# When I grow up book list

Here are some great books for encouraging children to aim for positive future careers.

## Baby to 3

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| Baby Space Loves Aerospace Engineering | [**Baby Space Loves Aerospace Engineering**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Baby-Loves-Aerospace-Engineering-Science/dp/1580895417/) By Ruth Spiro  This book is accurate enough to satisfy an expert but is simple enough for babies! It explores the basics of flight from birds to planes to rockets, and ties it all to a baby’s world. |
| Topsy and Tim Meet the Police | [**Topsy and Tim Meet the Police**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Topsy-Tim-Police-Jean-Adamson/dp/1409308839) By Jean Adamson  When Topsy and Tim’s class is visited by two police officers, they hear all about what their jobs involve. The twins find out about stranger danger, learn about safe places to play, and even get to visit the police station themselves when they find somebody's belongings. |
| Mog and the Vet | [**Mog and the Vet**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mog-V-T-Cat-Books/dp/0007171285) By Judith Kerr  One day Mog is chasing a butterfly when something happens to her paw – and she needs to visit the vet. But Mog hates going to the vet and before her paw can be made better, she causes great confusion in the vet’s surgery… |
| Maisy’s Moon Landing | [**Maisy’s Moon Landing**](https://www.amazon.com/Maisys-Moon-Landing-Maisy-Science/dp/0763690406) By Lucy Cousins  Maisy is going to the moon! Little readers will love pulling the tabs to help her rocket blast off, move Maisy’s vehicle over the moon rocks and open a parachute that helps her land on Earth. |
| Astro Girl | [**Astro Girl**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Astro-Girl-Ken-Wilson-Max/dp/1910959219) By Ken Wilson  Astrid has always loved the stars and space. "I want to be an astronaut!" she says. While Mama is away, Papa and Astrid have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission - eating food from a tube, doing science experiments, living and sleeping in near-zero gravity. Astrid can do it all! Then it's time to meet Mama at the airbase. But where has Mama been? |

## Age 3 to 5

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| Rocket to the Moon!: Big Ideas that Changed the World | [**Rocket to the Moon!: Big Ideas that Changed the World**](https://www.amazon.com/Rocket-Moon-Ideas-Changed-World/dp/1419734040) By Don Brown  On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong took “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” when the Apollo 11 landed on the moon. But it wasn’t just one man who got us to the moon. This book explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible. |
| Izzy Gizmo | [**Izzy Gizmo**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Izzy-Gizmo-Pip-Jones/dp/0857075136) By Pip Jones  Izzy Gizmo loves to invent, but her inventions never seem to work the way she wants them to and that makes her really cross. When she finds a crow with a broken wing she just has to help. But will she be able to put her frustrations to one side and help her new friend to fly again? |
| My Mummy is a Plumber | [**My Mummy is a Plumber**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Mummy-Plumber-Kerrine-Bryan/dp/099327692X) By Kerrine Bryan  This book introduces children to the world of plumbing through fun rhyme and colourful illustrations. Mummy is always saving the day with her plumbing skills! She helps Mrs Platt from the upstairs flat, whose nail goes through a pipe, and Suzy Pane from Chudberry Lane, whose toilet has got blocked! |
| Rainbow Magic: Destiny the Pop Star Fairy | [**Rainbow Magic: Destiny the Pop Star Fairy**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Destiny-Fairy-Rainbow-Magic-Reader/dp/1408333139) By Daisy Meadows  Destiny the Pop Star Fairy looks after all pop stars in Fairyland and the human world. So when things start to go wrong for her friends’ favourite pop group, The Angels, Destiny needs their help to fix things before The Angels' concert is ruined! |
| Zoo-ology | [**Zoo-ology**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Zoo-ology-Joelle-Jolivet/dp/1405243406) By Joelle Jolivet  This brilliant picture book provides a visual treat for readers, young and old. With a new environment on every page, Zoo-ology is filled with different species from the aardvark to the zebra in a zoo without bars. |

## Age 5 to 7

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| Violet the Pilot | [**Violet the Pilot**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Violet-Pilot-Steve-Breen/dp/0425288196) By Steve Breen  By the time she's two years old, Violet Van Winkle can fix nearly any appliance in the house and by eight she's building elaborate flying machines from scratch. The kids at school tease her, so maybe she could earn their respect by winning the blue ribbon in the upcoming air show, or something involving her best-ever invention? |
| Rosie Revere, Engineer | [**Rosie Revere, Engineer**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Rosie-Revere-Engineer-Andrea-Beaty/dp/1419708457/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=engineer+kids&qid=1554472360&s=books&sr=1-1) By Andrea Beaty  Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets and dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great, great aunt Rose comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal to fly, Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. |
| Stephen Hawking | [**Stephen Hawking**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Stephen-Hawking-Little-People-DREAMS/dp/1786037327) By Isabel Sanchez Vegara  Part of the Little People, Big Dreams series, this book offers children the chance to discover the life of Stephen Hawking, the genius physicist and author. When Stephen Hawking was a little boy, he used to stare up at the stars and wonder about the universe. Although he was never top of the class, his curiosity led him to make one of the biggest scientific discoveries of the 20th century: Hawking radiation. |
| When Sue Found Sue | [**When Sue Found Sue**](https://www.amazon.com/When-Sue-Found-Hendrickson-Discovers/dp/1419731637) By Toni Buzzeo  From a very young age, Sue Hendrickson was good at finding things: lost coins, perfume bottles and even hidden treasure. This led to a career in diving and palaeontology and in 1990 she found Sue the T. rex, the largest and most complete T. rex skeleton ever unearthed. |

## Age 7 to 11

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| Cool Architecture: 50 Fantastic Facts for Kids of All Ages | [**Cool Architecture: 50 Fantastic Facts for Kids of All Ages**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cool-Architecture-Fantastic-Facts-Kids/dp/1909396796) By Simon Armstrong  Cool Architecture is a perfect introduction to what's cool about the fascinating world of architecture. Learn about all kinds of buildings the simple dwellings created by the earliest humans to today's most innovative buildings, and the personalities that created them. |
| 40 Inspiring Icons: Music Legends | [**40 Inspiring Icons: Music Legends**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Music-Legends-stars-Inspiring-Icons/dp/1786031493) By Hervé Guilleminot  A part of the Top 40 Famous series, this book introduces readers to the lives of Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Madonna, Beyoncé, Jimi Hendrix, David Bowie and many other rock and pop legends, focusing on key aspects such as genre, look and famous performances. |
| Politics for Beginners | [**Politics for Beginners**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Politics-Beginners-Louie-Stowell/dp/147492252X) By Louie Stowell  On what can be a confusing industry to understand and aspire to work in, this book offers a no-nonsense guide to what politics is all about. Topics covered include political systems, elections, voting and government and issues including feminism, human rights, freedom of speech and fake news. |
| Get Coding! | [**Get Coding!**](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Coding-Learn-JavaScript-Build-Website/dp/1406366846) By Louie Stowell  Through six missions and bite-sized chunks, this book will teach your child how write code, then build their own website, app and games using HTML, CSS and JavaScript and become a technology star of the future! |