



Monthly Booklist

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Picture books for young children
about the wind.

Amy Loves the Wind by Julia Hoban, illus. by Lillian Hoban. (1988) Ages 0-4
Amy visits the park on a windy day and sees the wind blowing leaves, balloons, a kite, and a little boy's cap—but knows her mommy won't let her blow away.

Gilberto and the Wind by Marie Hall Ets. (1963) Ages 3-7
Wind is personified as a playmate for Gilberto in this story. Sometimes he cooperates, like when he fills the sails of a toy sailboat, but sometimes his caprices frustrate Gilberto.

I Face the Wind by Vicki Cobb, illus. by Julia Gorton. (2003) Ages 3-7
This informational book makes the scientific process accessible to preschoolers by posing questions about wind and then answering them through simple activities.

It is the Wind by Ferida Wolff, illus. by James Ransome. (2005)
An boy looks out his bedroom window, listening to night noises from the splashing of the toad to the flip-flapping of the sheet on the clothesline, and finally rests as the wind "sighs good night."

Like a Windy Day by Frank Asch, illus. by Devin Asch. (2002) Ages 3-7
"I want to play like a windy day," declares a little girl who then flies through this book stealing hats, waving flags, and making umbrellas fly.

Mirandy and Brother Wind by Patricia C. McKissack, illus. by Jerry Pinkney. (1997) Ages 5-8
To win first prize in the Junior Cakewalk, Mirandy tries to capture the wind as her partner.

Mouse's First Spring by Lauren Thompson, illus. by Buket Erdogan. (2005) Ages 1-5
As a mouse discovers the creatures around him—one who is "hidey insidey," another who is "fluttery buttery"—his mother identifies them (the snail, the butterfly). Then "Whoosh! blows the wind," and whisks the animal away.

The North Wind and the Sun by La Fontaine, illus. by Brian Wildsmith. (2007) Ages 4-8
Originally published in 1987, this is Wildsmith's version of the classic tale (also attributed to Aesop) about a competition between the fierce wind and the gentle sun.

The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins. (1974) Ages 1-5
Rhyming verse and colorful illustrations show the pursuit of a items swept away by the wind.

The Windy Day by G. Brian Karas. (1998) Ages 4-8
A tidy town loses all semblance of order and routine when the wind picks up. It sweeps through town, "carrying breath" from long ago and far away.