



Boats, Barges, and Fun on the Water

Ben's Boat: the big adventure of a little boat by Sophie Woodson Coors. Memphis, TN: Le Bonheur Foundation, 2006. A wood carver creates a boat from a dream and it sails the entire length of the Mississippi River to a new home.

Big Dog and Little Dog go Sailing by Selina Young. New York: Crabtree, 2002. Big Dog and Little Dog's adventures on their new boat include fishing, water skiing, and exploring a very unusual island.

Boats for Bedtime by Olga Litowinsky. New York: Clarion Books, 1999. Before falling asleep a small child imagines all kinds of boats in all kinds of places.

Captain Duck by Jez Alborough. New York: HarperCollins, 2003. Duck causes trouble when he takes off in Goat's boat, carrying Frog and Sheep along with him.

Dory Story by Jerry Pallotta. Watertown, MA: Talewinds, 2000. A boy takes a bath with his new red toy dory, and imagines himself alone on the ocean with sharks.

Go, Go Boats! = ¡Vamos, vamos, barcos! by Simon Hart. New York: Price Stern Sloan, 2006. Labeled pictures present different kinds of boats, including submarines, cruise liners, sailboats and more, in both English and Spanish.

I Love Boats by Flora McDonnell. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 1995. Eleven boats are presented in wonderfully vibrant pictures full of color and movement that show how they are all used, and at the end it turns out that each boat is represented in the collection of a little girl in her bath.

The Little Sailboat by Lois Lenski. New York: Random House, 2003. Captain Small goes sailing, fishes from his boat, goes for an unexpected swim, and braves a storm on the way home. A lot of information about sailing is packed into this small book.

On Sand Island by Jacqueline Briggs Martin. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2003. On an island in Lake Superior in 1916, a boy builds himself a boat through bartering with the other islanders.

Sail Away, Little Boat by Janet Buell. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2006. The adventures of a toy boat travels down a brook, a river and finally reaches the ocean and some waiting children.

The Sea House by Deborah Turney Zagwyn. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2002. A young girl and her younger brother adjust to a summer spent on their uncle's barge. Much information about seaworthiness is nicely mixed in with the narrative.

Ship Shapes by Stella Blackstone. Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, 2006. Two children and a dog set out on a raft, inviting readers to join them in finding all the shapes they can see on the sea. It's an adventurous trip, encountering pirates, sea-monsters and all sorts of ships, but the emphasis is always on finding the shapes.

Who Sank the Boat? by Pamela Allen. New York: Coward-McCann, 1983. Invites the reader to guess which of five different animal friends, all of different sizes, sinks the boat when they go for a row.