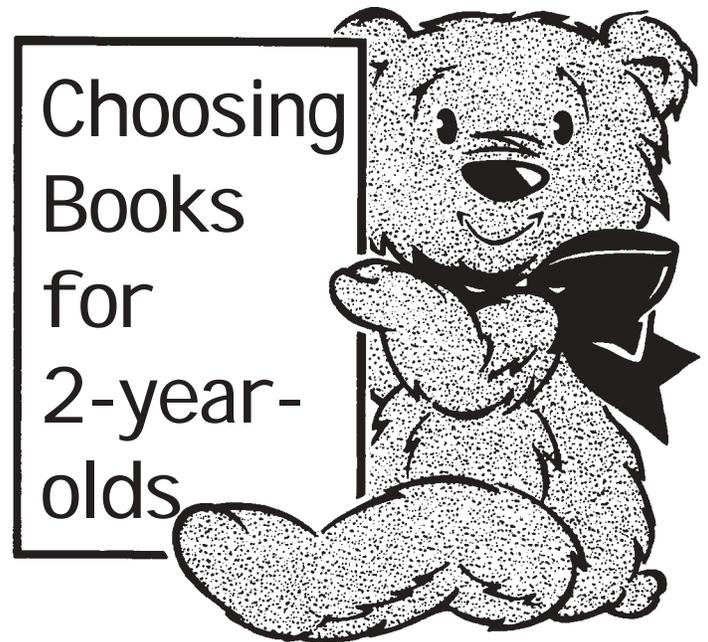


"Bear-y" Good  
Books & More for  
**2-year-olds**



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The more often you read to your 24–36 month old child, the more likely he or she is to develop into a lover of books and reading. Toddlers grow into children who love to read when they experience the security and pleasure of cuddling with parents and listening to books, songs and rhymes. So continue to read, read, read to your toddlers *and* let them see you reading. As you know, young children model adult behavior.

Children 24–36 months old still love books with simple, uncluttered pictures, but can handle more detail than children 12–24 months old. Indeed, some children at this age may pour over the details in some pictures, pointing out to you the interesting things they find. Toddlers enjoy books about familiar situations and experiences such as family life, playing with friends, traveling by different modes of transportation and animals. Some children this age may begin to show an interest in basic concepts such as colors, shapes, ABCs and counting.

# Tips for Reading to 2-year-olds

Continue to:

- Read and sing to your toddler on a daily basis, using an enthusiastic voice, and *make sure your child sees you reading!* Make it an enjoyable, unforced experience by choosing a time when your child seems willing and able to sit and listen. Snuggle and have fun together, laughing over the stories and the silly sounds found in many early childhood books.
- Make books readily available to your child so that he or she may pick them up and browse on his or her own.

Begin to further involve your child in the reading process:

- Allow him or her to select some of the books you read. **DO** read his or her favorites over and over again. (Children feel comfortable with a book they know well and love to predict what is going to happen.) Also, be sure to introduce new titles.
- Encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the book: “What is that cow doing?” “Do you know what we call that machine?” Also, ask him or her to find certain objects in an illustration or to name certain objects.
- When a phrase or rhyme is repeated often in the story, have your child say the phrase or rhyme with you. This is a good pre-reading skill.
- Occasionally run your finger under the words as you are reading them. Children will then begin to connect the spoken words with the printed letters on the page.

# Great Books about Reading

- Hearne, Betsy ..... *Choosing Books for Children: A Commonsense Guide* (JP/T 011.62 Hea)
- Carlson, Ann D. .... *The Preschooler & the Library* (J Ref 027.625 Car)
- Odean, Kathleen ..... *Great Books for Babies and Toddlers* (JP/T 028.162 Ode)
- Hall, Susan ..... *Straight Talk About Reading* (JP/T 372.41 Hal)
- Trelease, Jim ..... *The Read-Aloud Handbook* (JP/T 372.64 Tre)
- Fox, Mem ..... *Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever* (JP/T 649.58 Fox)

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# Bedtime Stories

- Appelt, Kathi ..... *Bubbles, Bubbles* (JE App)
- Brown, Margaret Wise ..... *Little Donkey Close Your Eyes* (JE Bro)
- Burningham, John ..... *Hushabye* (JE Bur)
- Ginsburg, Mirra ..... *Where Does the Sun Go at Night?* (JE Gin)
- Howard, Jane R. .... *When I'm Sleepy* (JE How)
- Rothstein, Gloria ..... *Sheep Asleep* (JE Rot)
- Schertle, Alice ..... *When the Moon is High* (JE Sch)
- Tafuri, Nancy ..... *What the Sun Sees, What the Moon Sees* (JE Taf)

