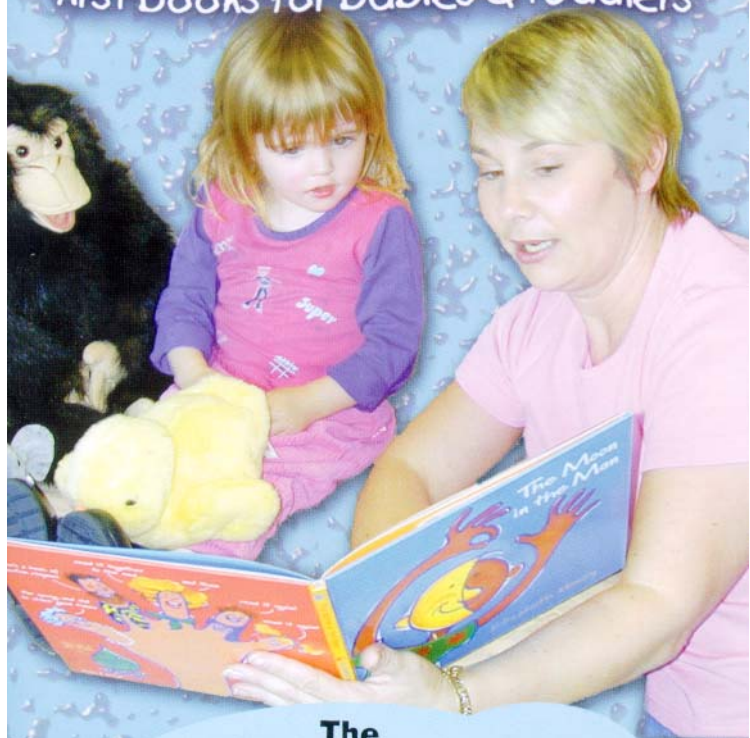


Better Beginnings

first books for babies & toddlers



**The
best time to begin
reading aloud to your baby is
the day it is born - try reading
some of these great books
available at your local
library**



First Books for Babies & Toddlers

A child is never too young for books. Books will develop your child's imagination and expand their world as well as providing a foundation for the development of reading skills.

This list provides a guide to some of the best books available for you to share with your child.

Board Books

Alborough, Jez

Hug

(Walker)

Ayliffe, Alex

Boo Barney

(Little Orchard)

Campbell, Rod

Bedtime

(Campbell)

Cousins, Lucy

Humpty Dumpty

(Campbell)

Glori, Debi

Where, oh where is baby bear?

(Orchard)

Board Books



Lousanda, Sandra

Baby faces

(Campbell)

Lester, Alison

Bibs & boots. Other titles include:

Crashing & splashing, and

Happy & sad

(Allen & Unwin)

My ABC Book

Other titles include:

Colours, Numbers, Seasons

(Lothian)

Oxenbury, Helen

Tickle, tickle. Other titles include:

Say goodnight, and

All fall down

(Walker)

Prater, John

Number one, tickle your tum

(Bodley Head)

Smee, Nicola.

Sleepyhead

(Campbell)



First experiences for Babies & Toddlers

Ahlberg, Janet & Allan
The babies catalogue
(Viking)

Cousins, Lucy
Maisy goes to playschool Other titles include:
Maisy's bathtime and bedtime
(Walker)

Garland, Sarah
Going shopping. Other titles include:
Doing the garden, and
Doing the washing
(Puffin)

Oxenbury, Helen
One day with Mum
(Walker)

Ross, Tony
I want my potty
(Andersen)

WATANABE, Shigeo
How do I put it on?
(Bodley Head)

Extensive
research has proven that
reading aloud to a child is the single
most important factor in raising a reader.

