

So You Want to Write a Picture Book

Additional Resources



Mentor Books Mentioned in Class

- *Bear Snores On*, by Karma Wilson
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- *Chrysanthemum*, by Kevin Henkes
- *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type*, by Doreen Cronin
- *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman
- *Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney
- *How Rocket Learned to Read*, by Tad Hills
- *Hug*, by Jez Alborough
- *I Talk Like a River*, by Jordan Scott
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, by Laura Joffe Numeroff
- *Last Stop on Market Street*, by Matt De La Peña
- *Little Blue Truck*, by Alice Schertle
- *The Monster at the End of This Book*, by Jon Stone
- *Stick and Stone*, by Beth Ferry
- *Ten Little Ladybugs*, by Melanie Gerth
- *Where the Wild Things Are*, by Maurice Sendak
- *Wherever You Go*, by Pat Zietlow Miller

Tama Fortner's Books Mentioned in Class

- *Christmas Is Coming!*
- *Easter Is Coming!*
- *God Is Always Good*
- *God Made You to Be You*



Additional Resources

- *Children’s Writer’s Word Book*, 2nd edition, by Alijandra & Tayopa Mogilner
- ChristianBookExpo.com – for juvenile bestseller lists, Christian market
- Publisher’s Weekly Children’s Bookshelf Newsletter – <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/email-subscriptions/index.html>
- Pixar's 22 Rules of Storytelling – <https://www.aerogrammestudio.com/2013/03/07/pixars-22-rules-of-storytelling/>
- Back to the Story Spine – <https://www.aerogrammestudio.com/2013/06/05/back-to-the-story-spine/>

THE STORY SPINE

THE STORY SPINE	STRUCTURE	FUNCTION
Once upon a time...	Beginning	The world of the story is introduced and the main character's routine is established.
Every day...		
But, one day...	The Event	The main character breaks the routine .
Because of that...	Middle	There are dire consequences for having broken the routine. It is unclear if the main character will come out alright in the end.
Because of that...		
Because of that...		
Until finally...	The Climax	The main character embarks upon success or failure
And, ever since then...	End	The main character succeeds or fails, and a new routine is established.

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Lists of the Best Children’s Books

- The 100 Best Children’s Books of All Time, by Time Magazine <https://time.com/100-best-childrens-books/>
- 100 Great Children’s Books: 100 Years, by the New York Public Library https://www.nypl.org/sites/default/files/100_great_childrens_books.pdf
- 100 Children’s Books to Read in a Lifetime – <https://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=9660210011>
- 125 Best Children's Books of All Time – <https://reedsy.com/discovery/blog/best-childrens-books>
- 100 Classic Children's Books To Spark Young Imaginations <https://reedsy.com/discovery/blog/classic-childrens-books>

