



# **BUILD-A-BEAR®**

## **12 BOOKS OF STORY TIME**

### **READING LIST**

It's the PAWfect time of year to get cozy with a great book! Keep track of how many books you and your furry friend read this season with this beary handy reading list.

- ☐ **"The Blue Table"**  
**Chris Raschka** **Ages 4 – 8**  
It's time to celebrate family, community, generosity, and giving! Two-time Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka's stunning picture book is the perfect pick to share whenever family and friends gather together to celebrate and give thanks, no matter the occasion.
- ☐ **"Friendsgiving"**  
**Nancy Siscoe, Illustrated by Sabina Gibson** **Ages 4 – 8**  
Let this be the year to start a new tradition: Friendsgiving! A cozy autumn picture book, featuring a sweet and universal take on Thanksgiving – the perfect treat for fall.
- ☐ **"The Night Before Christmas"**  
**Clement C. Moore, Illustrated by Loren Long** **Ages 4 – 8**  
Loren Long presents a fresh, modern take on the classic Christmas poem about a visit from Santa Claus in this gorgeous new edition.
- ☐ **"Peppermint Post"**  
**Bruce Hale, Illustrated by Stephanie Laberis** **Ages 4 – 8**  
'Twas the night before Christmas, when the North Pole's Peppermint Post Office is anything but quiet! Postmaster Buck and his crew of penguins can't rest until all of Santa's letters and gifts are sorted and on Santa's sleigh.
- ☐ **"A Girl Named Rosita"**  
**Anika Aldamuy Denise, Illustrated by Leo Espinosa** **Ages 4 – 8**  
The story of Rita Moreno, the Puerto Rican superstar best known for her Oscar-winning performance in the original West Side Story film, in this gorgeous picture book biography.
- ☐ **"The Secret Life of Sam"**  
**Kim Ventrella** **Ages 8 – 12**  
This bittersweet, magical middle grade story that combines the timelessness of Bridge to Terabithia and the wonder of "Big Fish" asks the question: How far would you go to be with the people you love – even after they're gone?





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- ☐ **“Sincerely, Emerson”**  
**Emerson Weber, Illustrated by Jaclyn Sinquett** **Ages 4 – 8**  
One tiny act of kindness can have a huge impact. And in this heartwarming, hopeful, absolutely true story, a simple letter does just that.
  
- ☐ **“The Ballad of Tubs Marshfield”**  
**Cara Hoffman** **Ages 8 – 12**  
A modern-day fable about a jovial, singing frog named Tubs who helps his best friend, Lila, uncover the source of a mysterious illness that is spreading through their beloved Louisiana swamp.
  
- ☐ **“Sharko and Hippo”**  
**Elliott Kalan, Illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi** **Ages 4 – 8**  
With tongue-twisty wordplay and escalating absurdity, this is a fall-down-funny farce that will surprise and delight readers—from television comedy writer Elliott Kalan and acclaimed illustrator Andrea Tsurumi.
  
- ☐ **“Dan Unmasked”**  
**Chris Negrón** **Ages 8 – 12**  
This heartfelt middle grade debut about grief, creativity, and the healing power of friendship shows that not all heroes wear capes.
  
- ☐ **“Dear Baby,”**  
**Paris Rosenthal, Illustrated by Holly Hatam** **Ages 4 – 8**  
A sweet and inspiring love letter written to the special baby in your life!
  
- ☐ **“The Alien Adventures of Finn Caspian #1: The Fuzzy Apocalypse”**  
**Jonathan Messinger, Illustrated by Aleksei Bitskoff** **Ages 8 – 12**  
Explorer Troop 301 tries to save an exploding planet from a fluffy bunny and a devious alien in the first book of this funny, highly illustrated chapter book series based on the award-winning kids’ podcast!

