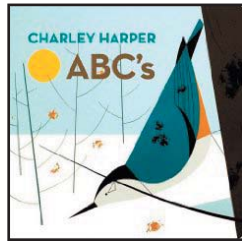
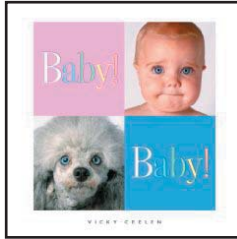


Alphabet, by Matthew Van Fleet. 9781416955658, \$19.99. This amazing multi-concept alphabet book features over 100 creatures from A-Z that demonstrate

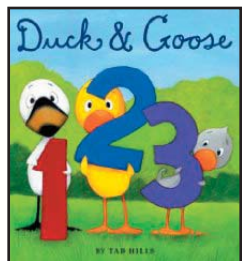
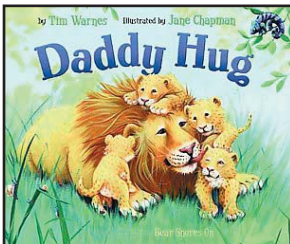
action words, synonyms, opposites and much more. Pull-tabs, flaps and scratch-and-sniff scents add to the interactive fun.

Baby! Baby! by Vicky Ceelen. 9780375842078, \$6.99. Babies love looking at baby faces. This board book pairs photographs of expressive babies with animals that look remarkably like them.



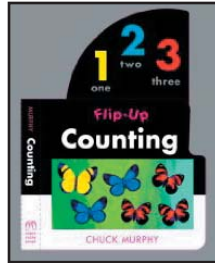
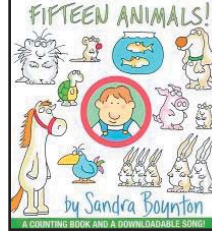
Charley Harper ABC's, by Charley Harper. Board Book ed., 9781934429075, \$14.95. A modern artist brings the alphabet to life for even the youngest book and art lovers. An impressive and truly beautiful board book that's perfect for gift giving.

Daddy Hug, by Tim Warnes; illus. by Jane Chapman. 9780060589509, \$16.95. Appealing illustrations and clever rhymes highlight how a variety of animal dads give hugs - of all shapes and sizes - to their young ones.



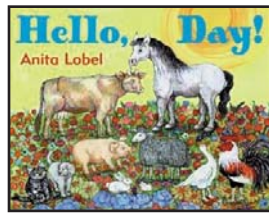
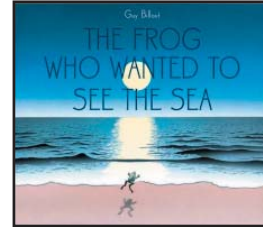
Duck & Goose 123, by Tad Hills. 9780375856211, \$6.99. While many counting books cram too many images onto the page, this is a simple, colorful and gorgeously illustrated book for little ones learning to count to ten.

Fifteen Animals, by Sandra Boynton. 9780761130666, \$6.95. A little boy tells us about his animals - 14 of which are named Bob, and one, a turtle, named Simon James Alexander Ragsdale the Third! Super silly fun, and includes a downloadable song.



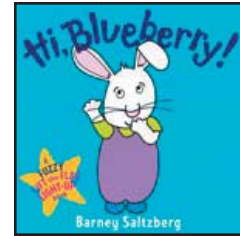
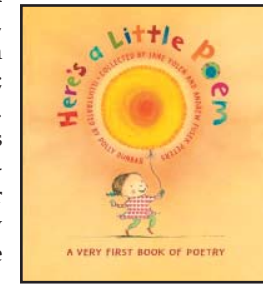
Flip-Up Counting, by Chuck Murphy. 9780375844935, \$5.99. This counting book offers a straightforward look at numbers, insects and animals. Children count the insects/animals and then flip a lever for the correct number. *Flip-Up Shapes* is also a winner!

The Frog Who Wanted to See the Sea, by Guy Billout. 9781568461885, \$18.95. A special book about a frog with big ideas and determination. The artwork creates an amazingly surreal world to enjoy.



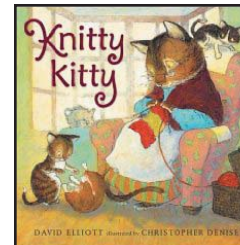
Hello Day, by Anita Lobel. 9780060787653, \$16.99. Beautifully illustrated, this simple book for the youngest listeners features each animal making its unique sound, all to say "Hello Day." With its large pictures, simple text, and "goodnight" ending, this is a perfect read-aloud for any time of day.

Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry, collected by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters; illus. by Polly Dunbar. 9780763631413, \$21.99. This exuberant celebration of poetry is an essential book for every young one's library and a gorgeous gift to be shared and treasured.



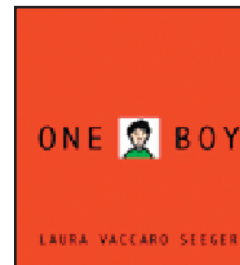
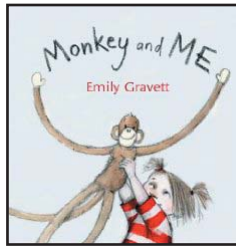
Hi, Blueberry! by Barney Saltzberg. 9780152059842, \$8.95. Blueberry bunny greets his friends who are planning a surprise for him. Soft, fuzzy overalls to touch make this simple book perfect for little ones.

A Kitten Tale, by Eric Rohmann. 9780517709153, \$15.99. Four kittens anticipate the coming of the first snow - three of them with great trepidation, and one with eager excitement. Rohmann has distilled the "essence of kitten" and the excitement of the first snow into deceptively simple text and illustrations.



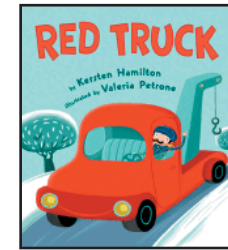
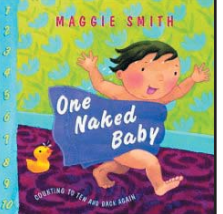
Knitty Kitty, by David Elliott; illus. by Christopher Denise. 9780763631697, \$16.99. Rhyming text introduces three kittens that use their lovely knitted items for a snowman's comfort. A sweet tale with beautiful illustrations.

Monkey and Me, by Emily Gravett. 9781416954576, \$15.99. A little girl and her monkey imitate each animal they are off to see. Little ones will join right in as each page turn reveals which animals the two are visiting.



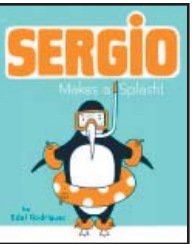
One Boy, by Laura Vaccaro Seeger. 9781596432741, \$14.95. This die-cut book explores counting from one to ten and also cleverly illustrates the concept of words within words. The bold illustrations are fabulous!

One Naked Baby, by Maggie Smith. 9780375833298, \$15.99. This charming counting book follows a boy on his journey from bathtub, to playtime and lunch, and then outdoors, where his muddy adventures send him back to the tub. Bright pictures make this a winner for the youngest!



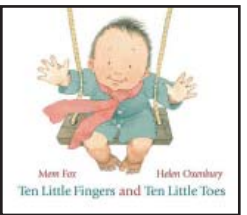
Red Truck, by Kersten Hamilton; illus. by Valeria Petrone. 9780670062751, \$15.99. Will Red Truck be able to rescue a school bus full of children on a rainy, slushy day? This can-do rhyming story filled with sound, action and bright, bold illustrations is perfect for toddler boys.

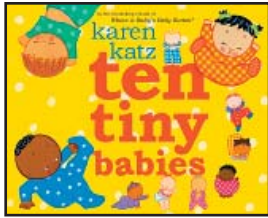
Sergio Makes a Splash, by Edel Rodriguez. 9780316066167, \$15.99. An adorable little penguin learns the joys of swimming in this playful romp. Lots of swimming-pool-turquoise and water-wings-orange counterbalance Sergio's permanent white tie and tails!



The Sounds Around Town, by Maria Carluccio. 9781905236282, \$16.99. This very simple rhyme book with exuberant collage illustrations features things a child might hear during the day, from the singing of birds at dawn to the soft sounds of sleep. Celebrate the diversity of people, animals, and vehicles in this interactive book.

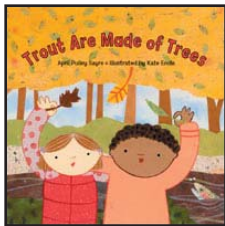
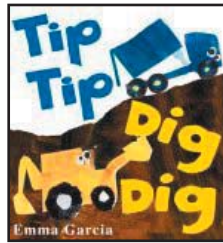
Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes, by Mem Fox; illus. by Helen Oxenbury. 9780152060572, \$16.00. A winning team puts together a delightful celebration of tiny hands and feet - and babies everywhere - that will have parents and babies chuckling along. Filled with love, and perfect for the youngest listeners.





