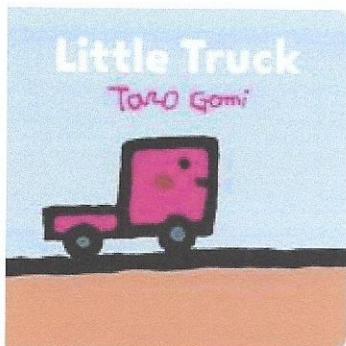


# Best books for babies 0-12 months



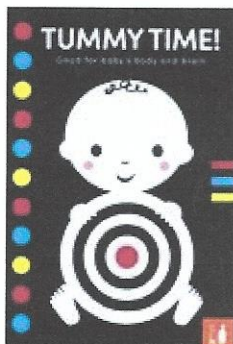
Babies love snuggling up close with you and listening to the sound of your voice.

Newborn babies in particular often love high-contrast images such as black-and-white patterns. As they get a little bit older, they're likely to be fascinated by photos of other babies and gentle rhymes.

Here's a selection of fantastic books to try with your baby.

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Best Books for 1-year-olds; Best Books for 2-year-olds; Best Books for 3-year-olds; Best Books for 4-year-olds; Best Books for 5-year-olds



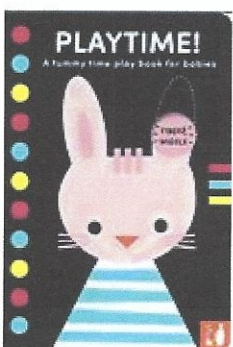
## Tummy Time!

**Author:** n/a

**Interest level:** 0-1

**Reading age:**

This lovely stand-up book contains pictures of a variety of baby faces and two mirrors. Ideal for tummy time, babies can look at t...



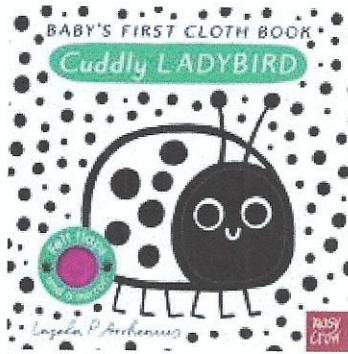
## Playtime: A Tummy Time Play Book for Babies

**Author:** Mama Makes Books

**Interest level:** 0-1

**Reading age:**

A delightful book to play with when it's propped in front of a baby.



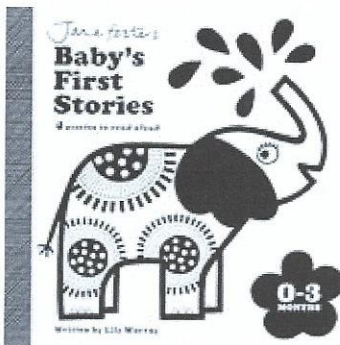
## Cuddly Ladybird

**Author:** Ingela P. Arrhenius

**Interest level:** 2-3

**Reading age:**

Lift the colourful felt flaps to reveal black and white animals. This cuddly cloth book is perfect for sharing with little babies ...



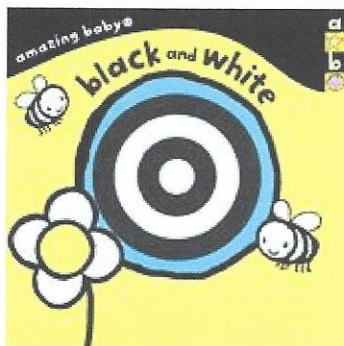
## Baby's First Stories

**Author:** Lily Murray **Illustrator:** Jane Foster

**Interest level:** 0-1

**Reading age:**

A charming board book for babies from birth to three months old. Great for encouraging the early bonding experiences between careg...



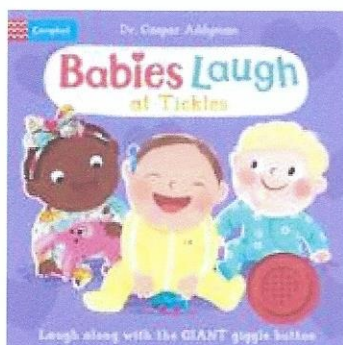
## Amazing Baby: Black and White

**Author:** Emma Dodd

**Interest level:** 0-1

**Reading age:**

Turn the cut-out pages of this excellent black-and-white baby book and discover spotty frogs, stripy bees and even a sleepy teddy ...



