Guess the Book

By the First Line

Take turns guessing the book by the first line.

Find the full rules here.

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1. **FIRST LINE:** In the light of the moon a little egg lay on a leaf...
   
   **LAST LINE:** He was a beautiful butterfly!

2. **FIRST LINE:** Little Nutbrown Hare, who was going to bed, held on tight to Big Nutbrown Hare’s very long ears.
   
   **LAST LINE:** “I love you right up to the moon—and back.”

3. **FIRST LINE:** In an old house in Paris that was covered with vines lived twelve little girls in two straight lines.
   
   **LAST LINE:** And she turned out the light—and closed the door—and that’s all there is—there isn’t anymore.

4. **FIRST LINE:** A told B, and B told C, “I’ll meet you at the top of the coconut tree.”
   
   **LAST LINE:** BOOM!

5. **FIRST LINE:** The night Max wore his wolf suit and made mischief of one kind and another, his mother called him, “Wild thing!”
   
   **LAST LINE:** ...and it was still hot.

6. **FIRST LINE:** Mr. and Mrs. Mallard were looking for a place to live.
   
   **LAST LINE:** And when night falls they swim to their island and go to sleep.
**FIRST LINE:** This is George.

**LAST LINE:** He looked down and saw his friend, the man with the big yellow hat.

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**FIRST LINE:** In a warm and sultry forest far, far away, there once lived a mother fruit bat and her new baby.

**LAST LINE:** “But we’re friends. And that’s a fact.”

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**FIRST LINE:** One day in class, Duncan went to take out his crayons and found a stack of letters with his name on them.

**LAST LINE:** When Duncan showed his teacher his new picture, she gave him an A for coloring and an A+ for creativity.

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**FIRST LINE:** It had been snowing for days.

**LAST LINE:** Annie would not be lonely anymore.

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**FIRST LINE:** One evening, after thinking it over for some time, Harold decided to go for a walk in the moonlight.

**LAST LINE:** And Harold dropped off to sleep.

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**FIRST LINE:** In the great green room there was a telephone and a red balloon and a picture of the cow jumping over the moon.

**LAST LINE:** Goodnight noises everywhere.
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FIRST LINE: It was summer, and the pond was alive with the music and color of life.
LAST LINE: He rustled his feathers and raised his slender neck aloft, saying with pure joy in his heart, "I never dreamed of such peace."

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FIRST LINE: Amos, a mouse, lived by the ocean.
LAST LINE: They knew they would never forget each other.

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FIRST LINE: By the big red barn in the great green field, there was a pink pig who was learning to squeal.
LAST LINE: Only the mice were left to play rustling and squeaking in the hay, while the moon sailed high in the dark night sky,

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FIRST LINE: Once there was a peddler who sold caps.
LAST LINE: "Fifty cents a cap!"

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FIRST LINE: We were all sitting around the kitchen table.
LAST LINE: It’s funny but even as we were sliding down the hill we thought we saw a giant pat of butter at the top, and we could almost smell mashed potatoes.

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FIRST LINE: Farmer Brown has a problem.
LAST LINE: Clicks, clack, quack.
FIRST LINE: The witch had a cat and a very tall hat, and long ginger hair which she wore in a plait.  
LAST LINE: The witch tapped the broomstick and whoosh! they were gone.

FIRST LINE: In a town of Calabria, a long time ago, there lived an old lady...  
LAST LINE: And he did—poor Big Anthony.

FIRST LINE: Once there was a boy named Nicki who wanted his new mittens made from wool as white as snow.  
LAST LINE: First she looked to see if he was safe and sound, and then she saw that he still had his new mittens.

FIRST LINE: Once there was a little girl called Sophie  
LAST LINE: But he never did.

FIRST LINE: One day a hungry robin saw an inchworm, green as an emerald, sitting on a twig.  
LAST LINE: ...until he inched out of sight.

FIRST LINE: A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood.  
LAST LINE: The mouse found a nut and the nut was good.
FIRST LINE: Harry was a white dog with black spots who liked everything except... getting a bath.

LAST LINE: He slept so soundly, he didn’t even feel the scrubbing brush he’s hidden under his pillow.

FIRST LINE: There was one little baby who was born far away.

LAST LINE: And this little baby, as everyone knows, has ten little fingers and ten little toes, and three little kisses on the tip of his nose.

FIRST LINE: One morning, the town mouse woke up shivering from a dream about the kitchen cat who prowled around the house.

LAST LINE: “I’ve always wanted to try the peaceful life in the country!”

FIRST LINE: Sid lived at number one Aristotle street.

LAST LINE: And, because everybody knew, nobody minded.

