

# SNUGGLING TIME

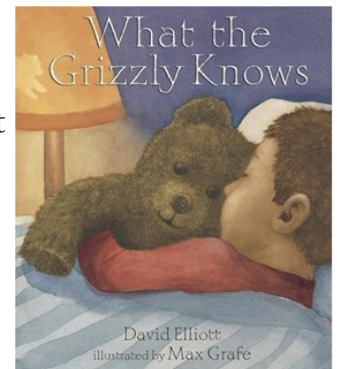
EASY READER BOOKS—NOT JUST FOR BEDTIME!

Share these fun books with someone you love. And be prepared to read them more than once.

## *What the Grizzly Knows*, David Elliott

Elliott, D., & Grafe, M. (2008). *What the grizzly knows*. Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press.

As a little boy falls asleep, his cuddly teddy bear begins to grow, pops his button nose, and turns into a real grizzly bear—and so does the boy! The two bears roam the forest, fishing and playing until morning when they return to their original states. Readers will love the beautiful illustrations and rhyming text as well as little details like the button nose that popped off in the beginning appearing next to the sleeping pair in the morning. **Age Level: 3 - 7 years**



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## *Take Away the A*, Michaël Escoffier

Escoffier, M., & DiGiacomo, K. (n.d.). *Take away the A: An alphabeast of a book!*

In an entirely different look at the alphabet book, *Take Away the A* encourages readers to look at words for what they can offer with the subtraction of a letter. For example, if you if you take away the A, “the beast is the best.” On another page, they subtract the N so the “moon says moo!” Escoffier takes readers on a romp through the entire alphabet, and DiGiacomo’s illustrations add to the brilliant fun. One read through this, and children will want to start playing this subtraction game on their own. **Age Level: 4 - 8 years**



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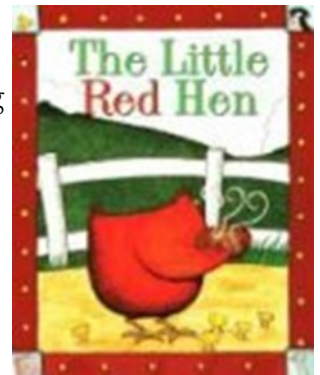
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## *The Little Red Hen*, John Escott

Escott, J., & West, A. (2003). *The little red hen*. Columbus, Ohio: Gingham Dog Press.

This retelling of the classic tale sticks closely to the original with only a few embellishments as Escott adds his own flair. The little red hen discovers grains of wheat and decides to plant, harvest, grind and bake them into a loaf of bread. When she asks for help from her friends, they each turn her down until they smell the delicious, freshly baked loaf. The friends offer to help eat the bread, but the hen turns them down. Children will love the repetition, and will enjoy chiming in “Not I!” along with the lazy farm animals.

**Age Level: 2 - 6 years**



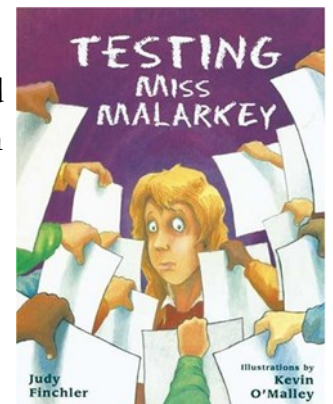
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## *Testing Miss Malarkey*, Judy Finchler

Finchler, J., & Malley, K. (2000). *Testing Miss Malarkey*. New York: Walker &.

*Testing Miss Malarkey* offers a child’s humorous perspective on standardized testing, and from where our narrator stands, all the adults are acting pretty weird. In art class students learn to neatly color in circles, the gym teacher teaches meditation and “yogurt” instead of baseball, and parents are giving reading quizzes along with bedtime stories. This is a great read for young students coming up on their first rounds of standardized testing, but the author includes a message for adults as well.

**Age Level: 5-9 years**



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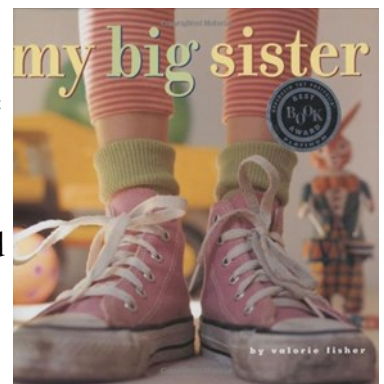
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## *My Big Sister*, Valorie Fisher

Fisher, V. (2003). *My big sister*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

This story is told (and photographed) from the perspective of an infant sibling who looks up to his/her older sibling.

