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
- Cousins, Lucy. *Hooray for Fish!* Candlewick, 2005.
- Fox, Mem. *Hello Baby!* Beach Lane, 2009.
- Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher! Higher!* Candlewick, 2009. (Several others by this author)
- Stockdale, Susan. *Bring on the Birds.* Peachtree, 2011. (Also *Fabulous Fishes*)
- Tafuri, Nancy. *Five Little Chicks.* Simon & Schuster, 2007. (Also *The Busy Little Squirrel; Mama’s Little Bears; Silly Little Goose*; and others by this author)

Stories in Rhyme
- Dewdney, Anna. *Llama Llama Home with Mama.* Viking, 2011. (Several others in series)
- 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. (Also *Little Green Frogs*)
- *Giant Pop-Out Food.* Chronicle, 2010. (Several others in series)

Animal Books
- Froeb, Lori. *Farm! A Big Fold-Out Color Book.* Reader’s Digest, 2008. (Several others in series)
- Willems, Mo. *Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Hyperion, 2003. (Several others in series)

Transportation/Vehicle Books
• Lewis, Kevin. *Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo.* Hyperion, 1999. (Also *Tugga-Tugga Tugboat*)
• Mitton, Tony. *Busy Boats.* Kingfisher, 2002. (Several others in series)

**Simple Concepts**

• Fleming, Denise. *Shout! Shout It Out!* Henry Holt, 2011. (Also *Lunch*)
• Gibbs, Edward. *I Spy Under the Sea.* Templar, 2012. (Several others in series)
• Horáček, Petr. *One Spotted Giraffe.* Candlewick, 2012. (Also *Butterfly Butterfly*)
• Martin, Bill, Jr. *Ten Little Caterpillars.* Beach Lane, 2011.
• Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Paint.* HMH, 1989. (Also *Mouse Count*)

**Naming Body Parts**

• Davick, Linda. *I Love You, Nose! I Love You, Toes!* Beach Lane, 2013.
• Pearson, Susan. *Feet Are Neat* (Begin Smart series). Sterling, 2008. (Several others in series)

**Friendship**

• Foley, Greg. *I Miss You Mouse.* Viking, 2010. (Several others in series)
• 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**

• Parr, Todd. *The Daddy Book.* Little, Brown, 2002. (Also *The Mommy Book, It’s Okay to Be Different,* and others by this author)
• 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**

• Tankard, Jeremy. *Grumpy Bird.* Scholastic, 2007. (Several others in series)

**Songbooks**

• Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.* HMH, 1989. (Several others in series)
• Ellwand, David. *Row, Row, Row, Your Boat.* Silver Dolphin, 2011. (Several other song books by this author)
• 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.

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