

Early childhood

2008	Dietrick, Ellen	It's Israel's Birthday!	Pre	A diverse group of children take a preteen trip to Israel to celebrate Independence Day
2011	Newman, Vivian	Ella's Trip to Israel	Pre	Ella travels to Israel with her stuffed family and stuffed monkey
2010	Jasper, Mark	Good Night Israel	Pre	A soothing bedtime story that focusses on Israel's natural and cultural wonders
2004	Saypol Groner, Judith	Let's Visit Israel	Pre	A young boy's trip to Israel with a focus on how people move about the country
1995	Springer, Sally	Israel Fun for Little Hands	Pre - 1	Games, riddles, puzzles, and mazes about Israel with full-color postcards to send
2012	Raz, Rachel	ABC Israel	Pre - 1	A look at Israel though the letters of the alphabet
2009	Lehman-Wilzig, Tami	Zvuvi's Israel	Pre-K -2	Zvuvi and his cousin Zehava, both flies, buzz around Israel visiting sites and learning Hebrew
1988	Carmi, Giora	And Shira Imagined	Pre-1	Shira visits Israel and imagines to history of the many sites she visits
2008	Edwards, Michelle	Chicken Man	Pre-1	Award winning book about life on the Kibbutz
2012	Levin Rauchwerger, Diane	Dinosaur Goes to Israel	Pre-1	Dino visits Israel and eats falafel, meets a camel and visits the Western Wall
2004	Schroeder, Holly	Israel ABCs: A Book About the People and Places of Israel	Pre-2	An alphabetical exploration of the people, geography, animals, plants, history, and culture of Israel
2013	Redisch Stampler, Anne	The Cats on Ben Yehuda Street	Pre-2	The friendship between two cats brings two lonely neighbors together
2001	Grossman, Laurie	Colors of Israel (Colors of the World)	Pre-K	A look at elements of life in Israel through a variety of colors
2007	Shapiro Abraham, Michelle	My Cousin Tamar Lives In Israel	Pre-K	A young boy and his cousin compare how Jewish traditions are different in Israel and America



**Holiday Themed Books
Set in Israel**

2011	Ofanansky, Allison	What's the Buzz?: Honey for a Sweet New Year	Pre-2	Visit a bee farm and learn how honey is extracted and brought to the table for Rosh Hashana
1991	Zwerin, Raymond A.	Like a Maccabee	Pre-2	Explore themes of leadership, bravery and determination while learning the Maccbees and Hanukah
2009	Ofanansky, Allison	Sukkot Treasure Hunt	Pre-2	Arava and her family hike and picnic in the hills around Safed while looking for a lulav and etrog
2012	Levine, Anna	Jodie's Passover Adventure	K-3	Young archeologist Jodie explores Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem
2008	Bodin Cohen, Deborah	Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashana Ride	Pre-1	A Rosh Hashana story based on the first train ride from Jaffa to Jerusalem in 1892

Elementary school

1996	Rick, Shoshannah	Of Milk and Honey: A Workbook on Israel and the Bible	K-2	Workbook with games, puzzles, maps and stories on Biblical Israel, Jewish holidays and modern Israel
2002	Rouss, Sylvia A.	Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel	K-2	The Shapiro family visits Israel and Sammy come along, using his five senses to experience the country
2004	Rouss, Sylvia A.	Sammy Spider's Israel Fun Book	K-2	An accompaniment to Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel, this book is filled with games, crafts and puzzles
2010	Herman, Charlotte	First Rain	K-2	Abby has just moved to Israel but she misses her grandmother with whom she writes and emails
2007	Smith, Chris	One City, Two Brothers	K-2	A folktale about two brothers' selflessness and the origins of Jerusalem
2008	Levine, Anna	Jodie's First Dig	K-3	Jodie, who dreams of being an archeologist like her father, finally gets the chance to help on a dig in Modi'in
2008	da Costa, Deborah	Snow in Jerusalem	K-3	A stray cat brings two boys, one Jewish, one Muslim, together in Jerusalem's Old City



