

## **Joy's favorite book list (in no particular order)**

***Bear Snores On*** by Karma Wilson

comment: Oh, how I'd love to be a bear camped out in my den with friends and snacks for the winter!

***Let's All go Exploring*** by Maggie Spear and Richard Thompson

comment: Three adventurous kids hike through forests, deserts and mountains to find new friends living there.

***Flotsam*** by David Wiesner

comment: Beautiful and creative illustrations tell this ocean story with no words!

***Frederick*** by Leo Lionni

comment: An imaginative mouse contributes art to his friends and family.

***On My Beach There are Many Pebbles*** by Leo Lionni

comment: Simple, grayscale illustrations of beach rocks offer inspiration for rock hounds.

***Owl Moon*** by Jane Yolen

comment: A father-daughter duo set out on a night adventure calling owls.

***Sled Dogs Run*** by Jonathon London

comment: A young girl's experiences her first time as a musher.

***Scarecrow*** by Cynthia Rylant

comment: The gentle scarecrow borrows items from people and spends his days out in nature making new friends.

***The Legend Of The Lady Slipper*** by Lise Lunge-Larsen and Margi Preus

comment: The story and lovely, clear illustrations appeal to preschoolers and older kids and adults.

***The Salamander Room*** by Anne Mazer

comment: What (almost) every kid wishes for their own room...

***Loon Lake*** by Jonathon London

comment: A family camping trip with a magical experience.

***The Giving Tree*** by Shel Silverstein

comment: A classic.

***The Mitten*** by Jan Brett

comment: Nicky's mitten is lost and stretched to its limit by beautifully illustrated forest friends.

***A Color of His Own*** by Leo Lionni

comment: A colorful chameleon learns to love himself as he is.

***Color Color Color Color*** by Ruth Heller

comment: Lovely and fun, this book touches on color in science, art and nature.

***MUD*** by Mary Lyn Ray

comment: Few but descriptive words and perfect illustrations describe the moment when the ice melts into mud.

***One Dog Canoe*** by Mary Casanova

comment: A great silly story about a girl, her dog and northwoods animals.

***The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree*** by Gail Gibbons

comment: Arnold loves and appreciates his special tree and all it gives him all year long.

***Singing Crickets*** by Linda Glaser

comment: The rhyming words and lovely illustrations bring to light this Sometimes overlooked small creature.

***When the Fireflies Come*** by Jonathon London

comment: The magic of fireflies on a warm summer evening is captured in this book and illustrations