

Look and Find with Bear! by Joe Ewers

Help Bear in the Big Blue House find all sorts of things.

***Mother for Choco** by Keiko Kasza
Could Bear be a mother for a bird? What do you say?

My Bunny and Me by Lindsay Barrett George
Luis wants a bunny, but what would he do if he really had one?

My Car Board Book by Byron Barton
Learn all about cars in this colorful book.

***My First Farm Board Book: Spanish/English** [Dorling Kindersley]
Look at and name these bright photos in both languages!

Oliver Finds His Way by Phyllis Root
See how this little bear finds his way home.

On Mother's Lap by Glo Coalson
When baby comes, this gentle book asks if there's still room for big brother.

Red Train by Will Grace
Practice colors, counting, and animal names with this great rhyming book.

Snowballs by Lois Ehlert
You'll have fun pointing to all the household objects used to bring these snow people to life.

Trashy Town by Andrea Griffing Zimmerman
Children love to help tell the story of how to clean Trashy Town.

***Where's My Teddy?** by Jez Alborough
What happens when Eddie finds a different kind of bear?

***Wolf's Chicken Stew** by Keiko Kasza
Why is Wolf baking cakes if he wants to eat chicken stew? Read this book together for a surprisingly sweet ending.

* = also in Spanish

HOW we read with children
is just as important as
HOW OFTEN we read with them.



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Best Books for 2's & 3's



a list
of books for
adults and
children to
share



Sharing books with children

Builds their brain power

Helps them learn language

Prepares them to be readers

Creates a special time together

Books for 2's & 3's

You can find all these books at
Minneapolis Public Library.
Ask a librarian for help.

***Big Red Barn** by Margaret Wise
Brown

*You'll enjoy making the sounds of all the
animals who live in the big red barn.*

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

*Children will like guessing what animal is
hiding under the lift-the-flaps.*

Dinosaur's Binkit by Sandra Boynton

*This interactive board book will be a favorite
at bedtime.*

Father Who Had 10 Children by

Benedicte Guettier

*Count your way through the adventures of
this large family.*

Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell

*Go shopping and counting with this fun
family.*

Flower Garden by Eve Bunting

*Can you guess where this girl is going with
all these beautiful flowers?*

Good Dog, Daisy by Lisa Kopper

*Uh-oh! Daisy's puppies are acting just like
toddlers.*

***Good Night Gorilla** by Peggy

Rathmann

*You'll have fun talking about one sneaky
gorilla in this almost wordless book.*

Tips for sharing books with 2's & 3's

Let your child help tell the story by:

- Asking questions that start with
'What...?'
- Following a question with another
question
- Repeating what your child says
- Building on what your child says
- Helping your child repeat longer
phrases
- Praising your child for talking about
the book
- Following your child's interests in
the book
- Choosing a time when you both
want to look at books

**Good Night, Poppy and Max: A
Bedtime Counting Book** by Lindsey
Gardiner

*Can you count all the things Poppy and Max
use to get ready for bed?*

Here Are My Hands by John
Archambault

Can your hands do all these amazing things?

"Hi, Pizza Man!" by Virginia Walter

*What would you say to a pizza-delivering
dinosaur?*

I Can Do It, Too by Karen Baicker

*Toddlers will repeat the title as they see all
the things they can do, too!*

If You Were Born a Kitten by
Marion Bauer

*Find out how baby animals are born in this
tender book.*

Is That Josie? by Keiko Narahashi

*Who do you think is peeking out of the bed?
Is it a sly fox, or Josie?*

Kiss Goodnight by Amy Hest

*Sam's bedtime routine is upset when his
mother forgets something very important.*

Leon and Bob by Simon James

*Who—and where—is Bob? Find out in this
sweet story of friendship.*

Let's Go by Jane Chapman

Can the motorcycle pass all these vehicles?