

Books & Selection



Inspiring a Love of Books and Reading

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library puts books into the hands and hearts of children across the world. The Imagination Library books are specially-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality books that are delivered to registered children each month from 0-5 years old. These books are personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to the child's home to create a gifting experience that makes books exciting and shows the child someone is thinking of them.

Title-Specific
Reading Tips

Blue Ribbon
Selection Seal

Canadian
Titles

Progressive
Format



Each title is specially selected by a panel of leading childhood literacy experts.

OWL MOON

by Jane Yolen
illustrated by John Schoenherr

ONE WINTER'S NIGHT UNDER A FULL MOON, father and daughter walk into the woods in search of a Great Horned Owl.

For the first reading, curl up with your child and read the book together. Enjoy! For the next readings, here are some ideas for activities to do with your child. Don't try to do everything each time you read it. And most of all, have fun and enjoy sharing the story with your child.

STARTING UP

- Look at the cover together. Point to the moon and the soft colors. Ask your child, "Is it night or day?"
- After reading the title, ask your child where the owl is. (Hint: Look at the back cover too!)

READING THE STORY

- The girl does everything her father does. In each scene, point out what the father is doing. Ask your child, "Is the girl doing the same thing?"
- The sounds and silences of the story are musical.
- Make the howling sounds of the dogs and the train, "howwwwooo, whooooooo." Sing the owl sounds, too.
- Whisper as you read the story.

Each title has Reading Tips that extend the engagement and interaction between the child and caregiver.



At least two Canadian titles are selected per age group each year.



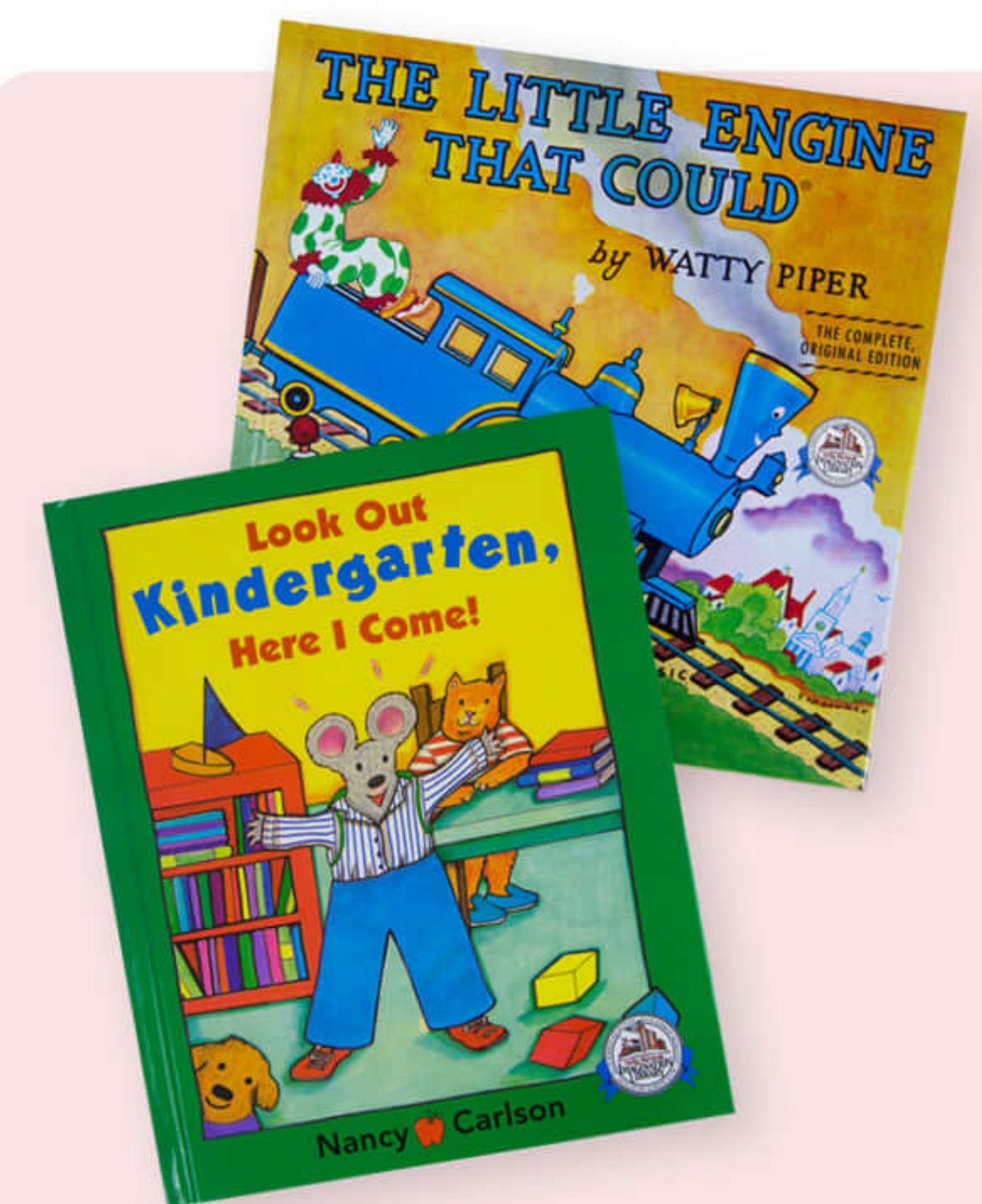
Award-winning books are available in progressive formats.



