Books & Stories for School Starters



Give your child the gift of a love for literature

Children of all ages enjoy being read to, and as going to school gets closer for your child, exposure to books and stories has never been so important.

There are hundreds of books that kids under the age of six enjoy, and you can always keep up to date with the latest releases when you visit your local library with your child.



Another great resource is the Children's Book Council of Australia, whose annual awards program features books and stories of the highest quality.

20 books to inspire your school starter

Possum Magic
Mem Fox

The Cat in the Hat

Dr Seuss

Hairy McLary from Donaldson's Dairy

Lynley Dodd

Diary of a WombatJackie French and Bruce Whatley

The GruffaloJulia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

AnimaliaGraham Base

Princess SmartypantsBabette Cole

Where the Wild Things Are
Maurice Sendek

A Bear Called Paddington
Michael Bond

Flat Stanley Jeff Bond

Who Sank the BoatPamela Allen

Rascal the DragonPaul Jennings

The Very Cranky BearNick Bland

Big Rain ComingKatrina Germein

The Terrible Underpants

Kaz Cooke

Not a NibbleElizabeth Honey

I Will Not Ever Eat a Tomato

Lauren Child

Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears

Emily Gravett

Room on the Broom

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

The Sheep-PigDick King-Smith



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