

CHILDRENS BOOKS RELATED TO PARENTING ISSUES

When parents are struggling with a parenting issue – such as sleeping, fears, a new family member, potty training, etc. – sometimes reading the right book with your child can really make a difference.

The act of reading a book together provides an opportunity to address a problem in a context the child may understand. Reading together may stimulate discussion or plant the seed for discovering a solution together. Reading about a situation similar to one you are experiencing affirms that you are not alone in the experience. And reading encourages special, relaxed "togetherness time," which can only help while facing stressful issues.

Over the years, the Baby TALK staff has collected titles of books that parents might find useful. When a child experiences fears, for example, a parent may choose to read Helen Cooper's The Bear Under the Stairs or Rosemary Wells' Edward in Deep Water. These books offer a wonderful support for a parent to create a culture of understanding for a child to use in viewing the world. Over time, parents and children create a culture for themselves which is woven through with shared values and experiences harvested from all the books they have read together. Wise parents use these years to establish a code of expectations without having to really "teach" them at all.

Following is our list of books, categorized under topic headings. While some books may no longer be available for purchase, they can always be checked out from the library.

BABY TALK'S BIBLIOGRAPHY OF TOPIC BOOKS

Adoption

Horace
Holly Keller

Advice About Childrearing

Owen
Kevin Henkes



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Bad Habits/Good Habits

Five Little Monkeys
Eileen Christelow

Benny Bakes a Cake
Eve Rice

Ira Sleeps Over
Bernard Waber

Bedtime/Nightmares

There's a Nightmare in My Closet
Mercer Mayer

Bedtime For Frances
Russell Hoban

Edward's Overwhelming Overnight
Rosemary Wells

My Mama Says There Aren't Any Zombies,
Ghosts, Vampires, Creatures, Demons,
Monsters, Fiends, Goblins or Things
Judith Viorst

Goodnight Moon
Margaret Wise Brown

Where the Wild Things Are
Maurice Sendak

Mother, Mother, I Want Another
Maria Polushkier

How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?
Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

Bedwetting

Dry Days, Wet Nights
Maribeth Boelts

Birth Order

Silly Billy
Pat Hutchins

Julius the Baby of the World
Kevin Henkes

Poor Carl
Nancy Carlson

Pig Pig Grows Up
David McPhail

You'll Soon Grown Into Them, Titch
Pat Hutchins

Blended Families

Fathers, Mothers, Sister, Brothers
Mary Ann Hoberman

Families Are Different
Nina Pellegrini

How My Parents Learned to Eat
Ina R. Friedman

Like Jake and Me
Mavis Jukes

Childcare

What Kind of Sitter Is This?
Dolores Johnson

Shy Charles
Rosemary Wells

Consequences

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie
Laura Joffe Numeroff

Crying

Alfie Gets In First
Shirley Hughes

Cycles & Routines

Sleepy Bear
Lydia Dabovich

Catch Me and Kiss Me and Say It Again
Clyde & Wendy Watson

Dads

Loving
Ann Morris

Guess How Much I Love You
Sam McBratney

Daily Routines

Chester's Way
Kevin Henkes

Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?
Nancy White Carlstrom

Depression/Sadness

Sad Days, Glad Days
DeWitt Hamilton

Alexander and the Terrible,
Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Judith Viorst

Discipline

5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
Eileen Christelow

The Story About Ping
Marjorie Flack

Where the Wild Things Are
Maurice Sendak

Max's Bath
Rosemary Wells

Divorce

Dinosaurs Divorce
Laurene and Marc Brown

Dressing

Max's New Suit
Rosemary Wells

The Jacket I Wear In the Snow
Shirley Neitzel

Emotional Manipulation

Babushka's Doll
Patricia Polocco

A Bargain For Frances
Russell Hoban

Pig Grows Up
David McPhail

Fears

Where the Wild Things Are

Maurice Sendak

Two Terrible Frights

Jim Aylesworth

There's A Monster In My Closet

Mercer Mayer

The Bear Under The Stairs

Helen Cooper

Clyde Monster

Robert L. Crowe

Thunder Cake

Patricia Polacco

D.W. All Wet

Marc Brown

Edward in Deep Water

Rosemary Wells

Feeding/Mealtime

Let's Eat

Ana Zamorano

Bread and Jam For Frances

Russell Hoban

Eat Up, Gemma

Sarah Hayes

Chicken Sunday

Patricia Polacco

Dinner at the Panda Palace

Stephanie Calmenson

Yummers!

