

Books about Animals

Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton
Moo, Baa, La La La! by Sandra Boynton*
Snuggle Puppy by Sandra Boynton*
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle*
Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming
A Book of Babies by Il Sung Na



Books for Grown-Ups about Reading Aloud

Baby Read Aloud Basics by Caroline J. Blakemore
and Barbara Weston Ramirez
**Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change
Their Lives Forever** by Mem Fox
**Great Books for Babies and Toddlers: More Than 500 Recommended
Books for Your Child's First Three Years** by Kathleen Odean
**Reading with Babies, Toddlers and Twos: A Guide to Choosing and
Loving Books Together** by Susan Straub and KJ Dell'Antonia
The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease



Family Reading Partnership is a coalition based in Ithaca, NY that has brought together virtually every sector of its community to promote family reading.

Our mission: to create a culture of literacy in which all children experience the joy of books and being read to, as part of everyday family life, right from the start.

Babies Belong at the Library!



*Snuggle up and read with your baby right from the start.
Read books you have at home and find more at your local library!*

Read to a baby? YES! It's never too early to start reading aloud! Developing language and literacy skills begins at birth through everyday loving interactions like talking and sharing books. If you speak a language other than English, the best way to support your baby's language development is to talk and read in your home language. It's easy to read a book to your baby in any language by just talking about the pictures.

Keep it fun! When reading to your baby, you don't need to read all the words in the book, or even look at all the pages. Looking at the pictures and pointing things out is a wonderful way to begin to share books with your baby! If your baby isn't in the mood to listen and is fussy, just try again later. Enjoy this time together.

Read anything! In the earliest days of infancy, you can read anything to your baby. Your baby doesn't understand the words you read, but he or she feels safe in your loving arms, hearing the familiar sound of your voice. Reading and sharing interesting words with your baby will help him begin a lifetime of loving books.

Books to chew on. Before you know it your baby will begin to explore her world by putting everything in her mouth, including books! Opening and closing books, holding them, and chewing on them, are all part of how books become familiar and treasured objects for babies.



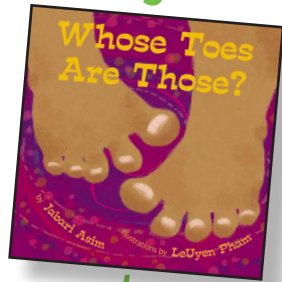
How to choose a book. Look for small, sturdy, board books that have lots of rhythm and rhyme and pictures that show recognizable objects and faces of people. You'll want to avoid books with too much text or ones where the pictures are too small. Once a baby is more aware of what is around him and can hold objects, he's ready for books that relate to his world and introduce words and concepts in a fun way.

Fifty Books for Baby's First Year!

Here is a list of some of our favorite books for your baby's first year. Visit your local library to check out these books and more! * Designates books distributed to babies through Family Reading Partnership programs.

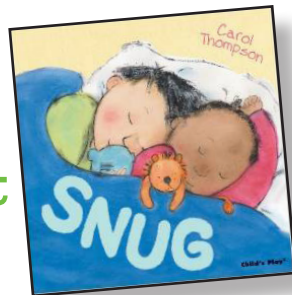
Books with Rhymes and Word Play

Whose Toes are Those? by Jabari Asim
Itsy, Bitsy Spider, Annie Kubler
This Little Piggy, Annie Kubler
Peek-a-Who? by Nina Laden
One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root
Flip, Flap, Fly by Phyllis Root



Books with Songs and Movement

From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley
Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes, Annie Kubler
My First Signs, Annie Kubler
All Fall Down by Helen Oxenbury
Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb by Al Perkins
Baby Dance by Ann Taylor



Books that Say Good Night

Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Time for Bed by Mem Fox
Say Goodnight by Helen Oxenbury
Snug by Carole Thompson

Books that Say I Love You

Kisses Kisses Baby-O! by Sheree Fitch
Counting Kisses by Karen Katz
Hugs & Kisses by Roberta Grobel Intrater
Mama, Mama by Jean Marzollo*
More, More, More, Said the Baby
 by Vera Williams
Baby Cakes by Karma Wilson*
Baby I Love You by Karma Wilson



Books with Faces of People

Baby Faces, a DK book
Peek-a-Boo by Roberta Grobel Intrater
Splash! by Roberta Grobel Intrater
Smile by Roberta Grobel Intrater*
Carry Me, Star Bright Books
Global Babies, Star Bright Books
My Face Book, Star Bright Books



Books with Things to Find

Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox
Baby Bear, Baby Bear What Do you See? by Bill Martin, Jr.
Have You Seen My Duckling? by Nancy Tafuri
Silly Little Goose by Nancy Tafuri
I Went Walking by Sue Williams

Books about Baby's World

Trucks by Byron Barton
Horns to Toes by Sandra Boynton
Eyes, Nose, Fingers, and Toes by Judy Hindley
Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo by Daniel Kirk*
Ten Little Fingers, Annie Kubler*
Baby Play by Carol McDougall
Rah, Rah, Radishes! by April Pulley Sayre
Haiku Baby by Betsy Snyder

