### Sports/Games:

#### **SOCCER BOOKS!**

*Football, basketball, baseball*  
*How to play, improve*  
*Popular star players/teams, record books*  
*Card, board, and video games*  
*Sports fiction*

### About machinery (modern only):

*Cars, trucks, heavy equipment*  
*Planes, trains*  
*Rockets, spacecraft*

### How-To:

*Draw, especially popular characters/objects*  
*Origami, paper airplanes, balloon animals*  
*Building, crafting*  
*Martial arts, magic, juggling*

### Humor (might be fiction or non):

*Joke books (all types)*  
*Comic strips*  
*(Garfield, Calvin & Hobbes, Peanuts, etc)*

### History/Biography:

*Who was? (youth biography series)*  
*E.g. Obama, MLK Jr, Anne Frank, etc*  
*Mythology, knights, ancient warriors*  
*Exotic civilizations, disasters (Titanic, etc)*

### Art:

*How to draw, paint, photograph, sculpt*  
*Collections from popular movies/shows*  
*Coloring/sticker books (unused)*  
*Poetry (especially Shel Silverstein!)*

### Reference:

*Dictionaries, atlases*  
*Record Books (Guinness, etc)*  
*Ripley's Believe It or Not*