

Help your K–2 students achieve reading success with the  
**Books for Young Learners**  
 collection



Did you know...

- BYL titles are officially leveled with Fountas/Pinnell Guided Reading and Reading Recovery® levels.
- BYL is a collection of fiction and informational books for grades K–2 168 English titles and 82 Spanish titles.
- BYLs are leveled for Shared, Guided, and Independent reading on the back cover of each book with our own easy-to-use leveling bar.
- BYLs are multi-genre, curriculum-related books in a variety of styles and formats.
- BYLs are ideal in a balanced literacy program for reading and writing instruction.
- BYL's Teacher Resource was developed by Margaret E. Mooney.
- BYLs are trialed in classroom settings prior to publication.
- BYLs can be purchased in groupings, by guided reading level, of 8–12 titles per level.
- BYL can be purchased in Big Book/Little Book sets.
- BYLs meet the requirements of Reading First legislation – visit [www.RCOWen.com](http://www.RCOWen.com) for specific information on how each individual title matches up to the five components.



**K-1** Emergent

**1** Early

**1-2** Fluent



Kindergarten	Emergent	Rea
	Early 1	PreP
Grade 1	Early 2	PreP
		PreP
	Early 3	Pri

Em	Early				Fluent			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
	S		G		I			

S = Shared G = Guided I = Independent

Reading Recovery® levels; asterisks (\*) indicate titles in the 2004 Reading Recovery Book List

Guided Reading Levels assigned in *Matching Books to Readers: Using Leveled Books in Guided Reading K-3* ©1999 by Irene C. Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell, published by Heinemann.

## A Comparison of Leveling Systems

The following is an approximation of how several leveling systems available to schools compare with the levels established by **Books for Young Learners**. The most important factors in leveling books should be the understandings of teachers regarding the abilities of readers and the characteristics of the books rather than numbers, letters, or descriptive terms assigned by any leveling system.

Approximate Grade Level	BYL Level	Basal	DRA*	RR**	F/P***
Kindergarten K	Emergent	Readiness	A	A	A
			1	1	
	Early 1	PrePrimer 1	3	3	C
			4	4	
Grade 1 1	Early 2	PrePrimer 2		5	D
			6	6	
	Early 3	PrePrimer 3	8	7	E
				8	
	Early 4	Primer	10	9	F
				10	
				11	G
			12	12	
			13	H	
		Grade 1	14	14	
Grade 2 2	Fluent 1			15	I
			16	16	
	Fluent 2	Grade 2		17	J
			18	18	K
Fluent 3		20			
		24		L	

\**Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA®)* levels were developed by Joetta Beaver; published by Pearson Learning Group \*\* *Reading Recovery®* is a registered servicemark of The Ohio State University. The complete Reading Recovery book list includes books from numerous publishers. For a complete list of BYL titles included in the *2004 Reading Recovery Book List*, see pages 18-21. \*\*\* *Matching Books to Readers: Using Leveled Books in Guided Reading K-3* ©1999 by Irene C. Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell, published by Heinemann. For a complete list of BYL's with officially assigned Guided Reading levels, see pages 18-21.

## Books for Young Learners are leveled three ways

Each **BYL** carries a nine step leveling bar printed on the back cover, identifying suggested approaches (Shared, Guided, and Independent) to use with primary readers at different stages of reading development. This leveling system emphasizes the flexibility of reading instructional materials, and does not suggest that teachers should use the books in any specific order, or that students must experience all three approaches with all titles.

### Approaches

S = shared reading  
G = guided reading  
I = independent reading

### Stages of Reading Development

Em = Emergent  
Early = Early 1,2,3, and 4  
Fluent = Fluent 1,2,3, and 4

Em	Early				Fluent			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
	S		G		I			

S = Shared G = Guided I = Independent

Example: The leveling bar represented above is from *Dogs Love to Play Ball*, a book that is recommended for Early 2 readers in a Shared setting, Early 4 readers in a Guided reading lesson, and Fluent 2 readers to read Independently.

