

## Finding Books for Storytime

### Use appeal terms

NoveList's appeal terms can help identify components for creating a perfect storytime experience. See a full list of appeal terms in NoveList by searching **TI "Appeal Index"** from the basic search bar.

Appeals to consider:

**Big and bold** or **colorful** - for large groups, use these illustration terms to find art easily seen from a distance.

**Fast-paced** - these books with increasing suspense are sure to be storytime winners for wiggly groups.

Try **funny**, **silly**, or **noisy** for very young listeners. Or, **amusing** or **darkly humorous** for slightly older listeners.

Search **minimal text** for toddlers, or **witty** and **wordplay-filled** for older listeners.

#### TRY IT

Enter **GN Picture books for children AND AP Big and bold** (or another appeal term) in the Basic Search bar. (This is a search using [field codes](#).)

Click **Search**.

### Search for storytime standouts

Storytime standouts is a [genre term](#) that NoveList applies to books that are exceptional for group sharing.

#### TRY IT

From the Basic Search bar, enter **GN Storytime standouts**.

Click **Search**.

Just looking for books featuring friends? Under **Refine Results** limit to the subject **Friendship**.

### All kinds of lives

Our *All Kinds of Lives* Recommended Reads lists are ready-made lists with books that highlight the diversity of family, individual, and social situations.

#### TRY IT

From the **Recommended Reads Lists** section on the homepage, select the **Fiction** tab.

Select the **Ages 0-8** audience.

Click the **All Kinds of Lives** or **All Kinds of Reads** links and select a list.

### When to use:



**Librarians and Educators:** When you have wiggly groups who have trouble sitting still for an entire story.

**Readers:** When you're looking for funny books (and you like to be surprised!)

**Caregivers:** When you need suggestions for fun (but not *too* lively) bedtime read-alouds.

### Putting it all together

Books to encourage audience participation:  
**AP Participatory AND AP Attention-grabbing**

Celebrating a special event:  
**SU "new baby in family" AND AP Sweet**

Calming books for bedtime:  
**GN Bedtime stories AND AP Quiet**