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Walking Books for Kids

A Good Night Walk, Elisha Cooper

Pre-K—Gr. 2. As a child and parent take a walk down the block to the bay and back home, evening falls upon the neighborhood.

A Walk in New York, Salvatore Rubbino

Gr. 2—5. Follow a father and son around Manhattan, making stops at the city's most prominent landmarks on foot.

And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street, Dr. Seuss

K—Gr. 3. Marco's father instructed him to keep his eyes peeled for interesting sights on the way to and from school, but all Marco has seen is a boring old horse and wagon. Imagine if he had something more to report...

Family Mouse Behind the Wheel, Wolfgang Zuckermann

Gr. 1—2. A family of mice buys a car to visit their grandmother but have to build a road first. One thing leads to another and pretty soon the whole forest is gone. The family learns their lesson and moves to a new tree and leaves their car behind. Lesson Plan Available here: <http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/pdfs/lessonplans/FamilyMouse0508.pdf>

Henry Hikes to Fitchburg, D.B. Johnson

K—Gr. 3. Inspired by a passage from Thoreau's *Walden*, this story follows two friends with very different approaches to life. When they agree to meet one evening in Fitchburg, 30 miles away, each decides to travel in his own way and the two have surprisingly different days.

Henry Works, D.B. Johnson

K-Gr. 3. The fourth volume in a series of Thoreau-inspired picture books features Henry the bear "walking to work."

I Took the Moon for a Walk, Carolyn Curtis

K-Gr. 3. Following the magical adventure of a young boy who goes exploring with his friend the Moon, this story combines lyrical verse with detailed illustrations, creating a dramatic backdrop for an imaginative journey

I Went Walking, Sue Williams

Pre-K—Gr. 2. A young child goes for a walk and discovers a colorful parade of animals along the way.

Learning to Cross the Street with Humphrey & Hermie, Barbara Enneking

K—Gr. 2. Fun instruction in safe street crossing.

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile: Lyle Walks the Dogs, Bernard Waber

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Pre-K—K. Lyle has a new job: dog walking. The beloved reptile's business grows, as does his enjoyment of the animals and walking.

Make Way for Ducklings, Robert McCloskey

Pre-K—Gr. 3. A classic children's book that celebrates all that Boston has to offer. A perfect precursor to a walk in the Boston Public Gardens.

Miss Rumphius, Barbara Cooney

K—Gr. 3. Alice Rumphius' adventures convey a message about the importance of enjoying place, work and wandering.

Oh the Places You Go, Dr. Seuss

K—Gr. 3. It's not traffic safety but it's definitely travel, with a lesson about freedom to explore the world.

On the go, Ann Morris

K—Gr. 3. Striking photographs and simple text convey to young children the many ways people around the world travel.

Road Safety (Stay Safe), Sue Barraclough

Pre-K—Gr. 3. With colorful artwork and simple text, books in this series introduce children to safety principles in different contexts. In 'Road Safety,' children view various situations about staying safe near roads.

Ruby's School Walk, Kathryn White

Pre-K—Gr. 3. On the way to school, Ruby experiences a world her mum cannot see. In an old house, she spies bats with red eyes peering out and scary witches that flit about. And these aren't the only dangers on her path.... Attractive, accessible storyline about the return to school; endpapers show a map of Ruby's walk.

Sheila Rae, The Brave, Kevin Henkes

K - Gr. 2. Sheila Rae is a brave little mouse who isn't scared of anything until she decides to take a new way home and loses her way.

Street Safety Hints, Giovanni Caviezel

Pre-K—Gr. 2. Introduces street safety to kids starting school. This picture-filled book teaches the significance of developing safety habits in a lighthearted way that kids will find both entertaining and instructive.

Super simple walk & run: healthy & fun activities to move your body, Nancy Tuminelly

Gr. 2 and up. A book of fun and entertaining walking exercises for kids.

Take a Walk, Johnny, Margaret Hillert

Gr. 1 and up. Johnny banishes summer boredom by discovering nature on his walks.

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Ten Tiny Things, Meg McKinlay

Pre-K—Gr. 1. A story all about the wonderful things you miss when driving to school.

The Busiest Street in Town, Mara Rockliff

K—Gr. 3. Rushmore Boulevard is the busiest street in town—until Agatha Walker decides to reclaim it from the noisy automobiles. In this charming picture book about slowing down, a laid-back attitude is the best kind. So sit for a spell and give it a whirl!

The Listening Walk, Paul Showers

K – Gr. 2. During a walk with her father, a little girl discovers a world of sounds.

The Listening Walk (Sunny Patch Kids), David Kirk

Pre-K—Gr. 2. Miss Spider takes her bashful son on a moonlit walk to put faces to the spooky sounds he hears throughout the night.

The Walking School Bus, John Obremski

K and up. Cassimere realizes it is more fun to walk, skip, and sing to school with friends than take the bus. Written by principal at Everett, Massachusetts Elementary School, as part of the MA Safe Routes to School program.

This is the Way We Go to School (Scholastic News Nonfiction), Laine Falk

Pre K—Gr. 2. Through words and photographs this text explains how children from all over the world get to school.

Traveling Green, Jacqueline A. Ball

Gr. 2—6. Packed with large, full-color photos and interesting facts, teaches young environmentalists about the current efforts to make their planet greener—and discover ways that they can help out too.

Walking, Walking, Miriam Frost

When You Go Walking, Rozanne Lanczak Williams

Pre-K—Gr. 2. Fun loving characters motivate young readers to write. The last page invites readers to write their own piece modeled after the writing of one of the characters.

Why Should I Walk More Often, M. J. Knight

K and up. Provides facts on the environmental effects of pollution and excessively using cars, and presents practical alternatives for children, including walking with friends to school, biking, and planting trees.