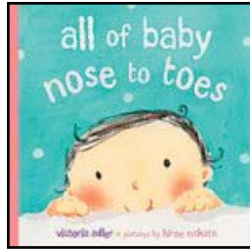


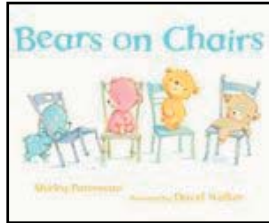
All Kinds of Families!, by Mary Ann Hoberman; illus. by Marc Boutavant. 978-0316146333, \$16.99. With irresistible, rollicking rhyme, beloved picture book author Mary Ann Hoberman shows readers that families, large and small, are all around us. From celery stalks to bottle caps, buttons, and rings, the objects we group together form

families, just like the ones we are a part of. And, as we grow up, our families grow, too.

All of Baby, Nose to Toes, by Victoria Adler; illus. by Hiroe Nakata. 978-0803732179, \$14.99.



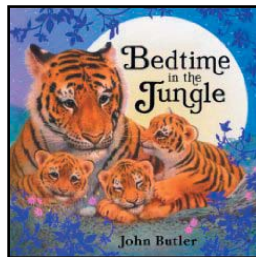
From eyes to ears, tummy to nose, legs to toes, there's a lot for baby to discover—and even more for a family to love. Bright, buoyant art and a roly-poly little baby are sure to inspire plenty of giggling and grabbing and feet-in-the-air-ing. For every baby—and every parent who loves that baby to bits—here's the perfect first book.



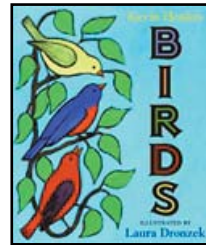
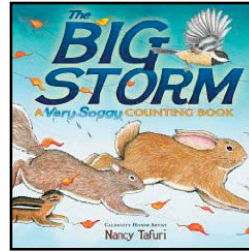
Bears on Chairs, by Shirley Parenteau; illus. by David Walker. 978-0763635886, \$15.99. Four chairs. Four adorable bears. All is well until Big Brown Bear shows up and wants a seat. Can these clever bears put their

heads together (among other things) and make space for one more? With endearing, expressive illustrations and a sustained rhyme in every line, here is a cozy tale that makes it clear there is room for all.

Bedtime in the Jungle, by John Butler. 978-1561454860, \$16.95. This is a beautifully illustrated counting book of jungle animals. It is written in the style of the "Over in the Meadow" children's song; the cadence will lull your little one into dreamland.

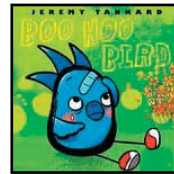
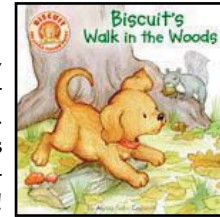


The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book, by Nancy Tafuri. 978-1416967958, \$15.99. Ten animals find shelter in a hill hollow one by one, but when the storm is over, a rumbling tells them there is still danger afoot. Chosen as the inaugural Southeastern CT "One Book, Every Young Child" selection (visit obeycct.org).

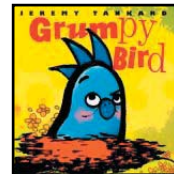


Birds, by Kevin Henkes; illus. by Laura Dronzek. 978-0061363047, \$17.99. Birds come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. Birds are magic. Birds are everywhere. If you listen very carefully you will hear them, no matter where you live. And if you look very closely you will see them, no matter where you are. And if you can't go outside right this minute, you can always read this book!

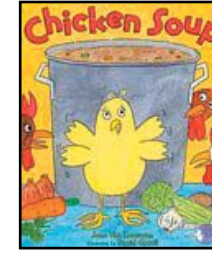
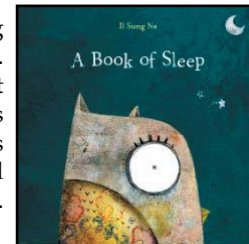
Biscuit's Walk in the Woods, by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. 978-0061625190, \$6.99 (Board book). Come take a walk in the woods with Biscuit in this exciting touch-and-feel adventure!



