In the mid-19th Century, famous fairy tales such as *Hansel and Gretel*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *The Little Mermaid* were being recorded by people like the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen.

In 1744, John Newbery wrote the first children's book in English — *A Little Pretty Pocket-Book*.

In 1902, Beatrix Potter’s *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* was published and being what modern readers would recognize as a children's book.

Starting in 1937, Dr. Seuss began to publish books with whimsical art and poetry and would forever change what a children's picture book looked like.