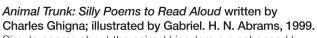
Singing to Get Every Child Ready to Read

Books with Rhyme and Poetry



Simple poems about the animal kingdom are enhanced by beautiful illustrations by Belgian artist Gabriel.

Be Glad Your Nose Is on Your Face and Other Poems written by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Brandon Dorman. Greenwillow Books, 2008.

This analogy of U.S. Children's Poet Laureate Jack Prelutsky's poems includes fifteen new poems paired with beautiful illustrations that add an additional layer to the other crafty, witty poems.

Chicken Soup with Rice written and illustrated by Maurice Sendak. HarperCollins, 1991.

A boy expresses his love for eating chicken soup with rice throughout the year with a poem for each month.

Down by the Station written and illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. Harcourt, 1999.

Beautiful illustrations accompany this familiar song about a group of baby animals on their way to the zoo. Music on the last page encourages children to sing-along and participate.

Green Eggs and Ham written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss. Random House, 1988.

The classic story follows Sam I Am as he tries to convince a young friend that green eggs and ham are great and should be eaten everywhere.

How Do You Wokka-Wokka? written by Elizabeth Bluemle. Candlewick Press, 2009.

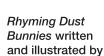
Jazzy rhythms, silly rhymes, and bright illustrations accompany this zany tale of a group of multiethnic children who "wokka-wokka, shimmy-shake, and shocka-shocka" ending in a fun celebration with their neighbors.

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, and readers are drawn into the mystery of what animal the next person will turn into.

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).



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.

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Sheep in a Jeep written by Nancy E. Shaw; illustrated by Margot Apple. Houghton Mifflin, 1986.

A group of five sheep get into all sorts of shenanigans in this fun rhyming misadventure.

Such a Silly Baby! written by Richard and Steffanie Lorig; illustrated by Amanda Shepherd. Chronicle Books, 2007.

Fun rhyming book about a mother who can't keep up with her bustling baby. The baby gets switched with a chimpanzee but ends up having a great time at the zoo.

Sylvia Long's Mother Goose written and illustrated by Sylvia Long. Chronicle Books, 1999.

A beautifully illustrated, unique, and imaginative take on the familiar Mother Goose nursery rhymes.

Toes Have Wiggles, Kids Have Giggles written by Harriet Ziefert; illustrated by Rebecca Doughty. Putnam, 2002.

Whimsical and fun book that uses great illustrations to provide a different look at everyday objects and experiences.

Where the Sidewalk Ends written and illustrated by Shel Silverstein. HarperCollins, 1974.

Classic collection of the author/illustrator's light verse accompanied by humorous drawings.

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