

# Goodnight Moon or Moby Dick?

## How to Choose Books for Your Child

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### Leveling Systems

[Guided Reading Level](#)

[DRA Information](#)

[AR "Accelerated Reader"](#)

[Lexile Levels](#)

### Connecting Readers to Texts

- We read for a purpose!
- Browsing a selection of books- talk about them.
- Choice! Say "yes" as often as you can.
- Abandoning books? This is an opportunity to understand reading skills and preferences.
- Too hard? Read it aloud together!
- Resources...

### Resources

Goodreads: [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)

Nerdy Book Club blog:

[www.nerdybookclub.wordpress.com](http://www.nerdybookclub.wordpress.com)

100 Best books for children:

[www.teachersfirst.com/100books.cfm](http://www.teachersfirst.com/100books.cfm)

Lake Bluff Public Library:

[www.lakeblufflibrary.org](http://www.lakeblufflibrary.org)

Lake Forest Public Library:

[www.lakeforestlibrary.org](http://www.lakeforestlibrary.org)

Lake Forest Book Store:

[www.lakeforestbookstore.com](http://www.lakeforestbookstore.com)

Caldecott Medal Winners (best illustrated picture books):

[www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal)

Theodore Geisel Awards for best books for beginning readers:

[www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward)

Children's Notable Books list:

[www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists)

State Monarch Award List (students K-3rd gr. vote for the best):

[www.islma.org/monarch.htm](http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm)

BlueStem Award list (students 3rd-5thgr. vote for the best):

[www.islma.org/Bluestem](http://www.islma.org/Bluestem)

### How to Choose Books

How to choose a good fit book.....



**I** choose a book.

**P**urpose  
Why do I want to read it?

**I**nterest  
Does it interest me?

**C**omprehension  
Do I understand when I read it?

**K**now the words  
Do I know the words?



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