

P MCK

Elmer by David McKee

All the elephants in the jungle are gray except Elmer, the patchwork elephant.

P MIL

Be Gentle by Virginia Miller

When Bartholomew gets a little black kitten, he must learn to be gentle.

P RIC

Benny Bakes a Cake by Eve Rice

When the dog eats Benny's cake, Daddy comes to the rescue.

P ROC

One Bean by Anne Rockwell

Describes what happens when a bean grows into a plant.

P RUS

Guess Who's on the Farm by Naomi Russell

Children will enjoy this lift-the-flap, guessing game.

P STO

Minerva Louise by Janet Morgan Stoeke

A hen has fun exploring the hen house.

P TAF

This is the Farmer by Nancy Tafuri

A farmer's kiss causes an amusing chain of events.

P TIT

Five Little Chicks by Jeanne Titherington

A mother hen and her chicks look for corn for breakfast.

P TRA

Itsy Bitsy Spider by Iza Trapani

Itsy Bitsy Spider makes her way to the top of a tree to spin her web.

P WAL

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Three white mice discover jars of paint.

P WAR

Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward

Kids learn the days of the week from a mischievous kitten!

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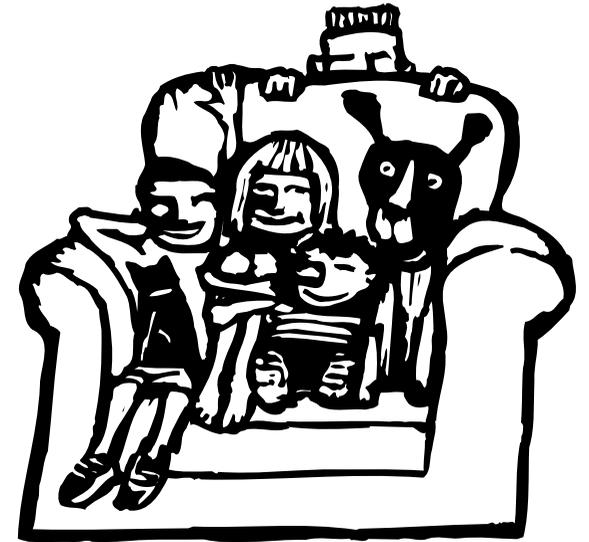
Max Cleans Up by Rosemary Wells

Max's sister Ruby helps Max clean his room.

P WOO

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Audrey Wood

There's only one way to hide a strawberry from a bear. Can mouse figure it out?



Favorite Picture Books for Toddlers and Twos



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Tips on “How to Grow a Reader”

- ★ Read to your child frequently; choose a time that both you and your child are in a good mood. Pick a favorite comfy chair to cuddle up in. Small children have a short attention span, stop reading when your child loses interest. Make book sharing time a special time!
- ★ Make books available in your home. Put books in your child’s reach, and expect that a few pages will get torn.
- ★ Talk to your child about what they see and do. Describe your day out loud as you enjoy it together. Ask questions such as, “What did you have for breakfast?” or “What is that outside the window?”
- ★ Reading and writing skills are directly linked. Provide crayons and plain paper for your child to experiment with. Pretending to write will develop into writing skills later on.
- ★ Be a good example. Children learn by watching you! Let your children see that you enjoy reading.
- ★ Make the library a weekly stop. Librarians are always available to assist you and your child to find fun, age appropriate books.

Look for more titles by these authors!

P ASC

Moondance by Frank Asch

Bear fulfills his dream of dancing with the moon.

P BAR

Machines at Work by Byron Barton

During a day at a construction site, various machines are used.

P BRO

Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown

Rhymed story that introduces the different animals in a barn.

P BUR

Mr. Gumpy’s Motor Car by John

Burningham

Mr. Gumpy’s friends take a ride in his old car and get stuck in the rain.

P CAR

From Head to Toe by Eric Carle

Children can follow along as animals show what they can do!

P CAU

Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley

Rhyming text instructs the listener in several playful activities.

P COU

Maisy’s Bedtime by Lucy Cousins

Maisy the mouse and her toy panda get ready for bed.

P CRE

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Brief text describes the journey of a colorful train.

P DAV

Who Hoots? by Katie Davis

Names animals and the sounds that they make.

P EHL

Snowballs by Louis Ehlert

Shows a family of snow people being built and melting away.

P FEI

I Lost My Bear! by Jules Feiffer

When she can’t locate her favorite bear, a little girl asks her family to help.

P FLE

The Everything Book by Denise Fleming

A collection that introduces colors, shapes, animals and much more!

P FOX

Time for Bed by Mem Fox

As darkness falls, animal mothers try to get their babies to sleep.

P GIN

Good Morning Chick by Mirra Ginsburg

When he tries to imitate a rooster, a chick falls in a puddle.

P HEN

Kitten’s First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes

Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, with funny results.

P HIL

Where’s Spot by Eric Hill

Help Spot’s mom find him behind the flaps.

P HIN

Eyes, Nose, Fingers, Toes by Judy Hindley

Cute toddlers go over the parts of the body.

P HOB

Construction Zone by Tana Hoban

Photographs illustrate different types of construction machinery.

P HUT

Rosie’s Walk by Pat Hutchins

Rosie the chicken leads a fox into one accident after another.

P INK

Kipper by Mick Inkpen

Kipper the dog searches for a new place to sleep.

P JON

When You Were a Baby by Ann Jonas

Reminds the child of all the things that he couldn’t do as a baby.

P KEA

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

P KOP

Daisy is a Mommy by Lisa Kopper

Daisy the dog and Mommy take care of their babies in much the same way.

P MCD

I Love Animals by Flora McDonnell

A girl names all the animals she likes on the farm.