

# PARENTS Names The Best Children's Books Of 2021

## 30 Winners Narrowed from Over 350, Tested by Nearly More Than 100 Children

NEW YORK, Nov. 4, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- [Meredith Corporation's](#) (NYSE: MDP) [PARENTS](#) released the 13<sup>th</sup> annual list of Best Children's Books, recognizing the 30 top new reads for every child in 2021. Selected by the editors and kid-approved, the list of winners is available now on [PARENTS.com/BestBooks](#) and in the December issue of PARENTS, available now.

"The year 2021 was unpredictable for families, but they could always count on reading together as a way to bring on joy, laughter, learning, and adventure," says PARENTS Editor in Chief Julia Edelstein. "PARENTS highlights children's books in every issue, but December's list is particularly special. In a packed field of top notch children's literature released this year, these 30 books stand out as the most engaging, enriching, original and in many cases, beautiful to behold. I believe every title here deserves a spot on your child's bookshelf."

PARENTS editors, librarians, teachers and literacy experts nominated more than 250 titles published this year. A diverse group of over 100 kids and their parents helped determine 30 winners that deliver excitement, adventure, and kindness.

The complete list of PARENTS' Best Children's Books of 2021 is presented below by category and on [PARENTS.com/BestBooks](#).

### BOARD BOOKS

- ***Comparrotives*** Written and illustrated by Janik Coat
- ***Count to Love!*** Written by Andrea Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney
- ***Drive the Fire Truck*** Illustrated by Dave Mottram
- ***Peekaboo: Bear*** Written by Camilla Reid, illustrated by Ingela P. Arrhenius
- ***Snap! Chomp Your Jaws!*** Written and illustrated by Bob Barner
- ***Turn Seek Find: Habitats*** Written and illustrated by Ben Newman
- ***Washer and Dryer's Big Job*** Written and illustrated by Steven Weinberg
- ***Who Needs a Hug?*** Written by Dean Hacohen, illustrated by Sherry Scharschmidt

### PICTURE BOOKS

- ***Outside, Inside*** Written and illustrated by LeUyen Pham
- ***Stella's Stellar Hair*** Written and illustrated by Yesenia Moises
- ***Uma Wimple Charts Her House*** Written by Reif Larsen, illustrated by Ben Gibson
- ***Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race*** Written by Megan Madison and Jessica Ralli, illustrated by Isabel Roxas
- ***Chez Bob*** Written and illustrated by Bob Shea
- ***Bicycle Bash*** Written and illustrated by Alison Farrell
- ***The Olphabet: "O" No! An Alphabet Revolt*** Written by Jess M. Brallier, illustrated by Nichola Cowdery
- ***Stick and Stone: Best Friends Forever!*** Written by Beth Ferry, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
- ***Milo Imagines the World*** Written by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
- ***Maybe ...*** Written and illustrated by Chris Haughton
- ***Mel Fell*** Written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor
- ***Bear Is a Bear*** Written by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Dan Santat

### CHAPTER BOOKS

- ***Pawcasso*** Written and illustrated by Remy Lai
- ***Stamped (for Kids)*** Adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul from the book by Jason Reynolds and *Parents* advisor Ibram X. Kendi, illustrated by Rachelle Baker
- ***Simon and Chester: Super Detectives!*** Written and illustrated by Cale Atkinson
- ***Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey*** Written and illustrated by Erin Entrada Kelly
- ***I'm On It!*** Written by Andrea Tsurumi
- ***That Thing About Bollywood*** Written by Supriya Kelkar
- ***The Chance to Fly*** Written by Ali Stroker and Stacy Davidowitz
- ***The Double Life of Danny Day*** Written by Mike Thayer
- ***Sisters of the Neversea*** Written by Cynthia Leitich Smith
- ***The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy*** Written by Anne Ursu

Librarians also nominated over 75 new teen novels, which were reviewed by 25 teens who named 10 winners to the PARENTS list of Best Books for Teens. The list is available as a digital exclusive on [PARENTS.com/TeenBooks](https://PARENTS.com/TeenBooks).

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