

Help your child develop a love for reading with these tips!

- **Reading can be done throughout the day.**

Leave books in the car or take them outside on a nice day.

Read cereal boxes, menus, recipes, and road signs together. It's all good reading practice—and it shows children that words are everywhere!



- **Spend time with all kinds of books.**

Beloved books that you have read many times together, books that are easy for your child to read independently, books that are just right to read for now, and books that are “someday” books are all types that should be available for your child.

- **Choose aspirational reading challenges.**

Nervous about them biting off more than they can chew? Don't be—children can often get enough information from the images alone to make for an interesting and satisfying read.

- **Make reading a fun activity!**

Go to bookstores and take time to browse the shelves together. Get your child a library card at your local branch and get to know your librarians.



- **Make reading possible by having books readily available.**

Have interesting books in your house, car, office, and any place you and your child spend time together.

- **Use words as often as you can with your child.**

Sing songs together, make up funny rhymes, play board games, and dress up and pretend to be someone else. All of these activities help children learn about language and become confident language users.

- **Read consistently and frequently.**

Reading is like any other lifelong practice: you don't have to maintain a particular level of intensity—you just have to do it often enough to develop the habit.

- **Talk often with your child about books.**

Make sure your child knows that you read for fun and for information. Model this behavior consistently and often, and talk about what you're doing as you do it.

- **Encourage your child to express opinions.**

Using language and reasoning to support their beliefs will help your young reader learn why they like or dislike something. Knowing why helps make them better understand their decisions.



- **Lead by example and get caught reading.**

Let your child enjoy listening to you read, reading along with you, echoing what you just read, or alternating reading words, lines, or pages with you.

Why Choose I Can Read!

- **Easy to Understand Levels.** I Can Read! books are organized into simple, color-coded levels that make advancing a seamless process.

- **Hundreds of Stories.** With over 400 titles, your child is sure to find the right book for them.

- **Readily Available.** Over 15,000 retailers carry I Can Read! books!

- **Beloved Characters.** There are over 40 characters, both modern and classic, for children to enjoy.

- **Trusted by Generations.** Over 175 million I Can Read! books have been sold.

- **Grows Passionate Readers.** I Can Read! books invite children into the world of books and provides successful literacy experiences for beginning readers.



Educational tips provided by Mary Lindeen.

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Our Promise to Parents and Educators



HarperCollins Children's Books publishes I Can Read! books to encourage children to want to read.

Each I Can Read! book focuses attention on language, simple sentence structure, engaging stories told through action and dialogue, and words that children can sound out and read themselves.

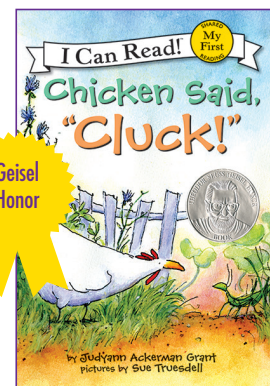
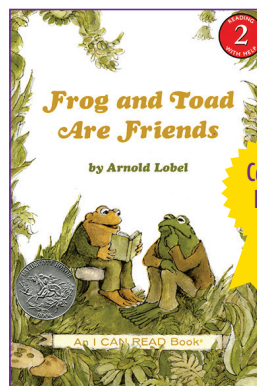
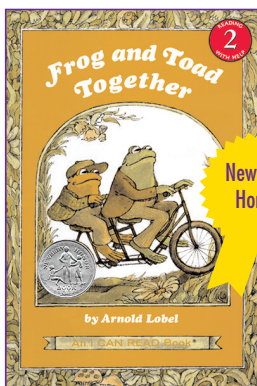
The direct correlation between the illustrations and the text provides clues that help young readers make sense of the story even when faced with new and challenging words. Better yet, children continue reading great stories about their favorite characters.



I Can Read! Awards



Awards have been given to many I Can Read! titles, including:



Frog and Toad author Arnold Lobel is the only person ever to win both the Caldecott Honor and Newbery Honor for easy-to-read books.

- ALA Notable Children's Books
- *New York Times* Outstanding Children's Books
- *Parenting* Best Children's Books
- *Parenting* Reading Magic Awards

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The Levels of I Can Read!



MY VERY FIRST A comprehensive program that leads beginning readers through proven steps for successful reading. It uses a building-block approach that gives early readers an immediate sense of achievement as they master each stage of learning how to read.	SHARED READING The first step to helping children become great readers is reading aloud to them. Basic language, word repetition, and whimsical illustrations, ideal for sharing with your emergent reader.	BEGINNING READING For readers who are beginning to sound out words and sentences. Short sentences, familiar words, and simple concepts for children eager to read on their own.	READING WITH HELP For readers who are increasingly confident but still need some help. Engaging stories, longer sentences, and language play for developing readers.	READING ALONE Fun subjects kids love to read on their own. Complex plots, challenging vocabulary, and high-interest topics for the independent reader.	ADVANCED READING For kids who are well on the road to becoming book lovers. Short paragraphs, chapters, and exciting themes for the perfect bridge to chapter books.
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READING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic print concepts • Phonological awareness • Word recognition including phonics and sight words • Fluency skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple vocabulary • Repetition • Complete sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple sentences • Familiar words • Simple concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple text • Some challenging words • More complex story lines • Longer sentences • Language play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More complex themes and stories • Challenging words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief chapters • Most advanced stories • For the fully independent reader
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SUBJECT MATTER

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals • Funny stories that children can relate to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals • Family situations • Issues close to the hearts of young children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • School • Friendship • Humor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School • Family • Mysteries • Adventure • Friendship • Humor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical fiction • Friendship • Humor • School • Adventure • Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humor • Historical fiction • Adventure • Suspense
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GUIDED READING LEVELS (Fountas & Pinnell)

A-C, C-E, E-G	E-I	G-J	J-L	K-M	L-M
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LEXILE LEVEL RANGE

	80L-190L	70L-410L	200L-510L	230L-550L	390L-560L
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ACCELERATED READER RANGE

	0.5-1.4	1.3-2.6	1.8-3.5	2.1-3.9	2.3-4.2
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