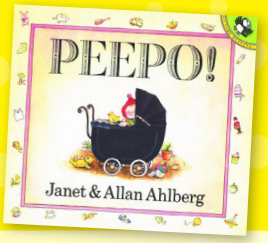
30 Books

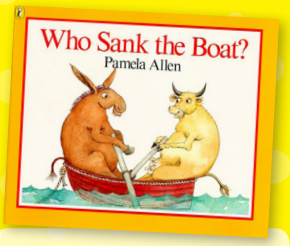
to read before you're 3!

The books on this list have been selected by children's literature specialists from the Better Beginnings team and are proven favourites with babies, toddlers and their families.

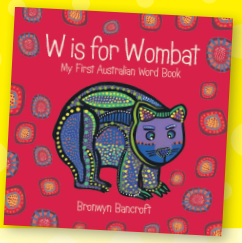
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
Illustrated by Pam Adams



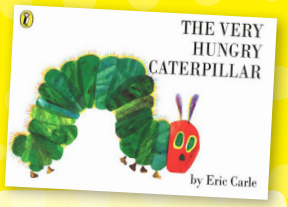
Peepo!
Written & Illustrated by Janet and Allan Ahlberg



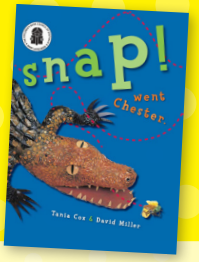
Who Sank The Boat?
Written & Illustrated by Pamela Allen



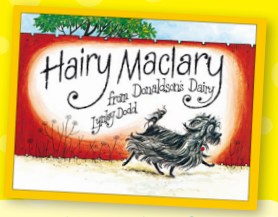
W is for Wombat
Written & Illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft



The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Written & Illustrated by Eric Carle

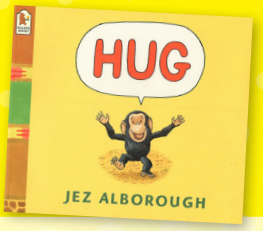


Snap! Went Chester
Written by Eric Carle
Illustrated by David Miller



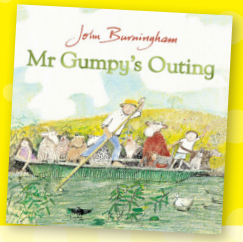
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy
Written & Illustrated by Lynley Dodd

Miss Llewellyn-Jones
Written by Elaine Forrestal
Illustrated by Moira Court

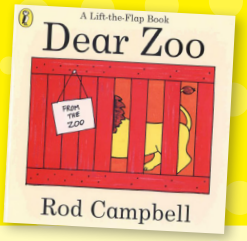


Hug
Written & Illustrated by Jez Alborough

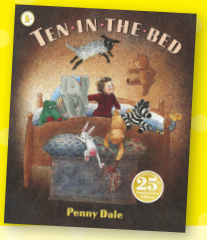
Baby Ways
Written by Nola Allen & Margaret Robson Kett
Photographs by Frances Adrijich



My Gumpy's Outing
Written & Illustrated by John Burningham



Dear Zoo
Written & Illustrated by Rod Campbell



Ten in the Bed
Written & Illustrated by Penny Dale

The Orchard Book of Nursery Rhymes for Your Baby
Illustrated by Penny Dann

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Did you know that your child can have their own library card?

Make visiting your library a regular part of your week. Ask about Rhyme Time and Story Time sessions too!

Better Beginnings is a family literacy program for children from birth to five years and their families. It is an initiative of the State Library of Western Australia and is distributed through public libraries and community health agencies.

For more book suggestions or further information check out our website:
www.better-beginnings.com.au

Can't find the exact book shown here? If there are other books by the same author or illustrator that look suitable, try them instead! Or ask for suggestions at your local library.

Where is the Green Sheep?
Written by Mem Fox
Illustrated by Judy Horacek

My Dog, My Cat, My Mum and Me!
Written by Nigel Gray
Illustrated by Bob Graham

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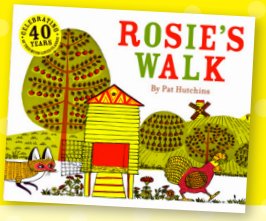
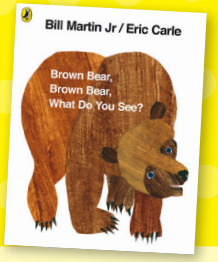
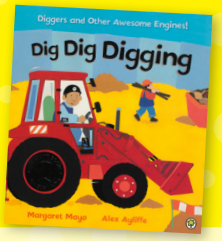
Where's Spot?
Written & Illustrated
by Eric Hill



Rosie's Walk
Written & Illustrated
by Pat Hutchins

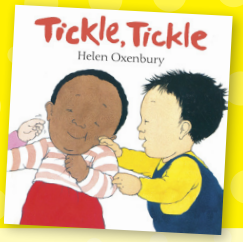


Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Written by Bill Martin
Illustrated by Eric Carle

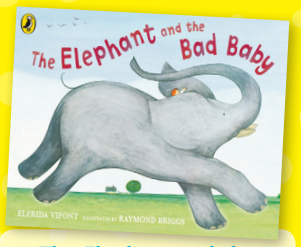


Dig, Dig, Digging
Written by Margaret Mayo
Illustrated by Alex Ayliffe

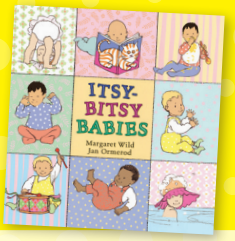
Look See, Look at Me
Written by Leonie Norrington
Illustrated by Dee Huxley



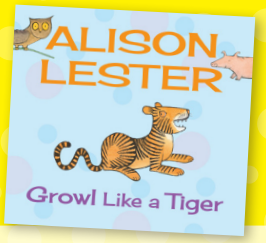
Tickle, Tickle
Written & Illustrated
by Helen Oxenbury



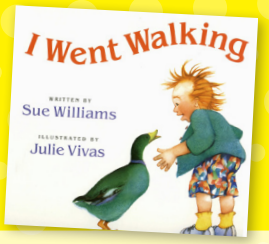
The Elephant and the Bad Baby
Written by Elfrida Vipont
Illustrated by Raymond Briggs



Itsy-Bitsy Babies
Written by Margaret Wild
Illustrated by Jan Ormerod



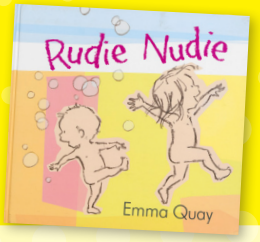
Growl Like a Tiger
Written & Illustrated
by Alison Lester



I Went Walking
Written by Sue Machin
Illustrated by Julie Vivas

Meg and Mog
Written by Helen Nicoll
Illustrated by Jan Pienkowski

Annie's Chair
Written & Illustrated
by Deborah Nilandi



Rudie Nudie
Written & Illustrated
by Emma Quay

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Written by Michael Rosen

Tried & True!

Any books by these authors and illustrators are great for your child... they are just a few of our favourites.

Margaret Wise Brown
Lucy Cousins
Martin Waddell
Pamela Allen
Jeanette Rowe
Eric Hill

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