

# Family Sunday Book List

## December 2021 Theme: Ice & Snow

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### BOARD BOOKS

#### **A Little Book About Winter**

By Leo Lionni

Cuddle up and share the magic of the season with this bright and engaging board book inspired by the works of legendary children's book author-illustrator Leo Lionni! With sturdy pages and colourful collage-style artwork, this winter-themed book is perfect for children ages 0 to 3.

#### **Richard Scarry's Busy Busy Winter**

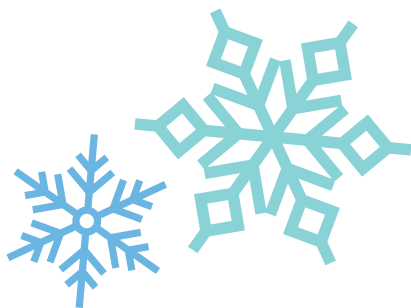
By Richard Scarry

Celebrate the fun and beauty of winter! Richard Scarry's Busytown is a wonderful place to visit, especially after a winter snowfall. Time to bundle up and play in the snow! Children ages 0 to 3 can join the fun in this winter-themed *Busytown* board book.

#### **Winter Dance**

By Marion Dane Bauer

This gorgeous book by celebrated author Marion Dane Bauer and illustrator Richard Jones reveals that each animal has a unique way of welcoming a new season. The squirrel gathers nuts, the geese soar south, and the snowshoe hare puts on its new white coat. But what should the fox do?



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### PICTURE BOOKS

#### **After The Snowfall**

By Richard Lo

A fox peeks out of his den at a white forest. All is silent. A buck stands camouflaged. A great horned owl sits on a nearby branch. The fox climbs out of his den and finds many more creatures in this beautifully illustrated book that introduces children to the wonder of nature in winter.

#### **Cozy**

By Jan Brett

A group of clever animals find an unusual but warm home during Alaska's long winter in this snowy adventure. Cozy is the softest musk ox in Alaska, with the warmest fur you ever did feel. When a storm hits while he's separated from his family, he starts to feel lonely—but not for long. As the snow piles up, one mama lemming has a bright idea... maybe the best place to spend the winter is under Cozy's fur!

#### **The Snow Dancer**

By Addie Boswell

Young dancer Sofia wakes up to a quiet, white world—it's a snow day! A field awaits her in the neighbourhood park, white and shining and open. It isn't long before the other kids make their way to the park, scattering all of Sofia's beautiful silence. But with the help of a new friend, Sofia is ready to show everyone what a snow dancer can do on a perfect day like this. With lyrical language and gorgeous art, this book sparkles with all the joy and beauty of a snow day.



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### JUNIOR FICTION

#### **The Sea in Winter**

By Christine Day

It's been a hard year for Maisie Cannon, ever since she hurt her leg and could not keep up with her ballet training and auditions. Her blended family is loving and supportive, but Maisie knows that they just can't understand how hopeless she feels. Maisie is not excited for their family midwinter road trip near the Makah community where her mother grew up and soon, Maisie's dark moods start to hurt as much as her knee. How can she keep pretending to be strong when on the inside she feels as roiling and cold as the ocean?

#### **The Way Past Winter**

By Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Mila, her sisters, and her brother, Oskar, live in a small forest cabin, surviving in a world gripped by frost and snow. When a fur-clad stranger shows up on her doorstep, Mila and her family grant him and his men shelter for the night. But in the morning, they are gone—and have taken Oskar with them. Fearful for his safety, Mila and her sisters set out to bring Oskar back—even if it means crossing frozen wildlands to find a way past an eternal winter.

#### **The Barren Grounds**

By David Robertson

Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg. They each feel disconnected from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home—until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal opens to another reality, bringing them onto frozen, barren grounds, where they meet Ochek. The only hunter supporting his starving community of Misewa, Ochek welcomes the human children, teaching them traditional ways to survive. But as the need for food becomes desperate, they embark on a dangerous mission to save Misewa before the icy grip of winter freezes everything—including them.

### TEEN FICTION

#### **Dash & Lily's Book of Dares**

By Rachel Cohn and David Levithan

Sixteen-year-old Lily has left a red notebook full of challenges on her favourite bookstore shelf, waiting for just the right guy to come along and accept its dares. Dash, in a bad mood during the holidays, happens to be the first to pick up the notebook and rise to its challenges. What follows is a whirlwind romance as Dash and Lily trade dares, dreams, and desires in the notebook they pass back and forth at locations all across New York City. But can their in-person selves possibly connect as well as their notebook versions, or will their scavenger hunt end in a comic mismatch of disastrous proportions?

#### **Let It Snow**

By John Green, Lauren Myracle, and Maureen Johnson

The weather outside is frightful, but this collection is delightful! When a huge blizzard hits, Gracetown is completely snowed in. But even though it's cold outside, things are heating up inside, proving that Christmas is magical when it comes to love. Young adult fiction stars John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle bring an early holiday gift to readers everywhere with these three hilarious and interwoven stories of festive romance.

#### **My True Love Gave To Me: 12 Holiday Stories**

Edited by Stephanie Perkins

If you love holiday stories, holiday movies, made-for-TV-holiday specials, holiday episodes of your favourite sitcoms and, especially, if you love holiday anthologies, you're going to fall in love with this collection of stories by twelve bestselling young adult writers (Holly Black, Ally Carter, Matt de La Peña, Gayle Forman, Jenny Han, David Levithan, Kelly Link, Myra McEntire, Rainbow Rowell, Stephanie Perkins, Laini Tayler and Kiersten White). Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, Winter Solstice or Kwanzaa, there's something here for everyone.