

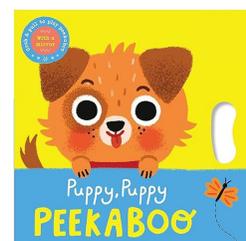
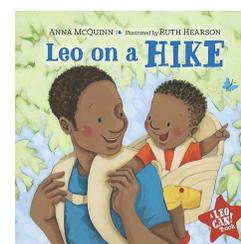
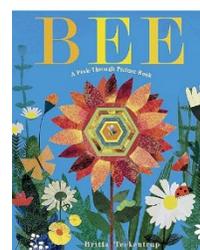
Growing Readers

Book Recommendations - 2024



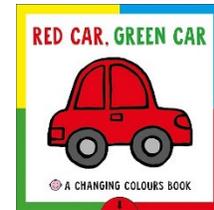
Infant/Toddler Recommendations

- ***Baby's Black and White Contrast Book***
 - Written and illustrated by Tabitha Paige
 - Paige delivers a delightful and captivating book designed to stimulate a baby's developing vision. Each page features hand-drawn, lifelike images of various animals. Its unique accordion-format allows it to stand upright, making it both engaging and functional for tummy time.
- ***Bee: A Peek-Through Board Book***
 - Written by Britta Techentrup
 - Through a honeycomb lens, the reader follows a busy bee across vibrant illustrations of nature from pastures to ponds and streams. With sensory-rich text and pages, babies and toddlers will love poking their fingers through each honeycomb.
- ***Hello, Baby***
 - Written by Little Bee Books; Illustrated by Stephani Stilwell
 - Learn to say "hello" in 15 different languages! Flip through this charming book filled with lovely photographs of babies from all over the world as they engage in everyday play. Explore the smiles and happy expressions through dancing, laughing, and taking a bath.
- ***Leo on a Hike***
 - Written by Anna McQuinn; Illustrated by Ruth Hearson
 - Leo and his dad get ready to explore the hiking trails. Follow Leo as he interacts with nature, enjoying the day looking at trees and coming across different animals. Young children will marvel at pointing to and exploring the easy-to-follow details within the illustrations.
- ***Puppy, Puppy Peekaboo***
 - Written by Boxer Books; Illustrated by Grace Habib
 - Grace Habib captures the reader with delightful colors and playful illustrations in this charmingly interactive book. The grab-and-pull tabs will have your little one engaged in multiple reads!



- *Red Car, Green Car*

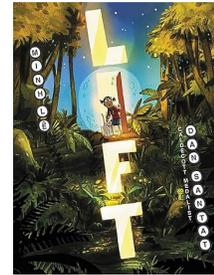
- Written by Priddy Books; Illustrated by Adria Meserve
- Explore bright colors and playful rhymes in this interactive board book brimming with rich vocabulary for babies and toddlers. Pull each tab to see the color change behind each car.



Preschool Through Young School Age Recommendations

- *Lift*

- Written by Minh Lê; Illustrated by Dan Santat
- “Lift” your spirits in this imaginary adventure using a magic elevator button. Comic-inspired illustrations capture the loving, yet sometimes quarrelsome, relationship between siblings. The author metaphorically uses the title, *Lift*, to explore themes of imagination, sharing, empathy, and relationships.



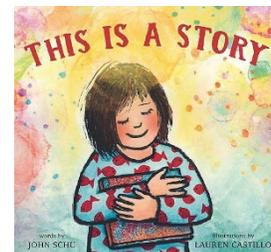
- *Mine!*

- Written by Candace Fleming; Illustrated by Eric Rohmann
- In *Mine!* by Candace Fleming, a group of forest animals, including Mouse, Hare, Fox, Deer, and Bear, all covet a single red apple hanging at the top of a tall tree. As each animal eagerly anticipates claiming the apple for themselves, the wind eventually causes it to fall. The story concludes with a surprising and heartwarming lesson about sharing.



- *This is a Story*

- Written by John Schu; Illustrated by Lauren Castillo
- The story unfolds as a young girl and her dad start with a day in the park and take a stroll to the library. Through heart-warming text and colorful illustrations, *This is a Story* shares the magic of books – the endless possibilities of learning, imagination, and creativity. This beautifully crafted book weaves together the connectedness of people through their curiosity to learn and their desire to discover through books.



- *Tree Hole Homes*

- Written by Melissa Stewart; Illustrated by Amy Hevron
- Did you know some animals live in trees? In this nature-themed book, follow a young girl on a walk through the forest as she spots different tree homes and the animals that inhabit them. Perfect for multiple read-alouds, the book features a main storyline along with a secondary text that provides specific information about the animal on each page.



Turn to the back matter to revisit the list of tree home dwellers and learn about their scientific names, their sizes, what they eat, and a fun fact!

- *Wild Blue*

- Written by Dashka Slater; Illustrated by Laura Hughes
- *Wild Blue* is a gentle story celebrating the milestones of growing up and the challenges children face when trying something new. The illustrator seamlessly brings to life Kayla's reality and imagination, combining details of a modern neighborhood with the Old West.



- *Wishes of the World*

- Written by Melissa Stiveson; Illustrated by Khoa Le
- Explore the message of hope and joy in the diverse ways people make wishes. In this enchanting book, Melissa and Khoa bring to life the beautiful and diverse ways children around the world release their thoughts into a wish. Whimsical illustrations bring the reader on a journey around the world visiting many cultural places and artifacts.

