

Book Reviews

Picture Books

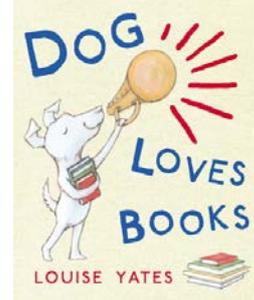
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt, illustrations by Oliver Jeffers

All Duncan wants to do is colour but when he opens his crayon box he find letters. They have been written by his very tired and overused crayons. His crayons have had enough! They quit! Red needs a rest, purple is a neat freak and black would like to be used for something other than outlines. It's up to Duncan to sort it all out. Oliver Jeffers' illustrations add an extra dimension to this very funny story. The book can be found in the Easies tubs in the children's area.



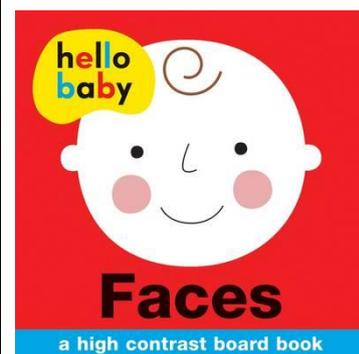
'Dog Loves Books' by Louise Yates

Dog loves books so much he is inspired to open his own bookshop. His business is not as busy as he expected, but Dog finds there is never a dull moment when you are surrounded by wonderful stories.



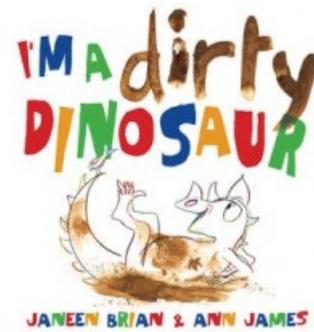
'Hello Baby' by Roger Priddy

From the time they are born babies love to look at faces. Looking at and learning different facial expressions forms the cornerstone for the development of later social skills. All the pictures in this high-contrast board book are illustrated in contrasting black and white with splashes of colour. They are easy for baby to focus on and designed to encourage early visual stimulation. Share this book with your baby.



'I'm a dirty dinosaur' by Janeen Brian and illustrated by Ann James

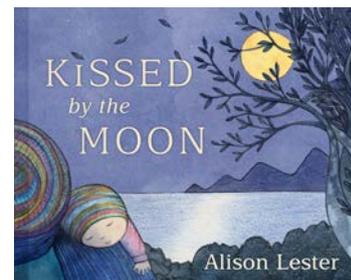
'I'm a dirty dinosaur' is a fun, rollicking rhyming story about a cheeky dinosaur who loves to play in the mud! And what does a dirty dinosaur do once he's had a wash and is all clean again...we'll give you one guess!



'Kissed by the Moon' by Alison Lester

May you, my baby, sleep softly at night, and when dawn lights the world, may you wake up to birdsong.

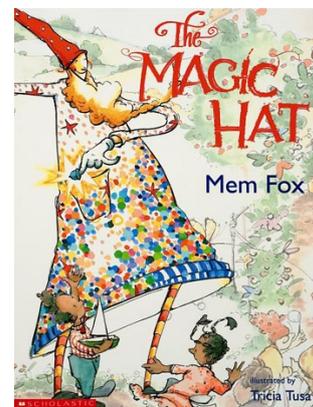
Another beautifully written and illustrated book from much-loved Australian Children's Laureate Alison Lester. Written as part poem and part lullaby, the book celebrates each and every child's place in the natural world.



'The Magic Hat' by Mem Fox and illustrated by Tricia Tusa

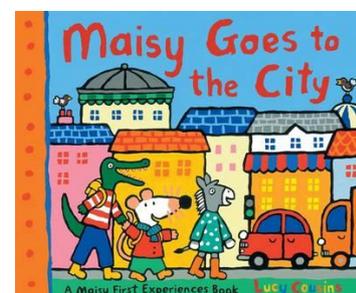
This book is fabulous and a wonderful way to show children how to use their imagination. It describes how a floating hat changes into a magic hat that turns boring people into dancing animals when the hat lands on their head!

Mem Fox uses repetition and rhyme in this delightful picture book.



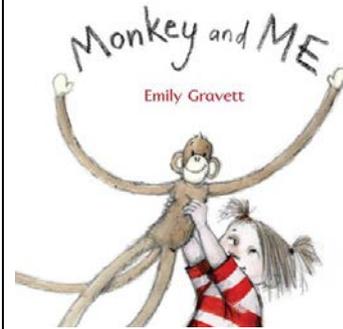
'Maisy Goes to the City' by Lucy Cousins

Everybody's favourite mouse is back in a new series. 'Maisy First Experiences' have been written especially for preschoolers. While these new books feature Lucy Cousins's trademark bold colourful drawings they contain a lot more detail making them utterly absorbing and perfect for playing I Spy as you read through. Maisy and Charlie go to visit their friend Dotty and experience the hustle and bustle of city life.



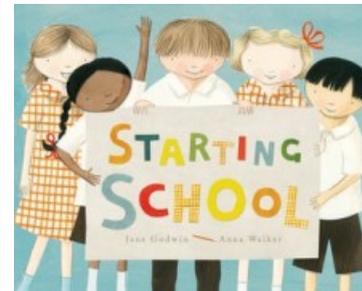
'Monkey And Me' by Emily Gravett

'Monkey and me, Monkey and me, Monkey and me we went to see...'. The story of a trip to the zoo by a little girl and her toy monkey is told through a rollicking and rhythmic rhyme in this new board book from Emily Gravett. It's perfect to read to a baby as you bounce them on your knee in time to the rhyme and after a couple of reads toddlers will love guessing which animal is coming next.



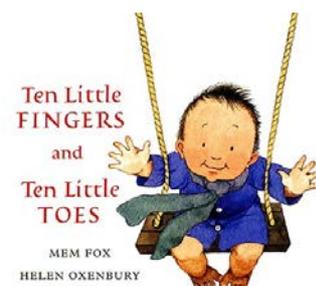
'Starting School' by Jane Goodwin and Anna Walker

Follow five children on their first day of school. Teacher, Miss Quick, answers all the questions faced by the new group, making them feel that school is fun. The children explore their classroom, make new friends and learn new skills. This book is beautifully illustrated and a great introduction for children starting school. It can be found in the Easies tubs in the children's area.



'Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes'
– board book edition by Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury

An absolutely beautiful book to read to babies. It's lilting rhythm, use of repetition and charming illustrations of babies make it a joy to read and to listen to. Babies will love to have their hands and toes gently counted as you read through and will look forward to three little kisses on the end of their nose as the story finishes.



'Wimpy Shrimpy' by Matt Buckingham

An inspiring story to encourage the shyest of children to take the plunge and enjoy life, even if they feel a bit nervous about joining in! Follow Shrimpy as he learns that playing with his friends does not have to be fraught with danger! Lots of fun and colourful illustrations of sea creatures to amuse and stimulate your young child.

