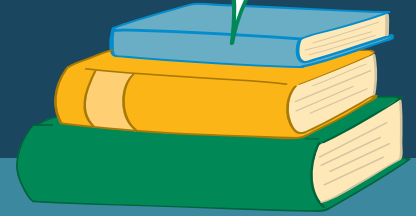


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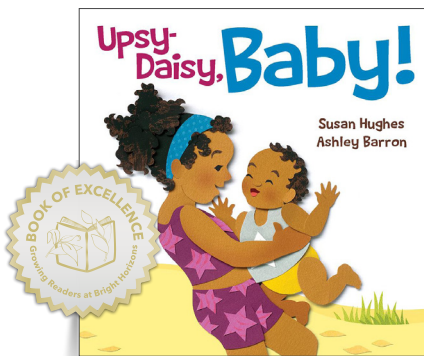


Books of Excellence and Notable books are selected annually by a panel of Bright Horizons early childhood experts and represent some of the best new writing in children's literature.

Book of Excellence

INFANT & TODDLER

Upsy-Daisy, Baby!



Written by Susan Hughes; Illustrated by Ashley Barron

Baskets, slings, shawls, and more. Families around the world carry their babies differently, but they have one thing in common: love. Glorious illustrations combine with a lively text that celebrates the nurturing care of extended families everywhere.

Storytelling Tips

- ▶ Cuddle up with your little one to share this story. Point out the vivid colors on each page.
- ▶ Change the names if necessary to reflect your family's terminology—"Poppy" for example, instead of Grandfather.

Extend the Learning

- ▶ Offer your child various materials from the story, such as a basket, blanket, shawl, or backpack. Let your baby safely explore these materials.
- ▶ Look at photos of family members, naming each one.

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Notable Books

Other great books we recommend.

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INFANT & TODDLER

Tummy Time Friends

Written by Carol McDougall and Shanda LaRanee-Jones

“Lift up your head and you will find some friends have come for tummy time.” Lilted rhymes and beautiful full-page photos invite babies to explore their world.

Storytelling Tips

- ▶ Snuggle with your baby and read this charming short story. Point out details in the photos. “Look, here are two babies. They’re smiling.” “Her hair is brown. It’s the same color as your hair.”
- ▶ Let your baby see how you care for and fold the book. Say, “We start here at the beginning and read to the end. We’re very gentle with the book.”



Extend the Learning

- ▶ Lay your baby on a blanket on the floor. Offer an engaging, safe material to explore, such as a non-breakable mirror, a shiny bowl, or a pumpkin.
- ▶ Point out the infants’ facial features in the book, as well as your child’s features. “Here are their eyes. Here are your eyes.”

PRESCHOOL

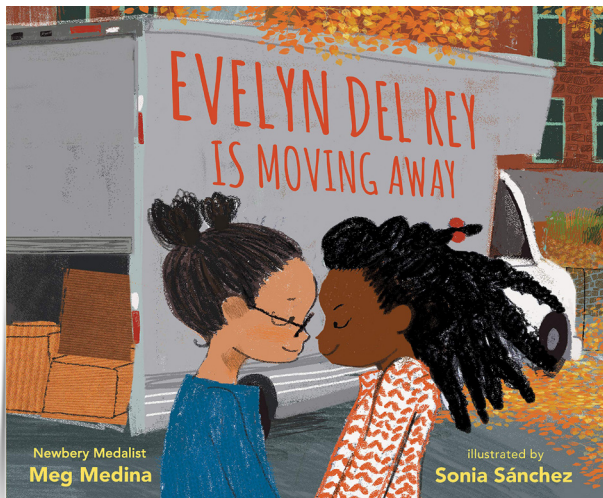
Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away

Written by Meg Medina; Illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

Daniela's best friend Evelyn is moving away, but the two girls get one special last day together. The poignant text and warm illustrations add to this appealing story.

Storytelling Tips

- ▶ Read and discuss the story together. Has your child ever had a friend move away? Or maybe your family moved? What other changes has your child experienced? What was good about that change? What was hard?
- ▶ Examine the bright illustrations, which are somewhat reminiscent of Ezra Jack Keat's work (*The Snowy Day* and *Pet Show*). Notice the small details. The orange and yellow fall leaves, for example, illustrate the idea of change. On the last page, a much older Daniela enjoys reading letters from Evelyn, a sign that they are still good friends.