2011	Simpson, Lesley	Yuvi's Candy Tree	K-3	Yuvi journeys from Ethiopia to Israel with her grandmother
1992	Segal, Sheila	Joshua's Dream	1-4	A family history that introduces readers to the spirit that created the State of Israel
2004	Lehman-Wilzig, Tami	Keeping the Promise: A Torah's Journey	1-5	The journey of a Torah scroll from a Nazi concentration camp to Israel, where it is brought into space by astronaut Ilan Ramon
2001	Alexander, Sue	Behold the trees	2-5	The story of Israel's development through the growing, destruction and planting of trees over time
2004	Allon, Hagit and Zehavi, Lena	Mystery of the Dead Sea Scrolls	2-5	Award winning book about a young detective learning about Israel and archeology
2003	Schwartz, Howard	Jerusalem of Gold	2-5	A collection of tales about Jerusalem from a wide variety of sources, ranging from the Talmud and midrash to Jewish folklore
1985	Cohen, Barbara	The Secret Grove	3-5	Two young boys, one Israeli, the other Jordanian, meet in an orange grove separating their border villages and make a secret pact
2011	Singer, David	Yisrael Sheli - My Israel	3-4	Full of activities and discussion questions, this book explores the people who created the State of Israel and the Land of Israel
2000	Rivlin, Lilly	Welcome to Israel	3-6	Readers meet Israeli kids their own age who teach them about Israel's geography, history, politics and culture
2012	Walden Kaplan, Kathy	Dog of Knots	3-6	Nine year old Mayim seeks courage from those around her as the 1973 Yom Kippur War begins
2004	Grossman, David	Duel	3-7	A twelve year old boy in Jerusalem is best friends with a seventy year old man. When his friend is accused of a crime he did not commit, David investigates
2002	Carmi, Daniella	Samir and Yonatan	4-6	Samir is a Palestinian in an Israeli hospital where he begins to learn about the Israeli kids around him



1966	Watson, Sally	Other Sandals	4-6	A girl from a kibbutz changes places with her city dwelling cousin and becomes friends with an Arab girl
1999	Levine, Anna	Running on Eggs	4-7	An Israeli girl and a Palestinian girl share a love of running and develop a secret friendship while training together
2003	Abbey, Alan D.	Journey of Hope: The Story of Ilan Ramon, Israel's First Astronaut	4-7	A chronicle of Ilan Ramon's journey from air force pilot to astronaut with an interview with Ramon, NASA photos and articles about Israel's space program
1998	Burstein, Chaya M	A Kids Catalog of Israel	4-8	Stories, crafts, recipes, and songs as well as informational material about Israel's history, geography and culture
2003	Sofer, Barbara	Ilan Ramon Israel's Space Hero	4-8	Biography of Ilan Ramon from his childhood experiences to his training in the Air Force to becoming Israel's first astronaut
2009	Vogel, Carole G and Leshem, Yossi	The Man Who Flies With Birds - Vogel/Leshem	4-8	Ornithologist Yossi Leshem finds a way to prevent Israeli birds from colliding with airplanes in this terrific story about animal protection in Israel
1957	Watson, Sally	To Build a Land	5-8	A 1950's award winning classic, this is the story of two young Italian Jews who have survived World War II and come to Israel
2008	Shahak, Bat-Chen	Bat-Chen Diaries	5-10	The diaries, letters, poems and drawings of Bat-Chen Shahak who was killed by a suicide bombers in 1996 on her 15th birthday

Middle School

2009	Zenatti, Valerie	Bottle in the Gaza Sea	6 and up	Tal, who lives in Jerusalem sends out a message of peace in a bottle that is found on the beach in Gaza by Naim, a Palestinian. The message has Tal's email and the two begin corresponding, developing a friendship.
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1996	Reid Banks, Lynne	One More River	6-9	Lesley is a Canadian teen whose world is turned upside down when her family decides to move to Israel in the 1960's. At first resistant, Lesley begins to find life in Israel stimulating and strikes up a friendship with an Arab boy who lives across the river.
1996	Kort, Michael	Yitzhak Rabin	6-10	A look at the life of the Israeli leader from the British Mandate to his assassination in 1995
1994	Mozeson, I.E and Stavsky, Lois	Jerusalem Mosaic: Young Voices from the Holy City	6 and up	Interviews with 36 young Jerusalem residents who are Jewish, Muslim and Christian. The interviews were conducted in 1992 and 1993 and provide insight into the ideas, political views and more of these young people.
1980	Goldreich, Gloria	Lori	6 and up	After getting suspended from school, Lori is sent to Israel by her parents to broaden her experiences.
1988	Levitin, Sonia	The Return	7 and up	A 15 year old leaves Ethiopia with her brother and sister and makes the long and difficult journey to Israel during Operation Moses.
1998	Levitin, Sonia	The Singing Mountain	8 and up	Mitch is a Reform Jew on a teen tour when he decides to stay in Israel to study at a Yeshiva. His family, especially his 16 year old cousin thinks he is being brainwashed and the two begin a correspondence on issues of family, faith and love.
1997	Matas, Carol	After the War	7-10	Ruth is a 15 year old survivor of the Holocaust who upon encountering anti-Semitism after returning home to Poland, joins up with Bricha and helps to smuggle survivors into Palestine.
2006	Elkeles, Simone	How to Ruin a Summer Vacation	8-10	Amy, a spoiled teen is sent to Israel to meet her ill grandmother for the first time where she learns about her family and her faith.