Boo Hoo Bird (978-0545065702, \$14.99) and **Grumpy Bird** (978-0439851473, \$12.99), by Jeremy Tankard. This little blue bird with big problems and lots of great friends is a winner in story times, and is likely to be a favorite at your house at well! Whether Bird is REALLY grumpy or accidentally hurt by a ball, his friends work to cheer him up - and make you laugh too!

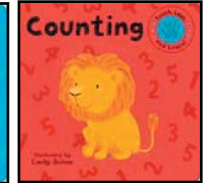
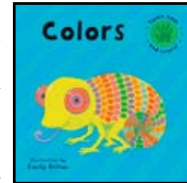


A Book of Sleep, by Il Sung Na. 978-0375862236, \$15.99. While other animals sleep at night, some quietly and others noisily, some alone and others huddled together, a wide-eyed owl watches.



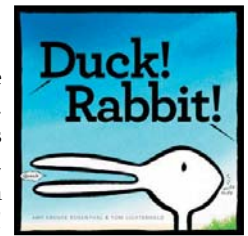
Chicken Soup, by Jean Van Leeuwen; illus. by David Gavril. 978-0810983267, \$16.95. Rumor has it that Mrs. Farmer is making chicken soup, so the chickens are on the run—except for poor Little Chickie, who has a bad cold. No matter where she hides, her sneezes give her away. Everyone is a bit nervous in this charming story with a funny twist to it!

Colors (978-1589258457) and **Counting** (978-1589258464), by Emily Bolam. Board books, \$5.95 each. These excellent first books for little ones have very colorful, embossed illustrations throughout.



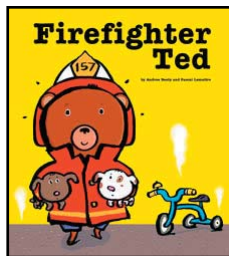
Duck and Goose, How Are You Feeling? (and other *Duck and Goose* books) by Tad Hills. 978-0375846298, \$6.99. Duck and Goose are simple and endearing characters who are masterfully able to convey their emotions with just minor adjustments to their facial expressions and body movements. Like the previous books in the series, this title will not disappoint.

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld. 978-0811868655, \$16.99. In this delightfully illustrated tale, two narrators wonder about an animal's true identity!



EyeLike Nature board books: *Snow, Sticks, Leaves*, and *Stones*, by PlayBac. \$6.95 each. Full color photography, simple and dramatic, makes each of these books eye-catching, engaging, and educational.

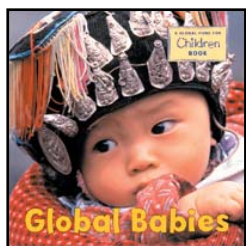




Firefighter Ted, by Andrea Beaty; illus. by Pascal Lemaitre. 978-1416928218, \$15.99. Burning toast, a sizzling sidewalk, volcanoes erupting at a science fair ... it's time for Ted the Bear - last seen in Doctor Ted (2008) - to become Firefighter Ted!

Furry Friends: Same and Different, by Sami. 978-1934706589, \$9.99.

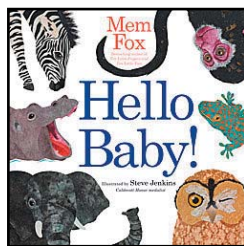
How is the cat's face different from the dog's face? What is missing from this face? Full of interactive fun, this board book (the latest in the "Flip-a-Face" series) is a wonderful way to engage toddlers in conversation about faces.



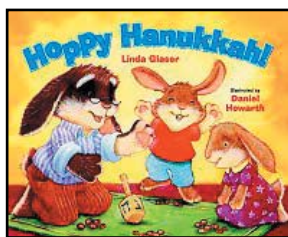
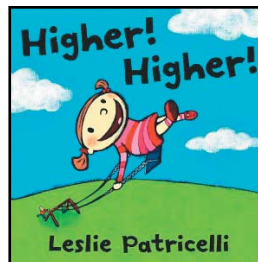
Global Babies/Bebes del Mundo, by the Global Fund for Children. 978-1580892506, \$6.95. Appealing photos of babies from seventeen cultures around the globe are woven together by simple narration. Diverse settings highlight specific differences in clothing, daily life,

and traditions, and demonstrate that babies around the world are nurtured by the love, caring, and joy that surround them.

