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**Reading is Fun! Recommendations**

All Reading is Fun! Recommendations below represent titles from all 12 Trees & Me activities. They are listed in alphabetical order by author’s last name. The relevant Trees & Me activity for each title is provided in parentheses.

🚨 Icon indicates title targets learners under 3 years of age.

**Bang, Molly. When Sophie Gets Angry. New York: Scholastic, 2004.** When Sophie’s older sister takes a favorite toy, Sophie climbs a beech tree and finds that nature helps calm her temper. Ages 2–6. ISBN 0590189794. (Activity 2)


**Brenner, Barbara. One Small Place in a Tree. New York: HarperCollins, 2004.** A child watches one tiny scratch in a tree develop into a home for a variety of woodland animals over many years, even after the tree has fallen. Ages 4–8. ISBN: 068817180X. (Activity 10)

**Brown, Margaret Wise. The Quiet Noisy Book. New York: HarperFestival, 2017.** Originally published in 1950, the classic story of the little dog, Muffin, shows readers of this board book that sometimes the quietest of sounds are the most important of all. Ages 1–4. ISBN: 0062484664. (Activity 2)

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**Butterworth, Chris.*** The Things That I LOVE About Trees. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2018.** Starting when trees are just getting their new buds in spring, this story follows the cycle of trees through the seasons. Ages 4–7. ISBN: 0763695696. (Activity 7)


**Casey, Dawn.*** Apple Cake: A Gratitude. London: Frances Lincoln Children’s Books, 2019. In this simple rhyming story, a child says thank you for the gifts nature provides—including apples from the tree and eggs from the hens—until the family has the ingredients for a delicious apple cake. Ages 3–5. ISBN: 071124779X. (Activity 12)


**Corr, Christopher.*** Deep in the Woods. London: Francis Lincoln Children’s Books, 2017. A little wooden house, with nine neat windows and a red front door, lies deep in the woods. When a little mouse decides it will make the perfect home, so do the other animals—including a big bear! See what happens next in this retelling of a classic Russian folk tale. Ages 3–6. ISBN: 1847807267. (Activity 4)

**Cottin, Menena, and Rosana Faria.*** The Black Book of Colors. Toronto, ON: Groundwood Books, 2008. Colors are described by blind children, as they use other senses to tell how the colors smell, sound, taste, or feel. This book features raised images printed with black ink on black paper and the text is printed with both Braille and English words. Ages 4–8. ISBN: 0888998732. (Activity 3)
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**Dodds, Dayle Ann.** *The Shape of Things.* Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 1996. A square is just a square until it becomes a house in this clever book. A circle becomes a spinning Ferris wheel, and a diamond with some string and a tail becomes a kite flying high in the sky. Through rhymes and illustrations, this book reveals that shapes are everywhere. Ages 3–5. ISBN: 1564026981. (Activity 1)


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**Hawk, Fran.** *Count Down to Fall*. Mount Pleasant, SC: Arbordale, 2013. Counting backwards from 10, this book depicts colorful fall leaves, the trees from which they fall, and animals getting ready for winter. Ages 4–7. ISBN: 1934359947. (Activity 5)

**Henkes, Kevin.** *In the Middle of Fall*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2018. This board book introduces the unique beauty of the fall season. Watch the world transform as a gust of wind turns the whole world to yellow, red, and orange. Ages 1–4. ISBN: 0062747266. (Activity 5)


**Holub, Joan.** *Seed School: Growing Up Amazing*. Seagrass Press, 2018. While some of the seed friends in this story seem to sprout and grow up in just one season, one odd-looking seed with a cap takes many years to become the strong oak he was destined to be. Ages 4–7. ISBN: 1633223744. (Activity 9)


**Leavell, Chuck, and Nicholas Cravotta.** *The Tree Farmer*. Lorton, VA: VSP Books, 2005. A grandfather who owns a tree farm takes his grandson on a magical journey through the forest, where trees become musical instruments, books, a baby’s crib, and more. The story highlights the vital role that trees play in our lives. Ages 4–8. ISBN: 1893622169. (Activity 12)


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Messner, Kate. *Over and Under the Snow*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2011. Over the snow, the world is hushed and white, but under the snow is a secret world of squirrels and snowshoe hares, bears and bullfrogs, and many others living outside during the winter. Ages 5–8. ISBN: 0811867846. (Activity 6)


Mora, Pat. *Pablo’s Tree*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994. Each year on his birthday, a young Mexican-American boy looks forward to seeing how his grandfather has decorated the tree he planted on the day the boy was adopted. Ages 4–8. ISBN: 0027674010. (Activity 12)

Mortensen, Lori. *In the Trees, Honey Bees!* Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, 2009. This introduction to a wild colony of honeybees offers close-up views of the queen, the cells, even bee eggs, and an understanding of their lives. Ages 4–10. ISBN: 1584691158. (Activity 4)


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Priceman, Marjorie. How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World. New York: Dragonfly Books, 1996. From the jungles of Sri Lanka to the apple orchards of Vermont, the energetic little baker searches far and wide to find the finest ingredients for her apple pie. Use a globe or map to add a social studies element to the story. Ages 4–8. ISBN: 0679880836. (Activity 4)


Sheehy, Shawn. Welcome to the Neighborwood. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2015. This stunning pop-up book takes readers from neighborhood to neighborhood. It introduces readers to several different woodland animals and explores their unique skills and behaviors that enable them to thrive where they live. Ages 4–8. ISBN: 0763665940. (Activity 10)


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Wenzel, Brendan. *A Stone Sat Still*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2019. This is the story of a seemingly ordinary rock—but to the animals around it, it is a resting place, a kitchen, a safe haven, and even an entire world. The narrative and textural illustrations explore perspective, perception, and the passage of time. Ages 3–5. ISBN: 1452173184. (Activity 3)

Yee, Wong Herbert. *Tracks in the Snow*. New York: Square Fish, 2007. In this celebration of snow and winter, a little girl follows tracks outside her window after a fresh snowfall, only to discover that they are hers from the day before. Ages 2–6. ISBN: 0312371349. (Activity 6)