

### Some typical "little book" series

The list is arranged (roughly) chronologically with a note of one item in the series -- not necessarily an early one -- on display:-

THE BANBURY CROSS SERIES. Prepared for children by Grace Rhys. Dent, 1894  
*The Sleeping Beauty...* il. R. Anning Bell. 1895, reprint of 1894 ed.

THE DUMPY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. Grant Richards, 1897  
*The Story of Little Black Sambo* by Helen Bannerman. 11th ed. [Chatto] 1911  
As from 1901 Richards also published "The Larger Dumpy Books"

THE BAIRN BOOKS. Dent, ca. 1900  
*The Shopping Day* by Clare Bridgman, il. Charles Robinson, 1902

[BEATRIX POTTER : "The Little Books"] Warne, 1901 [not planned as a series]  
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, deriving from a privately printed ed. of 1900

THE LITTLE ONE'S LIBRARY. Hodder, 1902  
*The Little One's Hans Andersen* by Alton Towers, il. Audrey Watson, 1902

TOLD TO THE CHILDREN SERIES ed. by Louie Chisholm, T.C. & E.C. Jack, 1905  
*Stories from the Life of Christ...* by J.H. Kelman, il. F.D. Bedford, 1905  
The most extensive and longest-lived of these series, continuing later under the Nelson imprint until the 1950s

LANGHAM SERIES FOR CHILDREN. Siegle, Hill co. 1906  
*A Selection from Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales* il. Gilbert James, 1906

THE PINAFORE LIBRARY. Alston Rivers Ltd. 1906  
*Highways and Byways in Fairyland* by Arthur Ransome [!], unillus. 1906

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DES ENFANTS. Siegle, Hill, 1908  
*Recueil de Contes de Grimm* par Kathleen Fitzgerald, il. Gilbert James, 1908  
A series with a complex publishing history

### Some individual books:-

1896 Isaac Watts. *Divine and Moral Songs for Children* pictured in colours by Mrs Arthur Gaskin. Elkin Mathews

1899 William Blake. *The Songs of Innocence* with designs by Celia Levetus. Wells Gardner, Darton & co.  
Probably the first ed. of the *Songs* illus. by someone other than Blake

1901 Mary E. Eaton *The Ark and Nonsense Lines for Nonsense Lovers*. George Allen

1904 *Jane; a tale of hair* depicted by J.S. Templar. Nisbet

1903 [H Bannerman] *Little Degchie-head; an awful warning to bad babas*. Nisbet

- 1905 Mrs Arthur Gaskin. *A Tale of Six Little Travellers*. H.R.Allenson
- 1906 [Wm. Cowper]. *The Diverting History of John Gilpin...embellish'd with woodcuts drawn and engraved by Robert Seaver*. Archibald Constable
- 1909 Nora Pitt-Taylor. *Wilhelmina; the adventures of a Dutch doll* pictured by Gladys Hall. Dean & Son

**Some oddities:-**

- 1904 *The Rabbit Book* (The Stump Books). Anthony Treherne
- 1904 Jean C.Archer. *The Flap-Jack* (Humpty-Dumpty Books). A.Treherne
- ca.1905 Charles Robinson. *The Bouncing Babes*. Dent
- ca.1910 *The Little Old Woman of X*. Humphrey Milford  
This copy ca. 1918 but believed to have been published earlier by Henry Frowde. Neither this nor the previous item appear to be in the BL.
- 1918 *The Story of Snips* pictured and related by Angusine Macgregor (Tiny Tots Series). Blackie & Son  
A reduced format edition of a quarto picture book published in 1909

## Some illustrators

The following untrustworthy list aims only to indicate the emergence of a phalanx of "new" illustrators during the period 1890-1910. Old stagers like W.Crane who were still working are excluded, as are many lesser figures who attached themselves to the "arts and crafts" movement. The list is compiled according to a rough date when each individual published his/her first children's book, although this is not easily defined for some of the busiest talents drawing for magazines or book jackets. For them a dash indicates an approximate period of their first involvement. Most of the list has been gleaned from Peppin and Micklethwaite's *Dictionary of British Book Illustrators; the twentieth century* (Murray, 1983) and that should be consulted to see titles of first and subsequent children's books by the given illustrators. It is however an unreliable dictionary -- but the easiest to use for present purposes.

- G.F.Browne  
H.R.Millar
- 1889 Harry Neilson
- 1893 Laurence Housman
- C.E. and H.M.Brock  
John Hassall
- 1894 R.Anning Bell
- 1895 H.G.Fell  
Charles Robinson  
Florence Upton  
P.V.Woodroffe  
Alice Woodward
- 1896 Arthur Rackham
- 1897 Mabel Dearmer  
Wm Heath Robinson  
Mary Tourtel  
Alan Wright
- 1898 Cecil Aldin  
Helen Stratton
- 1899 Helen Bannerman  
F.D.Bedford  
Percy Billingham  
Leslie Brooke  
E.J.Detmold  
Thos Heath Robinson  
C.Lawson Wood
- 1900 Hilda Cowham  
Beatrix Potter

Carton Moore Park  
Louis Wain

1902 Honor Appleton

-- Mabel Lucie Attwell  
Ernest Shepard

1904 K.Cameron

1905 E.Florence Harrison  
M.V.Wheelhouse

1904 Norman Ault  
Jessie M.King

1906 Millicent Sowerby

1907 Edmund Dulac  
Willy Pogany

1908 Angusine Macgregor  
George Soper  
Margaret Tarrant

1910 Charles Folkard  
Chloe Preston