



Good Books for Babies

Reading to your baby is one of the most important ways to help her learn words, appreciate books, and get ready for more learning. It's also a wonderful time to snuggle up together. Here are some tips on how to pick books that you and your baby will enjoy.

- While your baby's vision is still developing, choose books with bright and bold images and simple high-contrast designs to get her attention.
- Older babies enjoy books with pictures of baby faces and other familiar objects.
- Babies learn by putting things in their mouths, so look for books made out of cloth, vinyl, or padded or coated cardboard that won't be destroyed by your baby's taste test. By giving your baby books made from different materials, you're also giving him a chance to explore different textures, sights, and sounds.
- Board books with thick pages are easier for your baby to grab and hold. They also stay open when you stand them up so your baby can study the pages on his own.
- Choose old favorites, but remember that new books are published every year. Browse in the bookstore, at the library, and in the supermarket to find other titles.

Recommended Books for Toddlers

This list will help you get started. Ask your childcare provider, librarian, or local bookseller for more suggestions.

Babies on the Go by Linda Ashman

Baby Faces by DK Publishing

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

"Busy Books" series by John Schindel

Clap Hands by Helen Oxenbury

Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling by Tracey Campbell Pearson

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Global Babies by The Global Fund for Children

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Hello Bugs! by Smriti Prasadam

I Kissed the Baby! by Mary Murphy

Jamberry by Bruce Degan

Moo, Baa, La La La! by Sandra Boynton

“More, More, More,” Said the Baby by Vera B. Williams

Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? by Dr. Seuss

My Car by Byron Barton

My Very First Mother Goose edited by Iona Opie

A Nest in Springtime by Belle Yang

Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett

Pat the Bunny by Dorothy Kunhardt

Peek-A Who? by Nina Laden

Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox

Where Is Baby’s Belly Button? by Karen Katz

White on Black by Tana Hoban

Who Am I? by Begin Smart Books

Whose Toes are Those? by Jabari Asim

Wild Animals (Touch and Feel) by DK Publishing