

Read with Carylee Announces Official Back to School Children's Book Recommendation List

Five Must-Read Picture Books Help Kids Build Confidence for the First Day of School and Beyond



Gainesville, Virginia Aug 12, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Read with Carylee, the children's book promotion platform founded by Carylee Carrington "The Tutu Queen" has released its official Back to School Children's Book Recommendation List, spotlighting eight books that help kids of all ages walk into the new school year with confidence, courage, and excitement.

From first-day jitters to first-time-ever school experiences, this year's list features stories that speak directly to what children, and the parents and teachers who love them, are feeling as summer winds down and backpacks come out of the closet.

"What's a party if you're having it by yourself?" says Carrington, whose platform is built on the belief that community beats competition. "Every book on this list was chosen because it meets a child exactly where they are, nervous, excited, or both, and reminds them they're not alone."

The 2026 Back to School Reading List

1. Everyone, Just Like Me by Carylee Carrington — *Read with Carylee featured title!*

<https://www.amazon.com/Everyone-Just-Like-Carylee-Carrington/dp/1480863629>

2. Scarecited on the First Day of School by Alliah L. Agostini

<https://www.amazon.com/Scarecited-First-School-Alliah-Agostini/dp/0374390029>

3. The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson <https://www.amazon.com/Day-You-Begin-Jacqueline-Woodson/dp/0399246533>

4. Clumsy Clarence by Travis Walcott <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DB6FHDS8>

5. Josiah The Great: What It Means To Be Great by Rochelle Dawson

<https://www.amazon.com/Josiah-Great-What-Means-Be/dp/B0CW3V4519>

About the List

Selected through Read with Carylee's Get LISTED program, which connects children's book authors with the platform's audience of parents, educators, and librarians. Read with Carylee features books through its curated Amazon Store, and Carrington's nationally syndicated column reaches families, both online and in print.

Authors interested in submitting a book for consideration on future themed lists can apply through the Get LISTED program at Read with Carylee.

About Read with Carylee

Read with Carylee is a children's book promotion platform founded by author, marketing professional, and nationally syndicated columnist Carylee Carrington, known to her community as "The Tutu Queen." Through programs like Get LISTED and Feature Friday, the platform connects children's book authors with the parents, teachers, librarians, and young readers who are looking for their next favorite book.

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