

Books for Adults Who Read to Babies

Acredolo, Linda. ***Baby Signs: How to Talk With Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk.*** McGraw-Hill, 2002.
Babies are capable of simple signing before they are able to verbally talk.

Blakemore, Caroline J. and Barbara Weston Ramirez. ***Baby Read-Aloud Basics: Fun and Interactive Ways to Help Your Little One Discover the World of Words.*** AMACOM, 2006.
Covers the benefits and stages of reading to babies with tips and techniques.

Chorao, Kate. ***Knock at the Door and Other Baby Action Rhymes.*** Dutton, 1999.
A collection of 20 finger plays or action rhymes told in rhythmic language.

Cole, Joanna. ***Pat-a-Cake and Other Play Rhymes.*** Mulberry, 1992.
Interactive play rhymes with babies and toddlers.

Cole, Joanna. ***The Eentsy, Weentsy Spider: Fingerplays and Action Rhymes.*** Mulberry, 1991.
Action rhymes and finger plays to engage the very young.

Cullinan, Bernice E. ***Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read.*** Scholastic, 2007.
This informative guide to reading aloud helps to teach children how to love books. Includes tips on how to expand a child's imagination, and more.

Dancy, Rahima Baldwin. ***You Are Your Child's First Teacher, Third Edition: Encouraging Your Child's Natural Development from Birth to Age Six.*** Ten Speed Press; 3 edition, 2012.
Revised version of Rudolf Steiner's original book. Teaches the natural developmental stages of children and encourages parents to enrich their child's learning the right way at the right time. Expresses the concern that today's society often overstimulates children in an effort to give them a head start on learning.

Dell'Antonia, KJ, Susan Straub, and Rachel Payne. ***Reading with Babies, Toddlers and Twos: A Guide to Laughing, Learning and Growing Together Through Books.*** Sourcebooks, 2013.
A parents' guide to fostering language and literacy skills in their young children. Includes current book lists and electronic resources.

Ernst, Linda L. ***Lapsit Services for the Very Young, Volume II.*** Neal-Schuman, 2001.
Even though it is geared to librarians, all adults who work with the very young to create a literacy-rich environment will benefit from this book. (See also Volume I. Neal-Schuman, 1995.)

Herr, Judy. ***Creative Resources for Infants and Toddlers.*** Delmar, 1998.
Focuses on developmental traits for birth through 24 months outlined in weekly and monthly increments.

Kapp, Richard, ed. ***Lullabies: An Illustrated Songbook.*** Gulliver Books, 1997.
Words and music to accompany traditional lullabies.

Lally, J. Ron, et.al. ***Caring for Infants and Toddlers in Groups: Developmentally Appropriate Practice.*** Zero To Three, 1995.
Designed to help caregivers, program directors, coordinators, administrators, trainers, licensors, families and leaders in the field of early care and education recognize the special knowledge and skills needed to offer a nurturing group care environment to very young children.

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Lansky, Vicki. ***Games Babies Play: From Birth to Twelve Months, 2nd Ed.*** Book Peddlers, 2001.

A collection of activities that keep pace with baby's changing abilities; each section includes developmental information, fun routines, songs and rhymes.

Lerner, Claire. ***Getting in Tune: The Powerful Influence of Music on Young Children's Development.*** Levine-Gelb Communications, 2002.

Offers practical information about how music can enrich a child's life.

Masi, Wendy S. ***Baby Play (Gymboree).*** Creative Publishing, Int'l, 2001.

Although designed to help parents engage their infant in activities that will encourage developmental skills, the activities are appropriate for childcare providers as well.

Medina, John. ***Brain Rules for Baby: How to Raise a Smart and Happy Child from Zero to Five.*** Pear Press, 2011.

Using the latest research on brain development, Dr. Medina, shares insights on how to raise smart and happy children.

Schickendanz, Judith. ***Much More Than the ABC's: The Early Stages of Reading and Writing.*** NAEYC, 1999.

Literacy begins at birth, and Schickendanz offers books and practical advice to stimulate a baby's early learning.

Siegel, Daniel and Tina Payne Bryson. ***The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind.*** Bantam Books, 2012.

Explores brain development in children and offers age-appropriate strategies for dealing with daily parenting struggles.

Silberg, Jackie. ***125 Brain Games For Babies.*** Consortium Book Sales and Dist., 1999.

Packed with everyday games, songs and other opportunities to contribute to the brain development of children from birth through 12 months.

Silberg, Jackie. ***Games to Play with Babies.*** Gryphon, 2001.

Fifty games promote self-confidence, coordination, social skills and much more.

Straub, Susan and KJ Dell'Antonia. ***Reading with Babies, Toddlers and Twos: A Guide to Choosing, Reading and Loving Books Together.*** Sourcebooks, Inc., 2006.

An engaging explanation of when, how and what to read to your children.

Weitzman, Elaine. ***Learning Language and Loving It: A Guide to Promoting Children's Social, Language, and Literacy Development in Early Childhood Settings (Second Edition).*** The Hanen Centre, 2002.

Addresses the full range of topics that impact on children's language learning in early childhood settings.

Wilner, Isabel. ***The Baby's Game Book.*** Greenwillow, 2000.

These songs help baby and caregiver bond while engaging in play.

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