Hello Baby!, by Mem Fox; illustrated by Steve Jenkins. 978-1416985136, \$16.99. After meeting a bevy of baby animals, baby discovers the most precious creature of all...itself, of course! With exuberant rhyming text and adorable cut-paper illustrations, this book is an irresistible celebration of the joyful connection between parent and child. Destined to become a lap-sit classic.

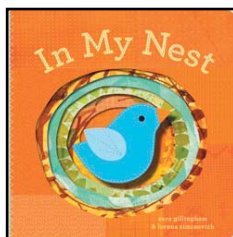
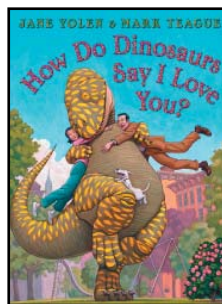


Higher! Higher!, by Leslie Patricelli. 978-0763632410, \$15.99. One child. One swing. An obliging dad. The inevitable plea to go "Higher! Higher!" How high can it go? Higher than a giraffe? Taller than a mountain? Is Earth the final frontier? What fun!

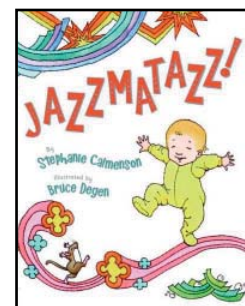


Hoppy Hanukkah!, by Linda Glaser; illus. by Daniel Howarth. 978-0807533789, \$15.99. Simon and Violet, two young bunnies, celebrate Hanukkah with their parents and grandparents by lighting the menorah, spinning the dreidel, and eating latkes. This simple, cozy story is just right for children first learning about this holiday.

How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?, by Jane Yolen; illus. by Mark Teague. 978-0545143141, \$16.99. Even when little dinosaurs are naughty, they are always loved. In this latest book in a beloved series, readers will laugh aloud as dino-parents cope with the typical antics of childhood - but in the end, hugs and kisses abound.



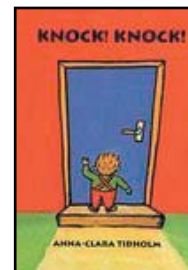
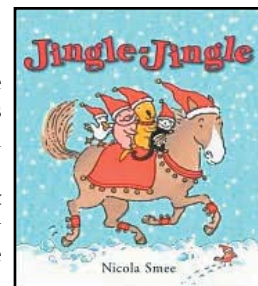
In My Nest, by Sara Gillingham and Lorena Siminovich. 978-0811865555, \$8.99. This irresistible board book incorporates an adorable finger puppet so YOU get to be the bird in the nest! Soft, warm illustrations and a gentle story make this the perfect gift for the tiniest children, or even a lovely present for parents-to-be. This book BEGS to be picked up and used!



Jazzmatazz!, by Stephanie Calmenson; illus. by Bruce Degen. 978-0060772895, \$16.99. When a piano-playing mouse slips inside a house to get warm, watch out! In no time he has a whole family, then a whole town, making music. They're drumming, fiddling, singing, dancing, and jazzmatazz jamming! Sing-aloud words and eye-dancing pictures bring music to every page.

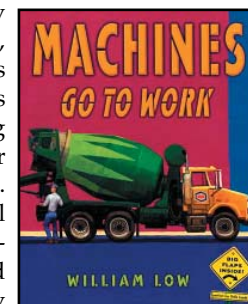
Jingle-Jingle, by Nicola Smee. 978-1906250089, \$14.95. Mr.

Horse has invited all the barnyard animals into his sleigh, and Cat, Dog, Pig, and Duck couldn't be more excited. Soon, they're holding on tight and dashing through the snow with bells jingle-jingling all the way. Toddlers will delight in taking this jolly seasonal jaunt again and again!



Knock! Knock!, by Anna-Clara Tidholm; adapted by MaryChris Bradley. 978-0981576169, \$9.95. Young children can't help but knock on each colorful door in this interactive book. Knock! Knock! ... Surprise!

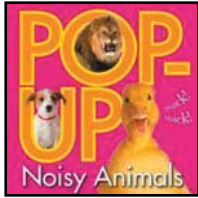
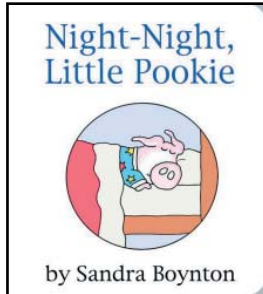
Machines Go To Work, by William Low. 978-0805087598, \$14.95. Toddlers love machines and things that go, and this book gives them everything they want, from a cement mixer to a helicopter to a backhoe. Both parents and children will appreciate the beautiful illustrations, the attention to detail, and the clever twists revealed by lifting the flaps.