# Nursery Rhymes

- Zimmerman, H. Werner .... *Henny Penny* (J 398.24 Zim)
- Lobel, Arnold ..... *The Random House Book of Mother Goose* (J 398.8 Mot)
- Patz, Nancy ..... *Moses Supposes His Toes are Roses* (J 398.8 Pat)
- Raintree Rhymers* (J 398.8 Rai)
- Brown, Marc ..... *Finger Rhymes* (J 793.4 Bro)  
[Also *Hand Rhymes*]
- Chorao, Kay ..... *The Baby's Bedtime Book* (J 808.81 Cho)
- Prelutsky, Jack ..... *Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young* (J 811.008 Rea)
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett *Side by Side: Poems to Read Together* (J 811.008 Sid)



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# Good Books for 2-year-olds

Anastas, Margaret .... *Mommy's Best Kisses* (J E Ana)  
Barton, Byron ..... *I Want to be an Astronaut* (J E Bar)  
[Also many other titles by Barton]  
Blegvad, Lenore ..... *First Friends* (J E Ble)  
Burningham, John .... *Mr. Gumpy's Outing* (J E Bur)  
Carle, Eric ..... *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (J E Car)  
[Also many other titles by Carle]  
Carlstrom, Nancy ..... *Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?*  
(J E Car)  
Crews, Donald ..... *Freight Train* (J E Cre)  
[Also *Ten Black Dots*]  
Dodd, Emma ..... *Dog's Colorful Day* (J E Dod)  
Ehlert, Lois ..... *Color Farm* (J E Ehl)  
[Also many other titles by Ehlert]  
Ginsburg, Mirra ..... *The Chick and the Duckling* (J E Gin)  
Hill, Eric ..... *Where's Spot?* (J E Hil)  
Hoban, Tana ..... *Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue?*  
(J E Hob)  
[Also many other titles by Hoban]  
Hubbell, Patricia ..... *Trucks: Whizz! Zoom! Rumble!*  
(J E Hub)  
Hutchins, Pat ..... *The Doorbell Rang* (J E Hut)  
[Also *Good Night Owl*]  
Krauss, Ruth ..... *Big and Little* (J E Kra)  
[Also *The Carrot Seed*]  
Lawrence, John ..... *This Little Chick* (J E Law)  
Lionni, Leo ..... *Frederick* (J E Lio)  
McMillan, Bruce ..... *Growing Colors* (J E McM)  
[Also *Fire Engine Shapes*]  
Paterson, Bettina ..... *My First Wild Animals* (J E Pat)  
Potter, Beatrix ..... *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* (J E Pot)

Rockwell, Anne ..... *Things to Play With* (J E Roc)  
[Also many other titles by Rockwell]  
Scott, Ann Herbert .... *Hi!* (J E Sco)  
Sis, Peter ..... *Fire Truck* (J E Sis)  
Stoeke, Janet ..... *A Hat for Minerva Louise* (J E Sto)  
Tafuri, Nancy ..... *The Barn Party* (J E Taf)  
[Also many other titles by Tafuri]  
Uff, Caroline ..... *Lulu's Birthday* (J E Uff)  
Viorst, Judith ..... *The Good-Bye Book* (J E Vio)  
Williams, Vera ..... *"More, More, More," Said the Baby*  
(J E Wil)  
Wood, Audrey ..... *The Napping House* (J E Woo)



Ahlberg, Janet & Allen .... *Each Peach Pear Plum* (J E Ahl)  
Allen, Pamela ..... *Who Sank the Boat?* (J E All)  
Brown, Margaret Wise ..... *Big Red Barn* (J E Bro)  
Martin, Bill ..... *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* (J E Bro) (Also board book)  
[Also *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* and *Here Are My Hands*]



# Playtime

- Knight, Joan ..... *Tickle-Toe Rhymes* (J 398.8 Kni)
- Hayes, Sarah ..... *Stamp Your Feet: Action Rhymes*  
(J 793.4 Hay)
- DK Publishing ..... *Playtime Rhymes* (J 398.8 Pla)
- Cole, Joanna ..... *The Eentsy, Weentsy Spider:  
Fingerplays and Action Rhymes*  
(J 793.4 Col)
- Brown, Marc ..... *Play Rhymes* (J 793.4 Bro)
- Brown, Marc ..... *Hand Rhymes* (J 793.4 Bro)
- Brown, Marc ..... *Finger Rhymes* (J 793.4 Bro)
- Lobel, Arnold ..... *The Random House Book of Mother  
Goose* (J 398.8 Mot)
- Opie, Iona ..... *My Very First Mother Goose*  
(J 398.8 My)
- Ideal's Children's Books .. *Nursery Songs and Lap Games*  
(J 398.8 Nur)



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