

30 books for 2s & 3s

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Flip Flap Farm

Written and illustrated
by Axel Scheffler
NOSY CROW, 2013



One Little Dung Beetle

Written by Rhian Williams
Illustrated by Heather
Potter and Mark Jackson
WILD DOG, 2024



Heads and Tails

Written and illustrated
by John Canty
BERBAY, 2017



How Do You Hide a Hippo?

Written by Rebecca Grant
Illustrated by Jedda Robaard
LITTLE BOOK PRESS, 2026



Goodnight Sheep

Written by Sally Barton
Illustrated by Cherie Dignam
FREMANTLE PRESS, 2025



Crocodile Beat

Written by Gail Jorgensen
Illustrated by Patricia Mullins
OMNIBUS BOOKS, 2015



If We Were Dogs

Written and illustrated
by Sophie Blackall
LOTHIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2025



Bears Love Squares

Written by Caryl Hart
Illustrated by Edward Underwood
BLOOMSBURY CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2020



Perfect

Written by Danny Parker
Illustrated by Freya Blackwood
HARDIE GRANT CHILDREN'S PUBLISHING, 2017



Shark in the Park

Written and illustrated
by Nick Sharratt
CORGI CHILDRENS, 2000



10 Dogs

Written and illustrated
by Emily Gravett
TWO HOOTS, 2023



Where Do the Stars Go?

Written and illustrated
by Katie Stewart
FREMANTLE PRESS, 2021



One Keen Koala ABC

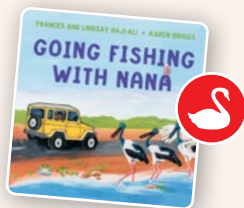
Written by Margaret Wild
Illustrated by Bruce Whatley
SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA, 2025



Thank You Rain!

Written by Sally Morgan
Illustrated by Johnny
Warrkatja Malibirr
MAGABALA BOOKS, 2022

If your toddler won't sit still for a whole book, that's ok! Make reading time short, often and happy!



Going Fishing with Nana
Written by Frances Haji-Ali and
Lindsay Haji-Ali
Illustrated by Karen Briggs
MAGABALA BOOKS, 2025



One Little Duck
Written by Katrina Germein
Illustrated by Danny Snell
HARPER COLLINS AU, 2023



Spiro
Written and illustrated
by Anna McGregor
SCRIBBLE, 2024



Dog Beach
Written by Julie Murphy
Illustrated by Annie White
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA, 2024



Find My Favourite Things
Written by Dawn Sirett
Illustrated by Isobel Lundie
DORLING KINDERSLEY, 2021



Hedgehog or Echidna?
Written by Ashleigh Barton
Illustrated by Amandine Thomas
LOTHIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2025



The Cheeky Toddler Alphabet
Written by Davina Bell
Illustrated by Jennifer Falkner
LOTHIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2024



Snap!
Written and illustrated
by Anna Walker
SCRIBBLE, 2022



Let's Build a Backyard
Written by Mike Lucas
Illustrated by Daron Parton
LOTHIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2022



Crocs Stole My Socks
Written and illustrated
by Kylie Howarth
AFFIRM KIDS, 2025



Wheels
Written by Sally Sutton
Illustrated by Brian Lovelock
WALKER BOOKS AUSTRALIA, 2020



Goodnight, Toes
Written by Justine Adams
Illustrated by Camille Manley
AFFIRM KIDS, 2025



The Same But Different Too
Written by Karl Newson
Illustrated by Kate Hindley
NOSY CROW, 2020



Super Mr Panda
Written and illustrated
by Steve Antony
HODDER CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2026



Gymnastica Fantastica!
Written and illustrated
by Briony Stewart
LOTHIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2023



Oi Frog!
Written by Kes Gray
Illustrated by Jim Field
HODDER CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2014



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have been selected by
the Better Beginnings
team of children's
literature specialists and
are favourites of many
children and their families.

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