## Babies Laugh at Ticks

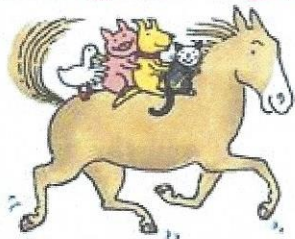
**Author:** Dr Caspar Addyman **Illustrator:** Ania Simeone

**Interest level:** 2-3

**Reading age:**

A delightful board book depicting lots of giggling babies. With an irresistible sound button to press.

## Clip-Clop!



Nicola Smee

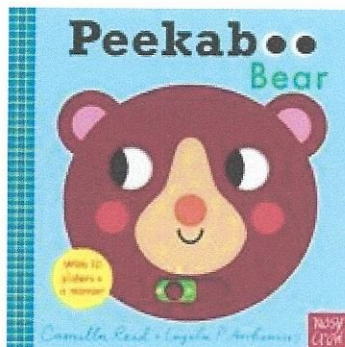
### Clip-Clop

**Author:** Nicola Smee

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

Cat, Dog, Pig and Duck all want a ride on Mr Horse. Once on board, they want to go faster and faster.. but will that lead to disas...



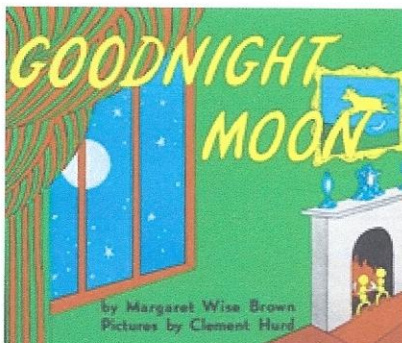
### Peekaboo Bear

**Author:** Camilla Reid **Illustrator:** Ingela P Arrhenius

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

Add new elements to a game of peekaboo with this exciting board book that has 9 sliders and a mirror for hours of interactive enjo...



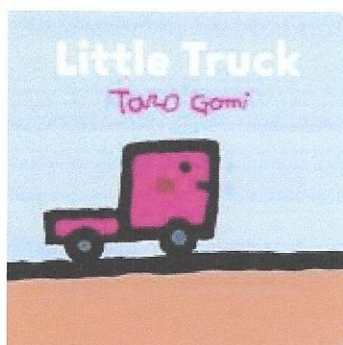
### Goodnight Moon

**Author:** Margaret Wise Brown & Clement Hurd

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

Margaret Wise Brown's comforting, rhythmical text makes *Goodnight Moon* a timeless picture book, which is known and loved around th...



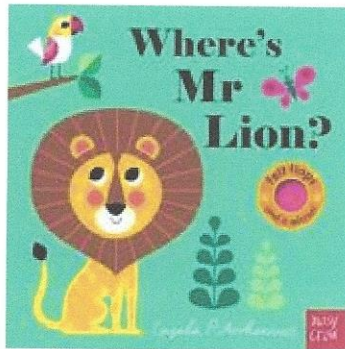
### Little Truck

**Author:** Taro Gomi

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

Little Truck is eager to get ahead but he needs the help of his ever-watchful parent when he gets tired. A cute and concise story ...



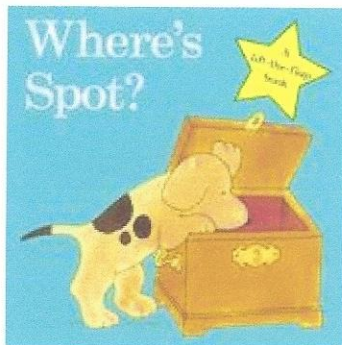
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**Interest level:** 0-2

**Reading age:**

Five beautifully illustrated spreads show a series of friendly savannah animals hiding behind bright felt flaps. You're in for a t...



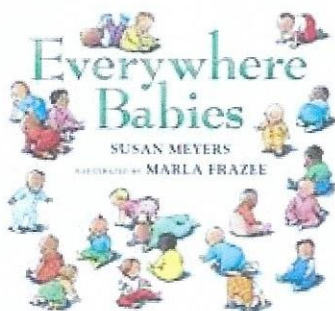
### Where's Spot?

**Author:** Eric Hill

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

This adorable board book about Spot the dog is the first in the Spot series



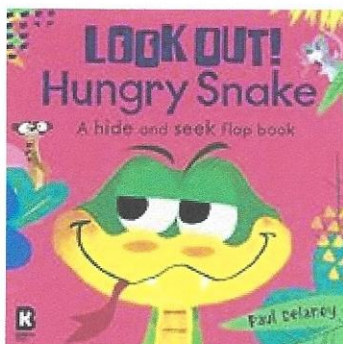
### Everywhere Babies

**Author:** Susan Meyers **Illustrator:** Marla Frazee

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

This gorgeous board book follows all sorts of babies – 'small babies, tall babies, winter and spring babies' – over the cours...



