

Top 100 Collectible American Picturebooks
By Selection Group, With Topline Rationale

Group	Year	Title	Illustrator	Author	Rationale - Summary	VG	VG+
A	1928	Millions Of Cats	Wanda Gág	Wanda Gág	Seminal picturebook, beginning of the genre; winner of Newbery Honor.	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,300
A	1930	The Little Engine That Could	Lois Lenski	Watty Piper (pseud)	Popular beloved classic by prestige illustrator; franchise book; scarce..	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,600
A	1933	The Story Of Babar	Jean de Brunhoff	Jean de Brunhoff	Popular beloved classic; 1st Babar franchise book; scarce..	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,300
A	1936	The Story Of Ferdinand	Robert Lawson	Munro Leaf	Popular beloved classic by prestige author & illustrator; franchise book; scarce..	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,800
A	1936	Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain	Edward Ardizzone	Edward Ardizzone	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; 1st Little Tim.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
A	1937	And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Seuss's first children's book; rare.	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,000
A	1937	Animals Of The Bible	Dorothy P. Lathrop	Helen Dean Fish	First Caldecott Medal winner.	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
A	1938	Pumpkin Moonshine	Tasha Tudor	Tasha Tudor	Tudor's first children's book; scarce.	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,300
A		Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans	Ludwig Bemelmans	Popular beloved classic; Bemelmans' first children's book; franchise book.	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
A	1939	Little Toot	Hardie Gramatky	Hardie Gramatky	Popular beloved classic; scarce.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
A	1939	Mike Mulligan And His Steam Shovel	Virginia Lee Burton	Virginia Lee Burton	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; scarce.	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,200
A	1941	Curious George	H.A. Rey	H.A. Rey	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; rare - sold at auction for \$22,000 in 2007.	\$ 16,000	\$ 20,800
A	1941	Make Way For Ducklings	Robert McCloskey	Robert McCloskey	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; Caldecott Medal; rare.	\$ 14,000	\$ 18,200
A	1942	The Little House	Virginia Lee Burton	Theodor Geisel	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; Caldecott Medal; rare.	\$ 9,000	\$ 11,700
A	1945	The Carrot Seed	Crockett Johnson	Ruth Krauss	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator (husband) & author (wife).	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
A	1947	Goodnight, Moon	Clement Hurd	Margaret Wise Brown	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator & author; rare.	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,400
A	1955	Harold And The Purple Crayon	Crockett Johnson	Crockett Johnson	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; 1st of franchise; scarce.	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,900
A	1955	Eloise	Hilary Knight	Kay Thompson	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; 1st of franchise.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
A	1957	The Cat In The Hat	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Changed how kids learn to read; very popular beloved classic; Seuss's first Beginner Book.	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,300
A	1957	How The Grinch Stole Christmas	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Very popular beloved classic; Seuss; basis for 1960's TV cartoon + 1990's feature film.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
A	1960	Green Eggs And Ham	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Extremely popular beloved classic; Seuss; scarce with slicker.	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500
A	1963	Where The Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	Maurice Sendak	Very popular beloved classic; Sendak Caldecott Medal; feature film.	\$ 12,000	\$ 15,600
A	1964	The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	Shel Silverstein	Popular modern classic; timeless.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
A	1969	Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	Eric Carle	First of many popular beloved children's classics by highly esteemed illustrator/author; scarce.	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
A	1985	Polar Express	Chris Van Allsburg	Chris Van Allsburg	Popular beloved classic; 2nd Caldecott Medal for esteemed author/illustrator; major feature film.	\$ 400	\$ 500
B	1930	Angus And The Ducks	Marjorie Flack	Marjorie Flack	Popular beloved classic; scarce; first of Angus franchise	\$ 600	\$ 800
B	1932	The Little Family	Lois Lenski	Lois Lenski	Popular beloved classic; highly esteemed author/illustrator; 1st Lenski did both.	\$ 500	\$ 650
B	1933	The Story About Ping	Kurt Wiese	Marjorie Flack	Popular beloved classic by prolific illustrator and popular author.	\$ 500	\$ 650
B	1934	Travels Of Babar	Jean de Brunhoff	Jean de Brunhoff	Popular beloved classic; 2nd in Babar franchise; scarce.	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,100
B	1934	The Little Auto	Lois Lenski	Lois Lenski	Popular beloved classic; 1st of Small Family franchise by esteemed author/illustrator.	\$ 600	\$ 800
