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Books

to read before you're 5

10 Books

to read before you're 1

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox

Peepo! by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Hug by Jez Alborough

Rudie Nudie by Emma Quay

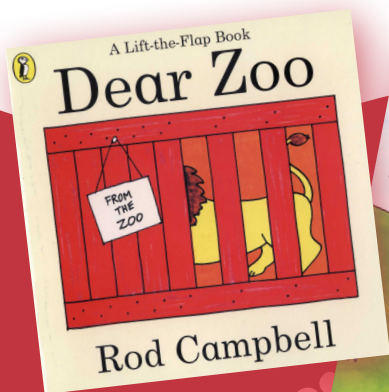
The Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton

Baby Dance by Katrina Germein & Doris Chang

Hello Baby! by Mem Fox

Moo by Alison Lester

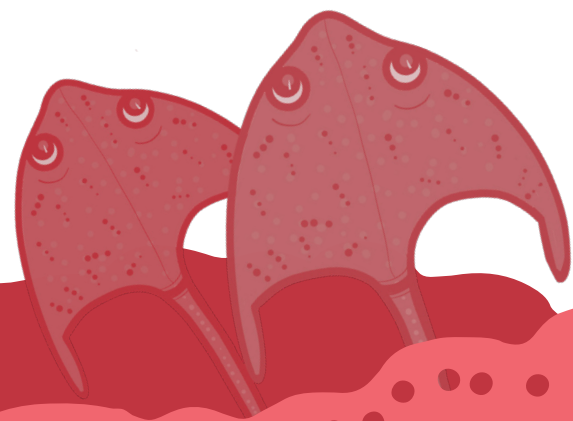
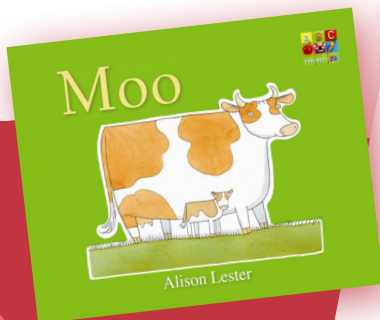
One Woolly Wombat by Kerry Argent





Tips for Sharing Books

- ★ Read when baby is happy and well rested.
- ★ Hold baby close when reading so that they can see your face.
- ★ Give board books to your baby. Don't worry if they grab or chew the book, babies are sensory learners and this helps them learn about books.
- ★ Keep books where baby can play with them.
- ★ Read slowly.



10 Books

to read before you're 2

Where's Spot? by Eric Hill

Maisy's Bedtime by Lucy Cousins

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

Boo to a Goose by Mem Fox

They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel

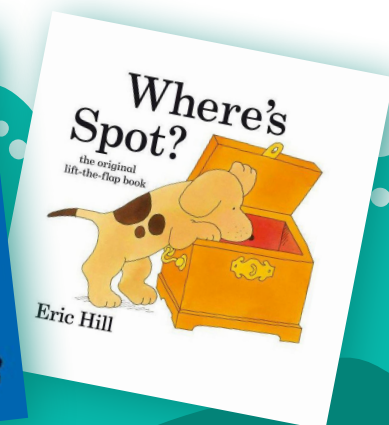
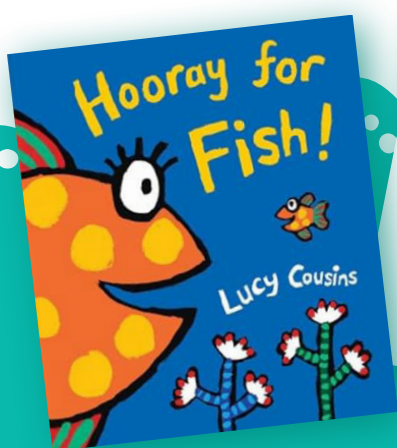
Mog and Me by Judith Kerr

Hooray for Fish! by Lucy Cousins

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox

Once I Heard a Little Wombat by Renee Trembl

Snap! Went Chester by Tania Cox and David Miller





★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Tips for Sharing Books

- ★ 1-2 year olds love interactive lift and see books so they can participate in the story.
- ★ Choose books that are short but have engaging pictures to keep your child interested.
- ★ Read books with everyday items in them, like cars or pets. Point them out to your child and name them.
- ★ Snuggle up with your child and get them to hold the book or turn the pages.
- ★ Choose books that use repetition and rhyme - emphasise the rhyming words as you read.



