



Reading Recommendations for Preschool and Early Elementary Readers

1. *On the Boat: The Sound of Long O* by Cynthia Amoroso. Simple text about a toy boat and repetition of the letter 'o' help readers learn how to use the 'long o' sound. Mankato, MN; The Child's World (2015).
2. *Rub-a-Dub Sub* by Linda Ashman. A young boy meets many friendly sea animals as he travels underwater in his bright orange submarine. San Diego: Harcourt (2003).
3. *An Island in the Sun* by Stella Blackstone. A boy sails across the sea, looking at various objects through his spyglass, until he reaches an island where his dog is waiting for him. Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books (2002).
4. *Mr. Gumpy's Outing* by John Burningham. Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs. New York: Henry Hold and Company, (1990, c1970).
5. *Maisy's Sailboat* by Lucy Cousins. Enjoying a day of sailing with her friend, Maisy anchors her sailboat on a beautiful blue lagoon, where she and Charley fish, snorkel, and watch the numerous beautiful underwater animals that swim nearby. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press (2017).
6. *Pete the Cat: Scuba Cat* by James Dean. As Pete the Cat searches underwater for a seahorse, he comes into contact with all manner of sea creatures. New York, NY: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers (2016).
7. *Little Boat* by Thomas Docherty. Despite all the lurking dangers, Little Boat has come to feel at home in the ocean, happy to sail alone or with such friends as penguins or dolphins. Somerville, Mass.: Templar Books (2009).
8. *Boats are Busy* by Sarah Gillingham. Tugboats are helpers, cargo ships are strong, and rescue boats are brave. Meet 15 boats and learn what makes them so busy! London: Phaidon (2018).
9. *Time of Wonder* by Robert McCloskey. Follows the activities of two children spending their summer vacation on an island off the coast of Maine. New York: Puffin Books (1977, c1957).
10. *Captain Small Pig* by Martin Waddell. Small Pig and his friends Old Goat and Turkey spend the day in a rowboat on a lake. Atlanta, Ga.: Peachtree Publishers, (2010, c2009).

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