

Books for Two and Three Year Olds



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The books listed here are excellent examples of the types of topics and formats that are appropriate for children ages two and three. Books can go out of print quickly; if you are unable to find some of these books, ask your librarian to recommend similar titles.

Predictable Stories

- Baker, Keith. *Big Fat Hen*. Harcourt Brace, 1994.
- Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo*. Little Simon, 2005.
- Cousins, Lucy. *Hooray for Fish!* Candlewick, 2005.
- Fleming, Denise. *Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy*. Henry Holt, 2010.
- Fox, Mem. *Hello Baby!* Beach Lane, 2009.
- Kalan, Robert. *Blue Sea*. Greenwillow, 1992.
- Kohuth, Jane. *Duck Sock Hop*. Dial, 2012.
- Martin, Bill, Jr. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* Henry Holt, 1992.
- Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher! Higher!* Candlewick, 2009. (Several others by this author)
- Rylant, Cynthia. *Puppies and Piggies*. HMH, 2008.
- Shea, Bob. *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime*. Hyperion, 2008. (Several others in series)
- Stockdale, Susan. *Bring on the Birds*. Peachtree, 2011. (Also *Fabulous Fishes*)
- Tafuri, Nancy. *Five Little Chicks*. Simon & Schuster, 2007. (Also *The Busy Little Squirrel*; *Mama's Little Bears*; *Silly Little Goose*; and others by this author)
- Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House*. HMH, 2009.

Stories in Rhyme

- Craig, Lindsey. *Dancing Feet!* Knopf, 2010.
- Dewdney, Anna. *Llama Llama Home with Mama*. Viking, 2011. (Several others in series)
- Kutner, Merrily. *Down on the Farm*. Holiday House, 2005.
- Root, Phyllis. *Flip, Flap, Fly!* Candlewick, 2009.
- Sayre, April Pulley. *Go, Go, Grapes!* Beach Lane, 2012. (Also *Rah, Rah, Radishes!*)
- Shaw, Nancy. *Sheep on a Ship*. HMH, 2010. (Several others in series)

Interactive Books

- Barry, Frances. *Big Yellow Sunflower*. Candlewick, 2008. (Also *Little Green Frogs*)
- Beaumont, Karen. *Baby Danced the Polka*. Dial, 2004.

- Bitterman, Albert. *Fortune Cookies*. Beach Lane, 2011.
- Cimarusti, Marie Torres. *Peek-A-Pet!* Dutton, 2004. (Several others in series)
- *Giant Pop-Out Food*. Chronicle, 2010. (Several others in series)
- Lewis, Anthony. *Little Ocean Explorers*. Child's Play, 2007.
- Powers, Amelia. *Giant Pop-Out Pets*. Chronicle, 2007.
- Van Fleet, Matthew. *Dog*. Simon & Schuster, 2007. (Also *Cat*)

Animal Books

- Barner, Bob. *Bears! Bears! Bears!* Chronicle, 2010.
- Carle, Eric. *The Very Busy Spider*. Philomel, 1985.
- Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Philomel, 1981.
- Ehlert, Lois. *Feathers for Lunch*. Harcourt Brace, 1990.
- Fleming, Denise. *Barnyard Banter*. Henry Holt, 1994. (Also *The Cow Who Clucked*)
- Froeb, Lori. *Farm! A Big Fold-Out Color Book*. Reader's Digest, 2008. (Several others in series)
- Henkes, Kevin. *Little White Rabbit*. Greenwillow, 2011.
- Krilanovich, Nadia. *Chicken, Chicken, Duck!* Tricycle Press, 2011.
- Lawrence, John. *This Little Chick*. Candlewick, 2002.
- Minor, Wendell. *My Farm Friends*. G.P. Putnam, 2011.
- Ruelle, Karen Gray. *Bark Park*. Peachtree, 2008.
- Taback, Simms. *Simms Taback's City Animals*. Blue Apple, 2009.
- Willems, Mo. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Hyperion, 2003. (Several others in series)
- Wilson, Karma. *What's in the Egg, Little Pip?* Margaret K. McElderry, 2010. (Several others in series)

Transportation/Vehicle Books

- Allen, Pamela. *Who Sank the Boat?* Puffin, 1996.
- Barton, Byron. *My Car*. Greenwillow, 2001. (Several others in series)

- Crews, Donald. *Freight Train/Tren De Carga*. Greenwillow, 2003.
- Cuyler, Margery. *The Little Dump Truck*. Henry Holt, 2009.
- Hamilton, Kersten. *Red Truck*. Viking, 2012.
- Lewis, Kevin. *Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo*. Hyperion, 1999. (Also *Tugga-Tugga Tugboat*)
- Mitton, Tony. *Busy Boats*. Kingfisher, 2002. (Several others in series)
- Sayres, Brianna Caplan. *Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night?* Random House, 2012.
- Sturges, Judy Sue Goodwin. *Construction Kitties*. Henry Holt, 2013.