Board Books

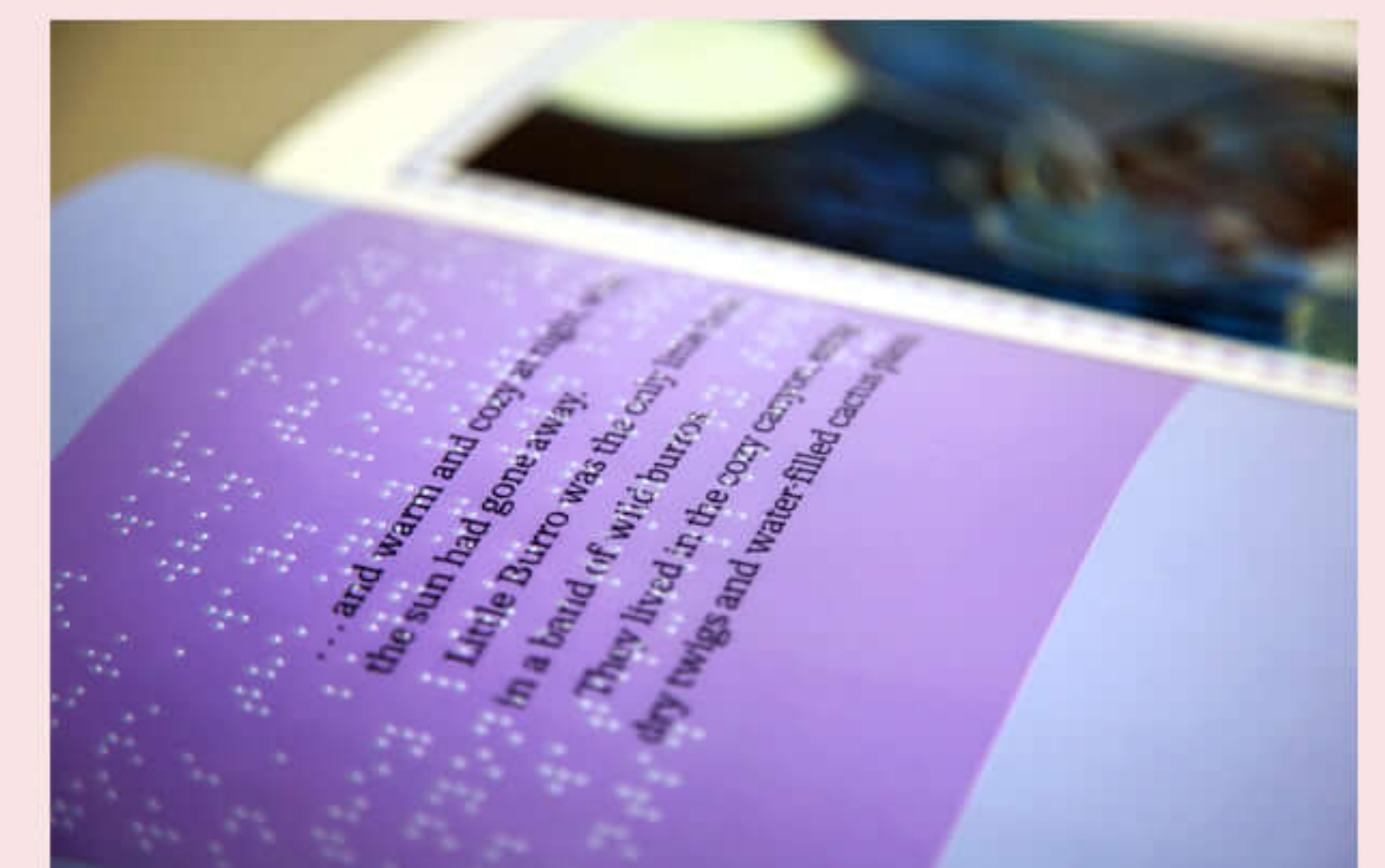
Soft Cover

Case Bound



From the first book, "The Little Engine That Could" to the last book, "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!", every book is selected with a special purpose.

Braille



Through a partnership with the Canadian Institute for the Blind, we are able to help provide books for blind and visually impaired children.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton launched the Imagination Library to honor her father, who was smart and hardworking, but never learned how to read or write. The program is meant to give children from all walks of life, both in the United States and around the world, a chance that Dolly's father never had. Together, we can put books in the hands and hearts of all children.



**Select high quality,
age appropriate
books**



**Build a home
library of
books**



**Inspire a love
of books, shared
reading time**

Prevalent Themes and Focus of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Inspiration & Imagination

Additional Fundamental Themes of Regard:

Love of reading and learning; regard for diversity of people, their roles, culture, and environment; promotion of self-esteem and confidence, appreciation of art and aesthetics

Year One: Birth to 12 Months

- Vision - bright, big, colorful
- Touch - board pages
- Rhyme and rhythm
- Simple - easy to use
- Minimal text - point and say
- Playful sound
- Nurture - attachment, lullaby themes

Year Two: 13 Months to 24 Months

- Continue concepts from year one and build upon them
- Repetition and predictability - generate language