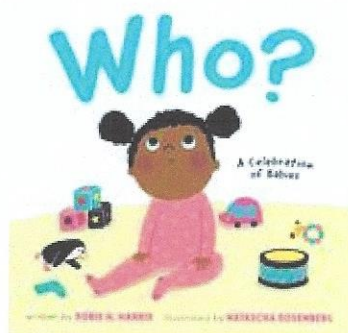
### Look Out! Hungry Snake: A hide-and-see flap book

**Author:** Paul Delaney

**Interest level:** 0-1

**Reading age:**

This lovely lift-the-flap book – with good, thick pages and flaps– is colourful and playful, and introduces little ones...



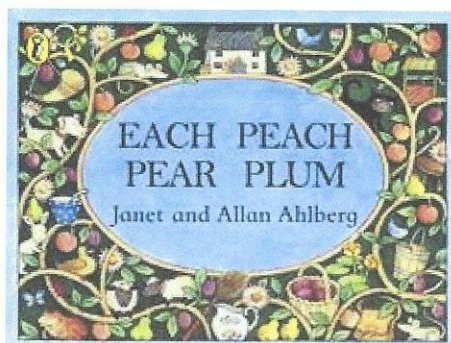
### Who?

**Author:** Robie H Harris **Illustrator:** Natascha Rosenberg

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

This board book will delight babies who love to look at pictures of other babies. Each page asks 'Who?' and then answers with a di...



### Each Peach Pear Plum

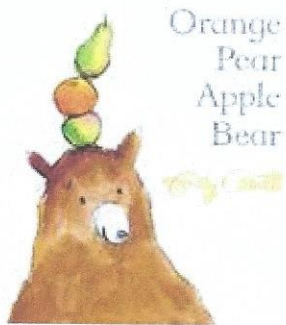
**Author:** Allan Ahlberg **Illustrator:** Janet Ahlberg

**Interest level:** 0-4

**Reading age:**

This classic book from author and illustrator team Janet and Allan Ahlberg is a real favourite with families

# Best books for 1-year-olds



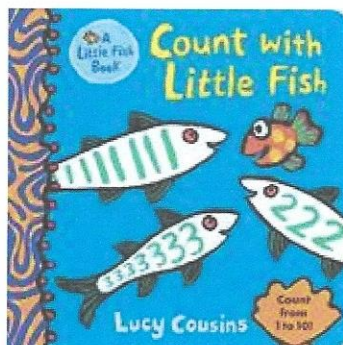
Toddlers at this age are often getting better at using their hands, so they'll love board books with flaps and trying to turn the pages.

They love listening to you, so why not try out some silly animal noises and books with fun rhymes?

Here are some of our favourite books for sharing with 1-year-olds.

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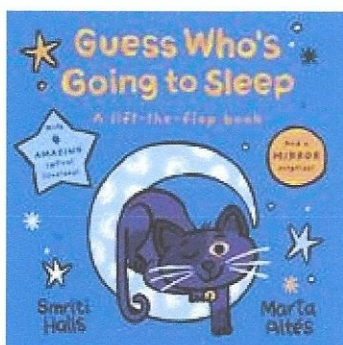
## Count with Little Fish

**Author:** Lucy Cousins

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

Lucy Cousins brings her bold and bright illustrations to a set of books for babies featuring fish. This sturdy board book counts f...



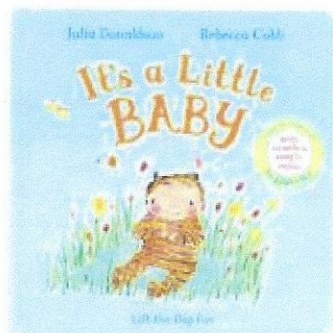
## Guess Who's Going to Sleep

**Author:** Smriti Halls **Illustrator:** Marta Altés

**Interest level:** 2-3

**Reading age:**

Lift the flap board book with optical illusions



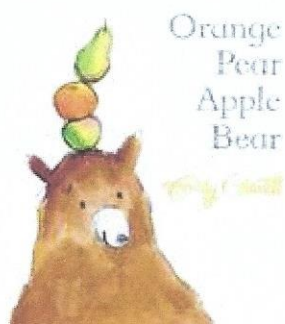
### It's A Little Baby

**Author:** Julia Donaldson **Illustrator:** Rebecca Cobb

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

This is a really simple and fun book to read, encouraging interaction between the book and the child, and the reader and little on...



