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Books That Invite Participation

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Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? written by Bill Martin, Jr.; illustrated by Eric Carle. Henry Holt, 1992. Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them. XFICP Martin

Fortunately written and illustrated by Remy Charlip. Aladdin, 1993. Good and bad luck accompany Ned from New York to Florida on his way to a surprise party. XFICP Charlip

Good Night, Gorilla written and illustrated by Peggy Rathmann. Putnam, 1994. An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo. XFICP Rathmann

Is Your Mama a Llama? written by Deborah Guarino; illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Scholastic, 1991. A young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals. XFICP Guarino

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow written by Shirley Neitzel; illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker. Greenwillow Books, 1989. A young girl names all the clothes that she must wear to play in the snow. XFICP Neitzel

Jesse Bear What Will You Wear? written by Nancy White Carlstrom; illustrated by Bruce Degen. Simon & Schuster, 1986. Rhymed text and illustrations describe Jesse Bear’s activities from morning to bedtime. XFICP Carlstrom

Jump, Frog, Jump! written by Robert Kalan; illustrated by Byron Barton. HarperCollins, 1981. A cumulative tale in which a frog tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself. XFICP Kalan

Little Red Hen written and illustrated by Paul Galdone. HMH Books, 2011. The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the cake she makes from it. XP 398.2

Magic Hat written by Mem Fox; illustrated by Tricia Tusa. Harcourt, 2002. A wizard’s hat blows into town, changing people into different animals when it lands on their heads. XFICP Fox


My Little Sister Ate One Hare written by Bill Grossman; illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Dragonfly Books, 1996. An entertaining counting/rhyming story about a little sister has no problem eating one hare, two snakes, and three ants, but when she gets to ten peas, she throws up quite a mess. XFICP Grossman

Napping House written by Audrey Wood; illustrated by Don Wood. Harcourt, 1984. In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite. XFICP Wood

The Very Hungry Caterpillar written and illustrated by Eric Carle. Philomel Books, 2009. Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a large quantity of food, forms a cocoon around himself, goes to sleep and wakes up a butterfly. XFICP Carle

What Baby Wants written by Phyllis Root; illustrated by Jill Barton. Candelwick Press 1998. Various family members try to stop baby from crying, but only his brother figures out what he really wants. XFICP Root

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