Title	Item	Cat Pg	Stage of Reading Development											Fiction/ Nonfiction	Page Count	Word Count	RR level	Guided Reading
			Em	Early				Fluent										
Approaches S = shared reading G = guided reading I = independent reading			Em	E1	E2	E3	E4	F1	F2	F3	F4							
Best Friends	2126	6	wordless											NF	16	0	n/a	WB
Little Turtle	2172	6	wordless											F	16	0	n/a	WB
Alley Cat	2121	6	G	I									F	8	30	2	C	
Bedtime	2124	6	G	I									F	8	23	4*	C	
Breakfast with John	2130	6	G	I									F	8	29	5	C	
I Went to the Beach	2167	6	G	I									F	8	25	4*	C	
My Dog Fuzzy	2175	6	G	I									F	8	27	3*	C	
So Sleepy	2194	6	G	I									F	8	35	6*	D	
Zipppers	2220	6	G	I									F	8	21	3	C	
The Fox	2150	6	S	G	I								F	8	24	4*	C	
Hop and Stop	2162	6	S	G	I								F	8	35	3	C	
I Meowed	2165	6	S	G	I								F	12	58	6*	D	
My Little Brother Ben	2176	6	S	G	I								F	12	35	7*	D	
Pigs Peek	2180	6	S	G	I								NF	12	28	4	C	
Play Ball!	2183	6	S	G	I								F	8	30	8*	D	
Strange Plants	2198	6	S	G	I								NF	12	30	5	E	
There Was a Mouse	2210	6	S	G	I								F	16	77	8*	D	
Katydid	2170	6	S	G		I							NF	8	20	7	E	
Beach Feet	2123	6	S		G	I							F	8	68	11		
A Car Followed Us	2133	6	S		G	I							F	8	54	5	D	
Drawbridge	2140	6	S		G	I							NF	8	29	7	E	
Grandpa's Candy Store	2160	6	S		G	I							F	12	65	9	F	
Kitty Goes Splash	2171	6	S		G	I							F	12	112	12		
My Box	2174	6	S		G	I							F	12	94	6	D	
The Pond	2185	6	S		G	I							NF	8	25	6	C	
Powwow	2187	6	S		G	I							NF	12	29	8	F	
Saguaro	2190	6	S		G	I							NF	12	44	6	E	
So Many Strawberries	2193	6	S		G	I							F	12	75	11	G	
Sunflowers	2200	6	S		G	I							NF	8	33	4	E	
The Sparrows	2195	6	S		G		I						NF	12	60	11	F	
The Artist	2423	8		S	G	I							F	12	83	9*	F	
At the Horse Show	2425	8		S	G	I							NF	8	24	6	D	
Cat Tails	2432	8		S	G	I							NF	8	40	6	D	
Cats Everywhere	2434	8		S	G	I							F	12	51	9*	F	
Eat Your Broccoli	2448	8		S	G	I							F	12	72	9	D	
Henry	2462	8		S	G	I							F	12	77	7*	E	
Jasper	2457	8		S	G	I							F	16	107	8	F	
No Dogs Allowed	2480	8		S	G	I							F	12	73	10*	F	
The Paper Bag	2494	8		S	G	I							F	8	82	9		
The Birthday Bird	2430	8		S	G		I						F	8	82	10*	F	
Chickens	2437	8		S	G		I						NF	8	23	8	D	
Coo Coo Caroo	2442	8		S	G		I						NF	12	79	12	G	

