

What Children Like in Books



INFANTS 6-12 MONTHS LIKE

- Board books with photos of babies
- Brightly colored board books to touch and taste
- Books with pictures of familiar objects—balls, bottles
- Small books sized for small hands

YOUNGER TODDLERS 12-24 MONTHS LIKE

- Sturdy board books they can handle and carry
- Books with photos and pictures of children doing familiar things—sleeping, eating, playing
- Goodnight books for bedtime
- Books about saying goodbye and hello
- Books with only a few words on the page
- Books with simple rhymes or predictable text

OLDER TODDLERS 24-36 MONTHS LIKE

- Books with board pages—but also books with paper pages
- Silly books and funny books
- Rhymes, rhythms, repetitious text—books they can learn by heart
- Books about children and families
- Books about making friends
- Books about food
- Books about animals
- Books about trucks
- Word books

PRESCHOOLERS 3-5 YEARS LIKE

- Books that tell stories
- Books about kids that look like them and live like them—but also books about different places and different ways of living
- Books about going to school, books about making friends
- Books with simple text they can memorize
- Counting books, alphabet books, vocabulary books

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