B	1935	Babar The King	Jean de Brunhoff	Jean de Brunhoff	Popular beloved classic; 3rd in Babar franchise; scarce.	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,600
B	1938	The 500 Hats Of Bartholomew Cubbins	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Second Seuss children's book; scarce.	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,800
B	1938	Mei Li	Thomas Handforth	Thomas Handforth	Second Caldecott Medal award.	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
B	1939	Abraham Lincoln	Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulair	Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulair	Third Caldecott Medal award; esteemed husband & wife team.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
B	1939	The King's Stilts	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Third Seuss children's book; scarce.	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500
B	1940	Horton Hatches The Egg	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Fourth Seuss children's book; seminal work; rare.	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,400
B	1947	McElligot's Pool	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Seuss's 1st post-war book; Seuss's first Caldecott Honor; scarce.	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,200
B	1949	Bartholomew and the Oobleck	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Seuss 2nd Caldecott Honor.	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,300
B	1950	If I Ran The Zoo	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Popular beloved classic; Caldecott Honor for Seuss.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
B	1952	A Hole Is To Dig	Maurice Sendak	Ruth Krauss	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator & author.	\$ 300	\$ 400
B	1953	Journey Cake, Ho!	Robert McCloskey	Ruth Sawyer	Popular beloved classic by highly esteemed illustrator & author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
B	1953	Madeline's Rescue	Ludwig Bemelmans	Ludwig Bemelmans	Popular beloved classic; 2nd Madeline; Caldecott Medal.	\$ 600	\$ 800
B	1953	A Very Special House	Maurice Sendak	Ruth Krauss	Popular beloved classic by highly esteemed illustrator & author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 500	\$ 650
B	1956	Harold's Fairy Tale	Crockett Johnson	Crockett Johnson	Popular beloved classic; 2nd Harold/Purple Crayon book.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
B	1956	Kenny's Window	Maurice Sendak	Maurice Sendak	First book authored and illustrated by Sendak.	\$ 600	\$ 800
BB	1981	Jumanji	Chris Van Allsburg	Chris Van Allsburg	Popular beloved classic; basis for feature film; 2nd Van Allsburg book, his 1st Caldecott Medal.	\$ 600	\$ 800
BB	1958	The Cat In The Hat Comes Back	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Popular early reader; sequel, 2nd Beginner Book; Seuss; PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens Book.	\$ 200	\$ 250
BB	1960	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Popular early reader; Beginner Book; Seuss; PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens Book.	\$ 500	\$ 650
BB	1960	Put Me In The Zoo	Robert Lopshire	Robert Lopshire	Popular early reader; Beginner Book; PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens Book.	\$ 300	\$ 400
BB	1960	Are You My Mother?	P.D. Eastman	P.D. Eastman	Popular early reader; Beginner Book; PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens Book.	\$ 300	\$ 400
BB	1961	Go, Dog, Go!	P.D. Eastman	P.D. Eastman	Popular early reader; Beginner Book; PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens Book.	\$ 300	\$ 400
BB	1961	Fish Out Of Water	P.D. Eastman	Helen Palmer	Popular early reader; Beginner Book; Seuss influenced story authored by his wife.	\$ 250	\$ 350
BB	1962	The Big Honey Hunt	Stan & Jan Berenstain	Stan & Jan Berenstain	Beginner Book; 1st Berenstain Bear book (over 300 published).	\$ 250	\$ 350
BB	1963	Hop On Pop	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Popular early reader; Beginner Book; Seuss; PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens Book.	\$ 400	\$ 500
BB	1963	Dr. Seuss's ABC	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Popular early reader; Beginner Book; Seuss; PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens Book.	\$ 320	\$ 400

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C	1929	The Funny Thing	Wanda Gág	Wanda Gág	Seminal picturebook, follow-up to Millions of Cats.	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
C	1933	The ABC Bunny	Wanda Gág	Wanda Gág	Landmark book, Newbery Honor.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
C	1939	Alexander The Gander	Tasha Tudor	Tasha Tudor	2nd Tudor children's book.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
C	1939	Katy And The Big Snow	Virginia Lee Burton	Virginia Lee Burton	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; scarce.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
C	1940	Pat The Bunny	Dorothy Kunhardt	Dorothy Kunhardt	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author; one of few illustrated by Kunhardt; 6th Alltime Bestselling.	\$ 600	\$ 800
C	1942	Cecily G. And The 9 Monkeys	H.A. Rey	H.A. Rey	English language version of 1st Curious George appearance.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
C	1942	Runaway Bunny	Clement Hurd	Margaret Wise Brown	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator & author; PW Alltime Bestselling list.	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