1996	Singer, Alex	Alex: Building a Life	8-12	Alex Singer is an American who decides to move to Israel and join the IDF, where he is killed in defense of Israel. This book is a collection of Alex's letters to his family, drawings and journal entries that document his feelings as a Jew and towards Israel.
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High School

2007	Zenatti, Valerie	When I was a Soldier	9-12	The author chronicles her experience in the Israeli Army from 1988-1990
2001	Netanyahu, Jonathan and Netanyahu, Benjamin	Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu: The Commander of the Entebbe Rescue Force	9-12	"Yoni," as he was known to his family, friends and nation, is one of Israel's most celebrated heroes. Yoni's letters span thirteen important years of his life: from high school in Philadelphia to the raid on Entebbe on the 4th of July, 1976
2011	Stein, Tammar	Light Years	8-12	After her boyfriend is killed in a suicide bombing, Maya leaves Israel to study astronomy in the United States where she struggles to reconcile her Israeli past with her American present.
2011	Peres, Shimon and Landau, David	Ben-Gurion: A Political Life	9-12	A biography of Israel's founding father by one of his protégés, Israeli President Shimon Peres

Bi-lingual books

2007	Tal, Eve	A New Boy	K-3	Boris is a new immigrant to Israel who struggles to fit into his kindergarten class.
2007	Sheri, Shira	Jonathan and the Waves	K-3	Jonathan is scared of the waves at the beach in Tel Aviv until his mother turns to spirituality to help him
2007	Leshem-Pelly, Miri	Lon-Lon's Big Night	Pre K-1	Out of his burrow for the first time, a sand wolf in the Negev desert gets lost and meets many new animals.



**Israeli Books
Translated into English**

2004	Keret, Etgar	Dad Runs Away with the Circus	K-3	A Dad joins the circus to follow his dream this book is illustrated by award winning illustrator Rutu Modan.
2010	Tepper, Yona	Passing By	Pre-K	Yael views life from the balcony of her apartment - the illustrations have Hebrew signs above the neighborhood shops.
1995	Almagor, Gila	Under the Domim Tree	6-8	The chronicle of a youth village of Holocaust survivors in Israel in 1953.
1995	Orlev, Uri	The Lady with the Hat	6 and up	Yulek, a 17 year old Holocaust survivor, makes his way to Israel while being sought out by his English aunt.
2010	Orlev, Uri	The Song of the Whales	4-6	11 year-old Michael develops a wonderful relationship with his grandfather after his family moves to Israel and his grandfather shares with him his strange ability to enter into his dreams.
1992	Semel, Nava	Becoming Gershona	5-7	Living in Tel-Aviv in 1958, twelve-year-old Gershona experiences first love, learns a family secret, and crosses the line between childhood and adulthood.
2009	Snir, Mirik	When I First Held You: A Lullaby from Israel	Pre-2	The author, an Israeli grandmother of 13, shares a lullaby about the bond between parents and children.
2012	Modan, Rutu	Maya Makes a Mess The Bus Driver Who Wanted to Be God And Other Stories	Pre-1	Maya is invited to dine with the queen putting her messy manners to the test.
2004	Keret, Etgar	Other Stories	10- 12	A series of provocative short stories from one of Israel's hippest authors
2000	Librecht, Savyon	Apples from the Desert	9-12	Eleven short stories with a common theme of two people caught in a conflict and confined in an enclosed space.



Graphic Novels

2011	Seliktar, Galit	Farm 54	9-12	Three semi-autobiographical about Noga who was born in the 1970's and grew up in rural Israel.
2008	Modan, Ruti	Exit Wounds	10-12	A young man in Tel Aviv searches for answers upon learning of his estranged father's death in a suicide bombing.
2011	Glidden, Sarah	How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less	9-12	The author's travel memoir of her experience on Birthright Israel and an extended trip on her own broadens her perspectives on Israel.
2009	Folman, Ari	Waltz With Bashir: A Lebanon War Story	11-12	A gripping reconstruction of a soldier's experience during the 1982 Lebanon War (also an award winning animated film).

Primary Source Readers

1997	Hertzberg, Arthur	The Zionist Idea: A Historical Analysis and Reader	9-12	A collection of primary source materials from the origins of the Zionist movement to period just before the establishment of the State of Israel
1995	Mendes-Flohr, Paul and Reinhartz, Yehuda	The Jew in the Modern World A Documentary History	8-12	A comprehensive reader with a wide variety of documents affecting Jewish history, includes a chapter on Zionism, but also relevant material in other sections as well