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Books for Birth to 2 Year olds:

During their first few months of life, babies enjoy books as they listen to the “rhythm of language,” not understanding the words but hearing patterns of sounds and intonation. Countless studies show that children who are read to from an early age tend to talk earlier, read better and think in more complex ways, than those whose parents don’t read to them regularly.

Take the opportunity for cuddle time as you read expressively with your voice and facial expressions. You can read the book or pause to talk about the pictures. Both are valuable language learning experiences for your child.

Soft, Cloth Books:

Fuzzy Bee and Friends by Priddy Books
Peekaboo, I Love You by Lamaze
Eebee’s Laundry Time Adventures by eebee toys
Eebee’s Peek-a-Boo Adventures by eebee toys
Moo Cow Book by Sandra Boynton

Simple Pictures of Familiar Things:

Happy Baby Words by Roger Priddy
Goodnight Baby by DK Publishing
Early Words by Richard Scarry
Whose Toes Are Those? By Jabari Asim
Joy by Joyce Carol Thomas

Baby Theme:

Baby Talk by DK Publishing
Baby Pets by Margaret Miller
Baby Faces
Babies by Gyo Fujikawa

Opposites:

Kipper’s Book of Opposites by Mike Inkpen
Max’s Ride by Rosemary Wells
Quiet Loud by Leslie Patricelli

Big Little

Simple stories:

Hooray for Fish by Lucy Cousins
Baby Can't Sleep by Lisa Schroeder
Squeaky Clean by Simon Puttock
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Wibbly Pig Opens Her Presents by Mike Inkpen
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Bathtime Boots by Satoshi Kitamura
Dinosaur Roar! By Paul and Henrietta Strickland
Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
Each Peach Pear Plum, by Allan Ahlsberg and Janet Ahlsberg
What Shall We Do with Boo Hoo Baby? By Cressida Cowell
Max' Bedtime by Rosemary Wells
Maisy Takes a Bath by Lucy Cousins

Longer story books that have lots of rhythm and rhyme:

Giraffes Can't Dance by Andrade and Parker-Rees
Rumble in the Jungle

Eric Carle:

Brown Bear Brown Bear by Eric Carle
Polar Bear Polar Bear
From Head to Toe
Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?

Sandra Boynton:

Moo, Baa, La, La, La
Barnyard Dance
The Going to Bed Book
Snuggle Puppy
Pajama Time

ABC's:

Chicka Chicka ABC by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
Max's ABC by Rosemary Wells
A to Z by Sandra Boynton

Sign Language:

A First Guide to Baby Signing by Amazing Baby
My First Signs by Child's Play
My Baby Can Talk, First Signs

Books to sing to:

The Eensy Weensy Spider by Hoberman and Westcott

Old MacDonald by Rosemary Wells

Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley

Skip to My Lou by Nadine Westcott

Wheels on the Bus by Paul O Zelinsky

If You're Happy and You Know It by Child's Play

10 Little Fingers by Child's Play

Five Little Monkeys by Steve Haskamp

Traditional Nursery Rhymes:

The Real Mother Goose Board Book by Scholastic

Tomie's Little Mother Goose by Tomie dePaola

Humpty Dumpty and Other Rhymes by Rosemary Wells

Vehicles in the context of people:

Trains by Byron Barton (simple pictures that relate the vehicles to people)

Trucks

Boats

Airplanes

Truck Duck by Michael Rex

Fun with Few Words:

Dressing by Helen Oxenbury

I Can

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

Books that have fun with sounds:

Snuggle Me Snuggly by Karen Baiker (lots of fun with rhymes and sounds)

Wakety Wake

Yum Tum Tickly

Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You? by Dr. Seuss

I Hear by Ogle and Thoburn

Surprise:

Peek-a-Pet by Marie Torres Cimarusti

Peek-a-Moo

Peek-a-Zoo

Peekaboo Kisses by Barney Saltzberg

Animal Kisses

Noisy Kisses

Toes, Ears and Nose! By Karen Katz

Where is Baby's Belly Button?

Ten Tiny Ticks

Books with textures:

Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings by Matthew Van Fleet
Fuzzy, Fuzzy, Fuzzy by Sandra Boynton
Touch and Feel Farm by DK Publishing
Touch and Feel Pets
Mc Duff's Favorite Things by Rosemary Wells

Interactive Books:

Snappy Little Bugs
Snappy Little Farmyard by Claire Nielson and Dug Steer
(also Snappy Pets, Colors and Families)
Who's on the Farm? By Gondek (flap book)
Piggy in My Pocket by Hui-Mei Pan
What's in Grandma's Grocery Bag? By Hui-Mei Pan
Tails by Matthew Van Fleet
Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
Go, Maisy Go by Lucy Cousins
Where Does Maisy Live?
Maisy Goes to the Playground
Maisy's Flap Book
Big Bugs Pop Up by Scholastic
Who is Peek a Boo? By Jelly Kitten
My Cat Book
Where, oh Where is Kipper Bear? By Inkpen