10 Books

to read before you're 3

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

Where's My Teddy? by Jez Alborough

The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland

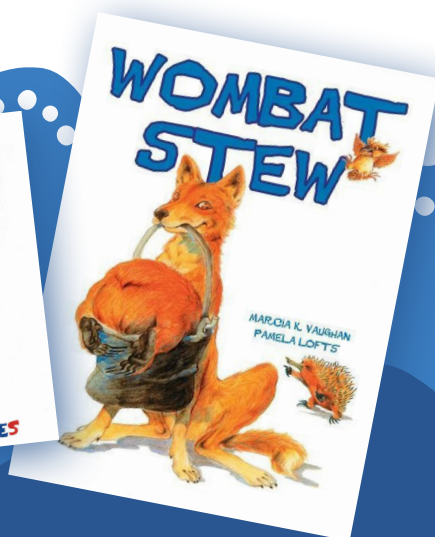
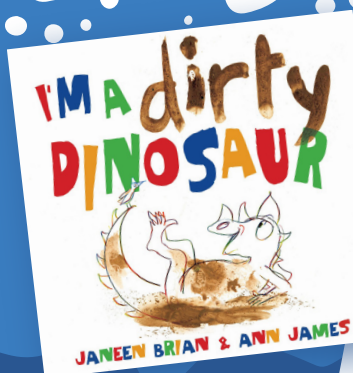
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin

Titch by Pat Hutchins

I'm a Dirty Dinosaur by Janeen Brian

Hugless Douglas by David Melling

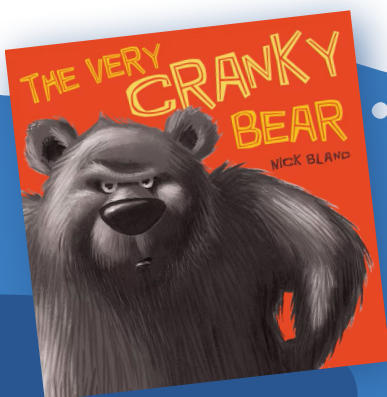
Wombat Stew by Marcia K. Vaughan





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- ★ 2-3 year olds like books that have rhythm, rhyme and repetition.
- ★ Make the sounds of animals or other objects in the book - have fun.
- ★ Storytime is a great time to snuggle up. Try and sit so your little one can see your face as well as the book.
- ★ Be prepared to read favourite books over and over again.
- ★ Take a book with you everywhere you go.
- ★ There's lots of ways to read a book. Act it out, sing it, do the actions, tap out the rhythm.



10 Books

to read before you're 4

Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

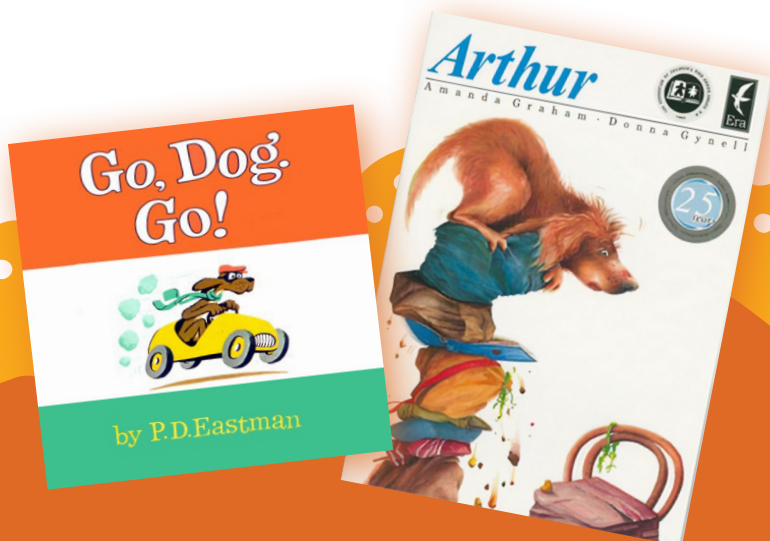
The Elephant and the Bad Baby by Elfrida Vipont

