

Give Books this Holiday Season

If you are new to choosing children's books, look for well known authors. You can ask for favourite titles at libraries, playgroups, family literacy programs, schools and bookstores **or** call your local Early Years Literacy Specialist.

Here are a few tips:

Babies like:

- Bright, simple pictures of faces or simple objects
- Books with simple text and good rhythms
- Safe books e.g. board/cloth books with no moving parts



Children need to have a few books of their own.

Giving books is a great way to start young children's collections.

Toddlers like:

- Simple, rhyming books with bright pictures
- Simple, short stories with repetition and good rhythm
- Action e.g. flaps, pop-ups and counting books
- Variety e.g. big, tiny, or differently shaped board books



Preschoolers like:

- Stories about animals or with animals as main characters
- Stories about familiar activities
- Pictures that are labeled or have interesting detail
- Interesting word rhythms and ABC themes
- Easy to turn pages

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BOOKS TO LOOK FOR

The author's name and the ISBN number for each book is included in the list. Every book has an ISBN number. This number makes it easy for a bookseller to find the book in their computer system.

Babies

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| • Baby Faces | Margaret Miller | 0689819110 |
| • I Touch | Helen Oxenbury | 1564025500 |
| • I Spy You | Jan Ormerod | 0370326334 |
| • Counting Kisses | Karen Katz | 0689834705 |
| • Miffy at Play | Dick Bruna | 1568362234 |
| • I'll be There | Charles R. Smith, Jr. | 0786807857 |

Toddlers

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| • Strawberries are Red | Petr Horacek | 0763614610 |
| • Dear Zoo | Rod Campbell | 0689825498 |
| • Peek-a-Moo | Marie T. Cimarutsi | 0525460837 |
| • Goodnight Moon | Margaret W. Brown | 0694003611 |
| • Hug | Jez Alborough | 0763615765 |
| • Where's Spot | Eric Hill | 014050740X |
| • Brown Bear, Brown Bear,
What Do You See? | Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle | 0805047905 |
| • One Duck Stuck | Phyllis Root | 0763611042 |
| • Up to the Skies and
Down Again | Nanette Newman | 0340726547 |
| • One Gray Mouse | Katherine Burton | 1550743244 |

Preschoolers

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| • Chicka Chicka Boom Boom | Bill Martin Jr. | 068983568X |
| • Dr. Seuss's ABC | Dr. Seuss | 0394800303 |
| • Stellaluna | Janell Cannon | 0152802177 |
| • Sunflower House | Eve Bunting | 0152019529 |
| • To Market, To Market | Anne Miranda | 0152163980 |

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