

Books About Grandparents

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1. The Best Present by Holly Keller, Greenwillow
Rosie wants to see her Grandma who is in the hospital and she tries to pretend she is ten years old so that she can get in to see her.
2. Garden Partners by Diane Palmisciano, Atheneum
Gram and granddaughter plant and harvest a garden. Charming pictures.
3. Happy Birthday, Grampie by Susan Pearson, Dial
Martha goes to visit her blind, Swedish grandpa in the nursing home on his birthday; lovely, soft illustrations.
4. When Grandma Came by Jill Walsh and Sophy Williams, Viking
Grandma has been many places and seen many things but nothing compares to her granddaughter. repetition of text; wonderfully descriptive prose.
5. Tulips by Jay O'Callahan and Debrah Santini, Picture Book Studio
Pierre loved to play tricks on everyone. He visits his grandmother at her estate outside of Paris. His tulip joke backfires. Delightful story!
6. Grandma's House by E. Moore, Lothrop
The gentle, unconditional love that his grandma has for her granddaughter is inspiring.
7. I Go With My Family to Grandma's by Riki Levinson, E.P. Dutton.
Somewhat like the jumprope rhyme, the pattern to this story is fun and easy.
8. When I Am Old With You by Angel Johnson, Orchard Books
A little boy tells his granddaddy all the things he'll do when he gets old. the illustrations show that he is doing those things now.
9. Going to Grandma's by Mariesa Oxford; Raintree Stech Vaughn

10. That Sky, That Rain by Carolyn Orto; Thomas Crowell
Limited text describes the brief conversation Grandpa and grandson have in the barn yard before a storm.
11. The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins, Greenwillow Books
Simple story that proves that no one makes cookies like Grandma!
12. Grandpa's Face by Eloise Greenfield, Philomel Books
A grandfather explains his unconditional love for his granddaughter.
13. The Grandpa Days by Joan W. Blos, Simon and Schuster, 1989.
Grandpa helps young Phillip build a sled.
14. Visitors for Edward by Michael Morgan, E.P. Dutton, 1987.
Edward overhears his parents discussing a surprise visitor for the morning. He imagines all sorts of things.
15. Grandpa's Song by Tony Johnston, Dial Books, 1991.
The bighearted warmth of a grandfather and his family is innovatively illustrated in this story about a lovable, singing Grandpa.
16. Grandma's Secret by Paulette Bourgeois, Little Brown and Co., 1989.
Grandma likes to watch trains go by, marshmallow cookies and rocking on the porch. She has a bear in the basement, supposedly, and scares her grandson until he investigates on his own.
17. Darcy and Gran Don't Like Babies by Jane Cutler, Scholastic, Inc., 1993.
Darcy has a very understanding grandma who helps her adjust to a new baby in the family.
18. Shoes From Grandpa by Mem Fox, Orchard Books.
An inventive variation on "The House That Jack Built"
19. Where's The Baby? by Pat Hutchins, Greenwillow Books, 1988.

20. Things I Like About Grandma by Francene Haskins, Children's Book Press, 1992.
21. The Trouble With Gran by Babette Cole, Putnam.
Gran is an alien!
22. At Grammy's House by Eve Rice, Greenwillow Books, 1990.
Life on the farm with a French grandma.
23. Grandma's Promise by Eloise Moore, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, 1988.
Grandma promises that no matter how big you grow, you can always come back to Grandma's house.
24. Night Noises by Mem Fox, Gulliver's Books, HBJ.
Fun read-aloud with lots of noises!
25. Song and Dance Man by Karen Ackerman, Knopf, 1988.
26. My Great Grandpa by Martin Waddell, Putnam, 1990.