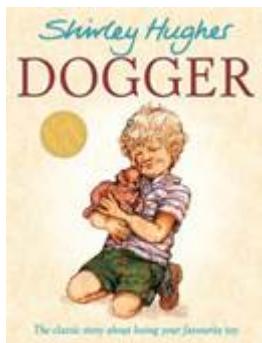


Best Books for 0-5 years



In 2015, we put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

The books below are ones suitable for babies, toddlers and preschoolers aged 0-5.

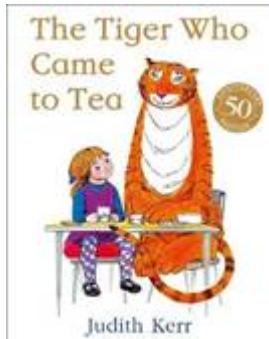
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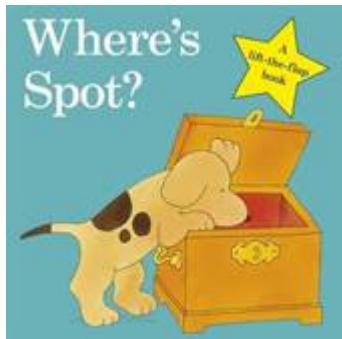
The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Author: Judith Kerr

Interest level: 2+

Reading age: 6+

Sophie and her Mummy are having tea in the kitchen when in walks a hungry tiger who asks to stay to tea.



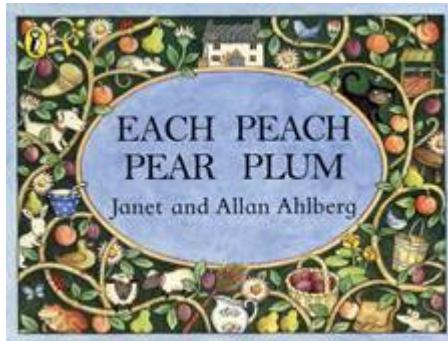
Where's Spot?

Author: Eric Hill

Interest level: 0+

Reading age: 4+

This adorable picture book about Spot the dog is the first in the Spot series



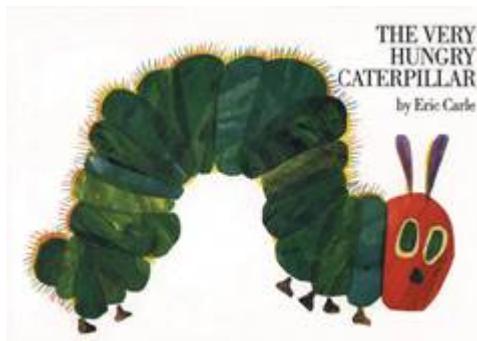
Each Peach Pear Plum

Author: Allan Ahlberg **Illustrator:** Janet Ahlberg

Interest level: 0+

Reading age: 4+

This classic book from author and illustrator team Janet and Allan Ahlberg is a real favourite with families



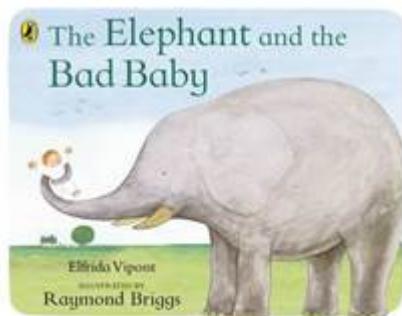
The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Author: Eric Carle

Interest level: 0+

Reading age: 5+

Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* deserves its reputation as a much-loved classic.



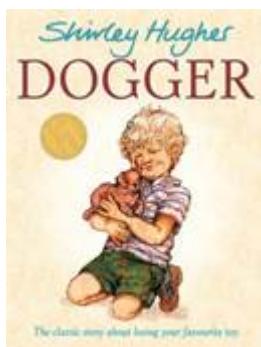
The Elephant and the Bad Baby

Author: Elfrida Vipont **Illustrator:** Raymond Briggs

Interest level: 0+

Reading age: 5+

One day, an elephant offers a baby a ride through the town, and they set off on a great adventure.



Dogger

Author: Shirley Hughes

Interest level: 0+

Reading age: 5+

When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate.



Lost and Found

Author: Oliver Jeffers

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 6+

Once there was a sad, lonely penguin who appeared at the door of a young boy. The boy decided he must be lost, so he set off to fi...



