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“Picture books tell a different kind of story than a chapter book. The best ones have a rich vocabulary and stories.”
—Valerie Koehler, Blue Willow Bookshop, Houston, TX

“Because they are so short, picture books may be read many, many times. The best ones reward repeated readings. The more reading a child does, especially of books with rich language, the more fluent he or she becomes as a reader.”
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Byrd Baylor
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“The emotional value of picture books cannot be understated as it ties warm or humorous or joyful or silly memories to reading books and/or sharing reading with another person. Whenever you ask a young adult to you pick one book from the entire store—any section—as a favorite, it will almost always be a picture book.”
—Maureen Palacios, Once Upon a Time, Montrose, CA

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“When someone balks because a picture book looks too simple, I say, “Let me find you something with a simpler vocabulary…”
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“It’s very effective to let adults know that teachers use picture books all the time in the classroom with older readers. Kids can learn a lot about story structure and narrative, simile and metaphor and other rhetorical devices, and storytelling mastery through reading picture books.”
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“One of the marks of a fluent reader is the ability to read all kinds of literature, both “harder” and “easier.” They have different purposes and varying appeal, speaking to a child’s imagination, challenging thinking, introducing new ideas, entertaining and delighting, comforting, and sparking creativity.”
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