

# Parents Magazine Announces 10th Annual Best Children's Books List

## 2018 Winners Were Selected by Literacy Experts and 75 Kid Testers

NEW YORK, Oct. 2, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- **Parents** magazine, one of the most trusted publications for parents and the leading voice for moms within the Meredith Parents Network, today announced the 15 winning titles for its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Best Children's Books List for newborns through middle schoolers. The selection process is unique: Literacy experts, including librarians and teachers, nominated more than 200 high-quality titles from the thousands released in 2018. Then 75 kid testers and their families read books in one or more of 15 categories, including best bedtime story and best book to give as a gift.

"From big belly laughs our young testers had looking at silly animals to the empathy our big-kid testers described feeling for struggling main characters, children connected emotionally to the winning titles," said Liz Vaccariello, Editor-in-Chief of Parents. "These books aren't one-time reads, and many will grow with your child and your family." Vaccariello also noted that she was impressed with the diversity of characters and authors reflected in the nominations—and ultimately the final list.

The titles that made this year's list are as follows:

- **Best Board Book:** *Hi-Five Animals!* written and illustrated by Ross Burach
- **Best Alphabet Book:** *Mr. Bear's ABC* written and illustrated by Virginie Aracil
- **Best Bedtime Story:** *Star in the Jar* written by Sam Hay, illustrated by Sarah Massini
- **Best Gift Book:** *Happy Birthday to You!* written by Nosy Crow, illustrated by Nicola Slater
- **Best First Picture Book:** *Hungry Bunny* written and illustrated by Claudia Rueda
- **Best First Nonfiction Book:** *Do Not Lick This Book* written by Idan Ben-Barak, illustrated by Julian Frost
- **Best Animal Facts Book:** *The Big Book of the Blue* written and illustrated by Yuval Zommer
- **Best Picture Book:** *My Pet Wants a Pet* written by Elise Broach, illustrated by Eric Barclay
- **Best Book That Champions Kindness:** *I Walk With Vanessa* illustrated by Kerascoët
- **Best Biography:** *Mae Among the Stars* written by Roda Ahmed, illustrated by Stasia Burrington
- **Best Early Reader:** *Baby Monkey, Private Eye* written by Brian Selznick and David Serlin, illustrated by Brian Selznick
- **Best New Series:** *Polly Diamond* written by Alice Kulpers, illustrated by Diana Toledano
- **Best Graphic Novel:** *Be Prepared* written and illustrated by Vera Brosgol
- **Best Chapter Book to Read on Their Own:** *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* written by Stacy McAnulty
- **Best Chapter Book to Read Together:** *The Parker Inheritance* written by Varian Johnson

Additional book details can be found in the November issue of Parents and online at [Parents.com/BestBooks](https://Parents.com/BestBooks).

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