Books for babies

**Yes by Jez Alborough**
Bobo the little chimp loves his bath time splash and doesn’t want to stop and go to bed. A tantrum follows and Mum walks away. Along come his two chums and they too jump in to play. Will Bobo ever get out?

**Who’s Laughing? by David Bedford & Leonie Worthington**
Lift the flap to find out which animals are hiding and giggling in this story. Can you see why they are laughing so much? Just who could be responsible for the rumpus?

**Whose Nose And Whose Toes? by John Butler**
Only noses and ‘toeses’ appear on the page! Turn over to see who owns them. The pastel illustrations just asked to be touched. A delicious book for sharing time and time again.

**Tiger In The Snow! by Nick Butterworth**
Tiger finds something special in the snow and makes a sledge. All he has to do now is persuade his friends to jump on and enjoy the fun – and they do but in the most unexpected way. Huge double pull-out page keeps the pace going.

**Farm Chase by Rod Campbell**
Look carefully at each tail to guess who is chasing who around the farm. Plus, someone is snoozing in the hen coop.

**Hooray For Fish by Lucy Cousins**
Little fish swims in the sea and meets all his brightly coloured fishy friends. Rhythm and rhyme maintain the tempo and there is such a lovely ending. The slightly larger format makes this an especially stunning book.

**One Too Many Tigers by Cressida Cowell and Andy Ellis**
The tiger family is getting bigger and their tree home starts to feel smaller. Maybe its time to move!

**Hippo Has A Hat by Cressida Cowell and Andy Ellis (Macmillan Children’s Books)**
The animals go shopping for clothes and try on a fabulous collection of brightly coloured outfits – some more flattering than others. And at the end of the day what better way to show them off than to have a party!

**Penguin by Polly Dunbar**
Ben is given a penguin as a present but is soon disappointed with his gift. Penguin just will not join in and will not say a word. Penguin is a very poor companion for a lively toddler. But then lion appears …
Kit The Cat by Alison Maloney and Maddy McClellan
Join in with the madcap adventures of Kit the Cat, Flash the Fish and Dig the Dog as they chase around the pond, through the cat flap and back. Gnarling and snarling, screeching and scratching – how much noise can you make?

We’ve All Got Bellybuttons! by David Martin and Randy Cecil
You are invited to pull your ears with the elephants, stretch your neck with the giraffes, clap your hands with the monkeys and more. Can you find your bellybutton? What happens if someone tickles you there?

Farm by Mary Novick and Jenny Hale
Half page sized flaps are opened to find out about the farm. Strong pages make this toddler-proof and the large, bright, illustrations are great fun with each double page spread becoming twice the size.

Not A Box by Antoinette Portis
Rabbit is playing with a box, only it’s not a box. It is many things, but a box it is not. Simple line drawings and covers that look just like a cardboard box (or not) make this a very special book indeed.

Faster, Faster! Nice And Slow! by Nick Sharratt and Sue Heap
A quick romp through some opposites with young chums, Nick and Sue. The authors have taken it in turns to do the illustrations for the characters and there is plenty to talk about on every page. Rhyming text and lively drawings make for a quality early concept book.

Come On Daisy! by Jane Simmons
Mama Duck tells Daisy duckling to stay close while they swim down the river. Daisy does her best to keep up but it’s hard when you are young and there’s so much to explore. Soon Mum is no longer in sight.

Say Hello To The Baby Animals! by Ian Whybrow and Ed Eaves
Baby lion sets out to meet his friends and greet them with a cheery ‘hello!’ All the baby animals have touchy feely bodies and are making noises that must be imitated with gusto.

Bing: Something for Daddy by Ted Dewan
Bing Bunny wants to make something special for his Daddy. He and his friend Flop think up all the thing that Daddy would like best. Maybe a shiny thing, or a feathery thing, or a sparkly thing…or maybe all three! This book celebrates the fun of making something for someone special.

Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett
This tale is told subtly though line drawings and colour changes. The author uses just four words to put together a story, repeating them in a different order and in different relationships to each other for every picture. This book is a
great introduction to looking at and naming things and can be endlessly revisited for its changing word relationships.

**Head Shoulders Knees and Toes by Annie Kubler**
This book with big, bold pictures shows babies having fun acting out the well-known rhyme ‘Head, shoulders, knees and toes’. It can be imitated alone or with a grown up! The pictures introduce names of the body, and the book itself is an introduction to poetry.

**Aaaarrgghh, Spider! by Lydia Monks**
All this friendly spider wants to do is join the family. But however hard she tries, they just want her out of the house! How can she persuade them to allow her to be their family pet? A very funny book with an unexpected ending.

**Tucking In (Just Like Me!) by Jess Stockham**
Food is the delicious theme of this book. Each picture shows how different animals enjoy eating what is right for them. Lifting the flaps show how a baby can enjoy all of those, too!

**Baby book series**

**Baby Says series**
Photographs of babies engaged in various activities in board book format. Large flaps to open, touchy-feely patches and end mirrors. The familiarity of objects photographed guarantee interaction.

**Clackety Clackety-Clacks series**
Chunky, shaped, board books with extra thick pages that can be banged together with a very satisfying clack! Simple storyline with bright illustrations. There is a finger hole on the 'spine' that you can hold while baby clunks about with the pages.

**Amazing Baby series**
Sturdy board books, including some especially appealing titles that have sepia photographs of babies interspersed with bright patterns. Perfect first books for baby to touch and gaze at and adults to talk about.

**Poppy Cat series**
Very, very, simple stories of Poppy Cat with just few words on every double board page spread. Touchy-feely patches and clear illustrations of an especially appealing character for tots.

**Snuggletime series**
Delicate simple pictures of baby activities with touchy-feely patches on every double board page spread and the cover. Just right for story and cuddle time with just enough in every illustration for lots of chatting to your baby.

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