C	1947	Curious George Takes A Job	H.A. Rey	H.A. Rey	3rd book in CG franchise.	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,100
C	1948	Thidwick: The Big-Hearted Moose	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Seuss's 2nd post-war book; scarce.	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,700
C	1948	Blueberries For Sal	Robert McCloskey	Robert McCloskey	Popular beloved classic; Caldecott Honor for esteemed illustrator/author.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
C	1954	Horton Hears A Who	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Popular beloved classic; basis for movie; Seuss; scarce.	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,600
C	1954	Willie's Adventures	Crockett Johnson	Margaret Wise Brown	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator & author.	\$ 500	\$ 650
C	1957	Little Bear	Maurice Sendak	Eise Holmelund Minarik	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator & author; basis for TV series.	\$ 300	\$ 400
CM	1943	Many Moons	Louis Slobodkin	James Thurber	Early Caldecott Medal by esteemed illustrator & humorist.	\$ 600	\$ 800
CM	1945	The Rooster Crows	Maud & Miska Petersham	Maud & Miska Petersham	Early Caldecott Medal by esteemed husband & wife team.	\$ 700	\$ 900
CM	1946	The Little Island	Leonard Wiesgard	Margaret Wise Brown	Early Caldecott Medal by esteemed author & prolific illustrator.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
CM	1947	White Snow, Bright Snow	Roger Duvoisin	Alvin R. Tresselt	Early Caldecott Medal by esteemed author & prolific illustrator.	\$ 700	\$ 900
CM	1948	The Big Snow	Berta & Elmer Hader	Berta & Elmer Hader	Early Caldecott Medal by esteemed husband & wife team.	\$ 650	\$ 850
CM	1949	Song Of The Swallows	Leo Politi	Leo Politi	Early Caldecott Medal for esteemed illustrator published at start of career.	\$ 650	\$ 850
CM	1952	The Biggest Bear	Lynd Ward	Hildegard Hoyt Swift	Caldecott Medal for esteemed wood-block illustrator.	\$ 650	\$ 850
CM	1954	Cinderella	Marcia Brown	Marcia Brown (adapted)	First Caldecott Medal award by esteemed author/illustrator; Brown won 7 combined Medal & Honor awards.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
CM	1955	Frog Went A-Courtin	Feodor Rojankovsky	John Langstaff	Caldecott Medal for esteemed illustrator toward end of career.	\$ 650	\$ 850
CM	1969	Sylvester And The Magic Pebble	William Steig	William Steig	Caldecott Medal for esteemed illustrator toward start of career.	\$ 400	\$ 500
CM	1975	Why Mosquitoes Buzz In People's Ears	Leo & Diane Dillon	Verna Aardema	First of two Caldecott Medals by esteemed husband & wife team.	\$ 300	\$ 400
CM	1991	Tuesday	David Wiesner	David Wiesner	Redefined the wordless book; 1st of three Caldecott Medals by illustrator/author.	\$ 200	\$ 250
D	1958	Danny And The Dinosaur	Syd Hoff	Syd Hoff	Popular beloved classic by esteemed author/illustrator; early I Can Read book.	\$ 300	\$ 400
D	1960	Inch By Inch	Leo Lionni	Leo Lionni	Popular beloved classic by notable illustrator/author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 300	\$ 400
D	1963	Swimmy	Leo Lionni	Leo Lionni	Popular beloved classic by notable illustrator/author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 300	\$ 400
D	1967	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Eric Carle	Bill Martin Jr.	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator & author.	\$ 400	\$ 500
D	1970	In The Night Kitchen	Maurice Sendak	Maurice Sendak	Popular beloved classic by notable illustrator/author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 300	\$ 400
D	1975	Just For You	Mercer Mayer	Mercer Mayer	First Little Critters book by successful illustrator/author; key franchise book.	\$ 200	\$ 250
D	1975	Strega Nona	Tomie dePaola	Tomie dePaola	Popular beloved classic by successful illustrator/author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 250	\$ 350
D	1979	Garden Of Abdul Gasazi	Chris Van Allsburg	Chris Van Allsburg	Van Allsburg's first book; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 600	\$ 800
LGB	1942	1. Three Little Kittens	Masha		One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 500	\$ 650
LGB	1942	2. Bedtime Stories	Gustaf Tenggren		One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 300	\$ 400
LGB	1942	3. Mother Goose	Miss Elliott	Phyllis Frasier (selected)	One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 300	\$ 400
LGB	1942	4. Prayers for Children	Rachel Taft Nixon	Various	One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 250	\$ 350
LGB	1942	5. The Little Red Hen	Rudolf		One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 300	\$ 400
LGB	1942	6. Nursery Songs	Corinne Malvern	Leah Gale (arranged)	One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 300	\$ 400
LGB	1942	7. The Alphabet from A to Z	Vivienne Blake	Leah Gale	One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 300	\$ 400
LGB	1942	8. The Poky Little Puppy	Gustaf Tenggren	Janette Sebring Lowrey	One of first 12 Little Golden Books; Top PW Alltime Bestselling Childrens books.	\$ 600	\$ 800
LGB	1942	9. The Golden Book of Fairy Tales	Winifid Hoskins		One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 300	\$ 400
LGB	1942	10. Baby's Book of Objects	Bob Smith		One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 250	\$ 350
LGB	1942	11. The Animals of Farmer Jones	Rudolf Freund		One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 250	\$ 350
LGB	1942	12. This Little Piggy	Roberta Paffin	Phyllis Frasier (selected)	One of first 12 Little Golden Books.	\$ 250	\$ 350