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Approaches S = shared reading G = guided reading I = independent reading				E1	E2	E3	E4	F1	F2	F3	F4						
Flip Flop	2455	8		S	G		I						NF	12	70	11	G
Henry Runs Away	2463	8		S	G		I						F	12	150	9	F
Water, Water Everywhere	2538	8		S	G		I						NF	8	61	5	F
Watermelon	2540	8		S	G		I						NF	12	61	15	J
The Strongest Animal	2510	8		S	G			I					F	12	58	7	F
Joe's Blue Shoes	2451	8	S			G	I						F	12	130	13	H
Bunny Magic	2431	8		S		G	I						F	12	176	14*	M
A Fishy Story	2453	8		S		G	I						F	16	174	18	L
The Lid	2452	8		S		G	I						F	12	111	14	I
The Little Book of Street Rods	2466	8		S		G	I						NF	12	79	13*	H
Misty Sleeps	2469	8		S		G	I						F	12	56	9	E
Pancakes for Breakfast	2493	8		S		G	I						F	12	99	13*	H
Spiders Everywhere	2500	8		S		G	I						F	8	36	9*	D
The Storm	2504	8		S		G	I						F	8	75	14*	G
Tiger Dave	2523	9		S		G	I						F	8	33	12	G
The Changing Caterpillar	2435	9		S		G		I					NF	8	56	15*	G
Click!	2439	9		S		G		I					NF	8	41	9	E
Crabbing Time	2443	9		S		G		I					F	12	76	15	I
My Bug Box	2473	9		S		G		I					F	12	98	7*	E
Andi's Wool	2420	9			S	G	I						NF	12	107	14	H
Camel Ben	2436	9			S	G	I						F	8	32	9	F
A Coat Full of Bubbles	2441	9			S	G	I						NF	12	72	10	G
Henry's Tricks	2449	9			S	G	I						F	12	162	14	I
Jake's First Word	2456	9			S	G	I						F	16	204	13	H
Little Critters	2458	9			S	G	I						F	16	127	14	I
Little Panda	2459	9			S	G	I						F	12	143	11	G
Looking for Bears	2468	9			S	G	I						F	12	80	13*	H
Mama Cut My Hair	2471	9			S	G	I						F	16	134	13*	H
New York City Buildings	2475	9			S	G	I						NF	12	59	12	F
Old Bumpy Alligator	2486	9			S	G	I						F	16	69	8*	E
The Old Train	2487	9			S	G	I						F	12	68	10*	F
Paco's Garden	2491	9			S	G	I						F	12	120	12*	G
A Small Sailboat	2496	10			S	G	I						F	16	135	16	I
Termites	2520	10			S	G	I						F	16	130	15*	I
Who Cleans the Museum?	2545	10			S	G	I						F	12	85	14	I
Gecko's Story	2460	10			S	G		I					F	12	60	12	F
I Ride the Waves	2464	10			S	G		I					NF	8	61	14	I
A Little Green Dandelion	2454	10			S	G		I					F	12	191	19	L
Night Walk	2478	10			S	G		I					F	12	51	9	F

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Solar-Powered Sam	2498	10			S	G		I				F	12	148	16	J	
The Dollar	2446	10			S	G			I			F	16	169	18	L	
Nothing in the Mailbox	2483	10			S	G			I			F	12	73	9*	F	
Too Many Nuts	2524	10		S			G	I				NF	12	132	14*	H	
Under My Sombrero	2530	10		S			G	I				F	12	79	9	F	
The Bear's Tale	2429	10			S		G	I				F	12	155	13*	H	
The Cat with No Tail	2433	10			S		G	I				F	16	137	14*	I	
Dragonflies	2445	10			S		G	I				NF	12	53	11	G	
The Little Frogs of Puerto Rico	2465	10			S		G	I				F	12	143	16	J	
Moon	2474	10			S		G	I				F	8	38	15	F	
Walking Home Alone	2534	10			S		G	I				F	16	327	16	J	
Dogs at School	2444	10			S		G		I			F	12	94	10*	F	
Dogs Love to Play Ball	2447	10			S		G		I			F	16	151	17	I	
Mai-Li's Surprise	2470	10			S		G			I		F	16	61	7	F	
At the Lake	2426	10				S	G	I				NF	16	176	15	I	
Baron: Rescue Dog	2427	10				S	G	I				F	16	120	16*	I	
Cool	2440	10				S	G	I				F	16	137	20*	M	
In Grandma Rita's Garden	2450	10				S	G	I				F	12	191	19	L	
Little Puffer Fish	2467	10				S	G	I				NF	12	133	14*	H	
Mother Octopus	2472	10				S	G	I				NF	12	119	18	L	
The Super-Duper Sandwich	2512	10				S	G	I				F	16	202	15*	J	
Bat's Night Out	2428	10				S	G		I			NF	16	172	19*	L	
Our Polliwogs	2489	10				S	G		I			F	12	91	14*	I	
Turtle Nest	2525	10				S	G			I		NF	16	84	13*	H	
Digging to China	2734	12			S			G	I			F	12	108	14*	H	
How Fox Became Red	2749	12			S			G	I			F	12	163	21		
Mrs. Murphy's Crows	2758	12			S			G	I			F	12	122	15*	H	
Wolf Song	2790	12			S			G	I			NF	16	130	17*	J	
Evening Song	2741	12				S		G	I			F	12	115	18	L	
Goha and His Donkey	2742	12				S		G	I			F	16	114	13*	I	
Mama's Llamas	2755	12				S		G	I			F	16	159	18	J	
The Children of Sierra Leone	2730	12				S		G		I		NF	16	142	18*	J	
The Hungry Sea Star	2748	12				S		G		I		NF	12	69	14	I	
Perlitas	2760	12				S		G		I		F	12	98	18	L	
Star Pictures	2774	12				S		G		I		NF	12	96	22	K	
Walking by the Rio	2780	12				S		G		I		F	16	118	18	L	
Cakewalk	2727	12					S	G	I			F	16	251	20	M	
Concrete	2729	12					S	G	I			NF	12	123	17	K	
Freedom Quilt	2744	12					S	G	I			F	16	300	22	M	
My Mom's Apron	2772	12					S	G	I			F	12	216	19		
Strange Things	2775	12					S	G	I			F	16	289	23	L	
Coyote Plants a Peach Tree	2732	12					S	G	I			NF	16	233	17*	I	
Dad Still Smiles	2731	12					S	G		I		F	12	212	22	M	

