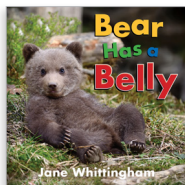


Created by a panel of local librarians and child development experts, this nationally recognized guide assists parents, teachers and caregivers in selecting quality materials to share with babies ages birth to 18 months.



***Baby Says* and *Tummy Time*** (Flowerpot Press)

Bright, clear photos of adorable babies illustrate familiar experiences from smelling something “Stinky!” to laughing and playing.



***Bear Has a Belly*** (Pajama Press)

by Jane Whittingham

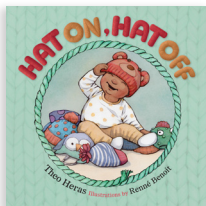
Appealing photographs of animals and children focus on different body parts while the straightforward text encourages interaction.



***Grandma and Me*** (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky)

by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrations by Ashleigh Corrin

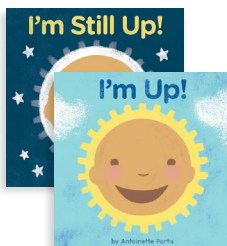
A variety of young children celebrate their grandmas in this board book with simple child-like illustrations.



***Hat On, Hat Off*** (Pajama Press)

by Theo Heras, illustrations by Renné Benoit

Getting ready for an outing is pure fun in this look at all the choices a cheerful child has for bundling up.



***I'm Still Up!* and *I'm Up!*** (Clarion Books)

by Antoinette Portis

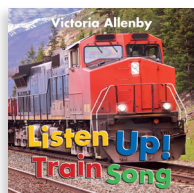
Energy radiates from the words and pictures in this funny pair of stories about getting up and (however reluctantly) going to bed.

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***A Kiss Is Coming*** (Tyndale Kids)  
by Marilyn Janovitz

Cuddly animals and rhyming words fill this cozy story meant to prepare listeners for bedtime and remind them of their parents' love.



***Listen Up! Train Song*** (Pajama Press)  
by Victoria Allenby

Crisp photographs and rhythmic words highlight all kinds of trains.



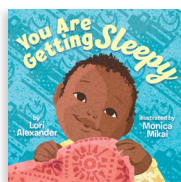
***Now You See It – Meadow and Ocean and Rainforest and River***  
(Child's Play International)  
by Sarah Dellow

Vibrant patterns will draw the attention of young infants; clever cutouts create images of animals that offer plenty to talk about as baby grows.



***Sea and Sky*** (Child's Play International)  
by Charlotte Archer

These books can be enjoyed page by page or folded out for playtime or tummy time; varying textures and patterns encourage touching as well as viewing the brightly colored designs and pictures.



***You Are Getting Sleepy*** (Cartwheel Books)  
by Lori Alexander, illustrations by Monica Mikai

Charming soft illustrations focus on a smiling infant who is enjoying familiar bedtime routines with loving parents.

It's never too early to start sharing books with your baby. When caregivers read and speak to babies, the speech and language parts of babies' brains are stimulated and develop. Share new words every day! Point to pictures on the page as you describe them. Make connections to things you see and experience in real life too.

Best Books for Babies can be found online at [bestbooksforbabies.org](http://bestbooksforbabies.org).