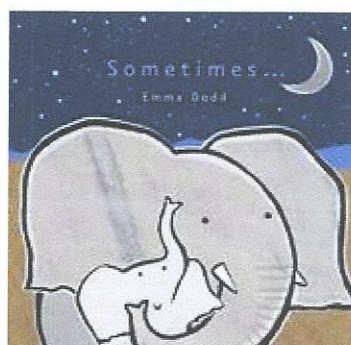
### Orange Pear Apple Bear

**Author:** Emily Gravett

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

Emily Gravett's colourful yet sparse illustrations cleverly depict a bumbling bear interacting in many different and imaginative w...



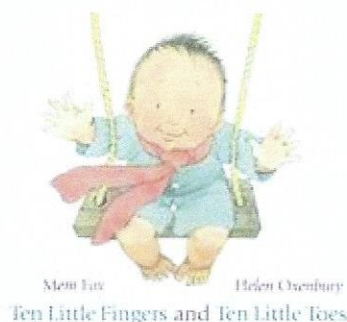
### Sometimes

**Author:** Emma Dodd

**Interest level:** 1-4

**Reading age:**

This is a warm book about unconditional love. A perfect book for encouraging children to do what they want with reassuring support...



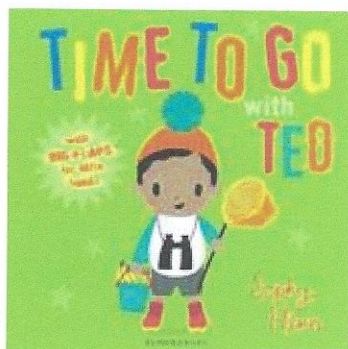
### Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

**Author:** Mem Fox **Illustrator:** Helen Oxenbury

**Interest level:**

**Reading age:**

With beautiful illustrations of babies born all over the world and gentle rhyming text, this charming book is perfect for sharing ...



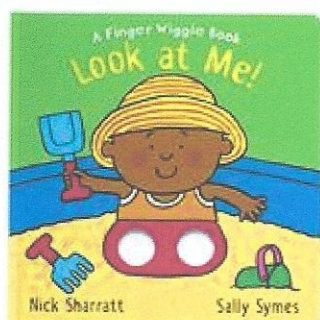
### **Time to Go with Ted**

**Author:** Sophy Henn

**Interest level:** 0-3

**Reading age:**

Teeny hands will love turning the flaps of this adorable board book about the very keen and creative Ted on his daily outings.&nbs...



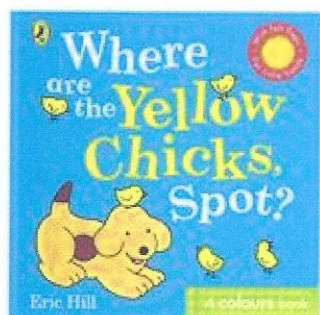
### **Finger Wiggle Book: Look at Me**

**Author:** Sally Symes illustrations by Nick Sharratt

**Interest level:**

**Reading age:**

This special edition for BookTrust includes Nick Sharratt's brilliant, bright, accessible and diverse illustrations and a rhyming ...



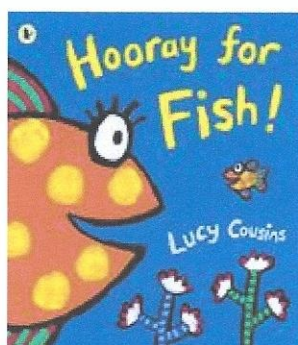
### **Where Are the Yellow Chicks, Spot?**

**Author:** Eric Hill

**Interest level:**

**Reading age:**

With each page themed to a different colour (yellow hay, green hedge, red gate), this simple and accessible hide-and-seek book off...



### **Hooray for Fish!**

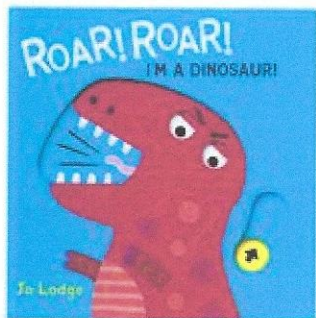
**Author:** Lucy Cousins

**Interest level:** 0-4

**Reading age:**

Lucy Cousins gently introduces first concepts: simple colours, spots and stripes, being happy and grumpy, counting one two three, ...