# BYL Levels and Approaches

K-2

Books for Young Learners K 1 2

Title			Stage of Reading Development													
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Dragon Feet	2735	12					S	G		I		F	16	153	15	K
Pat and Pea Soup	2757	12					S	G		I		F	12	187	21	M
Hoketichiee and the Manatee	2745	13				S			G	I		F	16	113	15	I
Jump the Broom	2752	13				S			G	I		F	16	119	15	L
The Author on My Street	2725	13					S		G	I		F	16	260	16*	I
A Family of Beavers	2738	13					S		G	I		NF	12	141	21	J
Farmer Brown and Dapple Gray	2739	13					S		G	I		F	16	166	21	J
Log Garfish	2754	13					S		G	I		F	16	114	20	M
Moonbeam Cow	2756	13					S		G	I		F	16	228	18*	K
Raven's Gift	2762	13					S		G	I		F	16	160	17*	L
The Red-Tailed Hawk	2765	13					S		G	I		NF	16	199	19*	L
Sea Lights	2768	13					S		G	I		NF	12	128	19*	L
Trilobites	2778	13					S		G	I		NF	12	141	20	M
Bacon Saturday Mornings	2424	13					S		G		I	F	16	365	21	K
My Favorite Bear	2759	13					S		G		I	NF	12	146	17*	J
Dream Catcher	2733	13						S	G	I		NF	16	159	22	M
Goodbye, Goose	2743	13						S	G	I		F	16	264	19*	L
My Favorite Place	2771	13						S	G	I		F	16	464	22	
Pigeon Feathers	2761	13						S	G	I		F	16	477	20	M
Tricky Rabbit	2786	13						S	G	I		F	12	198	22	
The Birds at My Barn	2726	13						S	G		I	F	16	230	20*	L
Frozen Music	2747	13						S	G		I	F	16	432		L
Shintaro's Umbrellas	2770	13						S	G		I	F	16	101	16	I
And Then There Were Birds	2776	13						S	G		I	F	12	175	19	L
Armadillo	2723	13						S		G	I	NF	16	134	21	M
Diving for Treasure	2736	13						S		G	I	NF	16	284	21	M
Gargoyles on Guard	2740	13						S		G	I	NF	16	269	23	K
My Name Is Erica Montoya de la Cruz	2779	13						S		G	I	F	16	804		
New Beginnings	2763	13						S		G	I	F	12	277		J
The Coral Reef	2724	13							S	G	I	NF	16	551		
Escape from Death Valley	2737	13							S	G	I	NF	16	419	23	M
Meeting Squawky	2751	13							S	G	I	NF	16	846		
Treasures	2777	13							S	G	I	F	16	263	23	L
Two Fables of Aesop	2788	13							S	G	I	F	16	411		
Why Animals Never Got Fire	2793	14							S	G	I	F	12	237		
Zemti	2795	14							S	G	I	F	16	590		L
Caribbean Cats	2728	14						S			GI	F	16	637	23	M
Mirounga's Pup	2753	14						S			GI	F	16	467		L
Alexander and the Stallion	2721	14							S		GI	NF	16	434	23	M
Hoops and Me	2746	14								S	GI	F	16	929		
Jeepers	2750	14								S	GI	F	16	1021		
The Legend of Scarface	2764	14								S	GI	F	12	900		
The Stone Hat	2784	14								S	GI	F	16	849		
Springs	2773	14								S	G	NF	16	245	24	M