James Marshall

Getting Along With Others

Frog and Toad Are Friends

Arnold Lobel

Hypersensitivity/Hyperactivity

5 Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree

Eileen Christelow

A Weekend With Wendell

Kevin Henkes

Eagle Eyes

Jeanne Gehret, M.A.

There Was an Old Lady

Who Swallowed a Fly

Pam Adams

Imaginary Friends

Humphrey's Bear

Jan Wahl

Jessica

Kevin Henkes

Patrick's Dinosaurs

Carol Carrick

Independence Issues

Don't Wake Up Mama!

Eileen Christelow

Do Like Kyla

Angela Johnson

The Story About Ping

Marjorie Flack

Max's Chocolate Chicken

Rosemary Wells

Edward Unready For School

Rosemary Wells

Jobs

I'm Going to Be a Farmer

Edith Kunhardt

The Crocodile and the Dentist

Taro Gomi

The Night Ones

Patricia Grossman

Pig Pig Gets a Job

David McPhail

Kids & Messes

More or Less a Mess

Sheila Keenan

Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear

Nancy White Carlstrom

5 Little Monkeys With Nothing to Do

Eileen Christelow

My Messy Room

Mary Packard

Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore!

David McPhail

Library

At the Library
Christine Loomis

Read to Your Bunny
Rosemary Wells

Loss/Grief

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf
Leo Buscaglia, Ph.D.