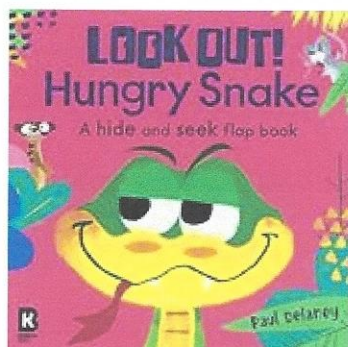
### **Roar! Roar! I'm a Dinosaur!**

**Author:** Jo Lodge

**Interest level:** 1-3

**Reading age:**

Meet some brightly coloured dinosaurs in this interactive board book where little ones can push the tabs on each page to bring the...



### **Look Out! Hungry Snake: A hide-and-seek flap book**

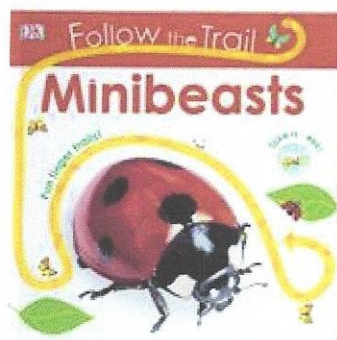
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# Best books for 2-year-olds



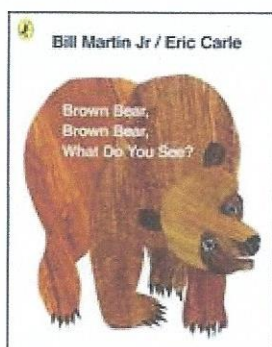
Two-year-olds can often follow a simple story and love joining in with lively actions or guessing what will happen on the next page.

Stories are a fantastic - and fun - way to introduce toddlers to everyday activities, too.

Here's our pick of brilliant books we think your child will love.

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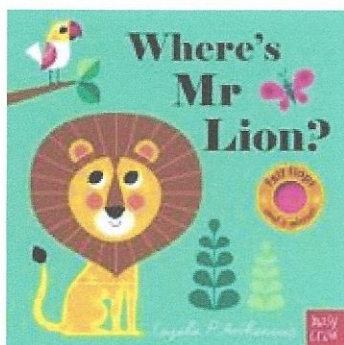
## Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

**Author:** Bill Martin Jr **Illustrator:** Eric Carle

**Interest level:** 2-5

**Reading age:**

An all-time favourite that introduces different colours through simple text, presented in a satisfyingly repetitive pattern.



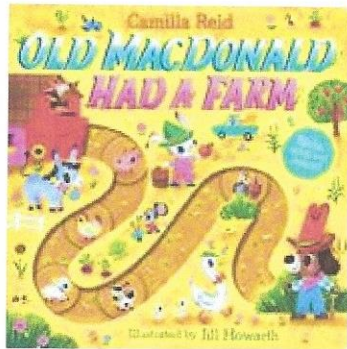
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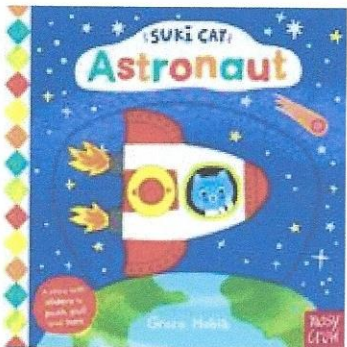
## Old Macdonald Had a Farm

**Author:** Camilla Reid **Illustrator:** Jill Howarth

**Interest level:** 2-3

**Reading age:**

Young children will love singing along to the familiar nursery rhyme Old Macdonald while learning to count to five in this delight...



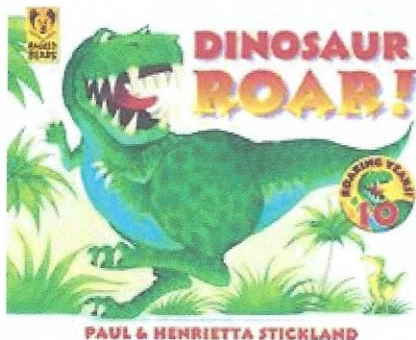
## Suki Cat Astronaut

**Author:** Grace Habib

**Interest level:** 2-3

**Reading age:**

Help Suki zoom to the moon by pushing and pulling the sliders. Interactive and with charming illustrations, this would be perfect ...



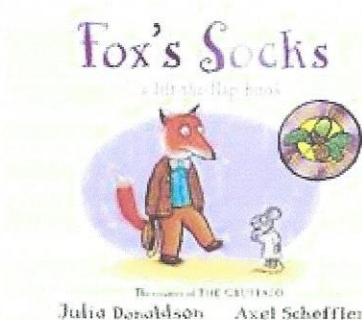
## Dinosaur Roar!

