

Building A Home Library

Ages 0-3

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.



We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

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Welcome to the world of books for your home!

Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these titles for children ages 0-3.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 4-7, 8-11, and 12-14. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

Bang, Molly.

Ten, Nine, Eight. Greenwillow Books, 1996.

A gentle bedtime countdown between a father and daughter gets her all ready for the end of the day.

Boynnton, Sandra.

Night-night, Little Pookie. Random House, 2009.

Pajamas? Check. Kisses good night? Check. A sneaky piglet hiding under the covers and trying to avoid bedtime? Check, check, check!

Campbell, Rod.

Dear Zoo: a Pop-up Book. Simon & Schuster, 2005.

The zoo sends animals that are too big, too fierce, or too naughty. Will the zoo send the perfect pet?

Carle, Eric.

From Head to Toe. HarperCollins, 1997.

Can you bend your neck like a giraffe? Clap your hands like a seal? Bend your knees like a camel? I can do it!

Crews, Nina.

The Neighborhood Mother Goose.

Greenwillow Books, 2004.

Not all fairytales happen in the forest. See what Peter Piper, Miss Tuffet, and other favorite characters get up to in the city.

Dunrea, Olivier.

Gossie. Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

A young goose adores her bright red boots and is crushed when she loses them.

Durand, Hallie. Illustrated by Tony Fucile.
Mitchell's License. Candlewick, 2011.

"Driving" to bed is easy for three-year-old Mitchell when dad is the car.

Emberley, Ed.

Go Away, Big Green Monster! Little, Brown, 1992.

When a monster appears bit by bit, first eyes, then nose, then teeth, then ears, readers can make it disappear the same way.

Fox, Mem. Illustrated by Steve Jenkins.

Hello, Baby. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane, 2009.

After meeting many baby animals, a baby discovers the most precious creature of all... itself, of course!

Global Fund for Children.

Global Babies / Bebés del mundo. Charlesbridge, 2009.

Babies may wear different clothes, move around in different types of carriers, and eat different food, but babies all over the world are loved.

Gravett, Emily.

Orange Pear Apple Bear. Simon & Schuster, 2007.

With just four objects and five words, this story about a silly bear and his fruit is more than the sum of its parts!

Hacohen, Dean and Sherry Scharschmidt.
Tuck Me In! Candlewick, 2010.

"It's time for bed. Who needs to be tucked in?" A baby zebra, pig, elephant, and others answer the call.

Hoban, Tana.

Black & White. Greenwillow Books, 2007.

Even the youngest babies can see the clear black and white images depicting everyday objects such as a leaf, a boat and buttons.

Hopgood, Tim.

Wow! Said the Owl. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009.

Wow, pink! Wow, blue! A little owl stays awake all day and is amazed at all of the beautiful colors in the world.

Long, Ethan.

Up, Tall and High. Penguin/Putnam Juvenile, 2012.

Three perfect little stories feature befeathered heroes who display the differences between three mighty similar (but still different) concepts.

McQuinn, Anna. Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw.

Lola Loves Stories. Charlesbridge, 2010.

Who doesn't enjoy a nightly snuggle with a good book and a loved one?

Murphy, Mary.

I Kissed the Baby. Candlewick, 2003.

Several animals brag about their interactions with a duckling, tickling, feeding, and kissing the new baby.

Patricelli, Leslie.

Higher! Higher! Candlewick, 2009.

A little girl on a swing asks her dad to push her higher, higher, higher-- so high she zooms right into outer space!

Sirett, Dawn. Illustrated by Dave King.
Baby: Hide and Seek! DK Publishing, 2012.

Clever little flaps and hidden surprises reveal everything from a snuggly puppy to a peekaboo baby.

Tafolla, Carmen. Illustrated by Amy Córdova.
Fiesta Babies. Tricycle Press, 2010.

These babies love their fiestas almost as much as their...siestas!

Thomas, Jan.

What Will Fat Cat Sit On? Harcourt, 2007.

Nobody wants to be under this rotund feline. Fortunately the solution is hilarious and imple.

Underwood, Deborah. Illustrated by Renata Liwska.

The Quiet Book. Houghton Mifflin, 2010.

From the quiet of the morning to the "sweet dreams quiet" at night, who knew there were so many different ways to be quiet?

Wheeler, Lisa. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie.

Jazz Baby. Harcourt, 2007.

A jazzy baby inspires his sister, granny, uncle, and the entire family to have some noisy fun!

Yolen, Jane and Andrew Fusek Peters. Illustrated by Polly Dunbar.

Here's a Little Poem a Very First Book of Poetry. Candlewick, 2007.

A playfully illustrated anthology of delightfully simple poetry, from the likes of A. A. Milne, Langston Hughes, and Margaret Wise Brown.

Zimmerman, Andrea Griffing and David Clemesha. Illustrated by Dan Yaccarino.

Trashy Town. HarperCollins, 1999.

Drive the trash truck up the streets, drive it down, it's fun to clean up Trashy Town!