The Tenth Good Thing About Barney
Judith Viorst

Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs
Tomie dePaola

Lying, Stealing, Cheating

The Boy Who Cried Wolf
Tony Ross

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire
Miriam Cohen

A Big Fat Enormous Lie
Marjorie W. Sharmat

It Was Jake
Anita Jeram

Manners

The Grouchy Ladybug
Eric Carle

Perfect Pigs
Marc Brown & Stephen Krensky

The Mitten
Jan Brett

Sheep Out to Eat
Nancy Shawree

Goldilocks and the Three Bears
James Marshall

What Do You Do, Dear?
Sesyle Joslin

The Meanest Thing to Say
Bill Cosby

The Best Way to Play
Bill Cosby

Monster Manners
Joanna Cole

Piggybook
Anthony Browne

Money/Financial Responsibility

Alexander, Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday
Judith Viorst

Money Troubles
Bill Cosby

Tight Times
Barbara Hazen

A Chair for My Mother
Vera B. Williams

Moving

Alexander, Who's Not Going to Move
Judith Viorst

Fly Away Home
Eve Bunting

Naptime

INaptime, Laptime
Eileen Spinelli

No Nap
Eve Bunting

The Napping House
Audrey Wood

Playing

Roxaboxen
Alice McLerran

Hand Rhymes
Marc Brown

Each Peach Pear Plum
Janet & Allan Ahlberg

You and Me, Little Bear
Martin Waddell

More More More Said the Baby
Vera B. Williams

Pretend You're a Cat
Jean Marzolla

Dear Zoo
Rod Campbell

Amy Loves the Snow
Julia Hoban

The Snowy Day
Ezra Jack Keats

Repetition

There's a Mouse in My Bed
Alan Trussell-Cullen

The Itsy-Bitsy Spider
Rosemary Wells

Brown Bear, Brown Bear,
What Do You See?
Bill Martin Jr./Eric Carle

School Issues/School Readiness

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
Kevin Henkes

Brown Bear, Brown Bear,
What Do You See?
Bill Martin Jr./Eric Carle

My Teacher Sleeps in School
Leatie Weiss

I Need A Lunch Box
Jeannette Caines

Spot Goes to School
Eric Hill

Ten Black Dots
Donald Crews

Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue?
Tana Hoban

The ABC Bunny
Wanda Ga'g

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault

Arthur's Teacher Trouble
Marc Brown

Starting School
Janet & Allan Ahlberg

What Mary Jo Shared
Janice May Udry

Morris Goes to School
B. Wiseman

Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner
Amy Schwartz

Seasons

Cool Off
Nellie Diaz

Super-Fine Valentine
Bill Cosby

The Snowy Day
Ezra Jack Keats

Self-Image

I Wish I Could Fly
Ron Maris

Whistle for Willie
Ezra Jack Keats

Timothy Goes to School
Rosemary Wells

Leo the Late Bloomer
Robert Kraus

Bright Eyes, Brown Skin
Cheryl Hudson & Bernette G. Ford

Willie's Not the Hugging Kind
Joyce Durham Barrett

Inch By Inch
Leo Lionni

I See
Claire A. Olsen

Honk
Sue Smith

The Treasure Hunt
Bill Cosby

How Can I Grow?
Mary Reid

Chrysanthemum
Kevin Henkes

Separation

Picnic
Emily Arnold McCully

The Runaway Bunny
Margaret Wise Brown

Owl Babies
Martin Waddell

The Kissing Hand
Audrey Penn

Best Friends Sleep Over
Jacqueline Rogers

Edward's Overwhelming Overnight
Rosemary Wells

Sharing

A Birthday For Frances

Russell Hoban

With My Brother

Eileen Roe

It's Mine

Leo Lionni

The Seven Chinese Brothers

Margaret Mahy

Feast for 10

Cathryn Falwell

Alfie Gives a Hand

Shirley Hughes

The Doorbell Rang

Pat Hutchins

Bootsie Barker Bites

Barbara Bottner

This is Our House

Michael Rosen

Sam's Car

Barbro Lindgren

Sibling Rivalry

Harriet & Wait

Nancy Carlson

A Baby Sister For Frances

Russell Hoban

We're Very Good Friends, My Brother and I

P.K. Hallinan

The Pain and the Great One

Judy Blume

Darcy and Gran Don't Like Babies

Jane Cutler

Bad Baby Brother

Martha Weston

Dogger

Shirley Hughes

On Mother's Lap

Ann Herbert Scott

Abby

Jeannette Caines

Peter's Chair

Ezra Jack Keats

Sick Children

Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox

Grace Maccarone

Going to the Hospital

Fred Rogers

Madeline

Ludwig Bemelmans

Germs Make Me Sick!

Melvin Berger

Teddy Bears Cure a Cold

Susanna Gretz

Arthur's Chicken Pox

Marc Brown

Going to the Doctor

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton

Sleeping

Moongame

Frank Asch

Moon Cake

Frank Asch

Happy Birthday, Moon

Frank Asch

Goodnight Moon

Margaret Wise Brown

Bedtime For Frances

Russell Hoban

Edward's Overwhelming Overnight

Rosemary Wells

No Nap

Eve Bunting

Speech Problems

Leo the Late Bloomer

Robert Kraus

The Hungry Thing

Jan Slepian & Ann Sleidler

Spoiling Pierre

Maurice Sendak

Pig Pig Grows Up

David McPhail

Rotten Ralph

Jack Gantos

Television

Fix-it

David McPhail

Tom the TV Cat

Joan Heilbronner

Five Minutes' Peace

Jill Murphy

It Was Jake!

Anita Jeram

Temperament

Mortimer

Robert Munsch

Ira Sleeps Over

Bernard Wabger

Amazing Grace

Mary Hoffman

William's Doll

Charlotte Zolotow

Oliver Button Is a Sissy

Tomie dePaola

A Weekend With Wendell

Kevin Henkes

Willie's Not the Hugging Kind

Joyce Durham Barrett

Temper Tantrums

The Chocolate-Covered-Cookie Tantrum

Deborah Blumenthal

N-O Spells No!

Teddy Slater

Mean Soup

Betsy Everitt

Where the Wild Things Are

Maurice Sendak

Toilet Training

I Want My Potty

Tony Ross

Going to the Potty

Fred Rogers

Sam's Potty

Barbro Lingren

The New Potty

Gina & Mercer Mayer

Toilet Tales

Andrea Wayn von Konigslow

Working

Helen Oxenbury

On Your Potty

Virginia Miller

Once Upon a Potty

Alona Frankel

The Princess and the Potty

Wendy Cheyette Lewison

No Diapers for Baby!

Denise Lewis Patrick