

# 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.
- Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo*. Little Simon, 2005.
- Cousins, Lucy. *Hooray for Fish!* Candlewick, 2005.
- Fleming, Denise. *Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy*. Henry Holt, 2010.
- Fox, Mem. *Hello Baby!* Beach Lane, 2009.
- Kalan, Robert. *Blue Sea*. Greenwillow, 1992.
- Kohuth, Jane. *Duck Sock Hop*. Dial, 2012.
- Martin, Bill, Jr. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* Henry Holt, 1992.
- Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher! Higher!* Candlewick, 2009. (Several others by this author)
- Rylant, Cynthia. *Puppies and Piggies*. HMH, 2008.
- Shea, Bob. *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime*. Hyperion, 2008. (Several others in series)
- Stockdale, Susan. *Bring on the Birds*. Peachtree, 2011. (Also *Fabulous Fishes*)
- Tafuri, Nancy. *Have You Seen My Ducklings*. Simon & Schuster, 2007. (Also *The Busy Little Squirrel*; *Mama's Little Bears*; *Silly Little Goose*; and others.)
- Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House*. HMH, 2009.

## Stories in Rhyme

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

## Interactive Books

- Barry, Frances. *Big Yellow Sunflower*. Candlewick, 2008.
- Beaumont, Karen. *Baby Danced the Polka*. Dial, 2004.

- Bitterman, Albert. *Fortune Cookies*. Beach Lane, 2011.
- Cimarusti, Marie Torres. *Peek-A-Moo*. Dutton, 1998.
- Lewis, Anthony. *Little Ocean Explorers*. Child's Play, 2007.
- Van Fleet, Matthew. *Dog*. Simon & Schuster, 2007.

## Animal Books

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

## Transportation/Vehicle Books

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

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

### Simple Concepts

- Abrams, Pam. *Now I Eat My ABC's*. Scholastic, 2004.
- Baker, Alan. *White Rabbit's Color Book*. Kingfisher, 1999.
- Braun, Sebastien. *Meow and the Big Box*. Boxer Books, 2009.
- Davis, Nancy. *A Garden of Opposites*. Schwartz & Wade, 2009.
- Dodd, Emma. *Dog's Colorful Day*. Dutton, 2001.
- Ehlert, Lois. *Planting a Rainbow*. HMH, 1992.
- Fleming, Denise. *Shout! Shout It Out!* Henry Holt, 2011. (Also *Lunch*)
- Fox, Mem. *Time for Bed*. HMH, 1993.
- Gibbs, Edward. *I Spy Under the Sea*. Templar, 2012. (Several others in series)
- Horáček, Petr. *One Spotted Giraffe*. Candlewick, 2012. (Also *Butterfly Butterfly*)
- Katz, Karen. *Ten Tiny Babies*. Margaret K. McElderry, 2008.
- MacDonald, Suse. *Fish, Swish! Splash, Dash!* Little Simon, 2007.
- Martin, Bill, Jr. *Ten Little Caterpillars*. Beach Lane, 2011.
- Reasoner, Charles. *One Blue Fish: A Colorful Counting Book*. Little Simon, 2010.
- Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Paint*. HMH, 1989. (Also *Mouse Count*)
- Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* Blue Sky, 2000.

### Naming Body Parts

- Davick, Linda. *I Love You, Nose! I Love You, Toes!* Beach Lane, 2013.
- Martin, Bill, Jr., and John Archambault. *Here Are My Hands*. Henry Holt, 1987.

### Friendship

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

### Families

- Fox, Mem. *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*. HMH, 2008.
- Parr, Todd. *The Daddy Book*. Little, Brown, 2002. (Also *The Mommy Book, It's Okay to Be Different*, and others by this author)
- Savadier, Elivia. *Will Sheila Share?* Roaring Brook Press, 2008.
- Shannon, David. *Oh, David!* Blue Sky Press, 2005. (Several others in series)
- Walker, Anna. *I Love My Dad*. Simon & Schuster, 2010. (Several others in series)

### Folktales

- Barton, Byron. *The Three Bears*. HarperCollins, 1991. (Also *The Little Red Hen* and others by this author)

### Emotions/Feelings

- Henkes, Kevin. *A Good Day*. Greenwillow, 2007.
- Rosenthal, Eileen. *I Must Have Bobo!* Atheneum, 2011.
- Tankard, Jeremy. *Grumpy Bird*. Scholastic, 2007. (Several others in series)

### Songbooks

- Ada, Alma Flor. *Ten Little Puppies*. HarperCollins, 2011.
- Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. HMH, 1989. (Several others in series)
- Ellwand, David. *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*. Silver Dolphin, 2009. (Several other song books by this author)
- Katz, Karen. *The Babies on the Bus*. Henry Holt, 2011.
- Litwin, Eric. *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*. HarperCollins, 2010. (Several others in series)
- Sayre, April Pulley. *If You're Hoppy*. Greenwillow, 2011.
- Sedaka, Neil. *Waking Up Is Hard to Do*. Imagine Studios, 2010.