

# Books for Two and Three Year Olds

The books listed here are excellent examples of the types of topics and formats that are appropriate for children ages two and three. Books can go out of print quickly; if you are unable to find some of these books, ask your librarian to recommend similar titles.

## Predictable Stories

- Baker, Keith. *Big Fat Hen*. Harcourt Brace, 1994. j BOARD BK B
- Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo*. Little Simon, 2005. j PICTURE BK CAM
- Cousins, Lucy. *Hooray for Fish!* Candlewick, 2005. j PICTURE BK COU
- Fleming, Denise. *Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy*. Henry Holt, 2010. j PICTURE BK FLE
- Fox, Mem. *Hello Baby!* Beach Lane, 2009. j PICTURE BK FOX
- Kalan, Robert. *Blue Sea*. Greenwillow, 1992. j CONCEPT BK KAL
- Kohuth, Jane. *Duck Sock Hop*. Dial, 2012. j PICTURE BK KOH
- Martin, Bill, Jr. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* Henry Holt, 1992. j PICTURE BK MAR
- Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher! Higher!* Candlewick, 2009. (Several others by this author) j PICTURE BK PAT
- Rylant, Cynthia. *Puppies and Piggies*. HMH, 2008. j PICTURE BK RYL
- Shea, Bob. *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime*. Hyperion, 2008. (Several others in series) j PICTURE BK SHE
- Stockdale, Susan. *Bring on the Birds*. Peachtree, 2011. (Also *Fabulous Fishes*) j PICTURE BK STO
- Tafari, Nancy. *Have You Seen My Ducklings*. Simon & Schuster, 2007. (Also *The Busy Little Squirrel*; *Mama's Little Bears*; *Silly Little Goose*; and others.) j PICTURE BK TAF
- Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House*. HMH, 2009. j PICTURE BK WOO

## Stories in Rhyme

- Craig, Lindsey. *Dancing Feet!* Knopf, 2010. j PICTURE BK CRA
- Dewdney, Anna. *Llama Llama Home with Mama*. Viking, 2011. (Several others in series) j PICTURE BK DEW
- Kutner, Merrily. *Down on the Farm*. Holiday House, 2005. j PICTURE BK KUT
- Root, Phyllis. *Flip, Flap, Fly!* Candlewick, 2009. j PICTURE BK ROO
- Sayre, April Pulley. *Go, Go, Grapes!* Beach Lane, 2012. (Also *Rah, Rah, Radishes!*) j PICTURE BK SAY
- Shaw, Nancy. *Sheep on a Ship*. HMH, 2010. (Several others in series) j PICTURE BK SHA

## Interactive Books

- Barry, Frances. *Big Yellow Sunflower*. Candlewick, 2008. j PICTURE BK BAR; j PICTURE BK CRA
- Beaumont, Karen. *Baby Danced the Polka*. Dial, 2004. j PICTURE BK BEA

- Bitterman, Albert. *Fortune Cookies*. Beach Lane, 2011. j PICTURE BK BIT
- Cimarusti, Marie Torres. *Peek-A-Moo*. Dutton, 1998. j PICTURE BK CIM
- Van Fleet, Matthew. *Dog*. Simon & Schuster, 2007. j PICTURE BK VAN

## Animal Books

- Barner, Bob. *Bears! Bears! Bears!* Chronicle, 2010. j PICTURE BK BAR
- Carle, Eric. *The Very Busy Spider*. Philomel, 1985. j PICTURE BK CAR
- Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Philomel, 1981. j PICTURE BK CAR
- Ehlert, Lois. *Feathers for Lunch*. Harcourt Brace, 1990. j PICTURE BK EHL
- Fleming, Denise. *Barnyard Banter*. Henry Holt, 1994. (Also *The Cow Who Clucked*) j PICTURE BK FLE
- Henkes, Kevin. *Little White Rabbit*. Greenwillow, 2011. j PICTURE BK HEN
- Krilanovich, Nadia. *Chicken, Chicken, Duck!* Tricycle Press, 2011. j BOARD BK K
- Lawrence, John. *This Little Chick*. Candlewick, 2002. j PICTURE BK LAW
- Minor, Wendell. *My Farm Friends*. G.P. Putnam, 2011. j BOARD BK MIN
- Ruelle, Karen Gray. *Bark Park*. Peachtree, 2008. j PICTURE BK RUE
- Taback, Simms. *Simms Taback's City Animals*. Blue Apple, 2009. j PICTURE BK TAB
- Willems, Mo. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Hyperion, 2003. (Several others in series) j PICTURE BK WIL
- Wilson, Karma. *What's in the Egg, Little Pip?* Margaret K. McElderry, 2010. (Several others in series) j PICTURE BK WIL

## Transportation/Vehicle Books

- Allen, Pamela. *Who Sank the Boat?* Puffin, 1996. j PICTURE BK ALL
- Barton, Byron. *My Car*. Greenwillow, 2001. (Several others in series) j PICTURE BK BAR