Simple Concepts

- Abrams, Pam. *Now I Eat My ABC's*. Scholastic, 2004.
- Baker, Alan. *White Rabbit's Color Book*. Kingfisher, 1999.
- Barry, Frances. *Duckie's Rainbow*. Walker, 2011.
- Davis, Nancy. *A Garden of Opposites*. Schwartz & Wade, 2009.
- Dodd, Emma. *Dog's Colorful Day*. Dutton, 2001.
- Ehlert, Lois. *Planting a Rainbow*. HMH, 1992.
- Fleming, Denise. *Shout! Shout It Out!* Henry Holt, 2011. (Also *Lunch*)
- Fox, Mem. *Time for Bed*. HMH, 1993.
- Gibbs, Edward. *I Spy Under the Sea*. Templar, 2012. (Several others in series)
- Horáček, Petr. *One Spotted Giraffe*. Candlewick, 2012. (Also *Butterfly Butterfly*)
- Katz, Karen. *Ten Tiny Babies*. Margaret K. McElderry, 2008.
- MacDonald, Suse. *Fish, Swish! Splash, Dash!* Little Simon, 2007.
- Martin, Bill, Jr. *Ten Little Caterpillars*. Beach Lane, 2011.
- Reasoner, Charles. *One Blue Fish: A Colorful Counting Book*. Little Simon, 2010.
- Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Paint*. HMH, 1989. (Also *Mouse Count*)
- Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* Blue Sky, 2000.

Naming Body Parts

- Davick, Linda. *I Love You, Nose! I Love You, Toes!* Beach Lane, 2013.
- Martin, Bill, Jr., and John Archambault. *Here Are My Hands*. Henry Holt, 1987.
- Pearson, Susan. *Feet Are Neat* (Begin Smart series). Sterling, 2008. (Several others in series)

Friendship

- Foley, Greg. *I Miss You Mouse*. Viking, 2010. (Several others in series)
- Hillenbrand, Will. *Spring Is Here!* Holiday House, 2011.
- Ruzzier, Sergio. *Bear and Bee*. Disney-Hyperion, 2013.
- Scheffler, Axel. *Pip and Posy: The Big Balloon*. Nosy Crow, 2013. (Several others in series)
- Wilson, Karma. *Bear Says Thanks*. Margaret K. McElderry, 2012. (Several others in series)

Families

- Fox, Mem. *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*. HMH, 2008.
- Parr, Todd. *The Daddy Book*. Little, Brown, 2002. (Also *The Mommy Book*, *It's Okay to Be Different*, and others by this author)
- Savadier, Elivia. *Will Sheila Share?* Roaring Brook Press, 2008.
- Shannon, David. *Oh, David!* Blue Sky Press, 2005. (Several others in series)
- Walker, Anna. *I Love My Dad*. Simon & Schuster, 2010. (Several others in series)

Folktales

- Barton, Byron. *The Three Bears*. HarperCollins, 1991. (Also *The Little Red Hen* and others by this author)

Emotions/Feelings

- Henkes, Kevin. *A Good Day*. Greenwillow, 2007.
- Rosenthal, Eileen. *I Must Have Bobo!* Atheneum, 2011.
- Tankard, Jeremy. *Grumpy Bird*. Scholastic, 2007. (Several others in series)

Songbooks

- Ada, Alma Flor. *Ten Little Puppies*. HarperCollins, 2011.
- Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. HMH, 1989. (Several others in series)
- Ellwand, David. *Row, Row, Row, Your Boat*. Silver Dolphin, 2011. (Several other song books by this author)
- Katz, Karen. *The Babies on the Bus*. Henry Holt, 2011.
- Litwin, Eric. *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*. HarperCollins, 2010. (Several others in series)
- Sayre, April Pulley. *If You're Hoppy*. Greenwillow, 2011.
- Sedaka, Neil. *Waking Up Is Hard to Do*. Imagine Studios, 2010.