

* Diversity *

To build a positive sense of self, children need to see themselves, their families, and their cultural traditions in the books we read to them.

The Crayon Box That Talked

by Shane DeRolf, Random House, 1997

Feast for 10

by Cathryn Falwell, Clarion Books, 1993

American Babies

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2010

Mama, Do You Love Me?

by Barbara M. Jooisse, Chronicle Books, 1991

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors

by Hena Khan, Chronicle Books, 2012

Here Are My Hands

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, Henry Holt, 1987

Yum Yum Dim Sum

by Amy Wilson Sanger, Tricycle Press, 2003

Cradle Me

by Debby Slier, Star Bright Books, 2012

Carry Me

Star Bright Books, 2009

Fiesta Babies

by Carmen Tafolla, Tricycle Press, 2010

Fast and Slow

by Britta Teckentrup, Barefoot Books, 2013

* Nursery Rhymes *

Nursery rhymes are important for young children because they help develop an ear for the cadence and rhythm of language.

¡Pío Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes

by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy, HarperCollins/Rayo, 2003

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

by Caroline Jayne Church, Cartwheel Books, 2014

Baa Baa Black Sheep

by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2005

Itsy Bitsy Spider

by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2004

My Mother Goose

by David McPhail, Roaring Brook Press, 2013

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

by Iza Trapani, Charlesbridge, 1993

Chinese and English Nursery Rhymes: Share and Sing in Two Languages

by Faye-Lynn Wu, Tuttle, 2010 (audio CD included)

* Stories to Share *

There are so many wonderful stories to share with babies. Here are a few to get you started.

One Pup's Up

by Marsha Wilson Chall, Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2010

Rainbow Stew

by Cathryn Falwell, Lee & Low Books, 2013

Barnyard Banter

by Denise Fleming, Henry Holt, 1994

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

by Mem Fox, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008

Tip Tip Dig Dig

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2007

A Good Day

by Kevin Henkes, Greenwillow Books, 2007

Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji

by F. Zia, Lee & Low Books, 2011



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For more information, tips and posters
for babies please visit

www.ala.org/alsc/babiesneedwords

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Babies Need Words Every Day

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BOOKLIST



* American Sign Language *

Many families of hearing infants want to help their babies to communicate wants and needs with signs as a temporary bridge to oral language development. American Sign Language is important not only for the deaf community but also for hearing children who will be communicating with deaf relatives or friends.

Baby Signs for Animals

by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn, HarperFestival, 2003

My First Baby Signs

by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn, HarperFestival, 2002

Let's Sign, Baby! A Fun and Easy Way to Talk with Baby

by Kelly Ault, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010

Sign Language ABC

by Lora Heller, Sterling Children's Books, 2012

My First Signs

by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2005

* Books with Faces *

Babies are born predisposed to find faces interesting. Research has shown that an infant pays attention to human faces longer than anything else.

Baby ABC

by Deborah Donenfeld, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2013

American Babies

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2010

Global Baby Girls

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2013

Baby Faces

by Kate Merritt, Workman Publishing, 2012

I Love Colors

by Margaret Miller, Little Simon, 2009

All about Me!

by Dawn Sirett, DK Publishing, 2008

My Face Book

Star Bright Books, 2011

* Books with Playful Language *

When adults read aloud books with playful language, they encourage their young listeners to play with the sounds of language, too. This play supports language development and phonological awareness.

Moo, Baa, La La La!

by Sandra Boynton, Little Simon, 2012

The Babies on the Bus

by Karen Katz, Henry Holt, 2011

The Farmer's Away! Baa! Neigh!

by Anne Vittur Kennedy, Candlewick Press, 2014

Honk Honk! Beep Beep!

by Daniel Kirk, Hyperion, 2014

Trains Go

by Steve Light, Chronicle Books, 2012

Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?

by Dr. Seuss, Random House, 1970

Jazz Baby

by Lisa Wheeler, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007

* Books with Sharp Color Contrasts *

Color vision is not well developed at birth. This is why books with high-contrast pictures are the best choice when the goal is to interest infants in visual stimuli.

