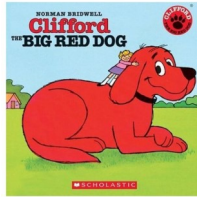


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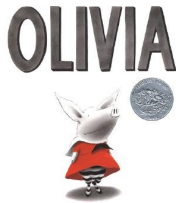
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Picture Books for Toddlers & Children

Extra Yarn—Barnett

A young girl and her box of magical yarn transform a community.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs—Barrett

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice and snows mashed potatoes—until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Good Night Moon—Brown

A little bunny bids goodnight to all the objects in his room before falling asleep.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar—Carle

A hungry little caterpillar eats his way through a large and varied quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type—Cronin

When Farmer Brown's cows learn to type, they send him a note demanding electric blankets.

The Day the Crayons Quit—Daywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to color, but when he opens his box of crayons, he finds his crayons have had enough!

Go Away, Big Green Monster!—Emberley

Features die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed—and taken away. Designed to help a child control nighttime fears of monsters.

Bark, George—Feiffer

George is a puppy who does not sound like a puppy should, despite the efforts of his mother.

Corduroy—Freeman

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

Is Your Mama a Llama?—Guarino

A young llama asks his friends if their mothers are llamas, and finds out, in rhyme, that that their mothers are other animals.

Kitten's First Full Moon—Henkes

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

How Rocket Learned to Read—Hills

A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet."

Flora & the ...—Idle

Wordless picture books that capture the ups and downs of coordinating a dance with feathered friends.

Pinkalicious—Kann

A little girl obsessed with the color pink eats so many pink cupcakes that she herself turns pink.

Same, Same But Different—Kostecki-Shaw

Two boys in seemingly very different cultures on opposite parts of the world become pen pals and are able to see both similarities and differences in their every day lives.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?—Martin

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom—Martin

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

Guess How Much I Love You—McBratney

"Guess how much I love you," says Little Nutbrown Hare. "As wide as I can reach and as I high as I can hop."

Make Way for Ducklings—McCloskey

How will Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings cross the busy street to the pond? With the help of the Boston Police!

Love You Forever—Munsch

A mother sings to her child as he gets older, until one day he is grown up and sings to his own little baby.

The Book with No Pictures—Novak

What's in a picture book with no pictures? Silly words children will beg you to read over and over!

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie—Numeroff

The requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

The Rainbow Fish—Pfister

The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit—Potter

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.

We're Going On A Bear Hunt—Rosen

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a quick retreat.

Good Night, Gorilla—Rathmann

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind at the zoo.

Dragons Love Tacos—Rubin

Chicken tacos, beef tacos, big tacos, tiny tacos. If you want to lure a dragon to your party, you should definitely serve tacos!

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs—Scieszka

Alexander T. Wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

Where the Wild Things Are—Sendak

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

The Giving Tree—Silverstein

A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly—

Taback

In a traditional nonsense poem, an old woman swallows a fly, a spider, a bird, a cat, a dog, and a horse.

What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night—Tuma

Humorous picture book that captures the antics the toy dinosaurs got up to the night before.

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

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days, too.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!—Willems

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, an unlikely volunteer jumps up to take his place—a pigeon!