Books to Start
Books for Very Beginning Readers

“READ-IT” READERS
By Susan Blackaby
EASY 1 BLACKABY
Titles such as Moving Day, Fishing Trip and Wes Gets a Pet take readers through stories with very few words per page. (2004-2005)

BOB Books
By Various Authors
EASY 1 BOB
These book sets tackle concepts such as word families, compound words and relating sounds to letters. (2006-2008)

FUN WITH ED AND FRED
By Kevin Bolger
EASY 1 BOLGER
Ed enjoys playing, jumping, and swimming at the beach, as well as other activities, while Fred has a series of misadventures. Includes 53 sight words young readers need to thrive! (2016)

“READY READERS” series
By Savina Collins and Elliot Riley
EASY 1 COLLINS, EASY 1 RILEY
These early readers by Collins explore emotions--scared, sad, happy, angry--while those by Riley explore non-traditional families. (2017)

“BRIGHT OWL BOOKS” series
By Molly Coxe
EASY 1 COXE
Bright, colorful stories like “Cubs in a Tub,” “Wet Hen” and “Blues for Unicorn” each focus on a different vowel sound. (2019)

“STONE ARCH READERS” series
By Melinda Melton Crow
EASY 1 CROW
This transportation series uses simple vocabulary to tell the stories of the Brave Fire Truck, Helpful Tractor, and others. (2014)

LOUISE LOVES BAKE SALES
By Laura Driscoll
EASY 1 DRISCOLL
With the first-grade bake sale coming up, art-loving Louise and her little brother make cupcakes. (2018)

“I LIKE TO READ” series
By Various Authors
EASY 1 I LIKE TO READ
The larger format, colorful pictures and simple words in this series make them perfect for the beginning reader. (2014-present)
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**Duck & Goose: A Gift for Goose**

By Tad Hills  
*Easy 1 Hills*  

Based on the popular picture book series “Duck & Goose,” this early reader tells the gentle story of Duck preparing a gift for his best friend. (2019)

**Flubby Is Not a Good Pet**

By J.E. Morris  
*Easy 1 Morris*  

Although Flubby the cat refuses to do pet tricks, he proves his pet-worthiness during a scary thunderstorm. Lots of easy words and repetition for early readers. (2019)

**“Big Dog & Little Dog” series**

By Dav Pilkey  
*Easy 1 Pilkey*  

Simple text and adorable pictures make these books irresistible for the beginning reader. Include follow-up activities like dog facts, sequencing, and “dog libs!” (2015-present)

**My Friends Make Me Happy!**

By Jan Thomas  
*Easy 1 Thomas*  

Invites readers to guess, along with Sheep’s friends, the mysterious thing that starts with the letter F that makes Sheep happy. (2018)

**“Pig in a Wig” series**

By Emma J. Virjan  
*Easy 1 Virjan*  

These fun stories have it all: rhyming, repetition and lively, colorful pictures, including the pig in her big red wig. (2015-17)

**Elephant & Piggie Books**

By Mo Willems  
*Easy 1 Willems*  

The hilarious trials and tribulations of Gerald the elephant and his friend Piggie. (2007-2018)

**My Kite is Stuck! and other stories**

By Salina Yoon  
*Easy 1 Yoon*  

Loud and in-charge Big Duck, quiet and clever Little Duck, and friendly and gentle Porcupine return in another delightful trio of stories. (2017)