- Books about daily routines, topics familiar to child
- Use of real photo illustration
- Body awareness
- Nursery rhymes
- Colors, letters, numbers

Year Three: 25 Months to 36 Months

- Wordless books - build your own story (reader and child)
- Values and character
- Issues - fear, conflict, love, safety
- Colors, letters, numbers
- Nursery rhymes

Year Four: 37 Months to 48 Months

- More complex stories - hero, complication, resolution
- Diversity of others - faces, environments - OK to be different
- Play, humor, fun
- Nursery rhymes and poetry

Year Five: 49 Months to 60 Months

- School preparation and readiness
- Use rebus (pictures used for words)
- Science - non-fiction
- Folk tales
- Thank you, appreciation
- Rhymes and poetry

The Blue Ribbon Book Selection Committee consists of early childhood professionals who lend their expertise in choosing the perfect set of age-appropriate books for hundreds of thousands of children across Canada.

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The quality and selection of books is impressive! I couldn't have chosen a better library for my child.

Parent, Brantford, ON

My grandson enjoys these books and has me reading them over and over again. His speech has improved tremendously from the words he learns from the books. Thank you very much for the resources you've provided for my grandson.

Grandparent, OCN Cree Nation, MB

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To view the annual book list or to learn more about the book selection committee, visit our website at ImaginationLibrary.com.