Nursery Rhyme Time

A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books

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Classics

Apple Pie ABC by Alison Murray
An impish terrier discovers an unguarded apple pie cooling on the kitchen table, and so begins an alphabetically ordered account of our wire-haired anti-hero. This utterly delightful frolic through the alphabet unfolds with bright, cheery 50’s style illustration. Fans of this title will enjoy revisiting the mischevious pup and his patient, pig-tailed girl in One, Two Buckle My Shoe and Hickory Dickory Dog.

Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker

Children’s Favorite Activity Songs (series) by Child’s World
Favorite Mother Goose Rhymes (series) by Child’s World
Nursery Rhyme Readers (pre-primer series)/Nursery Readers: Teaching Guide by Scholastic

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear by Timothy Bush

Ten in the Den by John Butler

This is the House that Jack Built by Simms Taback

Three Little Kittens by Paul Galdone

Three Little Kittens by Jerry Pinkney

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star by Jerry Pinkney

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star by Jane Taylor

Collections

Clare Beaton’s Bedtime Rhymes/Clare Beaton’s Farmyard Rhymes (board books)

Classic Nursery Rhymes by Paige Weber

Good Night, Sleep Tight by Mem Fox

Young siblings Ben and Bonnie are not ready for lights-out in Mem Fox’s
“Good Night, Sleep Tight.” Luckily their seriously cool babysitter Skinny Doug has an excellent recall of nursery rhymes and an enthusiasm for sharing them. Doug introduces the rhymes with the catchphrase: “I’ll tell you another/I heard it from my mother.” The kids respond with their own eager refrain and are treated to classics such as Pat-a-Cake and This Little Piggy. Framing the nursery rhymes in a modern bedtime scene, and keeping the pace at a steady trot, adds a playful energy to these familiar verses. Preschoolers will enjoy reciting the rhymes right alongside Doug in this zippy look at classics that will win over even the Mother Goose –verse. Ages 3-6.

Hey Diddle Diddle and More Favorite Nursery Rhymes (board book) by Hannah Wood

James Marshall’s Mother Goose

Little Monster’s Word Book with Mother Goose by Mercer Mayer

Mama Goose: A Latino Nursery Treasury (Spanish) by Alma Flor Ada

Marc Brown’s Playtime Rhymes

Mother Goose’s Little Treasures by Iona Opie

Muu, Moo: Rimas de Animales (Spanish) by Alma Flor Ada

My First Nursery Stories by Tony Ross

My Mother Goose: A Collection of Favorite Rhymes by David McPhail

My Very First Mother Goose by Iona Opie

Illustrator Rosemary Wells’ warm and pudgy characters (think Max and Ruby) bring to life 68 nursery rhymes selected by editor Iona Opie. The large format, with most of the pages highlighting a single rhyme, puts the focus on the cheery illustrations. No need, of course, to read it all at once – children will clamor for you to skip to their favorites.

The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Nina Crews

Out of the Nursery by Elizabeth Gauthier

Playtime Rhymes for Little People by Clare Beaton

Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes by Salley Mavor

Richard Scarry’s Best Nursery Tales Ever

There’s a Goat in My Coat by Rosemary Milne

Tomie DePaola’s Mother Goose

Uno, Dos, Tres: My First Spanish Rhymes by Yantizia Canetti

You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman

Yum, Yum: Delicious Nursery Rhymes by Joanne Fitzgerald

Wee Rhymes: Baby’s First Poetry Book by Jane Yolen
With a Twist

The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon by Mini Grey (ages 5+)
Builder Goose: It’s Construction Rhyme Time (board book) by Boni Asburn
Cat & Mouse by Ian Schoenherr
The Cheese by Margie Palatini (ages 5+)
The Clock Struck One: A Time-Telling Tale by Trudy Harris
Cindy Moo by Lori Mortenson
The Completed Hickory Dickory Dock by Jim Aylesworth
Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet Ahlberg

This sprightly little classic is a literary “I Spy” for young children, who will delight in looking for nursery rhyme characters among the enchanting illustrations of orchards, cupboards, and bucolic fields. Use this as a chance to revisit favorite nursery rhymes and introduce some forgotten ones into your repertoire. Ages 3-6.

The Eensy Weensy Spider Freaks Out! (Big Time)! by Troy Cummings
The Fairy Tale Cake by Mark Sperring
The Fort that Jack Built by Boni Ashburn
Hickory Dickory Dog by Alison Murray
Little Bo Peep has Lost her Sheep by Priscilla Lamont (ages 5+)
Mary Had a Little Lamp by Jack Lechner

Unconventional Mary isn’t bothered by the bewilderment of onlookers when she brings her plug-in lamp on all her daily outings. The gooseneck lamp with its leash-like cord causes havoc in the classroom and puzzlement on the playground, but the young red-headed sprite is quite proud of her unconventional “pet.” When Mary goes off to summer camp, she leaves the lamp at home and finds that she no longer needs her comfort object. Just when the reader thinks Mary has outgrown her quirkiness a twist ending offers a different prediction. The perfectly-paced rhyming text is accompanied by Bob Staake’s distinctively jubilant retro-inspired illustration. Ages 4-8.

Mary Had a Little Llama/Maria Tenia Una Llamita (Spanish-English bilingual) by Angela Dominguez
Max and Ruby’s Treasure Hunt by Rosemary Wells
The Neat Line: Scribbling Through Mother Goose by Pamela Duncan Edwards
Not Last Night but the Night Before by Colin McNaughton
Nursery Rhyme Comics: 50 Timeless Rhymes from 50 Celebrated Cartoonists edited by Chris Duffy (ages 6+)
One, Two That’s My Shoe by Alison Murray
Previously by Allan Ahlberg (ages 5+)
Red Green Blue: A First Book of Colors by Alison Jay
This Old Band by Tamera Wissinger
To Market, To Market by Anne Miranda
The Web Files by Margie Palatini (ages 5+)
What’s the Time, Mr. Wolf? by Debi Gliori
When the Wind Blew by Alison Jackson
Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty: and other Notorious Nursery Tale Mysteries by David Levinthal (ages 6+)
Truckery Rhymes by Jon Scieszka

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