

Books To Grow On

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0-6 MONTHS

Explores the world through the senses . . . in relation to books, use of seeing faces and objects and hearing sounds.

- All Fall Down.** Oxenbury, Helen. Little Simon, 1999
Animal Crackers: Bedtime. Dyer, Jane. Little, Brown, 1998
Baby Animals: Black and White. Tildes, Phyllis L. Charlesbridge, 1998
Baby Rock, Baby Roll. Blackstone, Stella. Illustrated by Denise and Fernando Azevedo. Holiday House, 1997
Big Fat Hen. Keith Baker. Harcourt, 1994
Black on White. Hoban, Tana. Greenwillow, 1993
Blue Hat, Green Hat. Boynton, Sandra. Little Simon, 1984
How a Baby Grows. Buck, Nola. HarperCollins, 1998
I Love Colors. Miller, Margaret. Simon & Schuster, 1999
Max. Wilson-Max, Ken. Jump at the Sun, 1998
My First Baby Games. Manning, Jane. HarperCollins, 2001
My Very First Mother Goose. Opie, Iona, ed. Illustrated by Rosemary Wells. Candlewick, 1996
Peek-A-Boo! Ahlberg, Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Viking, 1990

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6-12 MONTHS

Increasing exploration with hands . . . able to reach for books, touch and feel pictures; prefers pictures of faces, begins to vocalize.

- Animal Kisses.** Saltzberg, Barney. Red Wagon, 2000
Baby's Lap Book. Chora, Kay. Dutton, 1991
Brown Sugar Babies. Smith, Charles. Jump at the Sun, 2000
Goodnight Moon. Brown, Margaret Wise. HarperCollins, 1947
I Can. Oxenbury, Helen. Candlewick, 1995
I Smell Honey. Pinkney, Andrea. Illustrated by Brian J. Pinkney. Red Wagon, 1997
Maybe, My Baby. O'Book, Irene. Illustrated by Paula Tible. HarperCollins, 1998
My Colors (Mis Colores). Emberly, Rebecca. Little, Brown, 2000
Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe. Hoban, Tana. Greenwillow, 1986
Time for Bed. Fox, Mem. Illustrated by Jane Dyer. Harcourt, 1993

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. Winter, Jeanette. Red Wagon, 2000

Welcome, Baby! Baby Rhymes for Baby Times. Calmenson, Stephanie. HarperCollins, 2002

Where's the Baby? Paxton, Tom. Illustrated by Mark Graham. Morrow Avon, 1993

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12-18 MONTHS

Able to hold a book with help, turn pages, point at pictures, and make sounds for a particular picture.

The Bear Went Over the Mountain. Wells, Rosemary. Scholastic, 1998

Big Dog, Little Dog. Pilkey, Dav. Harcourt, 1997

Count with Maisy. Cousins, Lucy, Candlewick, 1997

Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z. Ehlert, Lois. Harcourt, 1989

The Everything Book. Fleming, Denise. Henry Holt, 2000

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed. Christelow, Eileen. Clarion, 1989

Freight Train. Crews, Donald. Greenwillow, 1978

Itsy Bitsy Spider. Wells, Rosemary. Scholastic, 1998

Jamberry. Degen, Bruce. HarperCollins, 1992

My First Action Rhymes. pictures by Lynne Cravath. HarperCollins, 2000

Pat the Bunny. Kunhardt, Dorothy. Golden, 1942

Rabbit's Bedtime. Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. Houghton Mifflin, 1999

Read to Your Bunny. Wells, Rosemary. Scholastic, 1997

Sheep in a Jeep. Shaw, Nancy. Illustrated by Margot Apple. Houghton Mifflin, 1986

Ten, Nine, Eight. Bang, Molly Garrett. Greenwillow, 1983

Tom and Pippo Read a Story. Oxenbury, Helen. Simon and Schuster, 1998

Where Is My Baby? Ziefert, Harriet and Simms Taback. Handprint, 2002

Where's Spot? Hill, Eric. G. P. Putnam, 1980

You Are My Perfect Baby. Thomas, Joyce Carol. Photos by Nneka Bennett. Joanna Cotler, 1999

Zoom City. Hurd, Thatcher. HarperCollins, 1998

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18 MONTHS-3 YEARS

Able to name familiar pictures, turn one page at a time, and carry a book around the house. Able to concentrate on simple stories, but still needs a great deal of one-on-one interaction and physical activity.

Be Gentle! Miller, Virginia. Candlewick, 1999

Book! George, Kristine O'Connell. Illustrated by Maggie Smith. Clarion, 2001

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Martin, Bill Jr. and Eric Carle. Henry Holt, 1992

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Martin, Bill Jr. and John Archambault. Illustrated by Lois Ehlert. Little Simon, 1989

Color Zoo. Ehlert, Lois. HarperCollins, 1989

Come Along, Daisy! Simmons, Jane. Little, Brown, 1998

Construction Zone. Hoban, Tana. Greenwillow, 1997

Dinosaur Roar! Stickland, Paul and Henrietta Stickland. Dutton, 1994

Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs. Barton, Byron. HarperCollins, 1989

Hello, Lulu. Uff, Caroline. Walker. 1999

How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? Yolen, Jane. Illustrated by Mark Teague. Blue Sky, 2000

In the Tall, Tall Grass. Fleming, Denise. Henry Holt, 1991

Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear? Carlstrom, Nancy White. Illustrated by Bruce Degen. Simon and Schuster, 1986

Little White Duck. Zaritsky, Bernard and Walt Whippo. Little, Brown, 2000

Maisy's ABC. Cousins, Lucy. Candlewick, 1995

Max's First Word. Wells, Rosemary. Dial, 1998

"More More More," Said the Baby. Williams, Vera. Greenwillow, 1990

Mouse Mess. Riley, Linnea A. Scholastic, 1997

On Mother's Lap. Scott, Ann Herbert. Clarion, 1992

Silly Little Goose! Tafuri, Nancy. Scholastic, 2001

The Tale of Peter Rabbit. Potter Beatrix. Warne, 1999

The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Carle, Eric. Philomel, 1981

The Wheels on the Bus. Raffi. Illustrated by Sylvie K. Wickstrom. Random House, 1998

You're Just What I Need. Krauss, Ruth. Illustrated by Julia Noonan. HarperCollins, 1998