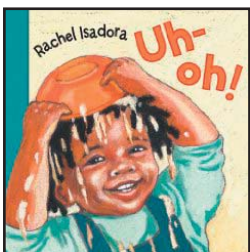
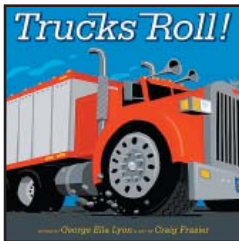
Ten Tiny Babies, by Karen Katz. 9781416935469, \$14.99. One tiny baby starts to run; along comes another to have some fun! Bouncing babies and colorful illustrations accompany rhyming text in this delightful counting book that's perfect for little ones.

Tip Tip Dig Dig, by Emma Garcia. 9781905417582, \$14.95. Fans of large vehicles everywhere will be delighted by the brightly colored cut-paper googly-eyed vehicles as they tip, dig, and roll their way through the creation of an "adventure playground." Simple text encourages participation and will keep even the wiggliest youngsters entranced.



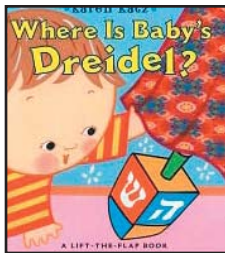
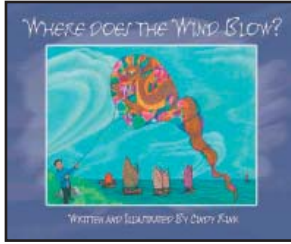
Trout Are Made of Trees, by April Pulley Sayre; illus. by Kate Elder. 9781580891370, \$16.95. A unique way to see the relationships among living things is enhanced by wonderful, bold illustrations.

Trucks Roll, by George Ella Lyon; illus. by Craig Frazier. 9781416924357, \$14.99. With simple, colorful, and attractive illustrations and bold type, Lyons describes what trucks look like and what drivers and dispatchers do so that "Trucks roll."



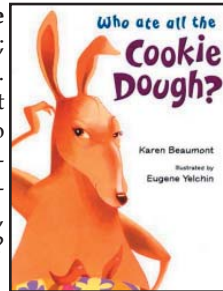
Uh-Oh!, by Rachel Isadora. 9780152057657, \$16.00. Baby changes his own diaper, with powder and wipes all over - Uh-Oh! Baby dumps breakfast on his head - Uh-Oh! Grandpa falls asleep before baby - Uh-Oh!! Great fun for babies and toddlers and their grown-ups.

Where Does the Wind Blow? by Cindy Rink. 9781584690412, \$16.95. Vivid pictures and simple text describe how the wind, as it blows around the world, connects everyone - especially loved ones who are far away.



Where Is Baby's Dreidel? by Karen Katz. 9781416936237, \$6.99 (board book). It's Hanukkah, and Baby wants to spin the dreidel, but where is it? Lift the flaps to find sparkly foil Hanukkah gifts, and join Baby in this fun-filled hide-and-seek adventure.

Who Ate All the Cookie Dough? by Karen Beaumont; illus. by Eugene Yelchin. 9780805082678, \$16.95. What baby or toddler will be able to resist the popular cookie subject, the lively animal illustrations, the mystery, the rhyme, and the lift-the-flap ending?



You Were Loved Before You Were Born, by Eve Bunting; illus. by Karen Barbour. 9780439040617, \$16.99. This whimsical, bright and cheery book celebrates the arrival of a precious child. Bright and happy illustrations and exuberant, celebratory text ensure that the listener will feel loved indeed.

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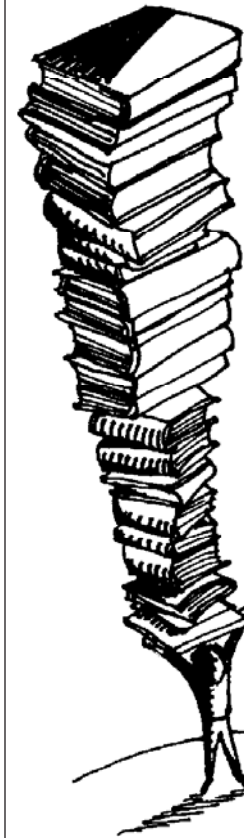
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