FIRST LINE: Once upon a time there was a woman whose only desire was to have a tiny little child.

LAST LINE: And the man heard it and wrote down the whole story.

FIRST LINE: Once upon a time there was a Little House way out in the country.

LAST LINE: It was spring... and all was quiet and peaceful in the country.
FIRST LINE: Once upon a time there was a poor widow who lived with her son in a small cottage.

LAST LINE: He married a beautiful princess, never again thought about the magic beanstalk, and all lived happily ever after.

FIRST LINE: It’s cold in the park in winter.

LAST LINE: “And a little to spare... for a mole.”

FIRST LINE: There was once an honest gentleman who took for his wife the proudest lady in the country.

LAST LINE: And when they inherited the kingdom, they became known far and wide as the fairest and wisest rulers the people had ever known.

FIRST LINE: This is a tale of a tiny snail and a great big, grey-blue humpback whale.

LAST LINE: And they sang to the sea as they all set sail on the tail of the grey-blue humpback whale.

FIRST LINE: This is a story of a wish come true.

LAST LINE: They day on <the ship> was over.

FIRST LINE: I am Sam!

LAST LINE: Say! I will eat them anywhere!
FIRST LINE: There is magic in this bare brown tree.
LAST LINE: Magic! It begins again.

FIRST LINE: Does your wooly mammoth need a bath?
LAST LINE: Throw in the towel and snuggle.

FIRST LINE: In a cave in the woods, in his deep dark lair, through the long cold winter sleep a great brown bear.
LAST LINE: But his friends snore on!

FIRST LINE: Once there was a boy, and the boy loved stars very much.
LAST LINE: A star of his very own.

FIRST LINE: There are many kinds of quiet.
LAST LINE: Sound asleep quiet.

FIRST LINE: A cow says MOO.
LAST LINE: What do you say?
One winter morning, Peter woke up and looked out the window. After breakfast, he called to his friend across the hall, and they went out together into the deep, deep snow.

Frog ran up the path to Toad’s house. Then he and Frog ran outside to see how the world was looking in the spring.

WHAT DID THAT SAY? On the first page, what did that say? I told you and told you there was nothing to be afraid of.

A long way out in the deep blue sea there lived a fish. ...and happy as a splash, he swam off to join his friends.

Hi! I’m the bus driver. Hey...

Once there was a tree... and she loved a little boy. And the tree was happy.
FIRST LINE: It was a frosty morning. The air was crisp and cold and everything sparkled in the winter sunshine.
LAST LINE: Soon their heads began to nod and in no time at all, they were both fast asleep.

FIRST LINE: “Michael! There’s a bear outside!” said Karl.
LAST LINE: And this is how Addy, Michael, Karl—and Stillwater—became friends.

FIRST LINE: Here’s a little baby — one, two, three—stands in his cot.
LAST LINE: What did he see?

FIRST LINE: I wrote to the zoo to send me a pet.
LAST LINE: I kept him.

FIRST LINE: Sun slips down and all is still, and soon we can’t tell sky from hill.
LAST LINE: The night was just perfect for bats at the beach.

FIRST LINE: Through the darkness, clickety-clack...
LAST LINE: Chhhhh.... Goodnight.
FIRST LINE: In this book with your little eye, take a look and play I spy.

LAST LINE: Plum pie in the sun, I spy... everyone!

FIRST LINE: Betty was a fairy who just never got things right.

LAST LINE: Then Betty gave a hug to Rabbit, Bird and Butterfly, and all the other fairies cheered till Betty felt quite shy.

FIRST LINE: In the next door garden they were digging out a drain when the weather turned quite nasty and it poured and poured with rain.

LAST LINE: And often we remember those diggers and the truck... and how it rained... and all the mud... and everything got stuck.

FIRST LINE: Congratulations! Today is your day.

LAST LINE: So... get on your way!

FIRST LINE: CJ pushed through the church doors, skipped down the steps.

LAST LINE: "Me too, CJ. Now, come on."

FIRST LINE: Pete’s in a bad mood.

LAST LINE: And so the pizza decides to go look for his friends.
FIRST LINE: Elizabeth was a beautiful princess.
LAST LINE: They didn't get married after all.

FIRST LINE: I am a penguin and I turn my head.
LAST LINE: I can do it! I can do it!

FIRST LINE: Gerald was a tall giraffe whose neck was long and slim, but his knees were awfully bandy and his legs were rather thin.
LAST LINE: "We all can dance", he said, "When we find the music that we love."

LAST LINE: I thought I could!