Extend the Learning

- ▶ Make a list of the people who are special in your child's life. What makes them special? Consider writing letters to friends and family that you don't see regularly.
- ▶ Offer a cardboard box. What can your child imagine with it? Maybe it's a bus, a train, or a boat. Perhaps it's a house or a cave.
- ▶ Draw a map of your home, your neighborhood, or a friend's home with your child. Include as many details as you can.

SCHOOL-AGE (K-2)

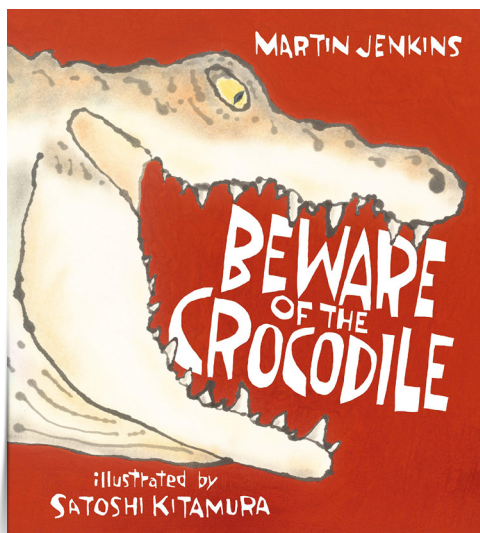
Beware of the Crocodile

Written by Martin Jenkins; Illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura

Crocodiles are really scary and have lots of teeth, but that's not all. Author and conservation biologist Martin Jenkins offers an engaging and well-balanced look at crocodile behaviors.

Storytelling Tips

- ▶ Before the story, ask, "What do we already know about crocodiles?" After you read the story, ask, "What new things do we know?"
- ▶ Look at the endpapers, which feature crocodiles emerging from the water. Are the crocodiles the same? How are they different?
- ▶ Ask thought provoking questions and comments, depending on your child's interest. "I wonder how the mother crocodile knows to pile leaves on the eggs." "Does that remind you of other animals?"



Extend the Learning

- ▶ Learn about composting, and in particular, how humans pile leaves and debris to generate heat and create decomposition.
- ▶ Watch videos online of birds, chickens, crocodiles, and other baby animals emerging from eggs. How are they the same? How are they different? How do mother animals know how to care for their babies?

SCHOOL-AGE (GR. 4-6)

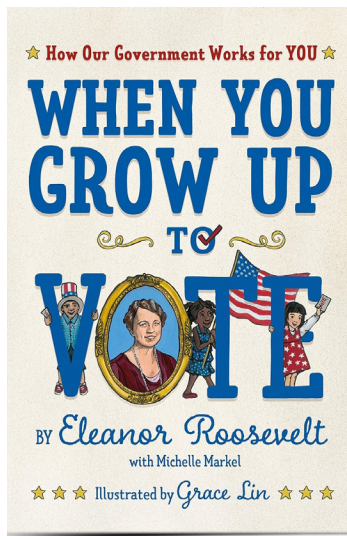
When You Grow Up to Vote: How Our Government Works for you

Written by Eleanor Roosevelt with Michelle Markel; Illustrated by Grace Lin

In 1932, Eleanor Roosevelt penned a short book, *When You Grow Up to Vote*, because she wanted children to understand how government functions and their role in it. This updated version will inspire children to participate in the democratic process.

Storytelling Tips

- ▶ Read one chapter at a time and discuss it. Make connections to people and happenings in your community, as well as national current events.
- ▶ Talk about democratic ideals and why free speech, the right to assembly, and other basic rights are so important.



Extend the Learning

- ▶ Share with your child your own perspectives about government. Let your child see you vote and discuss why you've chosen certain candidates.
- ▶ Read Eleanor Roosevelt's biography or learn more about her online.
- ▶ Talk about systems of government in history, as well as in other parts of the world currently. What are the pros and cons of various systems of government?
- ▶ Try voting on simple family decisions, such as which movie to watch or what kind of pizza to eat.
- ▶ Attend or watch a city council meeting (depending on local health mandates) or visit other government buildings.
- ▶ Point out the ways government helps your family locally. Express appreciation for local public servants.