Edward the Emu by Sheena Knowles

Go Dog Go by P.D. Eastman

Arthur by Amanda Graham

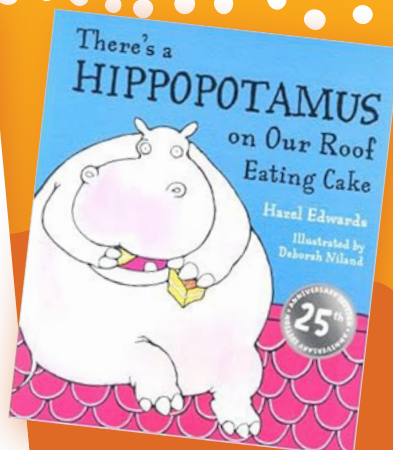
There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake by Hazel Edwards





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- ★ 3-4 year olds like books that have predictable text.
- ★ Read together to help build your child's vocabulary. Talk about the meaning of interesting words with them.
- ★ Encourage your child to talk about the pictures and what's happening in the story.
- ★ Think out loud as you read - e.g. "I wonder if the Billy Goat is trying to trick the Troll!".
- ★ Try opening the book and just wait for a moment without saying anything. Follow your child's lead to talk about the story.



10 Books

to read before you're 5

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin

The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Picasso the Green Tree Frog by Amanda Graham

Belinda by Pamela Allen

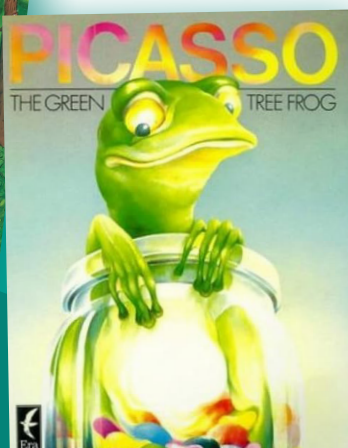
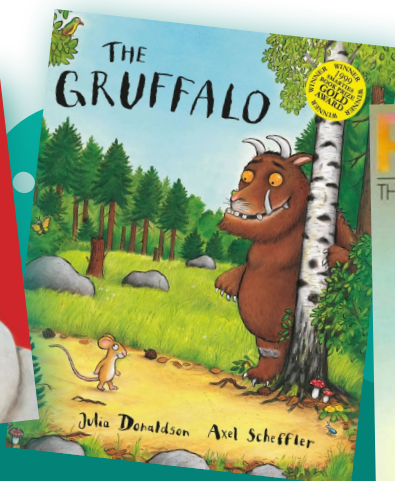
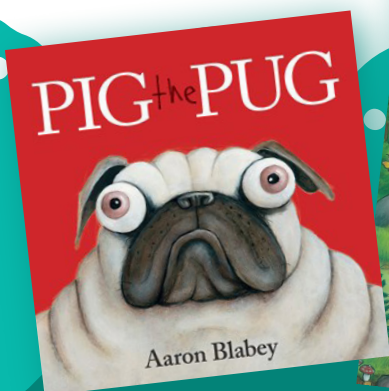
Duck in the Truck by Jez Alborough

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman

The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith

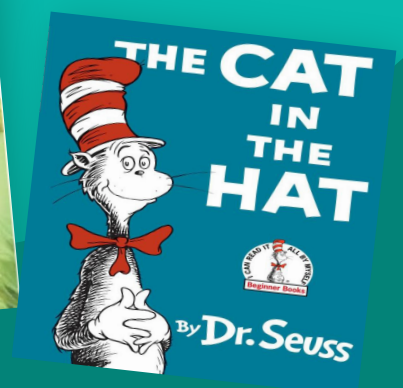
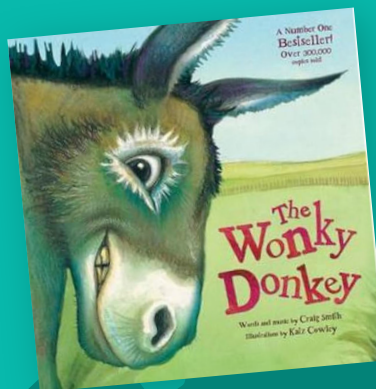
Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey

Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Tips for Sharing Books

- ★ 4-5 year olds like books about their interests or that reflect events in their own lives.
- ★ Reading with your child can start a conversation about a new concept.
- ★ Run your finger along the line as you read. This will help your child to learn that print is read from left to right and top to bottom.
- ★ Ask your child to guess what's going to happen next.
- ★ Help your child choose their own books.





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