

Top 100 Collectible American Picturebooks
 Nearly No-Brainers, With Topline Rationale

Year	Title	Illustrator	Author	Rationale - Summary	VG	VG+
1930	Angus And The Ducks	Marjorie Flack	Marjorie Flack	Popular beloved classic; scarce: first of Angus franchise	\$ 600	\$ 800
1932	The Little Family	Lois Lenski	Lois Lenski	Popular beloved classic; highly esteemed author/illustrator; 1st Lenski did both.	\$ 500	\$ 650
1933	The Story About Ping	Kurt Wiese	Marjorie Flack	Popular beloved classic by prolific illustrator and popular author.	\$ 500	\$ 650
1934	Travels Of Babar	Jean de Brunhoff	Jean de Brunhoff	Popular beloved classic; 2nd in Babar franchise; scarce.	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,100
1934	The Little Auto	Lois Lenski	Lois Lenski	Popular beloved classic; 1st of Small Family franchise by esteemed author/illustrator.	\$ 600	\$ 800
1935	Babar The King	Jean de Brunhoff	Jean de Brunhoff	Popular beloved classic; 3rd in Babar franchise; scarce.	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,600
1938	The 500 Hats Of Bartholomew Cubbins	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Second Seuss children's book; scarce.	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,800
1938	Mei Li	Thomas Handforth	Thomas Handforth	Second Caldecott Medal award.	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
1939	Abraham Lincoln	Inгри & Edgar Parin d'Aulair	Inгри & Edgar Parin d'Aulair	Third Caldecott Medal award; esteemed husband & wife team.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
1939	The King's Stilts	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Third Seuss children's book; scarce.	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500
1940	Horton Hatches The Egg	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Fourth Seuss children's book; seminal work; rare.	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,400
1947	McElligot's Pool	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Seuss's 1st post-war book; Seuss's first Caldecott Honor; scarce.	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,200
1949	Bartholomew and the Oobleck	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Seuss 2nd Caldecott Honor.	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,300
1950	If I Ran The Zoo	Theodor Geisel	Theodor Geisel	Popular beloved classic; Caldecott Honor for Seuss.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
1952	A Hole Is To Dig	Maurice Sendak	Ruth Krauss	Popular beloved classic by esteemed illustrator & author.	\$ 300	\$ 400
1953	Journey Cake, Ho!	Robert McCloskey	Ruth Sawyer	Popular beloved classic by highly esteemed illustrator & author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
1953	Madeline's Rescue	Ludwig Bemelmans	Ludwig Bemelmans	Popular beloved classic, 2nd Madeline; Caldecott Medal.	\$ 600	\$ 800
1953	A Very Special House	Maurice Sendak	Ruth Krauss	Popular beloved classic by highly esteemed illustrator & author; Caldecott Honor.	\$ 500	\$ 650
1956	Harold's Fairy Tale	Crockett Johnson	Crockett Johnson	Popular beloved classic; 2nd Harold/Purple Crayon book.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
1956	Kenny's Window	Maurice Sendak	Maurice Sendak	First book authored and illustrated by Sendak.	\$ 600	\$ 800
1981	Jumanji	Chris Van Allsburg	Chris Van Allsburg	Popular beloved classic basis for feature film; 2nd Van Allsburg book, his 1st Caldecott Medal.	\$ 600	\$ 800