BLACK-AND-WHITE BOOKS

White on Black

by Tana Hoban, Greenwillow Books, 1993

Look Look!

by Peter Linenthal, Dutton, 1998

Look Look Outside!

by Peter Linenthal, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012

I Kissed the Baby!

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2003

Hello, Bugs!

by Smriti Prasadam, Tiger Tales, 2010

Checkers and Dot on the Farm

by J. Torres, Tundra Books, 2013

BOOKS WITH BRIGHT COLORS

My Bus

by Byron Barton, Greenwillow Books, 2014

My Very First Book of Colors

by Eric Carle, Philomel, 2005

Hooray for Fish!

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2005

Tap Tap Bang Bang

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2010

Toot Toot Beep Beep

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2008

Colors

by Orla Kiely, Henry Holt, 2012

Slow Snail

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2013

We're Going to the Farmers' Market

by Stefan Page, Chronicle Books, 2014

* Books to Manipulate *

As soon as they are able, young children are "hands-on" learners. Using books that they can rattle, touch, feel, lift the flaps on and explore not only engages their senses but also adds interest.

TOUCH-AND-FEEL BOOKS

The Big Out and About Book

by Georgie Birkett, Barron's, 2012

Touch and Feel: Bedtime

DK Publishing, 2014

Touch and Feel: Farm

DK Publishing, 2011

Peekaboo

by Giuliano Ferri, Minedition, 2015

LIFT-THE-FLAP BOOKS

Peekaboo Baby

by Sebastian Braun, Candlewick Press, 2012

Who Can Jump?

by Sebastian Braun, Candlewick Press, 2014

Dear Zoo

by Rod Campbell, Little Simon, 2007

Honk, Honk! Baa, Baa!

by Petr Horáček, Candlewick Press, 2014

Buzz, Buzz, Baby!

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2014

Where Is Baby's Puppy?

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2011

Zoom, Zoom, Baby!

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2014

Whose Toes Are Those?

by Sally Symes, Candlewick Press, 2012



* Common Objects to Identify * (First Words)

Infants are most interested in pictures of familiar things. Picture books that pair a picture of a single object with a word help children to learn new vocabulary.

Farm

by James Brown, Candlewick Press, 2011

Look at Baby's House!

by Peter Linenthal, Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2008

Baby Babble

by Kate Merritt, Workman Publishing, 2012

First 100 Words

by Roger Priddy, Priddy Books, 2011

Trucks Trucks Trucks

by Peter Sis, Greenwillow Books, 2004

Peek-a-WHO?

by Nina Laden, Chronicle Books, 2000

At the Beach

by Salina Yoon, Feiwel & Friends, 2011

* Concepts *

Concept books are instructional books that help children start to label and identify their world. The best of these books teach and entertain children at the same time.

Maisy's First Colors

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2013

Maisy's First Numbers

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2013

Baby's Shapes

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2010

My Turn to Learn Numbers

by Natalie Marshall, Little, Brown Kids, 2013

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, Simon & Schuster, 1989

Quick Duck!

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2013

Count!

National Geographic Children's Books, 2011

Baby Parade

by Rebecca O'Connell, Albert Whitman & Company, 2013

Butterfly Colors and Counting

by Jerry Pallotta, Charlesbridge, 2013

Quiet, Loud

by Leslie Patricelli, Candlewick Press, 2003

* Daily Routines *

Here is a list of stories featuring the daily routines of babies.

I'm Not Sleepy!

by Jonathan Allen, Boxer Books, 2012

The Going to Bed Book

by Sandra Boynton, Little Simon, 2012

Llama Llama, Nighty-Night

by Anna Dewdney, Viking, 2012

Llama Llama, Wakey-Wake

by Anna Dewdney, Viking, 2012

Go Baby Go

by Marilyn Janovitz, Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2011

Brush, Brush, Brush!

by Alicia Padron, Children's Press, 2010

Mealtime

by Elizabeth Verdick, Free Spirit Publishing, 2011