

Picture Books Recommended for Adult Learners
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A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
A Cloak for the Dreamer by Aileen Friedman
A Grain of Rice by Helena Clare Pittman
Anno's Journey by Mitsumasa Anno
Bamboozled by David Legge
Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadora
Bread*Bread*Bread by Ann Morris
Cherries and Cherry Pits by Vera B. Williams
Fables by Arnold Lobel
Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People and War by Yukio Tsuchiya
Free Fall by David Wiesner (pictures only, no words)
Frog Prince, Continued by Jon Scieszka
Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg
Just the Two of Us by Will Smith
King's Equal by Katherine Paterson
Lon Po Po: A Red-Ridding Hood Story From China by Ed Young
Many Luscious Lollipops: A Book About Adjectives by Ruth Heller
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale Retold by John Steptoe
Oh, the Places You'll Go! By Dr. Seuss
Oh, the Thinks You Can Think by Dr. Seuss
On the Day You Were Born by Debra Frasier
Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
Prince Cinders by Babette Cole
Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole
Smoky Night by Eve Bunting
Sunshine Home by Eve Bunting
Topsy Turvies by Mitsumasa Anno
True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
The Big Orange Splot by Daniel Manus Pinkwater
The Fall of Freddie the Leaf: A Story of Life for All Ages by Leo Buscaglia
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
The House that Crack Built by Clark Taylor
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
The Not-So-Wicked Stepmother by Lizi Boyd
The Rabbit Who Overcame Fear: A Jataka Tale illustrated by Eric Meller
The Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss
The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Takes by Jon Scieszka and
Lane Smith
The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trizas
The Twenty-five Mixtec Cats by Matthew Gollub
Throw You Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World by
Selby B. Beeler

Time Soldiers (various books) by Robert Gould
When I Am Old With You by Angela Johnson
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale Retold by Verna
Aardema
Wretched Stone by Chris Van Allsburg
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together
by Mary Ann Hoberman

Bilingual English/Spanish Picture Books enjoyed by Adults:

Abuela by Arthur Dorros
Hairs/Pelitos: A Story in English and Spanish from The House on Mango Street by
Sandra Cisneros
Margaret and Margarita/Margarita y Margaret by Lynn Reiser
Mediopollito/Half-Chicken by Alma Flor Ada
My Very Own Room/Mi Propio Cuartito by Amada Irma Pérez
Radio Man: A Story in English and Spanish by Arthur Dorros
Taking a Walk: A Book in Two Languages/Caminando: Un Libro en Dos Lenguas
by Rebecca Emberley
The Spirit of Tío Fernando/El Espíritu de Tío Fernando: A Day of the Dead Story/
Una Historia del Día de los Muertos by Janice Levy
The Upside Down Boy/El Niño de Cabeza by Juan Felipe Herrera

For further information, see the following websites for more recommendations:

Literacy Connections

<http://literacyconnections.com/PictureBooksforAdultReaders.html>
Extensive list including: Troll First-Start Biographies, Picture Biographies by David
A. Adler, DK Readers, Allan Fowler's Rookie Read-About Science Series, Native
American Books, American History Picture books, and other recommended
non-fiction

Recommended Children's Literature for Adult ESL

<http://www.ericdigests.org/1993/adult.htm>

A selected list by reading level.

Book Selection Criteria for the Adult ESL Classroom

<http://www.nifl.gov/nifl-family/2000/0530.html>

Includes a list of recommended books by level, from easiest, beginner,
low-intermediate, high-intermediate to advances. Good descriptions of books.