

PARTICIPATION BOOKS

Children love to be active, and these books allow them to touch and feel, lift flaps, make noises, find, discuss, even kick like a donkey ! (See Eric Carle's

From head to toe.)

Ahlberg, Allan	Each peach pear plum
"	Peepo !
Alborough, Jez	Duck's key – where can it be
Anholt, Catherine	What makes me happy ?
Butterworth, Nick	All together now
Campbell, Rod	Look, touch & feel with Buster
"	I won't bite
Carle, Eric	From head to toe
"	The very hungry caterpillar
Cooke, Trish	So Much
Hill, Eric	'Spot' (lift-the-flap) books
Hindley, Judy	Does a cow say boo ?
Incy-	Incy winy spider ...
Inkpen, Mick	One bear at bedtime
Marzollo, Jean	What else can you do ?
Morozumi, Atsuko	And one gorilla
Ormerod, Jan	Doing the animal bop
Popham, Karen	Ellie's growl
Rosen, Michael	We're going on a bearhunt
Simmons, Jane	Daisy's hide and seek
Smee, Nicola	Sleepyhead
Wojtowycz, David	Can you moo too ?
Zacharias, Thomas	But where is the green parrot ?

RHYTHM AND RHYME

A bouncing, jumping beat is often irresistible to children. Get them roused up with these exuberant rhymes and songs.

Alborough, Jez	My friend bear
Cabrera, Jane	Old Mother Hubbard
Dodd, Lynley	Hairy Maclary and friends
Donaldson, Julia	Rosie's hat
"	Chocolate Mousse for greedy goose
Doyle, Malachy	One, two, three O'Leary
Edwards, Pamela	Roar : a noisy counting book
Galdone, Paul	The three little kittens
Hort, Lenny	The seals on the bus
Keats, Ezra Jack	Over in the meadow
Kimmel, Eric	The old woman and her pig
Lamont, Priscilla	Ring o'roses : nursery rhymes
Langstaff, John	Soldier, soldier ...
Lear, Edward	The owl and the pussycat
Lindbergh, Reeve	Benjamin's barn
Lloyd, Sam	What colour are your knickers
Martin, Bill	Barn dance
Mitton, Tony	Bumpus jumpus dinosaurumpus
"	Goodnight me, goodnight you (nursery rhymes)
Mother Goose	Toddlerobics
Newcombe, Zita	Doing the animal bop
Ormerod, Jan	Old Macdonald had a farm
Pearson, Tracey	We all go travelling by (+CD)
Roberts, Sheena	So say the little monkeys
Van Laan, Nancy	Tanka tanka skunk
Webb, Steve	Daddy island
Wells, Philip	I don't care, said the bear
West, Colin	

See also collections of rhymes at 398.8

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Books for babies

(0 – 3)

Yes ! babies enjoy books. and benefit from them too !

A child learns to love and to trust, to speak and to listen in the first few years of life. These important years of wonder and delight can become even more wonderful when you interact together with books.

FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS

Even before birth, a baby hears it's mother's voice and heartbeat. You could check at the library that you know all the words to songs that you want to sing to your new baby. For example,

Lullabies and baby songs – Jannat Messenger
Sleep baby sleep : lullabies and baby songs

Newborn babies need a fairly quiet environment and gentle interaction.

LIBRARIANS' SUGGESTIONS : 3 MONTHS +

Babies like to grab everything they can and put it in their mouths. While you look at books together, let them have a toy to occupy their hands and mouth.

Please don't try to teach. Don't be competitive about reaching 'milestones' earlier than the next child. (Earlier does not mean better.) It's about an emotional connection more than the intellect. Just share the fun together.

Take your time. Talk about and wonder about simple pictures, be a little bit dramatic. Delight your baby.

NAMING BOOKS

The first books have pictures of familiar things, and no words. Start with books with clear, uncluttered pictures on a white background, to make it easy to identify.

Bradman, Tony	This little baby
Brandenburg, Franz	Cock-a-doodle-doo
Campbell, Rod	'Buster' books
"	My day
"	My farm
"	Oh dear
"	Dear zoo
De Paola, Tomie	Mice squeak, we speak
Ormerod, Jan	Mum and me
Oxenbury, Helen	All fall down
"	Family
"	Friends
"	Bedtime
"	Dressing
"	Playing
Wojtowycz, David	Can you moo too ?

FAMILIAR, EVERYDAY STORIES

Toddlers will enjoy very simple stories about experiences they have themselves, like eating, playing, going to bed.

