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LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN NOW AVAILABLE FROM BOOKLIST

An annotated list of books recommended for children aged six months to four years is now available from Booklist.

Selected by editor Betsy Hearne, <u>Books for the Youngest Child</u> was originally published in <u>Booklist</u>'s November 1, 1983 issue. The list of fifty-six titles includes author, publisher, description of contents and suggested age level.

Hearne stresses that children's comprehension varies according to how early and extensively parents read to them. She notes that "a sophisticated two-yearold may absorb something that an unsophisticated four-year-old can just begin to appreciate."

The books are both aesthetically pleasing and physically sturdy. Field tests have demonstrated their continuing appeal to both the child listener and adult reader, even after many readings.

Librarians may obtain a free copy of the annotated list by writing to the address below. Specify "Free Annotated Books for the Youngest Child," and enclose a self-addressed business envelope stamped with 37¢ postage.

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