- Crews, Donald. *Freight Train*. Greenwillow, 2003. [j BOARD BK C](#)
- Cuyler, Margery. *The Little Dump Truck*. Henry Holt, 2009. [j BOARD BK C](#)
- Hamilton, Kersten. *Red Truck*. Viking, 2012. [j BOARD BK H](#)
- Lewis, Kevin. *Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo*. Hyperion, 1999. (Also *Tugga-Tugga Tugboat*) [j PICTURE BK LEW](#)
- Mitton, Tony. *Busy Boats*. Kingfisher, 2002. (Several others in series) [j PICTURE BK MIT](#)
- Sayres, Brianna Caplan. *Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night?* Random House, 2012. [j BOARD BK S](#)
- Sturges, Judy Sue Goodwin. *Construction Kitties*. Henry Holt, 2013. [j PICTURE BK GOO](#)

### Simple Concepts

[j BOARD BK A](#)

- Abrams, Pam. *Now I Eat My ABC's*. Scholastic, 2004.
- Baker, Alan. *White Rabbit's Color Book*. Kingfisher, 1999. [j CONCEPT BK BAK](#)
- Davis, Nancy. *A Garden of Opposites*. Schwartz & Wade, 2009. [j CONCEPT BK DAV](#)
- Dodd, Emma. *Dog's Colorful Day*. Dutton, 2001. [j CONCEPT BK DOD](#)
- Ehlert, Lois. *Planting a Rainbow*. HMH, 1992. [j CONCEPT BK EHL](#)
- Fleming, Denise. *Shout! Shout It Out!* Henry Holt, 2011. (Also *Lunch*) [j CONCEPT BK FLE](#)
- Fox, Mem. *Time for Bed*. HMH, 1993. [j BOARD BK F](#)
- Gibbs, Edward. *I Spy Under the Sea*. Templar, 2012. (Several others in series)

[j CONCEPT BK GIB](#)

- Katz, Karen. *Ten Tiny Babies*. Margaret K. McElderry, 2008. [j CONCEPT BK KAT](#)
- MacDonald, Suse. *Fish, Swish! Splash, Dash!* Little Simon, 2007. [j CONCEPT BK MAC](#)
- Martin, Bill, Jr. *Ten Little Caterpillars*. Beach Lane, 2011. [j PICTURE BK MAR](#)
- Reasoner, Charles. *One Blue Fish: A Colorful Counting Book*. Little Simon, 2010. [j CONCEPT BK REA](#)
- Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Paint*. HMH, 1989. (Also *Mouse Count*) [j PCONCEPT BK WAL](#)
- Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* Blue Sky, 2000. [j PICTURE BK YOL](#)

### Naming Body Parts

- Davick, Linda. *I Love You, Nose! I Love You, Toes!* Beach Lane, 2013. [j CONCEPT BK DAV](#)
- Martin, Bill, Jr., and John Archambault. *Here Are My Hands*. Henry Holt, 1987.

[j PICTURE BK MAR](#)

### Friendship

- Foley, Greg. *I Miss You Mouse*. Viking, 2010. (Several others in series) [j CONCEPT BK FOL](#)
- Hillenbrand, Will. *Spring Is Here!* Holiday House, 2011. [j PICTURE BK HIL](#)
- Ruzzier, Sergio. *Bear and Bee*. Disney-Hyperion, 2013. [j PICTURE BK RUZ](#)
- Scheffler, Axel. *Pip and Posy: The Big Balloon*. Nosy Crow, 2013. (Several others in series) [j PICTURE BK SCH](#)
- Wilson, Karma. *Bear Says Thanks*. Margaret K. McElderry, 2012. (Several others in series) [j PICTURE BK WIL](#)

### Families

- Fox, Mem. *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*. HMH, 2008. [j NURSERY Ten](#)
- Parr, Todd. *The Daddy Book*. Little, Brown, 2002. (Also *The Mommy Book, It's Okay to Be Different*, and others by this author) [j PICTURE BK PARR](#)
- Shannon, David. *Oh, David!* Blue Sky Press, 2005. (Several others in series) [j PICTURE BK SHA](#)
- Walker, Anna. *I Love My Dad*. Simon & Schuster, 2010. (Several others in series) [j PICTURE BK WAL](#)

### Folktales

- Barton, Byron. *The Three Bears*. HarperCollins, 1991. (Also *The Little Red Hen* and others by this author) [j BOARD BK B](#)

### Emotions/Feelings

- Henkes, Kevin. *A Good Day*. Greenwillow, 2007. [j PICTURE BK HEN](#)
- Rosenthal, Eileen. *I Must Have Bobo!* Atheneum, 2011. [j PICTURE BK ROS](#)
- Tankard, Jeremy. *Grumpy Bird*. Scholastic, 2007. (Several others in series) [j PICTURE BK TAN](#)

### Songbooks

- Ada, Alma Flor. *Ten Little Puppies*. HarperCollins, 2011. [j NURSERY Ten](#)
- Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. HMH, 1989. (Several others in series) [j NURSERY Five](#)
- Ellwand, David. *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*. Silver Dolphin, 2009. (Several other song books by this author) [j BOARD E](#)
- Katz, Karen. *The Babies on the Bus*. Henry Holt, 2011. [j BOARD K](#)
- Litwin, Eric. *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*. HarperCollins, 2010. (Several others in series) [j PICTURE BK PET](#)
- Sayre, April Pulley. *If You're Hoppy*. Greenwillow, 2011. [j PICTURE BK SAYwa](#)