

30 Books

to read before you're 2!



I Went Walking
Written by Sue Machin
Illustrated by Julie Vivas
OMNIBUS BOOKS, 1989



Backyard Bugs
Written and illustrated by
Helen Milroy
FREMANTLE PRESS, 2021



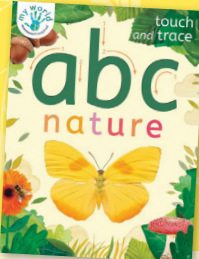
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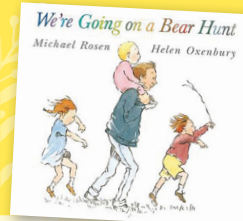
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Welcome Child!
Written and illustrated by
Sally Morgan
MAGABALA BOOKS, 2021



ABC Nature: Touch and Trace
Written by Nicola Edwards
Illustrated by Thomas Elliott
LITTLE TIGER PRESS, 2021



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Written by Michael Rosen
Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
WALKER BOOKS, 1989



Old Macdonald Had a Farm
Written and illustrated
by Matt Shanks
SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA, 2020



First Words With a Ladybird
Written by Dawn Sirett
Illustrated by Rachael Hare
DORLING KINDERSLEY, 2020



A is For Ant
Written and illustrated
by Kate Slater
DORLING KINDERSLEY, 2020



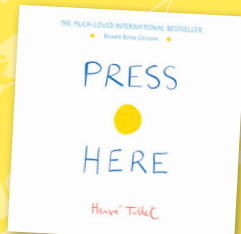
We Love You, Magoo
Written and illustrated
by Briony Stewart
PUFFIN BOOKS, 2020



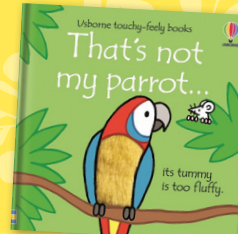
Baby Animals Black and White
Written and Illustrated by
Phyllis Limbacher Tildes
CHARLESBRIDGE PUBLISHING, 2014



Roo Knows Blue
Written and illustrated
by Renée Trembl
PUFFIN, 2020



Press Here
Written and illustrated by
Hervé Tullet
AGU CHILDREN, 2019



That's Not My Parrot
Written by Fiona Watt
Illustrated by Rachel Wells
USBORNE, 2021



Hello Hello
Written and illustrated by
Brendan Wenzel
CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2018

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

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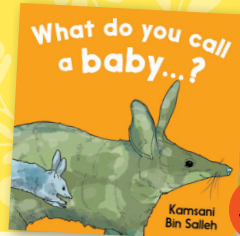
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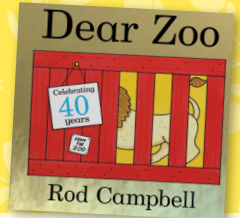
If your baby or toddler won't sit still for a whole book, that's ok! Make reading time short, often and happy!



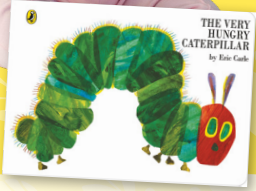
Baby Ways
Written by Nola Allen and Margaret Robson Kett
Photographs by Frances Adrijich
STATE LIBRARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2006



What Do You Call a Baby...?
Written and illustrated by Kamsani Bin Salleh
MAGABALA BOOKS, 2020



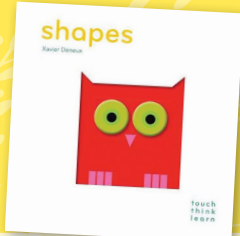
Dear Zoo
Written and illustrated by Rod Campbell
MACMILLAN'S CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 1982



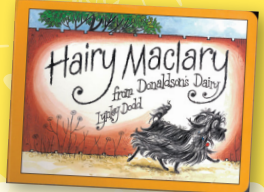
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Written and illustrated by Eric Carle
PUFFIN, 1969



At the Dog Park
Written and illustrated by Moira Court
FREMANTLE PRESS, 2020



Shapes
Written and illustrated by Xavier Deneux
CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2014



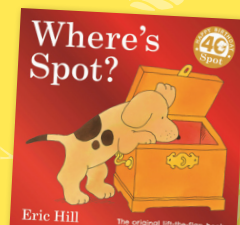
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy
Written and illustrated by Lynley Dodd
PUFFIN, 1983



Where is the Green Sheep?
Written by Mem Fox
Illustrated by Judy Horacek
PUFFIN, 2006



Let's Count Wildflowers
Written and illustrated by Tracey Gibbs
FREMANTLE PRESS, 2020



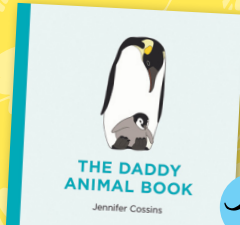
Where's Spot?
Written and illustrated by Eric Hill
PUFFIN, 1980



In the Bush I See
Written and illustrated by Kiara Honeychurch
MAGABALA BOOKS, 2019



Hands Can
Written by Cheryl Willis Hudson
Photographs by John-Francis Bourke
CANDLEWICK PRESS, 2007

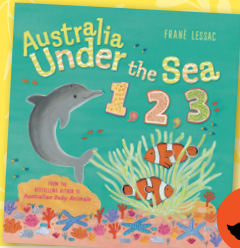


The Daddy Animal Book
Written and illustrated by Jennifer Cossins
LOTHIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2020

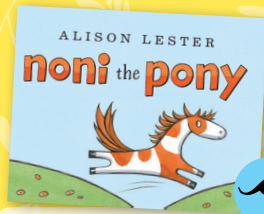


Ladybird Favourite Nursery Rhymes
LADYBIRD, 2018

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Australia Under the Sea 1, 2, 3
Written and illustrated by Frané Lessac
WALKER BOOKS AUSTRALIA, 2021



Noni the Pony
Written and illustrated by Alison Lester
A&U CHILDREN, 2010



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