FIRST BOOKS TO READ TO BABY

JP Anastas       Mommy’s Best Kisses
JP Barton*       My Car
JP Brown*        Goodnight Moon
JP Butler*       Can You Growl Like a Bear?
JP Craig         Dancing Feet!
JP Crews*        Freight Train
JP Cruise        Only You
JP Fleming*      Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy
JP Henderson*    Look at You!: A Baby Body Book
JP Hindley       Baby Talk
JP Hudson        Hands Can
JP Isadora*      Peekaboo Morning
JP Katz*         Daddy Hugs 1 2 3
JP Martin*       Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
JP Milord        Love That Baby
JP O’Hair        Star Baby
JP Tafuri*       Whose Chick Are You?
JP Wild          Itsy Bitsy Babies

*Try other books by these authors, too.

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It is never too early to begin with books. Sharing books with your baby will create a love of books and reading which will last a lifetime. Here are some tips and titles to get you and your baby started.

Recite and sing nursery rhymes to stimulate your newborn’s language and listening. Mother Goose is a great first choice.

Begin to show picture books to your baby as soon as he/she can focus on the pictures (about 4 months), pointing to and naming objects. Choose Word Books with large, clear pictures in black and white and other boldly contrasting colors. Toddler Books that show familiar things such as food, toys, and clothes are good choices too.

The next step is to read First Books from the Picture Book Collection. Read and reread books to your child. Repetition, predictability, and familiarity are enjoyable at this age.
MOTHER GOOSE/ NURSERY RHYMES

JP Mother Goose
- Favorite Nursery Rhymes From Mother Goose
- Mother Goose Picture Puzzles
- Neighborhood Mother Goose
- Pocketful of Posies
- Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose
- Yum! Yum! Delicious Nursery Rhymes

POETRY & RHYMING STORIES

JP Meyers
- Everywhere Babies

JP Read
- Read Aloud Rhymes for the very young

JP Switching
- Switching on the Moon

JP Yolen
- Three Bears Rhyme Book

WORD BOOKS

JP Fleming
- Shout! Shout it Out!

JP Scarry
- Richard Scarry's Best First Book Ever

MUSIC FOR BABIES

J Songs Anton
- Celeste Sings, Kids Dream

J Songs Koz
- Golden Slumbers

J Songs Lullabies
- Lullabies: Dreamsongs Around the World

J Songs Raffi
- Quiet Time

J Songs Sunseri
- Baby-O!

J Songs Sunseri
- Mother Goose Melodies

TODDLER BOOKS COLLECTION

This special collection of small, sturdy board books with rounded corners and thick pages is just right for little hands to learn how to turn pages.

Suggested authors:
- Katz
- Kubler
- Miller
- Oxenbury
- Wells
- Yolen

Also look at the board book magazine Babybug, filled with simple stories and rhymes.
The figure of Mother Goose is the imaginary author of a collection of French fairy tales and later of English nursery rhymes. As a character, she appeared in a song, the first stanza of which often functions now as a nursery rhyme. This, however, was dependent on a Christmas pantomime, a successor to which is still performed in the United Kingdom. The term's appearance in English dates back to the early 18th century, when Charles Perrault's fairy tale collection, Contes de ma Mère l'Oye, was first. Mother Goose is often cited as the author of hundreds of children's stories that have been passed down through oral tradition and published over centuries. Various chants, songs, and even games have been attributed to her, but she is most recognized for her nursery rhymes, which have been familiar with readers of all generations. Her work is often published as Mother Goose Rhymes. Despite her celebrated place in children's literature, the exact identity and origin of Mother Goose herself is still unknown. Some believe that the original Mother Goose was a real woman who lived in Boston during t