



Story Power!

Choosing Books for Young Children

**Choosing books for kids isn't complicated.
Any book they enjoy is a good book! 😊**

Babies and toddlers especially like:

- thick, sturdy cover and pages
- small size, for little hands
- bright, colorful pictures
- simple geometric shapes
- pictures of human faces
- few words
- rhyme, rhythm, and repetition (repeated phrases or actions)
- predictable stories
- books with sounds, textures and smells that stimulate the five senses

2- and 3-year olds especially like:

- books with a simple story (not too long)
- clear, bright, colorful, bold pictures of familiar things
- books that follow their interests
- board books, flap books, wordless picture book
- Rhyme, rhythm and repetition
- predictable stories and stories about real things

4- and 5-year olds especially like:

- books about subjects of special interest to the child
- simple, fun stories that can be enjoyed in one sitting
- lively rhymes and repetition children can repeat and remember
- stories about everyday life & events
- clear, colorful & engaging illustrations and photos
- stories that invite children to ask questions and explore the world
- books with numbers, letters, shapes and colors
- main characters who are their age or slightly older
- playful animals, real and imaginary