**Author:** Henrietta Stickland **Illustrator:** Paul Stickland

**Interest level:** 1-4

**Reading age:**

This book is an absolute winner, which soon has toddlers joining in with the rhyming words - and admiring the fabulous dinosaur pi...



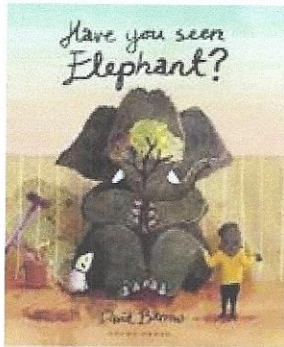
## Fox's Socks

**Author:** Julia Donaldson **Illustrator:** Axel Scheffler

**Interest level:** 1-4

**Reading age:**

Mr Fox has lost his socks! Where could they be? A 'getting dressed' book, a hide-and-seek book and a lift-the-flap book, all rolle...



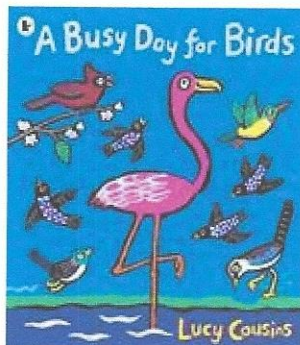
## Have You Seen Elephant?

**Author:** David Barrow

**Interest level:** 2-5

**Reading age:**

This hilarious book - about an elephant who wants to play hide and seek - will delight children and adults with its offbeat humour...



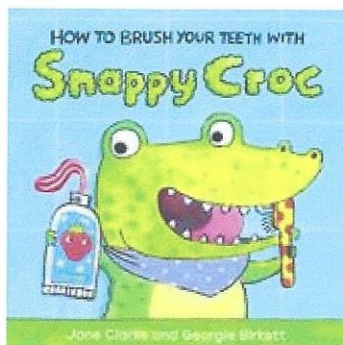
## A Busy Day for Birds

**Author:** Lucy Cousins

**Interest level:** 2-5

**Reading age:**

This is a bright, lively book, full of cheerful rhyme about the many different kinds of birds in the world. It is drawn with very ...



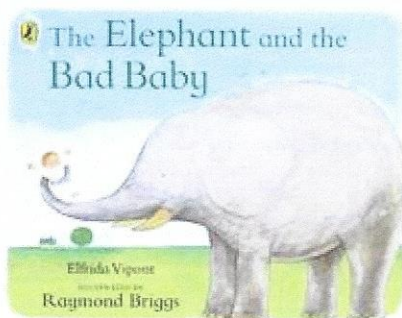
## How to Brush Your Teeth with Snappy Croc

**Author:** Jane Clarke **Illustrator:** Georgie Birkett

**Interest level:** 1-3

**Reading age:**

The little girl in this delightful board book takes Snappy Croc through each teeth-cleaning step: from squeezing out the toothpaste...



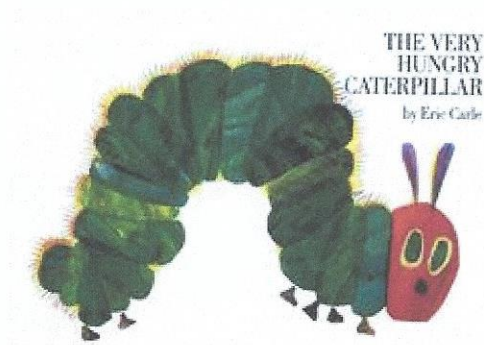
## The Elephant and the Bad Baby

**Author:** Elfrida Vipont **Illustrator:** Raymond Briggs

**Interest level:** 1-3

**Reading age:**

One day, an elephant offers a baby a ride through the town, and they set off on a great adventure.



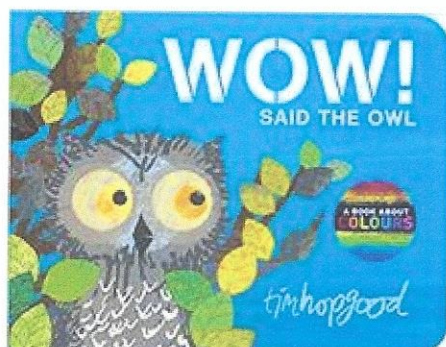
## The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**Author:** Eric Carle

**Interest level:** 2-5

**Reading age:**

Little fingers will love to follow the very hungry caterpillar as he munches his way through the pages of this classic, colourful,...



