

50 (or so!) Wordless Picture Books

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“Wordless picture books are great participation tools. They are ideal to shake up storytime or library tours. Encourage kids to develop the narrative by prompting them with starters, such as "and then..." or "when suddenly the..." or "and finally..." The list is endless. Jot down a personal list of your own to use in a pinch. Make sure you circle the group and give everyone a chance to contribute. As each group of children change, so will the story. It is like getting a brand new book every time you use it.

Wordless books are also excellent tools for helping children develop the basic building blocks of language. They stimulate creativity and language, while at the same time introducing children to basic story structures and the juxtaposition of images and words. A wordless book stretches the imagination, allowing children to explore language through design and illustration. Picture books help children develop eye coordination and print awareness.

Well constructed wordless picture books offer a high degree of detail and plot complexity. Wordless formats are excellent to encourage students to explore the aspects and attributes of picture books.”

Abstract Alphabet (Chronicle, 2001)

Illus. by Paul Cox. ISBN 0-8118-2940-5

Anno's Journey (Philomel, 1978)

Illus. by Anno. ISBN 0-399-20762-7

Anno's Spain (Philomel, 2004)

Illus. by Anno. ISBN 0-399-24238-4

The Boy, The Bear, The Baron, The Bard (Roaring Brook, 2004)

Illus. by Gregory Rogers. ISBN 1596430095

Changes, Changes (Macmillan, 1971)

Illus. by Pat Hutchins. ISBN 0-02-745870-9

Clementina's Cactus (Viking, 1999)

Illus. by Ezra Jack Keats. ISBN 0-670-88545-2

Clown (Holt, 1996)

Illus. by Quentin Blake. ISBN 0-805-04399-3

A Day, A Dog (Front Street, 2000)

Illus. by Gabrielle Vincent. ISBN 1-886910-51-0

Deep in the Forest (Dutton, 1976)

Illus. by Brinton Turkle. ISBN 0-525-28617-9

Dinosaur! (HarperCollins, 2000)

Illus. by Peter Sís. ISBN 0-688-17049-8

Do You Want to be My Friend? (Philomel, 1988)

Illus. by Eric Carle. ISBN 0-399-21598-0

Follow Carl! (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1998)

Illus. by Alexandra Day. ISBN 0-374-34380-2

The Forty-Six Little Men (HarperCollins, 1991)

Illus. by Jan Mogensen. ISBN 0-688-09283-7

Four Hungry Kittens (Dial, 1996)

Illus. by Emily Arnold McCully. ISBN 0-8037-2505-1

Free Fall (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1988)

Illus. by David Wiesner. ISBN 0-688-05583-4

Freight Train (Morrow, 1978)

Illus. by Donald Crews. ISBN 0-688-80165-X

Good Dog, Carl (Simon & Schuster, 1985)

Illus. by Alexandra Day. ISBN 0-671-75204-9

Good Night, Garden Gnome (Dial, 2001)

Illus. by Jamichael Henterly. ISBN 0-8037-2531-0

The Grey Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher (Simon & Schuster, 1980)

Illus. by Molly Bang. ISBN 0-02-708140-0

Home (Greenwillow, 2004)

Illus. by Jeannie Baker ISBN 0-06-623935-4

Island Dog (Two Dog Press, 1999)

Illus. by Rebecca Goodale. ISBN 1-89109-003-8

Little Star (Hyperion, 2003)

Illus. by Antonin Louchard. ISBN 0-7868-1939-1

Magpie Magic: A Tale of Colorful Mischief (Putnam, 1999)

Illus. by April Wilson. ISBN 0-8037-2354-7

Midnight Adventures of Kelly, Dot, and Esmeralda (McElderry, 1999)
Illus. by John S. Goodall. ISBN 0-689-82564-1

Mouse Letters: A Very First Alphabet Book (Houghton Mifflin, 1999)
Illus. by Jim Arnosky. ISBN 0-395-55386-5

Mouse Numbers: A Very First Counting Book (Houghton Mifflin, 1999)
Illus. by Jim Arnosky. ISBN 0-395-55006-8

Mysteries of Harris Burdick (Houghton Mifflin, 1984)
Illus. by Chris Van Allsburg

An Ocean World (HarperCollins, 1992)
Illus. by Peter Sis. ISBN 0-688-09067-2

Oh! (Abrams, 2000)
Illus. by Josse Goffin. ISBN 0-810-93660-7

No, David by David Shannon

Pancakes for Breakfast (Harcourt Brace, 1990)
Illus. by Tomie de Paola. ISBN 0-15-259455-8

Peep! (Peachtree, 2003)
Illus. by Kevin Luthardt. ISBN 1-56145-046-4

Rain (Doubleday, 1982)
Illus. by Peter Spier. ISBN 0-385-15484-4

Re-Zoom (Viking, 1995)
Illus. by Istvan Banyai. ISBN 0-670-86392-0

The Red Book (Houghton Mifflin, 2004)
Conceived and illus. by Barbara Lehman. ISBN 0-618-42858-5

The Ring (HarperCollins, 1996)
Illus. by Lisa Maizlish. ISBN 0-688-14217-6

Sector 7 (Houghton Mifflin, 1999)
Illus. by David Wiesner. ISBN 0-395-74656-6

Silent Night (Antheneum, 2001)
Illus. by Sandy Turner. ISBN 0-689-84156-6

Sidewalk Circus (Candlewick Press, 2004)
Presented by Paul Fleischman and Kevin Hawkes. ISBN 0-7636-1107-7

A Small Miracle (Random House, 1997)

Illus. by Peter Collington. ISBN 0-679-88725-3

The Snowman (Random House, 1986)

Illus. by Raymond Briggs. ISBN 0-394-93973-5

Tabby: A Story in Pictures (HarperCollins, 1995)

Illus. by Aiki. ISBN 0-06-024915-3

Time Flies (Random House, 1994)

Illus. by Eric Rohmann. ISBN 0-517-59598-2

The Tooth Fairy (Alfred A (Knopf, 1995)

Illus. by Peter Collington. ISBN 0-679-97168-8

Tuba Lessons (Creative Editions, 1997)

Illus. by Monique Felix. ISBN 0-152-01643-0

Tuesday (Clarion, 1991)

Illus. by David Wiesner. ISBN 0-395-55113-7

Window (Greenwillow, 1991)

Illus. by Jeannie Baker. ISBN 0-688-08918-6

Why? (North-South, 1996)

Illus. by Nikolai Popov. ISBN 1-55858-534-6

The Yellow Balloon (Front Street, 2003)

Illus. by Charlotte Dematons. ISBN 1-932425-01-2

Yellow Umbrella (Kane/Miller, 2002)

Illus. by Jae-Soo Lui. ISBN 1-929132-36-0

Zoom (Viking, 1995)

Illus. by Istvan Banyai. ISBN 0-670-85804-8