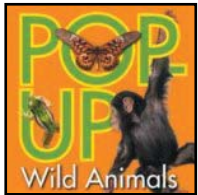


Meeow and the Big Box, by Sebastien Braun. 978-1906250867, \$12.95. Clever black cat Meeow and his friends make create amazing new things by using their heads while they are playing. Big, bold, bright illustrations make this book a gift that a child will want to look at over and over again.

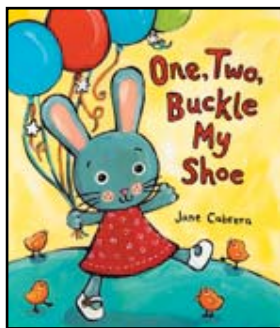
Night-Night, Little Pookie, by Sandra Boynton. 978-0375854095, \$5.99 (board book). Pookie gets ready for bed, with a little Pookie flair. Told in Boynton's signature rhyme and illustrations, this humorous and gentle story will delight toddlers and those that love them.



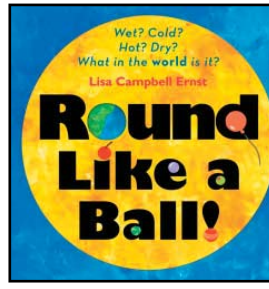
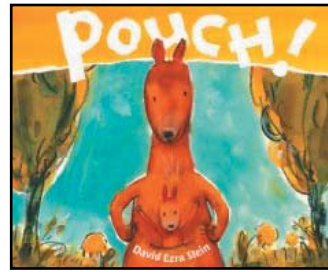
Noisy Animals Pop-Up (978-0756638542) & **Wild Animals Pop-Up** (978-0756638535), by DK Publishing. \$6.99 each. Not only will babies learn animal names and the sounds they make, they will be thrilled with the surprise and playfulness of the pop-up animals, especially the chimp swinging and the butterfly fluttering.



One, Two, Buckle My Shoe, by Jane Cabrera. 978-0823422302, \$16.95. Four chicks have fun hiding while Rabbit and Mommy Hen prepare a party for the little pigs' birthday. Young children will have fun aplenty as they count from 1 to 20 in this cheerful sing-along nursery rhyme.

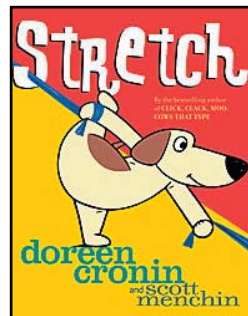
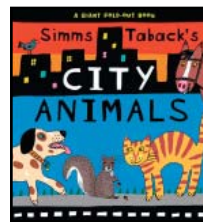
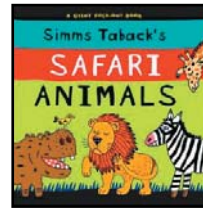


Pouch!, by David Ezra Stein. 978-0399250514, \$15.99. With a cry of "pouch!", a curious young kangaroo returns to his mother for safety and comfort after each scary but exciting exploration of the wider world. This story will become a family favorite after the first reading!

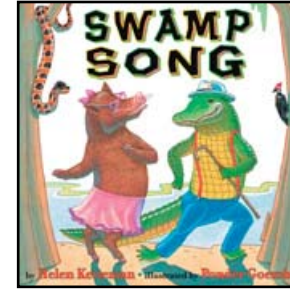


Round Like a Ball, by Lisa Campbell Ernst. 978-1934706015, \$15.95. Is it a meatball? A basketball? A pearl? As the round hole through the pages of this book grows larger, readers will come closer and closer to guessing the identity of the object that's round like a ball, hot and cold, every color, always moving, and home to us all.

Simms Taback's City Animals (978-1934706527) and **Simms Taback's Safari Animals** (978-1934706190), by Simms Taback. \$12.95 each. These sturdy and vibrant giant fold-out books unfold into animal guessing games that are tons of fun for little ones! Taback's bold colors and vivid patterns are eye-catching and memorable.