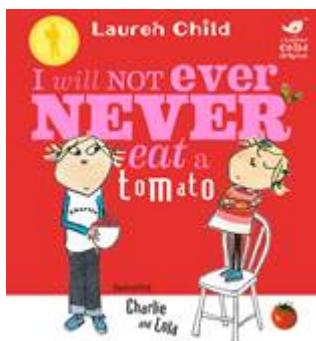
Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears

Author: Emily Gravett

Interest level: 4+

Reading age: 6+

Little Mouse is scared of most things, from creepy crawlies and loud noises, to getting lost.



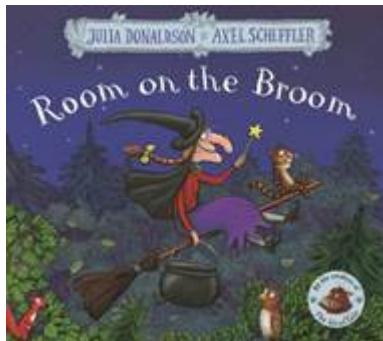
I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato

Author: Lauren Child

Interest level: 4+

Reading age: 5+

Charlie tricks his younger sister, Lola - an extremely fussy eater - into eating all her least favourite foods.



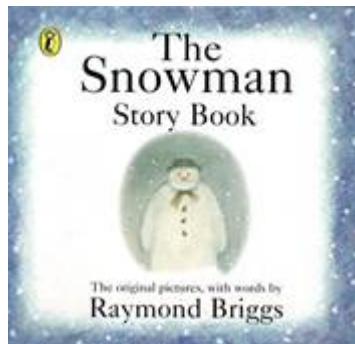
Room on the Broom

Author: Julia Donaldson **Illustrator:** Axel Scheffler

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 6+

From former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson and longtime collaborator Axel Scheffler comes this much-loved tale about a witch ...



The Snowman

Author: Raymond Briggs

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 3+

James builds a snowman in the garden, then wakes up in the night to find that it has come to life.



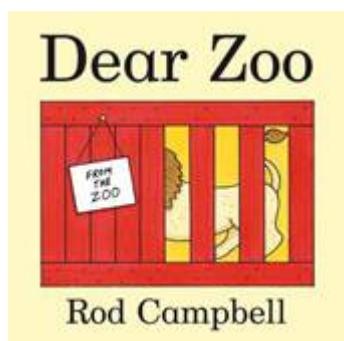
Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

Author: Mem Fox **Illustrator:** Helen Oxenbury

Interest level: 0+

Reading age: 6+

With beautiful illustrations of babies born all over the world and gentle rhyming text, this charming book is perfect for sharing ...



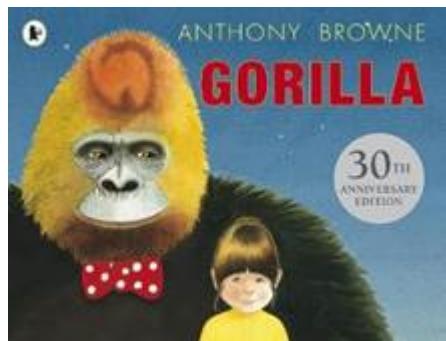
Dear Zoo

Author: Rod Campbell

Interest level: 2+

Reading age:

This appealing story, in lift-the-flap, board-book format has been a favourite with toddlers ever since it was first published in ...



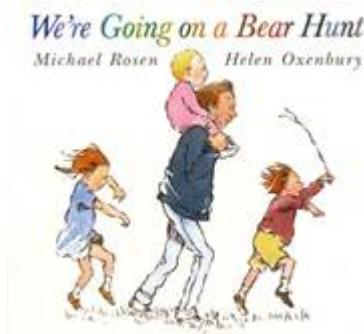
Gorilla

Author: Anthony Browne

Interest level: 4+

Reading age: 6+

Hannah's favourite animals in the whole world are gorillas, but her dad is always too busy to take her to the zoo.



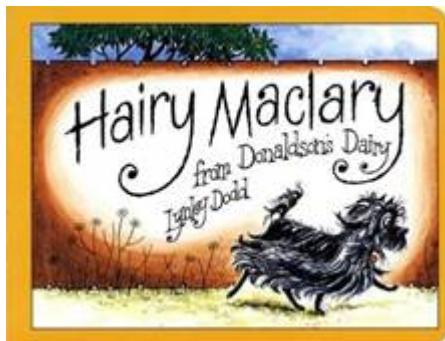
We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Author: Michael Rosen **Illustrator:** Helen Oxenbury

Interest level: 2+

Reading age: 6+

Follow a father and his family as they go out in search of a bear.