From a baby's perspective, everything is big, especially the big sister. The lovely, playful photographs in this picture book are taken from an infant's perspective, and from this vantage point, baby thinks big sister is pretty amazing. The text is simple and brief throughout, but the pictures fully illustrate what our baby sees, and this sibling relationship looks like a lot of fun. This book would be perfect to read with any child about to become the older sibling in a family, but if parents prefer, there is a companion book titled *My Big Brother*. **Age Level: 3 - 8 years**



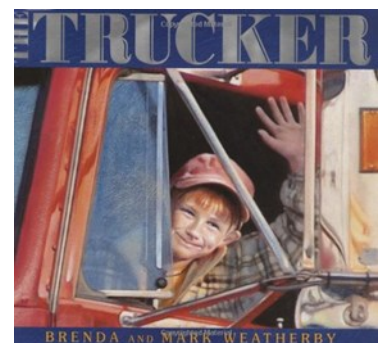
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## *The Trucker*, Mark Alan Weatherby

Weatherby, B., & Weatherby, M. (2004). *The trucker*. New York: Scholastic Press.

While Wesley plays with his toy truck, something strange begins to happen—the truck grows until it is the size of a real big rig! Wesley drives straight down to the lumberyard, loads up, and hits the road. All sorts of adventures await him, but truck driving is hard work, and Wesley must finally take a nap. He awakens to find he is actually in his dad's big rig; he gets to spend the day in his father's truck! The illustrations for this story are incredibly detailed and realistic, definitely adding to the fun.

**Age Level: 3 - 5 years**



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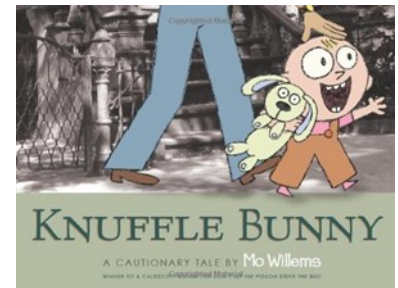
## *Knuffle Bunny, Mo Willems*

Willems, M. (2004). *Knuffle Bunny: A cautionary tale*. Hyperion.

Trixie and her daddy take a trip to the laundromat, and Trixie is quite the little helper. As they are walking home after starting the wash, Trixie realizes her stuffed rabbit, Knuffle Bunny, has been left behind. She does her best to communicate this to Daddy, but she can't speak yet, and he doesn't understand. The results are a hilarious and rather true-to-life meltdown.

Willems sepia-toned photographs with illustrations drawn over the top add a level of reality to this storyline parents and children will definitely relate to.

**Age Level: 3 - 6 years**



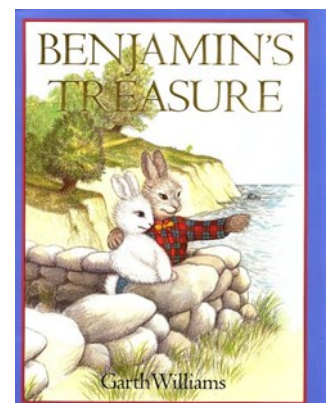
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## *Benjamin's Treasure, Garth Williams*

Williams, G., & Wells, R. (2001). *Benjamin's treasure*. New York: HarperCollins.

Benjamin decides today is perfect for fishing, so he gathers supplies, waves goodbye to his wife, and rows away. A surprise storm leaves Benjamin stranded on a deserted island. While digging a shelter, he discovers a treasure chest. Benjamin makes great plans to help everyone back home, but he still has to get himself there. A friendly turtle, a porpoise, and a shark help him return home, but the treasure is lost. Benjamin sweetly tells his wife that she is the "most valuable treasure." There is no question that this classic tale will continue to weather the test of time.

**Age Level: 3 - 8 years**



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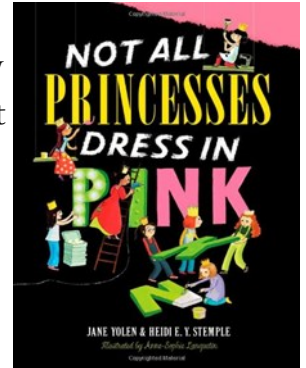
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## *Not All Princesses Dress in Pink*, Jane Yolen

Yolen, J., & Stemple, H. (2010). *Not all princesses dress in pink*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Some princesses play in stinky red socks, some wear team jerseys and accessorize with baseball mitts. They can play outdoor sports, roll around in the mud, and even use power tools. They wear chain mail and fight evil sorcerers, and they can also escape tall towers. And while some princesses attend fancy balls where they waltz and fox-trot, they can also hip-hop in overalls. Readers will love the reminder that they don't have to love pink to be a princess, but that doesn't mean they can't wear their sparkly crown.

**Age Level: 3 - 8 years**



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## *Hook*, Ed Young

Young, E. (2009). *Hook*. New York: Roaring Brook Press.

Simple, yet beautiful artwork drives this lovely story where a boy finds an abandoned egg and gives it to a hen to hatch. When a strange chick with a hook nose hatches, they decide to call him Hook. Hook's chicken mother knows her son is "...not meant for earth," and she tries to teach him to fly, but lessons don't go well. The chicken asks the boy for help, and after multiple attempts Hook is finally able to soar up into the sky. Young's storytelling and artistic skill prove an easy reader book need not appeal only to children.

**Age Level: 2-6 years**



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