Jim Trelease in *The
Read-Aloud Handbook*

First experiences

First Rhymes

The ABC book of nursery rhymes
(ABC Books)

Brown, Marc
*Finger rhymes. Also try
Hand rhymes*
(Dutton)

The Collins book of nursery rhymes,
illustrated by Jonathan Langley
(Collins)

Cousins, Lucy
Lucy Cousins' book of nursery rhymes
(Macmillan)

The Dorling Kindersley book of nursery rhymes,
illustrated by Debi Gliori
(Dorling Kindersley)

The Kingfisher playtime treasury:
a collection of playground rhymes, games
and action songs, selected by Pie Corbett,
illustrated by Moira & Colin MacLean
(Kingfisher)

Michael Foreman's Mother Goose,
compiled and illustrated by Michael Foreman
(Walker)

The Mother Goose treasury,
illustrated by Raymond Briggs
(Hamish Hamilton)

My very first Mother Goose,
edited by Iona Opie,
illustrated by Rosemary Wells
(Walker)

This little Puffin,
edited by Elizabeth Matterson
(Puffin)

*The Walker book of read-aloud rhymes for
the very young, selected by Jack Prelutsky,
illustrated by Marc Brown*
(Walker)

Wojtowycz, David
I see the moon and other nursery rhymes
(Orchard)

*If every parent understood the huge
educational benefits and intense
happiness brought about by reading
aloud to their children, and if every
parent - and every adult caring for a
child - read aloud a minimum of three
stories a day to the children in their
lives, we could probably wipe out
illiteracy within one generation.*

Mem Fox in *Reading Magic*

Concept Books

Bang, Molly

Ten, nine, eight

(Mulberry)

Blake, Quentin

Cockatoos

(Cape)

Burningham, John

John Burningham's ABC also try
John Burningham's numbers book and
First steps: letters, numbers, colours,
opposites.

(Jonathan Cape)

Cousins, Lucy

Count with Maisy also try

Maisy's ABC and

Maisy's colours

(Walker)

Crews, Donald

Freight train

(Tupelo)

Hughes, Shirley

Lucy and Tom's ABC see also

Lucy and Tom's 123

(Gollancz)

Inkpen, Mick

Kipper's book of opposites also try

Kipper's book of colours, weather,

numbers, counting

(Hodder)

Wood, Jakki

Moo, moo, brown cow, have you any...

(ABC Books)



First Picture Books

Ahlberg, Janet

Each peach, pear, plum

(Viking)

Alborough, Jez

Where's my teddy?

(Walker)

Allen, Pamela

Who sank the boat?

(Puffin)

Blake, Quentin

Mr Magnolia

(Red Fox)

Brown, Margaret Wise

Goodnight moon

(Campbell)

Bruna, Dick

Miffy

(Methuen)



First Picture Books

Burningham, John

Mr Gumpy's outing Also try
Mr Gumpy's motor car

(Cape)

Carle, Eric

The very hungry caterpillar

(Hamish Hamilton)

Fox, Mem

Possum magic

(Omnibus)

Galdone, Paul

The three bears Also try

The three little pigs and other great
retellings of original tales.

(Houghton Mifflin)

Gray, Kes

Eat your peas

(Red Fox)

Hutchins, Pat

Rosie's walk

(Macmillan)

Machin, Sue

I went walking

(Omnibus)

Martin, Bill

Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?

(Hamish Hamilton)

McDonnell, Flora

I love animals

(Walker)

McKee, David

Elmer

(Andersen)

Ormerod, Jan

Sunshine Also try

Moonlight, the companion volume to this book

(Puffin)

Prater, John

The bear went over the mountain

(Bodley Head)

Rosen, Michael

We're going on a bear hunt

(Walker)

Sendak, Maurice

Where the wild things are

(Bodley Head)

Slobodkina, Esphyr

Caps for sale

(Harper & Row)

Tafari, Nancy

This is the farmer

(Greenwillow)

Tolstoy, Alexei

The great big, enormous turnip

(Puffin)

Vaughan, Marcia

Wombat stew

(Scholastic)

Vipont, Elfrida

The elephant and the bad baby

(Hamish Hamilton)

Waddell, Martin

Can't you sleep little bear?

(Walker)

Wood, Don

*The little mouse, the red strawberry and
the big hungry bear*

(Child's Play)

Novelty Books

**flaps, peepholes
& funny shapes**

Ahlberg, Janet & Allen
Peepo!
(Viking Kestrel)

Campbell, Rod
Buster's day Also try
Dear Zoo
(Campbell)

Fowler, Richard
Ladybird moves home
(Transworld)

Hill, Eric
Spot's first walk
(Heinemann)

Pienkowski, Jan
Oh my, a fly!
(Price Stern Sloan)

Weninger, Brigitte
Special delivery
(North-South Books)

Zelinski, Paul
Wheels on the bus
(Orchard)



Novelty Books

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share at your library -**

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your child today!**