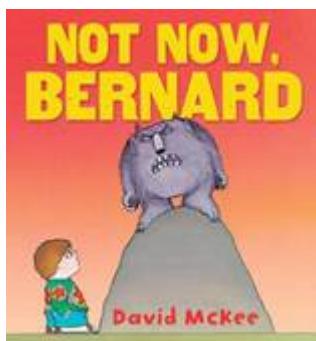
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

Author: Lynley Dodd

Interest level: 2+

Reading age: 6+

This hilarious rhyming story follows Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, as he sets off for a walk in town



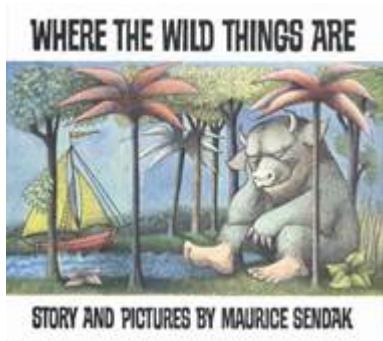
Not now, Bernard

Author: David McKee

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 4+

The classic tale of Bernard, whose distracted parents fail to notice that their son has been eaten and replaced by a monster.



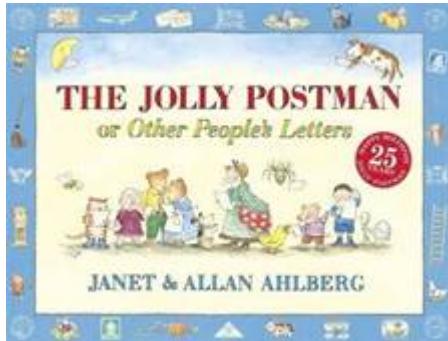
Where the Wild Things Are

Author: Maurice Sendak

Interest level:

Reading age:

When Max puts on his wolf suit and shouts at his mother, he is sent to his room without any supper. But then, his bedroom turns in...



The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters

Author: Allan Ahlberg **Illustrator:** Janet Ahlberg

Interest level: 5+

Reading age: 6+

Brilliantly designed with lots of little details to spot, this old favourite will be enjoyed time and time again



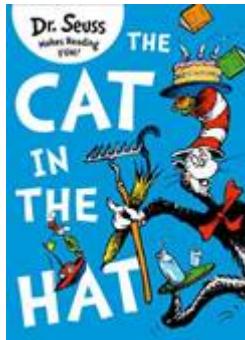
I Want My Hat Back

Author: Jon Klassen

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 6+

A bear sets out in search of his hat - he loves his hat and he wants it back



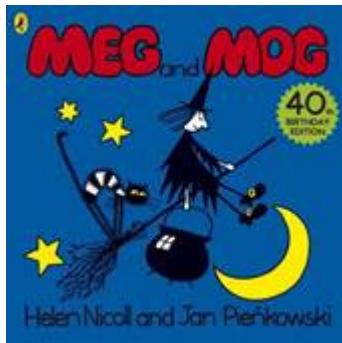
The Cat in the Hat

Author: Dr Seuss

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 6+

When Sally and her brother are left alone on a rainy day, they think they are in for a dull time - but then the Cat in the Hat app...



Meg and Mog

Author: Helen Nicoll **Illustrator:** Jan Pienkowski

Interest level: 2+

Reading age: 5+

In this the first story about much-loved characters Meg the witch and Mog her cat, the pair go off to a wild Hallowe'en party with...



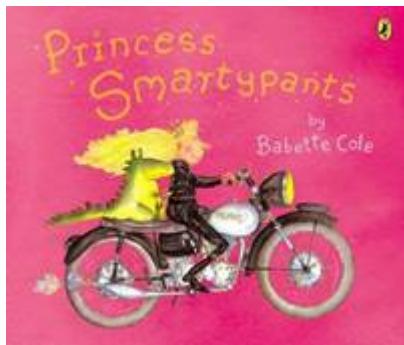
Would You Rather...

Author: John Burningham

Interest level: 3-6

Reading age: 5-7

A classic for children, *Would You Rather...* presents an alternative to a traditional story by imagining a mixture of fan...



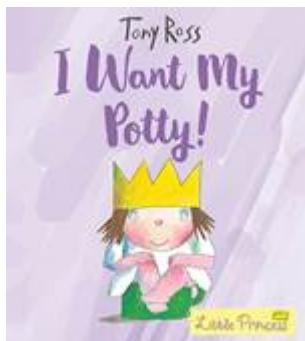
Princess Smartypants

Author: Babette Cole

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 6+

Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms. But being a rich and pretty princess means that all the ...



I Want My Potty!

Author: Tony Ross

Interest level: 2+

Reading age: 5+

The Little Princess hates nappies, and thinks there must be something better. This is classic picture book entertainment, which wi...