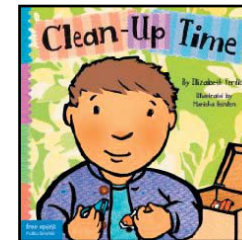
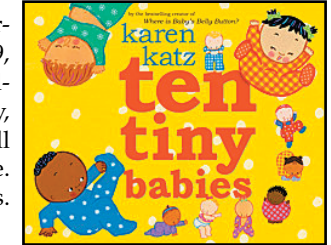


Stretch, by Doreen Cronin; illus. by Scott Menchin. 978-1416953418, \$15.99. There's nothing like a good stretch before you jump or wiggle or bounce or run. A good stretch can be good fun - especially if you're stretching your imagination at the same time!



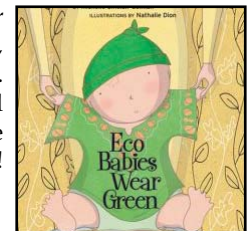
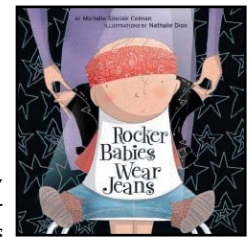
Swamp Song, by Helen Ketteman; illus. by Ponder Goemmel. 978-0761455639, \$17.99. Down in the swamp where the cypress grows, Old Man Gator starts tap-pin' his toes . . . and so will you and your child, as you read this cleverly illustrated rhyming book of noisy swamp animals.

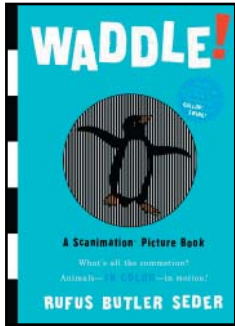
Ten Tiny Babies, by Karen Katz. 978-1416935469, \$14.99. One by one, 10 silly, bouncy, noisy, cuddly babies come to play all day until (yawn) bedtime. Sleep tight, babies.



Toddler Tools series, by Elizabeth Verdick; illus. by Marieka Heinlen (*Clean Up Time, Listening Time, Sharing Time, Naptime, Bye Bye Time*, etc.). Board books, \$7.95 each. A fresh look at the times and transitions all toddlers face daily.

Urban Babies Wear Black series, by Michelle Sinclair Colman; illus. by Nathalie Dion (*Eco Babies Wear Green, Rocker Babies Wear Jeans, Jet-Set Babies Wear Wings*, etc.). Board books, \$6.95 each. Want to feel good, smile, and giggle just a bit? Check out these trendy babies!





Waddle, by Rufus Butler Seder. 978-0761151128, \$12.95. Simple text and captivating “scanimation” illustrations, which make figures appear to be moving, describe the motions of various animals such as a penguin, pig, elephant, and bear.

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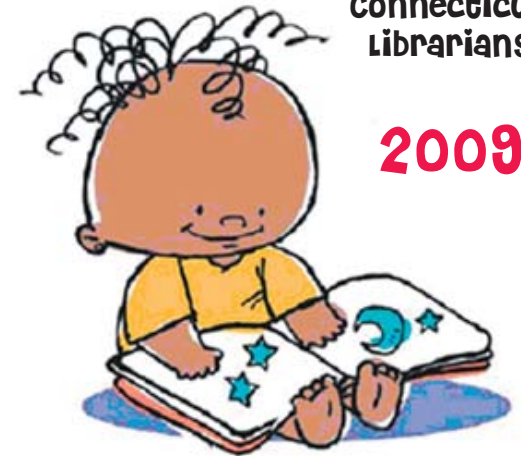
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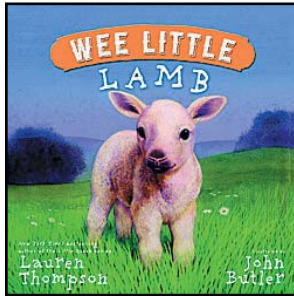
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Wee Little Lamb, by Lauren Thompson; illus. by John Butler. 978-1416934691, \$14.99. This wee little lamb may be the shyest animal on the farm, but he is also one of the most lovable. Whether he learns from the hoot of the wise old owl or the song of the jolly red robin, this wee little guy will see that being shy doesn’t stop him from meeting a wee little friend.



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