

Playing to Help Every Child Get Ready to Read

Books with Movement, Props, or Puppets



***Bigger Than Daddy* written by Harriet Ziefert; illustrated by Elliot Kreloff. Blue Apple Books, 2006.**

A small boy longs to be like his father, and they end up playing a game where they switch roles.

***Bunny Cakes* written and illustrated by Rosemary Wells. Viking, 1999.**

Brother and sister bunnies, Max and Ruby, want to bake cakes for their grandma's birthday. The grocer cannot read their list until Max turns it into easy-to-understand drawings for the grocer.

***Cinderella* adapted by Barbara Karlin; illustrated by James Marshall. Turtleback, 2001.**

Children will enjoy this retelling of the classic tale and will find hilarious and nonsensical details in the amusing illustrations.

***Dancing in My Bones* written by Sylvia Andrews; illustrated by Ellen Mueller. HarperFestival, 2001.**

A group of multiethnic friends dance and play to an adorable rhyme that will get readers moving as well.

***From Head to Toe* written and illustrated by Eric Carle. HarperFestival, 1997.**

This fun question and answer book leads readers through various exercise routines by following the movements of various animals.

***Gunnwolf* written by Wilhelmina Harper; illustrated by Barbara Upton. Dutton, 2003.**

A little girl, warned to go into the jungle, encounters the Gunnwolf when she gets lost in her search for flowers.

***If You're Happy and You Know It* written and illustrated by James Warhola. Orchard Books, 2007.**

Jungle animals come to life in a playground and encourage a little boy and his older sister to express their happiness through voice and movement.

***Strega Nona* written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola. Simon & Schuster, 1975.**

When Strega Nona hires Big Anthony to help with her chores she warns him never to touch her enchanted pasta pot which produces pasta at the command of a spell. When she leaves to visit Strega Amelia, Big Anthony gets into trouble with the pasta pot.

***Tacky the Penguin* written by Helen**

Lester; illustrated

by Lynn Munsinger. Houghton Mifflin, 1988.

Tacky the penguin, an unconventionally loud and scheming penguin disliked by his peers, ends up being the hero when he comes up with plans against hunters that threaten his group's survival.

***Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear: A Traditional Rhyme* adapted and illustrated by Timothy Bush. Greenwillow Books, 2005.**

In this beautifully illustrated version of the beloved rhyme "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear" readers will follow a teddy bear's adventures trying to get home.

***The Gingerbread Boy* adapted and illustrated by Paul Galdone. Clarion Books, 1975.**

An old couple bakes a gingerbread boy because they are childless, but the gingerbread boy runs away and escapes from various hungry predators. In the end, however, the gingerbread boy is unable to escape his fate when he meets the wily fox.

***The Three Bears* adapted and illustrated by Paul Galdone. HMH Books, 2011.**

The familiar story of the three bears and Goldilocks is enhanced by beautiful illustrations as well as the use of different font types.

***The Three Billy Goats Gruff* adapted and illustrated by Paul Galdone. Clarion Books, 1973.**

Galdone adds appealing illustrations to the classic story of three billy goat brothers that must confront a scary troll.

***Three Little Pigs* written and illustrated by David Gordon. HarperCollins, 2005.**

An adaptation of the story of the three little pigs, this story focuses on three little pigs who try to save their newly built garages against a big, bad wrecking ball.

***We're Going on a Bear Hunt* written by Michael Rosen; illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 1989.**

A family of five goes on a hunt for a bear across rivers, grass, and mud, only to be chased back to their home by the bear.