* 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. Joosse, 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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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 Goo dwyn, 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 Sebastien Braun, Candlewick Press, 2012

Who Can Jump?
by Sebastien 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 Sís, 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

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