

Discover Picture Books with Booktrust

Booktrust believes that children are never too young to start loving books - picture books can be shared and enjoyed by children of all ages. If you want to enrich a child's life and fuel their imagination by exploring the world of picture books, Booktrust has a range of resources and programmes to help you.

Website

Our children's books website is home to hundreds of picture book reviews, searchable by age and genre, an online illustrators' gallery, interviews with authors and illustrators and information on the Big Picture campaign, which aims to put picture books in the public eye.

www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk

Children's Laureate

The 2009-2011 Children's Laureate is award-winning picture book author, Anthony Browne, who believes picture books should be enjoyed by people of all ages. To read his blog, see some of his illustrations and submit drawings to an online gallery visit www.childrenslaureate.org.uk

Prizes

Booktrust's children's books prizes highlight a range of outstanding picture books every year.

Booktrust Early Years Awards

This prize is divided into three categories: Baby Book Award, Pre-School Awards and Best Emerging Illustrator Award. Past winners include Emily Gravett, Polly Dunbar and the illustrator of this leaflet, Katie Cleminson.

The Roald Dahl Funny Prize

Founded by Michael Rosen as part of his work as Children's Laureate 2007-2009, the Roald Dahl Funny Prize is the first prize of its kind - founded to honour those books that simply make us laugh. A variety of picture books are shortlisted in the 6 and under category each year.

The Blue Peter Book Awards

Booktrust administers the Blue Peter Book Awards. The Most Fun Story with Pictures category has celebrated the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children since 2000. You can read reviews of the books shortlisted for our prizes and much more at www.booktrust.org.uk

Bookgifting

Sharing books with a child can be a wonderfully bonding experience; picture books help to develop visual literacy skills and teach children about the world around them. Through our bookgifting programmes, Booktrust aims to give free picture books to every baby, toddler and 4-to-5-year-old child in the UK.

Bookstart - www.bookstart.org.uk

Bookstart is a national programme that encourages all parents and carers to enjoy books with their children from as early an age as possible.

Through Bookstart, Booktrust aims to give a free set of picture books to every baby and toddler in the UK, and to inspire, stimulate and create a love of reading that will give children a flying start in life.

Bookstart Baby packs are usually delivered to families by health professionals at health contacts before the baby's first birthday.

Bookstart+ packs are delivered when the baby is 18-30 months old.

My Bookstart Treasure Chest is gifted when children are approximately 3-to-4-years-old via nurseries and playgroups.

Parents and carers can also obtain all three packs from their local library.

Booktime - www.booktime.org.uk

Booktime is a national programme in association with education and publishing company Pearson that promotes reading for pleasure.

Booktime aims to provide a free pack, containing a different picture book each year, to every child starting primary school (aged 4-5 years) in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Previous picture books have included *Funnybones*, *Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School* and *Mr Big*. Visit www.booktime.org.uk to discover book-themed activities and games as well as videos, competitions, blogs and resources for children with additional needs.

When author Joyce Dunbar sent Booktrust this picture book manifesto we decided to produce this leaflet as a celebration of the power of picture books. If you are a parent or carer we hope that it inspires you to share a picture book with your child. Please make sure that you claim your free picture books via our bookgifting programmes and visit www.booktrust.org.uk to discover more about our other children's book related projects and prizes.

Bookstart and Booktime are part of Booktrust's continuum of programmes, projects and prizes inspiring a lifelong love of books for all.

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Katie Cleminson was the Best Emerging Illustrator at Booktrust's 2009 Early Years Awards.

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Love a Picture Book

'Picture books are for everybody at any age, not books to be left behind as we grow older. The best ones leave a tantalising gap between the pictures and the words, a gap that is filled by the reader's imagination, adding so much to the excitement of reading a book.'

Anthony Browne, Children's Laureate 2009-2011



IF you want to provide a child with a rich, imaginative world which they can explore in safety by themselves
...look at a picture book.



IF you want to enrich a child's vocabulary and help them to enjoy the sheer pleasure of language
...read a picture book.



IF you want to encourage a child to be aware, curious, resourceful and visually aware.
...pick up a picture book.



IF you want a child to develop an inner sense of pattern and harmony and rhythm
... listen to a picture book.



IF you want to have amazing conversations with a child, take incredible flights of fancy, invent weird and wonderful concepts
...open a picture book.

IF you want a child to have a readily available bolt hole far away from the madding crowd and the chattering machines and the roaring traffic and the stress and squabbles
... lose yourself in a picture book.



IF you want a child to be able to enter into the lives of others, to face their fears, to understand feelings, to grow up to be strong human beings
...give a picture book.



IF you want to laugh with a child, have fun with them, invent and play with them, have intimate, witty exchanges
...curl up with a picture book.



IF you are a child and you want to understand the mysterious ways of grown-ups
...a picture book can help.



IF you are a grown up and you want to understand the mysterious ways of children
...a picture book will show you.

IF you are a cat, rabbit, mouse, monster, alien, dinosaur, snowman, teddy bear or even a robot



...JOIN IN THE FUN WITH A PICTURE BOOK!

LOVE A PICTURE BOOK. IT WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU BACK!



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