

# Talking to Get Every Child Ready to Read

## Books That Invite Participation



***Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* written by Bill Martin, Jr.; illustrated by Eric Carle. Henry Holt, 1992.**

Young readers will learn about animals and color in this fun book where different animals introduce each other by using clever rhymes.

***Fortunately* written and illustrated by Remy Charlip. Aladdin, 1993.**

Ned gets into all sorts of misadventures as his luck turns from good to bad to good again.

***Good Night, Gorilla* written and illustrated by Peggy Rathmann. Putnam, 1994.**

A little gorilla steals the zookeeper's keys, unlocks the cages of the other animals, and the whole group follows the zookeeper to his house.

***Is Your Mama a Llama?* written by Deborah Guarino; illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Scholastic, 1991.**

A rhyming text that follows Lloyd the young llama on his quest to find out who else might have a llama for a Mama.

***Jesse Bear What Will You Wear?* written by Nancy White Carlstrom; illustrated by Bruce Degen. Simon & Schuster, 1986.**

This fun rhyming story about a day in the life of Jesse Bear contains bright, colorful illustrations.

***Jump, Frog, Jump!* written by Robert Kalan; illustrated by Byron Barton. HarperCollins, 1981.**

A frog trying to capture a fly suddenly finds himself being held captive and must jump in order to escape imminent danger.

***Little Red Hen* written and illustrated by Paul Galdone. HMH Books, 2011.**

In this rollicking rendition of the classic tale, the hardworking little red hen tries to get her friends to help with her chores.

***Magic Hat* written by Mem Fox; illustrated by Tricia Tusa. Harcourt, 2002.**

A magical hat, leaving a trail of sparkles and glitter, turns the townspeople into fun-loving animals. Guessing which animal the next person turns into captivates and engages young readers.

***Millions of Cats* written and illustrated by**

**Wanda Gag. Putnam, 2004.**

An enchanting tale of a very old man who goes off in search of the prettiest cat in the world for his wife and returns with millions of cats from which to choose.

***Miss Polly Has a Dolly* written by Pamela Duncan Edwards; illustrated by Elicia Castaldi. Putnam, 2003.**

Children will enjoy reading along to this expanded version of the popular street rhyming chant (Miss Polly has a dolly who is sick, sick, sick).

***My Little Sister Ate One Hare* written by Bill Grossman; illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Dragonfly Books, 1996.**

Entertaining counting/rhyming story about a young magician who cheerfully consumes just about anything.

***Napping House* written by Audrey Wood; illustrated by Don Wood. Harcourt, 1984.**

A grandmother, child, and various pets all share a bed and take a nap together, until they are joined by a wakeful flea that causes a huge commotion.

***Rhyming Dust Bunnies* written and illustrated by Jan Thomas. Beach Lane Books, 2009.**

A group of rhyming dust bunnies encounter resistance from a fourth dust bunny, only to learn that he is trying to warn them of impending danger from the broom and vacuum cleaner.

***The Jacket I Wear in the Snow* written by Shirley Neitzel; illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker. Greenwillow Books, 1989.**

A book about the layers of clothes that we put on and take off, told in appealing rhymes.

***The Very Hungry Caterpillar* written and illustrated by Eric Carle. Philomel Books, 2009.**

The 40th anniversary of this book is a pop-up adventure that makes the story of the caterpillar's transformation into a butterfly even more intriguing.