Amery, Heather	'Usborne Farmyard tales'
Broekstra, Lorette	Baby bear goes to the zoo
Brown, Margaret W	The quiet noisy book (etc)
Buckley, Helen	Grandfather and I
"	Grandmother and I
Burningham, John	The baby
"	The rabbit
"	Mr Gumpy books
Campbell, Rod	'Buster' books
"	My presents
Cowell, Cressida	What shall we do with the boo hoo baby ?
Cowen-Fletcher, Jane	Farmer Will
Cousins, Lucy	'Maisy' books
Dunrea, Olivier	Gossie (Ollie / Peedie ...)
Emmett, Jonathan	Once upon a time, upon a nest
Francoise	Jeanne-Marie at the fair
"	Springtime for Jeanne-Marie
Greeley, Valeri	Baby animals
Hansard, Peter	Wag wag wag
Hest, Amy	Kiss goodnight, Sam
Hill, Eric	'Spot' books
Hughes, Shirley	Bouncing
"	Bathwater's hot
"	Noisy
"	When we went to the park
Lewis, Wendy	Going to sleep on the farm
Lusted, Ian	Sam's smile
Maris, Ron	Hold tight, bear
Marzollo, Jean	Home sweet home
Miller, Virginia	Be gentle
"	Eat your dinner
"	Get into bed
"	Ten red apples
Newcombe, Zita	Rosie's breakfast
"	Rosie's day
Ormerod, Jan	Kitten day
Oxenbury, Helen	Gran and Grandpa
"	Mum and me
"	Our dog
"	'Tom and Pippo' books
Perversi, Margaret	Henry's bed
Prater, John	Again !
Priddy, Roger	Baby's book of nature
Rice, Eve	Benny bakes a cake
"	Sam who never forgets
Rogers, Paul	Ruby's dinnertime
Taylor, Geraldine	Joe and the farm goose
Uff, Caroline	Hello Lulu
"	Lulu's busy day
"	Lulu's holiday
"	Happy Christmas Lulu
Waring, Richard	Ducky dives in
West, Judy	Have you got my purr ?
Whybrow, Ian	Say hello to the animals
"	The noisy way to bed
"	Wobble bear
Wolde, Gunilla	'Emma' books
"	'Thomas' books

Around 2 or 3 :

INTO THE BIG WIDE WORLD

Once you have thoroughly enjoyed stories of home, warm and safe, your child will become interested in the wider world of neighbours, and strangers – like policemen or better still : firemen !

Ahlberg, Janet	Each peach pear plum
Anholt, Laurence	Going to playgroup
Beck, Ian	The enormous turnip
Blake, Quentin	Mr Magnolia
Bouma, Paddy	'Bertie' books
Brandenberg, Franz	Aunt Nina and her nephews and nieces
Brown, Ruth	Our cat Flossie
"	Our Puppy's holiday
Butterworth, Nick	'Jasper' books
"	Jack the carpenter and his friends
Dale, Penny	The elephant tree
Dupasquier, Phillippe	The airport
"	The building site
"	The garage
Eastman, P D	Are you my mother ?
Ets, Marie Hall	In the forest
Francoise	'Jeanne-Marie' books
Hest, Amy	In the rain with Baby Duck
"	Off to school, Baby Duck (etc)
Hewett, Anita	Mrs Mopple's washing line
Hughes, Shirley	Alfie gets in first (etc)
"	Sally's secret
"	Lucy and Tom at the seaside
Inkpen, Mick	'Kipper' books
"	'Wibbly pig' books
Keats, Ezra Jack	Whistle for Willie
"	The snowy day
Kerr, Judith	The tiger who came to tea
Krasilowsky, P	The cow who fell in the canal
Lenski, Lois	The little fire engine
Lindbergh, Reeve	The midnight farm
Lobel, Arnold	Small pig
McBratney, Sam	I'm not your friend
Minarik, Else	'Little Bear' stories
Numeroff, Laura	If you give a mouse a cookie
Oxenbury, Helen	'Tom and Pippo' books
Potter, Beatrix	The tale of Peter rabbit
"	The story of a fierce bad rabbit
Rathmann, Peggy	Good night, gorilla
Rey, H A	'Curious George' books
Root, Phyllis	What baby wants
Roy, Ron	Three ducks went wandering
Scarry, Richard	What do people do all day ?
Scott, Ann H	Hi
Simmons, Jane	'Ebb and Flo'
"	'Daisy' books
Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for sale
Spier, Peter	The fox went out on a chilly night
Udry, Janice	A tree is nice
Vipont, Elfrida	The elephant and the bad baby
Waddell, Martin	Can't you sleep, Little Bear ?
"	Webster J Duck
Wells, Rosemary	Edward's first day at (play)school
Whybrow, Ian	Hey, I love you
Zion, Gene	'Harry the dirty dog' books