



Books for Preschool SRC 2010

Picture Books (P)

Baker, Keith. LMNO Peas.

This cheerful alphabet book introduces each letter as a large, colorful shape surrounded by tiny pea creatures, green circles with arms, legs, eyes, mouths, and occasionally accessories such as hats, diving masks or flippers. The pea folk demonstrate occupations and actions beginning with each letter and identified in the rhyming, rhythmic text.

Bauer, Marion Dane. The Cutest Critter.

Adorable pictures of baby animals will make this a winner with preschoolers. Additional information included on each animal in the back of the book.

Bedford, David. The Polar Bear Paddle.

Alfie the polar bear loves to do the Polar Bear Paddle. But although his brothers tell him he is too old for the baby pool, they are too busy to teach him how to swim in the sea and he must turn to Diving Bird and Seal for help.

Braun, Sebastien. Back to Bed, Ed.

Ed loves getting ready for bed, but he hates staying in bed! Night after night, he tiptoes down the hall and climbs into his parents' bed. How will his parents ever get him to stay in bed?

Crews, Nina. Sky-High Guy.

Whether they're trekking to a magical island to hunt dinosaurs or saving a city from destruction, Jack and his action figure Guy have exciting adventures. Sometimes, Jack's little brother Gus joins them. When Guy gets caught in a branch while sky-diving, Jack and Gus must launch operation rescue! In this companion to *Below*, Nina Crews uses her trademark photo-collage style to tell a playful story where innovative ideas and teamwork save the day.

Darbyshire, Kristen. Put It On the List.

What happens one frantic week when everyone forgets to put the things they need on Mom's shopping list? First, it's cookies, but no milk. Then macaroni, no cheese. And don't even ask about the toilet paper!

Dubosarsky, Ursula. The Terrible Plop.

A new twist on Chicken Little, the animals in the forest run for their lives because of a mysterious "plop."

Fischer, Scott. Jump!

If you were a frog in a bog and you saw a bug on a jug, what would you do?

Gravett, Emily. Dogs.

Big dogs, small dogs, stripy dogs, spotty dogs. There are so many different kinds of dogs. How can anyone pick one type of dog to love the most?

Hall, Michael. My Heart is Like a Zoo.

The feelings of zoo animals are expressed in silly sentences; the heart shape is used throughout the story in the illustrations. Very bright colorful illustrations make this fun for even younger preschoolers.

Harper, Charise. Cupcake.

A generic, vanilla frosted cupcake is feeling left out when all his decorated friends are chosen. Then his candle friend has a few ideas for how to dress up.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. All Kinds of Families!

With irresistible, rollicking rhyme, beloved picture book author Mary Ann Hoberman shows readers that families, large and small, are all around us. From celery stalks to bottle caps, buttons, and rings, the objects we group together form families, just like the ones we are a part of. And, as we grow up, our families grow, too.

Luciani, Brigitte. How Will We Get to the Beach?

Guess what Roxanne must leave behind (ball, umbrella, book, turtle, or baby) as she tries various means of transportation to get to the beach.

Root, Phyllis. Toot Toot Zoom!

Pierre hops in his car hoping to find new friends on the other side of the mountain—but ends up finding companions in unexpected ways.

Sherry, Kevin. I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean.

When a giant squid takes inventory of all of the creatures in the ocean, he realizes that he's way bigger than most of them! Of course, there are bigger things lurking around . . . but maybe this giant squid with a giant touch of hubris doesn't really care?

Soman, David. Ladybug Girl at the Beach.

Lulu loves the beach. Well, she's never been there before, but she knows she will love it. And then she sees the ocean and it is big and loud and rough. That's okay—Lulu wanted to build sand castles and fly her kite with Bingo anyway. But while they are building their sand castle, the sneaky ocean comes in and tries to steal Lulu's favorite pail. This is a job for Ladybug Girl!

Spangler, Brie. Grumpy Dump Truck.

Bertrand works hard and has a bad attitude until a cheerful construction worker convinces him to be nice.

Wright, Maureen. Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!

Really a hibernation tale, this book is so much fun to read, it shouldn't be missed – a perfect way to cool off on a hot day. As winter comes and big bear prepares to hibernate, he keeps thinking he hears Old Man Winter giving him exhausting (and hilarious!) orders that prevent him from sleeping.

Non-Fiction

Bauer, Marion Dane. Some Babies Are Wild.

Simple rhyming text showcases lovely full-color photos of baby animals in the wild and is appended with some facts. **(591.39 Ba)**

Bishop, Nic. Nic Bishop Frogs.

A collection of close-up photographs capturing an array of diverse frogs in their natural habitat, including bullfrogs and dart frogs, as well as general information and fun-filled facts provides readers with a colorful introduction to these amazing animals. **(597.89 Bi)**

Munro, Roxie. Inside-Outside Dinosaurs.

Look inside the dinosaurs, and you'll see a dynamic view of eight dinosaur skeletons. Look outside the dinosaurs, and you'll see sweeping paintings of these creatures as they once lived on our planet. But watch out for the T. Rex! Fun facts, a list of further reading, and online resources are also included. **(567.9 Mu)**

Troupe, Thomas Kingsley. If I Were a Firefighter.

If I were a firefighter, I would rush into burning buildings to rescue people. I would blast flames with water and foam. Dream big, and see what fun it is to be a firefighter! **(628.925 Tr)**