

Talking to Get Every Child Ready to Read

Wordless Books That Make You the Storyteller



These books tell stories through pictures. Wordless picture books give children the opportunity to tell the stories themselves. In telling their stories, children develop language skills and also get a sense of sequence of events in stories.

***A Boy, a Dog, and a Frog* by Mercer Mayer. Dial Press, 2003.** Pictures tell the story of a boy and a dog as they try to catch a frog.

***Carl's Masquerade* by Alexandra Day. Farrar, 1992.** Carl the dog is responsible for watching the baby while its parents attend a masquerade. Instead, Carl and his young ward decide to crash the party.

***Chalk* by Bill Thompson. Marshall Cavendish, 2010.** Eye-catching illustrations tell the story of three children whose chalk drawings begin to do surprising things.

***Dinosaur!* by Peter Sís. HarperCollins, 2000.** A small boy taking a bath with his dinosaur toy is soon surrounded by real dinosaurs and transported to an ancient prehistoric pond.

***Dinosaur Dream* by Robin Michal Koontz. Putnam, 1988.** Shane's stuffed dinosaurs come alive in the night and take him on an adventure to prehistoric times.

***Flotsam* by David Wiesner. Clarion Books, 2006.** Vivid watercolors illustrate the story of an inquisitive boy who finds a camera on the beach. When the film is developed a surprising marine world is revealed.

***Free Fall* by David Wiesner. HarperCollins, 2008.** When he falls asleep with a book in his arms, a young boy dreams of castles, dragons, and a faraway enchanted land.

***I See a Song* by Eric Carle. Scholastic, 1996.** Vibrant illustrations accompany this tale of a musician and his violin bringing music to life through shapes and color.

***The Lion & The Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney. Little, Brown, 2009.** When a lion spares a mouse's life, they both learn a valuable lesson about the importance of kindness in this beautifully illustrated adaptation of the famous *Aesop's Fable*.

***The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs. Random House, 1978.** Beautifully illustrated story of the friendship between a snowman and a young boy.

***Time Flies* by Eric Rohmann. Crown, 1994.** The simple story of a bird who travels through time and ends up in the prehistoric era is transformed by beautiful and dramatic illustrations.

***Truck* by Donald Crews. Greenwillow Books, 1980.** Readers follow a big red truck on its journey from loading a shipment to traveling and delivering the goods.

***Wave* by Suzy Lee. Chronicle Books, 2008.** This stunning picture book captures the wonders of a child's experiences at the beach.

***Welcome to the Zoo* by Alison Jay. Dial Press, 2008.** Animals and visitors interact through fun activities in this imaginary zoo where there are no cages for the animals.

***Window* by Jeannie Baker. Greenwillow Books, 1991.** Uses multimedia collages to illustrate the effect human beings have on the environment. Readers follow Sam as he watches the world change from his window over the years.