

## **Books to Grow On**

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### **0-6 MONTHS**

Explores the world through the senses-in relation to books, use of seeing faces and objects and hearing sounds.

**All Fall Down.** Oxenbury, Helen. Little Simon, 1999

*Animal Crackers: Bedtime.* Dyer, Jane. Little, Brown, 1998 - DO

**Baby Animals: Black and White.** Tildes, Phyllis L. Charlesbridge, 1998

**Baby Rock, Baby Roll.** Blackstone, Stella. Illustrated by Denise and Fernando Azevedo. Holiday House, 1997 - DO

**Big Fat Hen.** Keith Baker. Harcourt, 1994

**Black on White.** Hoban, Tana. Greenwillow, 1993

**Blue Hat, Green Hat.** Boynton, Sandra. Little Simon, 1984

**How a Baby Grows.** Buck, Nola. HarperCollins, 1998

**I Love Colors.** Miller, Margaret. Simon & Schuster, 1999

**Max.** Wilson-Max, Ken. Jump at the Sun, 1998

*My First Baby Games.* Manning, Jane. HarperCollins, 2001- DO

**My Very First Mother Goose.** Opie, Iona, ed. Illustrated by Rosemary Wells. Candlewick, 1996

**Peek-A-Boo!** Ahlberg, Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Viking, 1990

### **6-12 MONTHS**

Increasing exploration with hands-able to reach for books, touch and feel pictures; prefers pictures of faces, begins to vocalize.

**Animal Kisses.** Saltzberg, Barney. Red Wagon, 2000 - DO

**Baby's Lap Book.** Chora, Kay. Dutton, 1991

**Brown Sugar Babies.** Smith, Charles. Jump at the Sun, 2000

**Goodnight Moon.** Brown, Margaret Wise. HarperCollins, 1947

**I Can.** Oxenbury, Helen. Candlewick, 1995

**I Smell Honey.** Pinkney, Andrea. Illustrated by Brian J. Pinkney. Red Wagon, 1997

**Maybe, My Baby.** O'Book, Irene. Illustrated by Paula Tible. HarperCollins, 1998

**My Colors (Mis Colores).** Emberly, Rebecca. Little, Brown, 2000 - DO

**Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe.** Hoban, Tana. Greenwillow, 1986

**Time for Bed.** Fox, Mem. Illustrated by Jane Dyer. Harcourt, 1993

**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.** Winter, Jeanette. Red Wagon, 2000 - DO

**Welcome, Baby! Baby Rhymes for Baby Times.** Calmenson, Stephanie. HarperCollins, 2002

**Where's the Baby?** Paxton, Tom. Illustrated by Mark Graham. Morrow Avon, 1993

## **12 -18 MONTHS**

Able to hold a book with help, turn pages, point at pictures, and make sounds for a particular picture.

**The Bear Went Over the Mountain.** Wells, Rosemary. Scholastic, 1998

**Big Dog and Little Dog.** Pilkey, Dav. Harcourt, 1997

**Count with Maisy.** Cousins, Lucy, Candlewick, 1997

**Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z.** Ehlert, Lois. Harcourt, 1989

**The Everything Book.** Fleming, Denise. Henry Holt, 2000

**Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.** Christelow, Eileen. Clarion, 1989

**Freight Train.** Crews, Donald. Greenwillow, 1978

**Itsy Bitsy Spider.** Wells, Rosemary. Scholastic, 1998

**Jamberry.** Degen, Bruce. HarperCollins, 1992

**My First Action Rhymes.** *pictures by Lynne Cravath.* HarperCollins, 2000 - DO

**Pat the Bunny.** Kunhardt, Dorothy. Golden, 1942

**Rabbit's Bedtime,** *Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth.* Houghton Mifflin, 1999 - DO

**Read to Your Bunny.** Wells, Rosemary. Scholastic, 1997

**Sheep in a Jeep.** Shaw, Nancy. Illustrated by Margot Apple. Houghton Mifflin, 1986

**Ten, Nine, Eight.** Bang, Molly Garrett. Greenwillow, 1983

**Tom and Pippo Read a Story.** Oxenbury, Helen. Simon and Schuster, 1998

**Where Is My Baby?** Ziefert, Harriet and Simms Taback. Handprint, 2002

**Where's Spot?** Hill, Eric. G. P. Putnam, 1980

**You Are My Perfect Baby.** Thomas, Joyce Carol. Photos by Nneka Bennett. Joanna Cotler, 1999

**Zoom City.** Hurd, Thatcher. HarperCollins, 1998

## **18 MONTHS - 3 YEARS**

Able to name familiar pictures, turn one page at a time, and carry a book around the house. Able to concentrate on simple stories, but still needs a great deal of one-on-one interaction and physical activity.

**Be Gentle!** Miller, Virginia. Candlewick, 1999

**Book!** George, Kristine O'Connell George. Illustrated by Maggie Smith. Clarion, 2001

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** Martin, Bill Jr. and Eric Carle. Henry Holt, 1992

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.** Martin, Bill Jr. and John Archambault. Illustrated by Lois Ehlert. Little Simon, 1989

**Color Zoo.** Ehlert, Lois. HarperCollins, 1989

**Come Along, Daisy!** Simmons, Jane. Little, Brown, 1998

**Construction Zone.** Hoban, Tana. Greenwillow, 1997

**Dinosaur Roar!** Stickland, Paul and Henrietta Stickland. Dutton, 1994

**Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs.** Barton, Byron. HarperCollins, 1989

**Hello, Lulu.** Uff, Caroline. Walker. 1999

**How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?** Yolen, Jane. Illustrated by Mark Teague. Blue Sky, 2000

**In the Tall, Tall Grass.** Fleming, Denise. Henry Holt, 1991

**Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?** Carlstrom, Nancy White. Illustrated by Bruce Degen. Simon and Schuster, 1986

**Little White Duck.** Zaritsky, Bernard and Walt Whippo. Little, Brown, 2000

**Maisy's ABC.** Cousins, Lucy. Candlewick, 1995

**Max's First Word.** Wells, Rosemary. Dial, 1998

**"More More More," Said the Baby.** Williams, Vera. Greenwillow, 1990

**Mouse Mess.** Riley, Linnea A. Scholastic, 1997

**On Mother's Lap.** Scott, Ann Herbert. Clarion, 1992

**Silly Little Goose!** Tafuri, Nancy. Scholastic, 2001

**The Tale of Peter Rabbit.** Potter Beatrix. Warne, 1999

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar.** Carle, Eric. Philomel, 1981

**The Wheels on the Bus.** Raffi. Illustrated by Sylvie K. Wickstrom. Random House, 1998

**You're Just What I Need.** Krauss, Ruth. Illustrated by Julia Noonan. HarperCollins, 1998