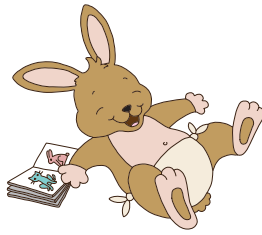


# BOOKS BABIES ENJOY



- Peek-a-Boo! by Janet & Allen Ahlberg
- Hug by Jez Alborough
- Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton
- Ten Little Fingers by Annie Kubler
- Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
- The Everything Book by Denise Fleming
- Where's Baby's Belly Button? by Karen Katz
- Pat the Bunny by Dorothy Kunhardt
- The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose edited by Arnold Lobel
- Baby Faces by Margaret Miller
- On the Night You Were Born by Nancy Tillman
- The Baby Goes Beep by Rebecca O'Connell
- I Can by Helen Oxenbury
- First 100 Words by Roger Priddy

**There are 100s of excellent books.** Choose ones that interest you and your child. Enjoy!



# BOOKS TODDLERS ENJOY



- Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
- But Not the Hippopotamus by Sandra Boynton
- So Much! by Trish Cooke
- Jamberry by Bruce Degan
- Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
- Where's Spot? by Eric Hill
- Night Night Farm by Roger Priddy
- There's a Bear on My Chair by Ross Collins
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin
- Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
- One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root
- Whose Nose is This? by Peg Hall
- ABC: An Amazing Alphabet Book by Dr. Seuss
- The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith
- Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings by Matthew Van Fleet
- Scoop The Digger! by David Wojtowycz

## HOW DO FAMILIES GET BOOKS?

At the library, yard sales, and stores.  
They trade with friends and ask for books as gifts.

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# READ WITH YOUR BABY & TODDLER



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# A WORD TO PARENTS

## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO BEGIN READING WITH YOUR CHILD

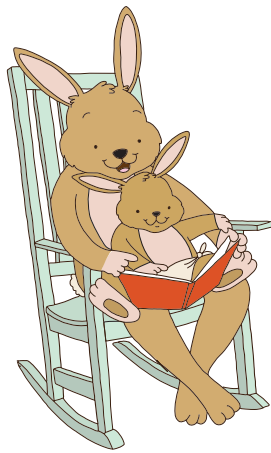
Every time you read and talk with your little one, you are building a stronger brain for your rapidly growing child and laying the foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

Plus, this cozy lap time fosters a nurturing relationship that lays the groundwork for raising a happy, confident child!

Reading aloud with your **baby** promotes bonding, which is essential for healthy emotional development. Your tender voice calms your infant so he/she feels safe and secure. Your baby learns all the sounds and patterns of language just by listening to you.

Reading aloud with your **toddler** develops vocabulary and language skills. Reading together teaches new concepts – like colors and foods – and stimulates your child's imagination and brain development.

Aim to read books 20 minutes a day, for 5 or 10 minutes at a time when your child is interested. Just a few minutes at various times during the day provides your child big benefits!



## READ WITH YOUR BABY

Snuggle with your baby so he can feel and hear your voice.

Hold your baby so she can see the pictures and pat the pages. Linger on pages that interest her.

Read in a soothing tone that expresses love and security. Slow down and speak clearly.

Try to give your baby your full attention. Make eye contact and smile.

## READ WITH YOUR TODDLER

Talk about the simple, colorful pictures in the book. Name and point to objects and colors.

Let your child help choose books, turn the pages, and “read” words.

Change your voice for different characters and emotions. Help your child make the sounds of animals.

Ask “Where is...” questions. Together point to answers in pictures.

Read favorite books again and again.

Relax and enjoy reading together. Be enthusiastic!



## CHOOSING BOOKS

Playful words and rhythms appeal to young children. Books based on well known songs and poems, such as *The Wheels on the Bus*, are popular choices.

Predictable patterns and repeated words delight toddlers. They enjoy chiming in on the familiar phrases.

Pictures of everyday objects allow children to participate by naming and pointing. Select books with simple, colorful drawings or photographs.

Board books, made from heavy cardboard with a plastic coating, can withstand rough treatment and be wiped clean.

Cloth books are soft enough for infants to handle and strong enough to be washed.

Touch-and-feel books invite hands-on exploration, such as feeling textures and sticking fingers in holes.

Interactive books or “Busy Books” engage children with flaps or other moving parts, such as zippers. They are best when used with an adult.



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