



OUR FAVORITE AUTHORS FOR INFANTS

Byron Barton	Eric Hill
Sandra Boynton	Steve Light
Jane Cabrera	Alison McGhee
Eric Carle	Margaret Miller
Lucy Cousins	Mary Murphy
Donald Crews	Leslie Patricelli
Olivier Dunrea	Nicola Smee
Denise Fleming	Toni Yuly
Mem Fox	

The Nashville Public Library provides programming for all ages. Visit your local library or check the library's website: library.nashville.org for information about programs for babies.

Infant Story Times are led by trained library staff and include stories, songs, rhymes, and time for your baby and you to socialize with others.

NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY READING LIST FOR INFANTS

READING TO YOUR BABY

A newborn infant simply needs to hear the sound of your voice and be held close. You can read almost anything aloud—a newspaper, a magazine, a grocery list—and as long as you are talking, your infant will gaze lovingly at you and listen (when they aren't crying). At this stage, they are listening to the sounds of language.

Young babies may not know what the pictures in a book mean, but they can focus on them, especially faces, bright colors, and contrasting patterns. When you read or sing lullabies and nursery rhymes, you can entertain and soothe your infant.

By the time your child is one year old, they are beginning to learn words and pick up vocabulary, and over the next few years their brain will be growing fast! Talking and reading to your young child introduces words and concepts, builds listening and memory skills, and introduces the child to the world around them. Young children who are exposed to books, songs, and nursery rhymes in their native language develop strong pre-reading skills, which helps as they begin to learn English. Take time every day to talk and read to your child.

A SELECTION OF OUR FAVORITE BOOKS

(We chose not to include board books on this list, but every library has a board book area so please browse this section for great books for your baby.)

Alborough, Jez
Hug (E Alborou)

Baker, Keith
Big Fat Hen
(E Baker)

Bang, Molly
Ten, Nine, Eight
(E Bang)

Barton, Byron
My Car (E Barton)

**Brown, Margaret
Wise**
Goodnight Moon
(E Brown)

Cabrera, Jane
Baa, Baa, Black Sheep
(E Cabrera)

Christelow, Eileen
Five Little Monkeys
(series)
(E Christe)

Crews, Donald
Freight Train
(E Crews)

Dominguez, Angela
Maria Had a Little
Llama/María Tenía
una Llamita
(E Domingu)

Fischer, Scott M.
Jump! (E Fischer)

Fox, Mem
Ten Little Fingers
and Ten
Little Toes (E Fox)

Gravett, Emily
Orange Pear Apple
Bear
(E Gravett)

Hindley, Judy
Eyes, Nose, Fingers,
and Toes (E Hindley)

Hort, Lenny
The Seals on the Bus
(j782.42164 H821s)

Isadora, Rachel
Peekaboo Morning
(E Isadora)

Lee, Spike
Please, Baby, Please
(E Lee)

Martin Jr., Bill
Brown Bear, Brown
Bear (series)
(E Martin)

Martin, David
We've All Got
Bellybuttons!
(E Martin)

McDonnell, Flora
Splash
(E McDonne)

Miranda, Anne
To Market, To Market
(E Miranda)

Opie, Iona
My Very First Mother
Goose (j398.8 M995)

Polacco, Patricia
Mommies Say Shhh!
(E Polacco)

Raschka, Chris
A Ball for Daisy
(E Raschka)

Rathmann, Peggy
Good Night, Gorilla
(E Rathman)

Rinker, Sherri
Steam Train, Dream
Train (E Rinker)

Step toe, John
Baby Says (E Steptoe)

Tafari, Nancy
Spots, Feathers,
and Curly
Tails
(E Tafari)

Trapani, Iza
The Itsy Bitsy Spider
(E Trapani)

Williams, Sue
I Went Walking (E
William)

Williams, Vera B.
"More More More"
Said the Baby
(E William)

Wood, Don
Piggies (E Wood)