

Beginning Readers: Favorite Characters

These books are great for reading on your own or with a favorite adult!

A is For Amber (Young Amber Brown)

Danziger, Paula

Find It: E BR DAN

Amber Brown's second grade year is featured in this beginning reader series based on the chapter books about the same character. Amber spends time with her best friend, Justin, tries to keep her desk clean to win an award from the desk fairy Deskarina, and copes with her parents' arguments as she learns and has fun in second grade.

Amelia Bedelia

Parrish, Peggy

Find It: E BR PAR

Amelia Bedelia takes everything literally. She bakes kitchen sponges in her sponge cake, throws her tent into the woods when she pitches it, and more! These beginning readers follow Amelia's misunderstandings as a young girl. Always silly, always funny; that's Amelia Bedelia.

Annie and Snowball

Rylant, Cynthia

Find It: E BR RYL

Annie and her pet bunny, Snowball, love living next door to Annie's favorite cousin, Henry and his dog, Mudge. Whether it's playing Frisbee or watching old movies, there's no shortage of fun to be had when these four are together.

Barbie

Various Authors

Find It: E BR BAR

Join Barbie as she explores different careers and embarks on magical adventures with these beginning reader books!

Benny and Penny

Hayes, Geoffrey

Find It: E BR HAY

Benny and Penny are a brother and sister who get into mischief while going on their special adventures in this graphic novel series for beginning readers.

Berenstain Bears

Berenstain, Stan and Jan; Berenstain, Mike

Find It: E BR BER

The Berenstain Bears explore Bear Country, gain new skills, and learn important life lessons in this series of beginning reader books based on the popular picture book series.

Biscuit

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin

Find It: E BR CAP

Adorable puppy Biscuit explores his world, makes new friends, and tries new activities in this beginning reader series based on the picture books with the same character.

Bones

Adler, David A.

Find It: E BR ADL

Join boy detective Jeffrey Bones as he helps his friends by solving mysteries in this beginning reader series with short sentences and wacky illustrations.

Brownie and Pearl
Rylant, Cynthia

Find It: E BR RYL

Meet Brownie, a shy little girl with a flair for the frou-frou and Pearl, her friendly feline sidekick in this delightful beginning reader series.

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa
Silverman, Erica

Find It: E BR SIL

Hold on to your hats! Two new pals have arrived on the scene: Cowgirl Kate and her stubborn, but devoted cowhorse, Cocoa. Together they count the herd, ride the range, and, of course, argue 'til the cows come home as only best friends can do.

DC Super Pets
Various Authors

Find It: E BR DC

Every superhero needs a loyal pet, right? The DC Super Pets are the best friends of your favorite DC superheroes! Follow the adventures of Aquaman's underwater pets Topo, Storm, and Ark; Wonder Woman's super-fast Jumpa the Kanga; the Wonder Twins' space chimp, Gleek; and Batman and Superman's dogs Ace the Bat-Hound and Krypto the Super-Dog as they save the day from the pets of our superheroes' most sinister villains.

Disney Characters
Various Authors

Find It: E BR DIS

Mickey Mouse, Doc McStuffins, Moana, Elena of Avalor, Vampirina, and more beloved Disney characters explore, learn, and have fun in these stories.

Dixie
Gilman, Grace

Find It: E BR GIL

Dixie the puppy loves spending time with her best friend, Emma. To spend more time with Emma, Dixie joins races, plays in the snow, helps with homework, and more in these adorable stories about friendship.

Dodsworth
Egan, Tim

Find It: E BR EGA

Join Dodsworth on his travels around the globe, from New York to Tokyo, to London, Paris, and Rome! For an added bonus, Dodsworth is joined by a stowaway duck!

Dr. Seuss Stories
Seuss, Dr.

Find It: E BR SEU

Classic stories like *The Cat In the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Hop on Pop*, and more contain repetitive language perfect for children just starting to read.

Elephant and Piggie
Willems, Mo

Find It: E BR WIL

Best friends Piggie and Gerald (Elephant) love playing with each other and making up adventures to go on. New readers will love these humorous stories from master storyteller Mo Willems!

Fancy Nancy
O'Connor, Jane

Find It: E BR OCO

Fancy Nancy's adventures continue (a fancy word for keep going) in these beginning reader books. Read about Nancy's first loose tooth, the bubble show she puts on for a sick friend, and more escapades (a fancy word for adventure)!

Frog and Toad
Lobel, Arnold

Find It: E BR LOB

Frog and Toad spend a lot of time together. They go on adventures, learn to fly kites, and discover what it means to be best friends in these classic stories.

Henry and Mudge
Rylant, Cynthia

Find It: E BR RYL

Henry meets his canine best friend, Mudge, when his parents allow him to pick out a puppy. Mudge grows into a giant English Mastiff, and he and Henry go on many adventures and learn a lot about life, love, and loyalty in this beginning reader series.

