



## Good Books for Babies

Reading to your baby is one of the most important ways to help her learn words, appreciate books, and get ready for more learning. It's also a wonderful time to snuggle up together. Here are some tips on how to pick books that you and your baby will enjoy.

- While your baby's vision is still developing, choose books with bright and bold images and simple high-contrast designs to get her attention.
- Older babies enjoy books with pictures of baby faces and other familiar objects.
- Babies learn by putting things in their mouths, so look for books made out of cloth, vinyl, or padded or coated cardboard that won't be destroyed by your baby's taste test. By giving your baby books made from different materials, you're also giving him a chance to explore different textures, sights, and sounds.
- Board books with thick pages are easier for your baby to grab and hold. They also stay open when you stand them up so your baby can study the pages on his own.
- Choose old favorites, but remember that new books are published every year. Browse in the bookstore, at the library, and in the supermarket to find other titles.

## Recommended Books for Babies

This list will help you get started. Ask your childcare provider, librarian, or local bookseller for more suggestions.

*Babies on the Go* by Linda Ashman

*Baby Faces* by DK Publishing

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

"Busy Books" series by John Schindel

*Clap Hands* by Helen Oxenbury

*Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling* by Tracey Campbell Pearson

*Freight Train* by Donald Crews

*Global Babies* by The Global Fund for Children

*Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site* by Sherri Duskey Rinker

*Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown

*Hello Bugs!* by Smriti Prasadam

*I Kissed the Baby!* by Mary Murphy

*Jamberry* by Bruce Degan

*Moo, Baa, La La La!* by Sandra Boynton

*“More, More, More,” Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams

*Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?* by Dr. Seuss

*My Car* by Byron Barton

*My Very First Mother Goose* edited by Iona Opie

*A Nest in Springtime* by Belle Yang

*Orange Pear Apple Bear* by Emily Gravett

*Pat the Bunny* by Dorothy Kunhardt

*Peek-A Who?* by Nina Laden

*Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw

*Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes* by Mem Fox

*Where Is Baby’s Belly Button?* by Karen Katz

*White on Black* by Tana Hoban

*Who Am I?* by Begin Smart Books

*Whose Toes are Those?* by Jabari Asim

*Wild Animals (Touch and Feel)* by DK Publishing