

Picture Books

to Introduce Writing Genres

Here are some picture books to read aloud to introduce several types of writing children may be doing in kindergarten through fourth grade. This is not an exhaustive list, just some books to get you started. (For opinion writing specific titles, check out pages 120–122.) Please add to these titles as you find new books!

NARRATIVES/ STORIES	INFORMATIONAL TEXT SERIES	JOURNALS OR DIARIES	CORRESPONDENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Little Red Writing</i> by Joan Holub ● <i>Idea Jar</i> by Adam Lehrhaupt ● <i>This Is a Good Story</i> by Adam Lehrhaupt ● <i>A Squiggly Story</i> by Andrew Larsen ● <i>Ralph Tells a Story</i> by Abby Hanlon ● <i>Rocket Writes a Story</i> by Tad Hills ● <i>How to Write a Story</i> by Kate Messner ● <i>Stella Tells Her Story</i> by Janiel Wagstaff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Geographic Kids Readers ● I Can Read! series from HarperCollins ● Books by Gail Gibbons or Seymour Simon ● Let's Read and Find Out series from HarperCollins ● True Books from Children's Press ● I Wonder Why series from Kingfisher ● Who Was? series from Grosset & Dunlap ● What If You Had? series by Sandra Markle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> by Jeff Kinney ● <i>Diary of a Worm</i> by Doreen Cronin ● <i>Owl Diaries</i> by Rebecca Elliott ● <i>Diary of a Minecraft Zombie</i> by Zach Zombie ● <i>Amelia's Notebook</i> by Marissa Moss ● <i>Dork Diaries</i> by Rachel Renée Russell ● <i>Harriet's Monster Diary</i> by Raun Melmed ● <i>Like the Willow Tree</i> (Dear America series) by Lois Lowry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dear Mr. Blueberry</i> by Simon James ● <i>Dear Mrs. LaRue</i> by Mark Teague ● <i>Can I Be Your Dog?</i> by Troy Cummings ● <i>A Letter to Amy</i> by Ezra Jack Keats ● <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> by Drew Daywalt ● <i>Ten Thank-You Letters</i> by Daniel Kirk ● <i>A Letter to My Teacher</i> by Deborah Hopkinson ● <i>The Jolly Postman</i> by Allan Ahlberg ● <i>Dear Juno</i> by Soyung Pak ● <i>Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea</i> by Vera B. Williams ● <i>Abuela's Special Letters</i> by Jacqueline Jules ● <i>I Wrote You a Note</i> by Lizi Boyd