FIRST LINE: A mother held her new baby and very slowly rocked him back and forth, back and forth, back and forth.
LAST LINE: As long as I'm living, my baby you'll be.

FIRST LINE: Imagine... You were born before the invention of drawing, more than thirty thousand years ago.
LAST LINE: And it's still magic!
FIRST LINE: The King and Queen invited me to come to their house on Sunday for tea.

LAST LINE: The King and Queen and I and all my friends were seen on Saturday at half-past two having tea at the City Zoo.

FIRST LINE: The world was changing.

LAST LINE: Then he went back to the den for a nice, warm breakfast.

FIRST LINE: A miller had three sons, and when he died, he left them nothing but his mill, his donkey, and his cat.

LAST LINE: He became a great lord and gave up chasing mice, except just once in a while, for the fun of it.

FIRST LINE: A boy was collecting pinecones in his wagon when he met a robot.

LAST LINE: And the friends did.

FIRST LINE: Here is a road made for crossing the country, a new road of rails made for people to ride.

LAST LINE: On the Pacific, by that new sea, you have found a new place to call home.

FIRST LINE: Once upon a time, there was a pond that was home to a family of frogs.

LAST LINE: “Tweet!”
**FIRST LINE:** This is Sunnyside Avenue, and that’s my grandfather’s house.

**LAST LINE:** “I’ll call you Beauty,” I shouted into the rushing air. “Holly’s Beauty!”

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**FIRST LINE:** My dad and I live in an airport.

**LAST LINE:** And when the bird left, when it flew free, I knew it was singing.

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**FIRST LINE:** Once upon a time there was a dear little girl who was loved by everyone who looked at her, but most of all by her grandmother.

**LAST LINE:** But she went joyously home, and no one ever did anything to harm her again.

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**FIRST LINE:** The sun did not shine.

**LAST LINE:** What would YOU do if your mother asked YOU?

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**FIRST LINE:** Things are a lot different around here since that Unicorn moved in.

**LAST LINE:** I had a feeling we’d be friends.

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**FIRST LINE:** Down in the big construction site, the tough trucks work with all their might to build a building, make a road, to get the job done—load by load.

**LAST LINE:** Now... Shh... Goodnight.
FIRST LINE: There are animals from long ago and twice as far away.
LAST LINE: Whatever dream you visit when night replaces day, your furred, or finned, or feathered friend will surely know the way,

FIRST LINE: In the toy shop, big eyes gleam.
LAST LINE: And when they wake, they find new fun big enough for everyone.
1. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
2. Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
3. Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
4. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
5. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
6. Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
7. Curious George by H.A. Rey
8. Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
9. The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
10. Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
11. Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
12. Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
13. The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen
14. Swimmy by Leo Lionni
15. Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
16. Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
17. Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin
18. Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson
19. Strega Nona by Tomie de Paola
20. The Mitten by Jan Brett
21. The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr
22. Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni
23. Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
24. Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
25. Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore
26. Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox
27. The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
28. Town Mouse, City Mouse by Jan Brett
29. Thumbelina by Hans Christian Andersen
30. Jack and the Beanstalk
31. One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth
32. Cinderella
33. The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson
34. The Maggie B. by Irene Haas
35. Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
36. Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson
37. How to Wash a Wooly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson
38. Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
39. How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers
40. The Quiet Book by Deborah Underwood
41. Moo, Baa, Lalala by Sandra Boynton
42. The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
43. The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
44. Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
45. Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
46. The Monster at the End of This Book by Jon Stone
47. The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
48. The Secret Staircase by Jill Barklem
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50. Zen Shorts by Jon J Muth
51. Peepo by Allan Ahlberg
52. Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
53. Bats at the Beach by Brian Lies
54. Steam Train, Dream Train by Sherri Duskey Rinker
55. Each Peach Pear Plum by Allan Ahlberg
56. The Fairies by Anne Booth
57. The Little Yellow Digger by Betty Gilderdale
58. Oh, the Places You’ll Go! by Dr. Seuss
59. Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña
60. Pete’s a Pizza by William Steig
61. The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch
62. From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
63. Giraffes Can’t Dance by Giles Andreea
64. The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
65. Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
66. First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstein
67. May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice de Regniers
68. Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson
69. The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
70. Boy and Bot by Ame Dyckman
71. Locomotive by Brian Floca
72. Ribbit by Rodrigo Folgueira
73. Everything but the Horse by Holly Hobbie
74. Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting
75. Little Red Riding Hood
76. The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
77. Unicorn Thinks He’s Pretty Great by Bob Shea
78. Goodnight, Goodnight, Constructions Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker
79. Dream Animals by Emily Winfield Martin
80. Old Tracks, New Tricks by Jessica Petersen