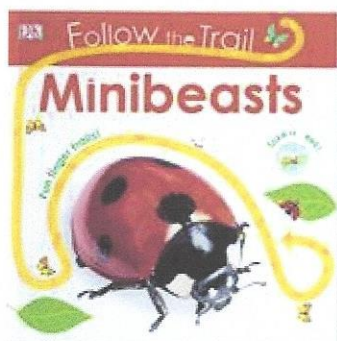
## WOW! Said the Owl

**Author:** Tim Hopgood

**Interest level:** 2-5

**Reading age:**

Everyone knows that owls are nocturnal but one curious little owl decides to take a long nap at night so she can stay awake during...



## Follow the Trail: Minibeasts

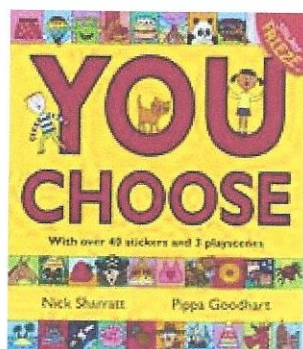
**Author:** DK

**Interest level:**

**Reading age:**

This fun book offers lots of interaction, from the trails (which are great for fine motor skills and getting used to tracing, a pr...

# Best books for 3-year-olds

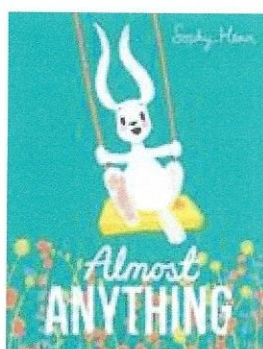


When children reach three, they can often follow slightly longer stories but they will still love listening to their old favourites again and again - they might even be able to retell them to you!

Here are some picture books we think would be perfect for storytime with your 3-year-old.

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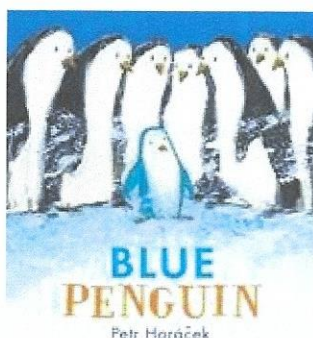
## Almost Anything

**Author:** Sophy Henn

**Interest level:** 2-5

**Reading age:**

Sophy Henn has the perfect touch when it comes to tapping into childhood emotions and readers both young and old will relate to Ge...



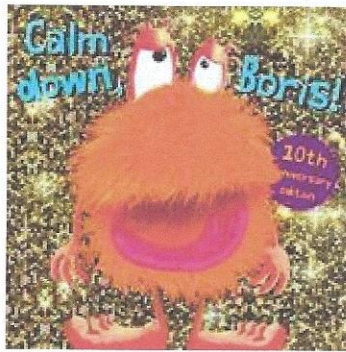
## Blue Penguin

**Author:** Petr Horáček

**Interest level:** 3-5

**Reading age:**

Blue Penguin wants to belong. But how does he convince the other penguins that he is just like them? A touching story about friend...



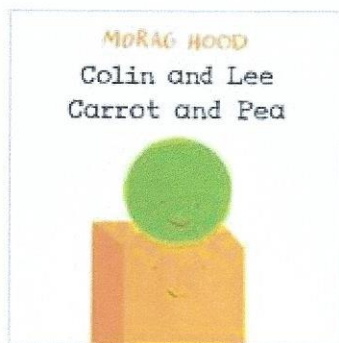
### **Calm Down, Boris!**

**Author:** Sam Lloyd

**Interest level:** 2-4

**Reading age:**

This interactive book comes complete with a Boris puppet making it perfect for sharing.



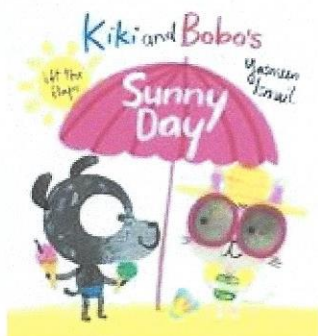
### **Colin and Lee: Carrot and Pea**

**Author:** Morag Hood

**Interest level:** 3-5

**Reading age:**

Colin is a carrot, and Lee is a pea. An amusing and deceptively simple look at friendship and difference, this is a lovely book fo...