High Rise Private Eyes
Rylant, Cynthia

Find It: E BR RYL

Gumshoes Bunny and Jack solve many mysteries in this series for young readers.

Katie Woo
Manushkin, Fran

Find It: E BR MAN

Katie Woo is a spunky, sassy, and stylish schoolgirl whose stories explain life changes, family celebrations and growing up.

Kung Pow Chicken
Marko, Cyndi

Find It: E BR MAR

Gordon Blue was just an ordinary second grader until he became the superhero known as Kung Pow Chicken. Now Gordon must put his superpowers to the test to save the day from nefarious bad guys!

LEGO
Various Authors

Find It: E BR LEG

Every young LEGO fan will love these beginning reader stories based on LEGO's popular Hero Factory and Star Wars franchises!

Ling and Ting
Lin, Grace

Find It: E BR LIN

Ling and Ting are two adorable identical twins, and they stick together, whether they are making dumplings, getting their hair cut, or practicing magic tricks. But looks are deceiving--people can be very different, even if they look exactly the same.

Little Critter
Mayer, Mercer

Find It: E BR MAY

Little Critter continues exploring Critterville with his family in this series of books for beginning readers.

Mercy Watson
DiCamillo, Kate

Find It: E BR DIC

Mr. and Mrs. Watson love their pet pig, Mercy, so much that she's not a pet to them; she's a porcine wonder! Mercy loves the Watsons, and also buttered toast, going for car rides, and goofy hijinks. Join Mercy on her adventures with the Watsons in this adorable series for young readers.

Minnie and Moo
Cazet, Denys

Find It: E BR CAZ

Best friends Minnie and Moo are cows that live on a farm. They go on adventures together, especially around holidays like Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter, Valentine's Day, and Christmas, and also solve a few mysteries. What could be better than adventuring with your best friend?

Mr. Putter and Tabby
Rylant, Cynthia

Find It: E BR RYL

Mr. Putter decides he needs a pet to keep him company, so he adopts Tabby. Together, this pair of friends spends time together doing everyday activities like baking cakes, pouring tea, and walking the dog as well as more exciting activities like dancing, traveling, and playing sports.

Nate the Great
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman

Find It: E BR SHA

Help the world's greatest detective, Nate the Great solve mysteries using logical thinking and problem-solving skills!

Oliver and Amanda Pig
Van Leeuwen, Jean

Find It: E BR VAN

Follow the escapades of brother-and-sister duo Oliver and Amanda Pig in these adorable stories about family and fun.

Penny
Henkes, Kevin

Find It: E BR HEN

Penny the mouse is a girl who loves learning, sharing, and playing with her friends and family.

Pete the Cat
Dean, James

Find It: E BR DEA

The grooviest cat around continues his adventures in this series for beginning readers based on the picture books with the same character. Join Pete as he goes to the beach, gets his own pet, and saves Lady Callie from a dragon, among other groovy escapades.

Pinkalicious
Kann, Victoria

Find It: E BR KAN

Pinkalicious and her brother Peterrific are back in a set of beginning readers based on the picture books by the same author. Join Pinkalicious as she goes on field trips, plays soccer, and is whisked away on magical adventures with Peter and her friends.

Pinky and Rex
Howe, James

Find It: E BR HOW

Pinky and Rex are best friends who do everything together. From getting married, to finding a just-right pet, to meeting new neighbors and welcoming new babies into their families, there's never a dull moment when Pinky and Rex are around!

Pony Scouts
Hapka, Catherine

Find It: E BR HAP

This series is perfect for fans of ponies and friendship. Pony Scouts Meg, Jill, Annie, and their friends ride and care for their ponies on camping adventures, riding lessons, at the county fair, and more in this adorable beginning reader series.

Poppleton
Rylant, Cynthia

Find It: E BR RYL

Poppleton is a fun pig. He lives a simple life and has a nice set of friends. He enjoys spending time with his friends, going to the library and helping his friends when they aren't feeling well.

Princess Posey
Greene, Stephanie

Find It: E BR GRE

Princess Posey is a first-grader who loves wearing her pink tutu! Follow Posey as she makes new friends learns new things, and takes on bullies during her year in first grade.

Rotten Ralph
Gantos, Jack

Find It: E BR GAN

Ralph is a naughty cat who loves playing practical jokes on his friends and family. Will he ever learn the error of his ways? Follow his hijinks in this series for young readers!

Star Wars
Various Authors

Find It: E BR STA

May the Force be with you as you read these stories about your favorite *Star Wars* characters!

Young Cam Jansen
Adler, David A.

Find It: E BR ADL

Cam Jansen has a photographic memory. By taking a picture with her mind, she can remember the smallest of details, which helps her solve her cases in this mystery series for younger readers.