

Story Treasure Box Props

Fuse #8 Productions blogger Betsy Bird asked her readers to list their 10 favorite childhood books. Results were published in *School Library Journal* and can be accessed at blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/afuse8production/2009/05/16/top-100-picture-books-poll-results-1-101. Here, I've listed titles from that survey to brainstorm some ritual props. These should get your mind going!

Author	Title	Prop
Mo Willems	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</i>	Toy model of a bus
Wanda Gag	<i>Millions of Cats</i>	Cat die cuts taped in a row
Robert McCloskey	<i>Blueberries for Sal</i>	A package of blueberries
Jules Feiffer	<i>Bark, George</i>	A dog biscuit
Bill Martin Jr.	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i>	Magnetic alphabet letters
William Steig	<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i>	An interesting small stone
H. A. Rey	<i>Curious George</i>	A small yellow hat
	<i>The Three Little Pigs</i>	A brick
Peggy Rathmann	<i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i>	An official-looking, fake badge
Robert Munsch	<i>The Paper Bag Princess</i>	Grocery sack with arm holes
Dr. Seuss	<i>Horton Hatches the Egg</i>	A plastic pink egg
Rosemary Wells	<i>Yoko</i>	Pair of chopsticks

Here are some titles that have been favorites with my students:

Author	Title	Prop
Keiko Kasza	<i>The Wolf's Chicken Stew</i>	Toy cooking pot
Laura Numeroff	<i>If You Give a Pig a Pancake</i>	Bottle of syrup
Steven Kellogg	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>	Three lima beans
Betsy Everitt	<i>Mean Soup</i>	Soup spoon
Rosemary Wells	<i>Bunny Mail</i>	Pink envelope with stamp
Jonathan London	<i>Froggy Gets Dressed</i>	Small pair of boxer shorts
Robert Sabuda	<i>Cookie Count</i>	Ginger snap cookie
Heather Forest	<i>Stone Soup</i>	Large smooth stone
Demi	<i>The Empty Pot</i>	A beautiful silk flower
Kevin Henkes	<i>Lilly's Big Day</i>	Bottle of bubbles from a wedding
Elizabeth Ficocelli	<i>Kid Tea</i>	A tea bag
Robert duVoisin	<i>Petunia</i>	Dirty, tattered book