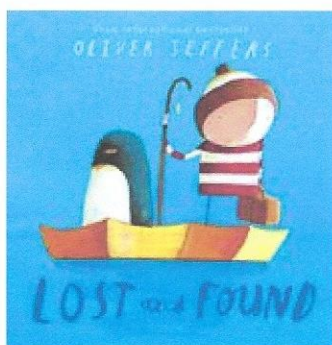
### **Kiki and Bobo's Sunny Day**

**Author:** Yasmeen Ismail

**Interest level:** 3-5

**Reading age:**

Kiki and Bobo have decided to go to the seaside for the day. A lovely book with bright, welcoming illustrations and clever lift-th...



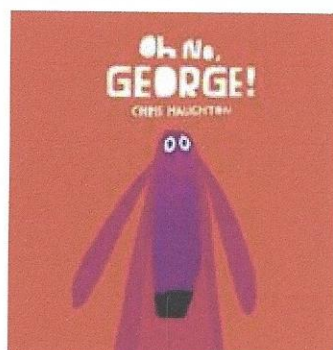
### **Lost and Found**

**Author:** Oliver Jeffers

**Interest level:** 3-5

**Reading age:**

Once there was a sad, lonely penguin who appeared at the door of a young boy. The boy decided he must be lost, so he set off to fi...



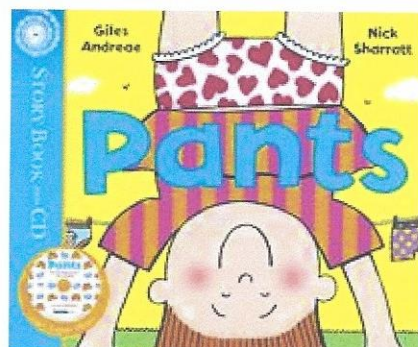
## Oh No, George!

**Author:** Chris Haughton

**Interest level:** 2-4

**Reading age:**

George is a dog with a big personality and he LOVES cake, rubbish bins and chasing Cat.



## Pants

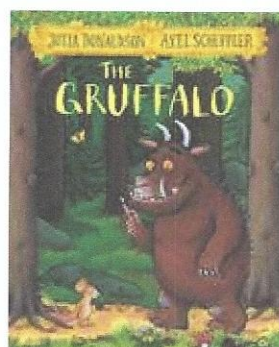
**Author:** Giles Andreae **Illustrator:** Nick Sharratt

**Interest level:** 1-5

**Reading age:**

From hairy pants, scary pants and fairy pants, to loose pants, tight pants and lighting up at night pants, this must-have picture

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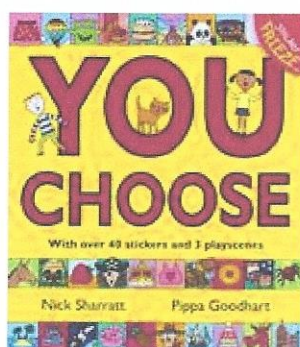
## The Gruffalo

**Author:** Julia Donaldson **Illustrator:** Axel Scheffler

**Interest level:** 1-5

**Reading age:**

In this much-loved picture book, a little mouse walks through the woods and encounters a fox, an owl and a snake.



## You Choose!

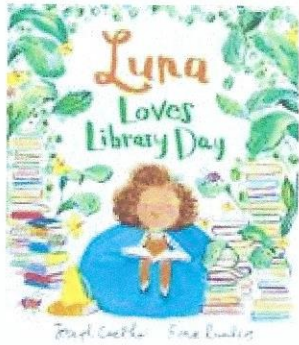
**Author:** Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt

**Interest level:** 3-7

**Reading age:**

Create your own story with this brilliant interactive book full of detailed, colourful illustrations.





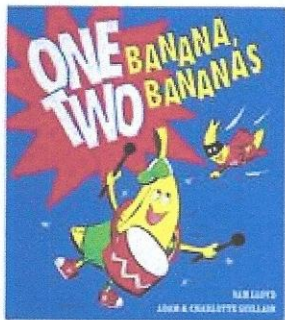
### **Luna Loves Library Day**

**Author:** Joseph Coelho **Illustrator:** Fiona Lumbers

**Interest level:** 3-6

**Reading age:** 5+

From the talented poet Joseph Coelho, this charming picture book highlights the wonders of libraries for families and communities....



### **One Banana, Two Bananas**

**Author:** Adam and Charlotte Guillain **Illustrator:** Sam Lloyd

**Interest level:**

**Reading age:**

It's party time in Banana Bungalow! One banana, two bananas, three bananas, four... Eight bananas in pyjamas are bouncing on the bed...