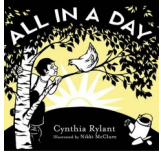


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Bright Beginnings Booklist: Toddlers (2-3 years)

Recommended reading for toddlers (2-3 years)

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All in a Day

Cynthia Rylant

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ry)

Illustrations and rhyming text pay homage to a new day, with promises for the future.

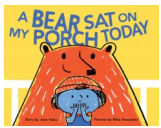


Bark George

Jules Feiffer

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Fe)

When When George's mother asks him to bark, some surprising sounds come out.

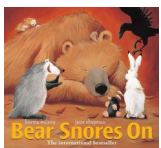


A Bear Sat on my Porch Today

Jane Yolen

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Yolen)

Told in rhyme, a bear settles on the narrator's porch, and is soon followed by many other woodland friends, until the porch collapses under the weight--but bear and his friends repair the damage and almost everybody is invited to lunch.

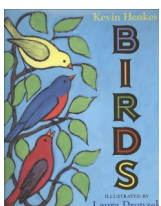


Bear Snores On

Karma Wilson

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Wi)

On a cold winter night many animals gather in the cave of a sleeping bear.

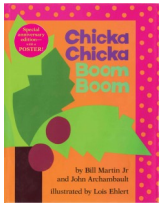


Birds

Kevin Henkes

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej He)

Fascinating colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of many different birds.

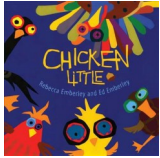


Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Bill Martin, Jr.

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ma)

In an alphabet chant, all the letters race one another up the coconut tree.

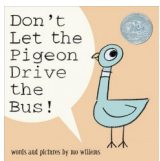


Chicken Little

Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley

(Juvenile Nonfiction -- J 398.2 Henny Emb)

Retelling of the classic story of Chicken Licken, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends that the sky is falling!

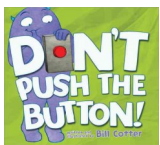


Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

Mo Willems

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Wi)

A wild and wacky pigeon begs the reader to let him drive the bus.

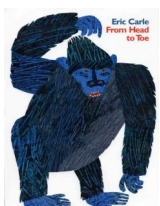


Don't Push the Button!

Bill Cotter

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Cotter)

The only rule in Larry's book is that the reader not push the button, but when no one is looking, it may be irresistible.

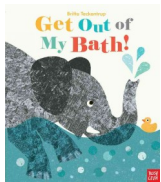


From Head to Toe

Eric Carle

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ca)

Bold illustrations encourage the reader to follow the movements of various animals.

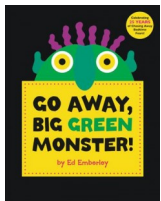


Get Out of My Bath!

Britta Teckentrup

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Teckentrup)

Ellie the elephant's relaxing bath is disrupted by splashing friends, prompting her to suck up all of the water into her trunk until everyone else leaves.

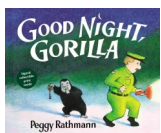


Go Away Big Green Monster!

Ed Emberley

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Em)

Cut-out pages reveal a monster piece by piece, until the reader tells him to go away!



Good Night Gorilla

Peggy Rathmann

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ra)

A sleepy zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.



Hello Hello

Brendan Wenzel

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Wenzel)

In simple text a set of animals, each one linked to the previous one by some trait of shape, color, or pattern, greet and interact with one another.



Is Everyone Ready for Fun?

Jan Thomas

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Thomas)

Chicken's cow visitors try to jump, dance, and wiggle on his couch, which is much too tiny for such exuberant activities.

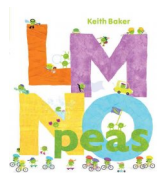


Is Your Mama a Llama?

Deborah Guarino

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Gu)

Rhyming text in which a young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas.

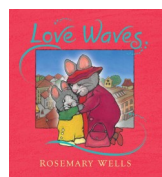


LMNO Peas

Keith Baker

(Juvenile Picture Book Nonfiction -- Ej 411 Bak)

Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.

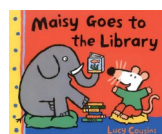


Love Waves

Rosemary Wells

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej We)

Sweet, reassuring text describes feelings of love while the parent is away at work.



Maisy Goes to the Library

Lucy Cousins

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Cousins)

Maisy goes to the library in search of a book about fish and a quiet place in which to read it.

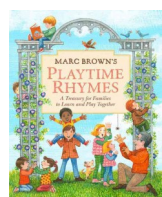


Mama Cat has Three Kittens

Denise Fleming

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej FI)

While two kittens copy everything their mother does, their brother naps.

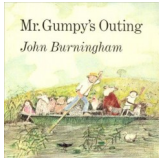


Marc Brown's Playtime Rhymes

Marc Brown

(Juvenile Picture Book Nonfiction -- Ej 398.8 Bro)

A lively collection of the artist's 20 favorite read-and-play-along finger rhymes complements such entries as "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider" and "I'm a Little Teapot" with pictorial instructions for correlating finger movements.



Mr. Gumpy's Outing

John Burningham

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Bu)

Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.

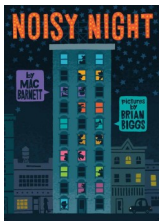


My Car

Byron Barton

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ba)

Sam describes in loving detail his car and how he drives it.

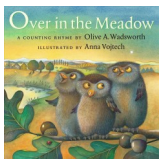


Noisy Night

Mac Barnett

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Barnett)

A clever picture book about a multi-level apartment building's occupants and their many nighttime noises.

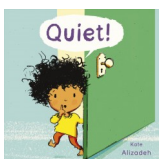


Over in the Meadow

Olive Wadsworth

(Juvenile Picture Books Nonfiction - Ej 398.8 Wa)

A tender song that describes the activities of various animals from one through ten.

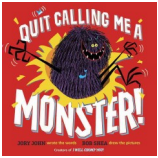


Quiet!

Kate Alizadeh

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Alizadeh)

Ssh! What's that noise? In this book the text and visual clues help a child experience the home through sound, which will be familiar to those children who are blind or partially sighted.



Quit Calling Me a Monster!

Jory John

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej John)

A young monster resents being called a monster.



Singing in the Rain

Tim Hopgood

(Juvenile Picture Book -- Ej Hopgood)

A picture book adaptation of the song Singing in the rain, which celebrates the glory of clouds and rain.

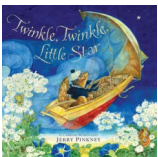


And the Train Goes--

William Bee

(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Be)

As passengers board, they add to the sound of the train, which goes "Clickerty click."

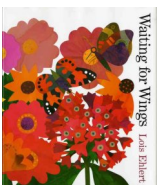


Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Jerry Pinkney

(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 821.7 Pin)

Glorious illustrations follow a dream-like story set to this familiar tune.

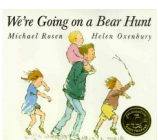


Waiting for Wings

Lois Ehlert

(Juvenile Picture Books Nonfiction - Ej 595.78 Ehl)

Bold illustrations depict the life of butterflies.

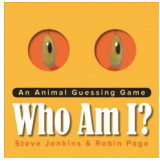


We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen

(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 398.2 We're Going Ros)

A family embarks on a bear hunt in this traditional chant.



Who Am I? An Animal Guessing Game

Steve Jenkins

(Juvenile Nonfiction -- J 590 Jen)

Readers are given clues about an animal's characteristics and must use them to guess the identity of the creature.

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