

Books to Read to Babies

Adler, Victoria. *All of Baby, Nose to Toes*. Dial, 2009.

Fun wording and drawing to teach your little one his/her body parts. "plump little tummy, smooth and tight as a drum-drum-drummy."

Aliki. *Welcome, Little Baby*. Greenwillow, 1987.

Mother tells baby what life has to offer.

Allen, Kathryn Madeline. *A Kiss Means I Love You*. Albert Whitman, 2012.

Explores the meanings of different actions, expressions, words, and sounds, from a kiss and a clap to a wave and a yawn.

Bang, Molly. *Ten, Nine, Eight*. Tupelo Books, 1998.

This simple counting book helps Dad get baby ready for bed.

Boynton, Sandra. *Moo, Baa, La La La*. Little Simon, 1982.

A classic of animals at their silliest. (See also other titles by Sandra Boynton.)

Bradman, Tony. *Daddy's Lullaby*. McElderry Books, 2002.

Daddy and his baby are up late at night.

Brown, Margaret Wise. *Bumble Bee*. HarperCollins, 1999.

A poem follows the sights and sounds of a bumblebee.

Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo: A Lift the Flap Book*. Little Simon, 2007.

Find the animals in the zoo in this reprinted classic.

Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. HMH Books.

A counting book in which one by one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads.

Cousins, Lucy. *Farm Animals*. Candlewick, 1999.

A simple concept book that introduces babies to farm animals.

Crews, Donald. *Freight Train*. Beech Tree Books, 1996.

Babies learn colors as a freight train moves from day to night.

Dunrea, Olivier. *Gossie*. Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

Gossie is a gosling who likes to wear bright red boots every day, no matter what she is doing, and so she is heartbroken the day the boots are missing and she can't find them anywhere.

Gentieu, Penny. *Grow! Babies!* Crown, 2002.

Photographs of 19 babies highlight the developmental milestones of their first year.

George, Kristine O'Connell. *Book!* Clarion, 2001.

One little boy finds out all the possibilities of books.

Gobel, Roberta. *Peek-A-Boo, You*. Cartwheel, 2002.

Babies hide behind blankets, balloons, hats and bears.

Hathon, Elizabeth. *Night-Night Baby*. Grosset and Dunlap, 2000.

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Photographs of babies and toddlers as they get ready for bed.

Hathon, Elizabeth. *Oh Baby!* Grosset and Dunlap, 1999.

This touch-and-feel book lets baby interact.

Hoban, Tana. *Black on White.* Greenwillow, 1993.

Black illustrations on a white background highlight familiar objects.

Holtz, Lara, ed. *Babies.* Dorling Kindersley, 2002.

Photographs of babies playing, smiling and laughing through a typical day.

Hubbell, Patricia. *Pots and Pans.* HarperCollins, 1998.

Baby makes a mess in the pots and pans.

Katz, Karen. *Counting Kisses.* McElderry/Simon and Schuster, 2001.

A cranky baby is eventually soothed with kisses.

Katz, Karen. *Where is Baby's Belly Button?* Little Simon, 2000.

Easy-to-lift flaps help baby find the belly button.

Kubler, Annie. *This Little Piggy.* Childs Play International, 2008.

Series of board books featuring well know children's nursery rhymes.

Kunhardt, Dorothy. *Pat the Bunny.* Random House, 1940 [2011].

A classic interactive book that encourages children to smell (the flowers), touch (the soft bunny), feel (Daddy's scratchy face), and play (peek-a-boo with Paul).

Linenthal, Peter. *Look Look Outside!* Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012.

A baby looks outside the window and sees all sorts of interesting things, in a book with high-contrast black-and-white illustrations.

Lorsodo, Stephen. *Cow Moo Me.* HarperCollins, 1998.

Rhyming text about animals.

Marzolla, Jean. *Mama Mama.* HarperFestival, 1999.

Animals with their little ones are highlighted in this board book. (See also *Papa Papa*, 2000.)

McGee, Marni. *Sleepy Me.* Simon and Schuster, 2001.

The going to bed ritual leads eventually to a sleeping baby.

Meyers, Susan. *Everywhere Babies.* Harcourt, 2001.

Babies from many cultures in many moods.

Miller, Margaret. *Baby Faces.* Little Simon, 1998.

A cast of multiethnic babies makes simple facial expressions.
(See also *Baby Food*, 2000.)

O'Book, Irene. *Maybe My Baby.* HarperCollins, 1998.

Babies modeling a variety of careers.

O'Hair, Margaret. *Sweet Baby Feet.* Farrar Straus Giroux, 2012.

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Simple, rhyming text celebrates baby's feet as they stretch, tap, and splash throughout a busy day.

Ormerod, Jan. *Peek-a-boo!* Random House, 1997.

Half-page flaps reveal different responses to "where's the baby?"

Oxenbury, Helen. *Helen Oxenbury's Little Baby Books*. Candlewick, 1996.

A set of four books for babies: *I Can, I See, I Hear* and *I Touch*.

Raffi. *Wheels on the Bus*. Crown, 1988.

As the rickety old bus collects an odd assortment of passengers in a quaint little town, the reader may join in with the sounds of the bus and motions of the driver and passengers.

Savadier, Elivia. *Time To Get Dressed!* Roaring Book Press, 2006.

While time flies by on a busy morning, Solomon is determined to dress himself, but his father intervenes and all goes smoothly--for a while.

Sutinis, Beth, ed. *My First Word Touch and Feel*. Dorling Kindersley, 2001.

This large board book allows babies to learn familiar objects while incorporating textures.

Suen, Anastasia. *Baby Born*. Lee and Low, 1998.

This colorful book follows new babies through each season and each new step of development.

Taylor, Ann. *Baby Dance*. HarperCollins, 1999.

Father comforts his baby daughter with dancing and singing.

Tracy, Tom. *Show Me!* HarperCollins, 1999.

Baby learns body parts with parent.

Teckentrup, Britta. *Animal 1 2 3*. Chronicle Books, 2012.

Illustrates the concept of counting with animals of all different shapes, colors, and sizes.

Wellington, Monica. *Baby in a Buggy. Baby in a Car. Baby at Home. Baby Goes Shopping*. Dutton Books, 1997.

Very simple identification books of what baby sees and does in typical settings.

Watt, Fiona and Rachel Wells. *That's Not My Teddy. That's Not My Monkey. That's Not My Plane. That's Not My Car* and other titles. *Shopping*. Usborne Books, 2004, 2008.

A series of touch sensory books about favorite things.

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