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Language: Stories in Rhyme

Whose Knees are These? by Jabari Asim (2006). Simple, playful rhyming text takes a loving look at a child’s knees.

Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown (2020). Two little trains make their way West with rhyming text that offers opportunities for making fun sounds.

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson (2017). A witch finds room on her broom for all the animals that ask for a ride in this rhyming, repetitive romp.

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming (2013). Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.

Where Is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox (2004). A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.

I Can Build It! by Kelly Greenawalt (2020). In rhyming text Princess Truly, super girl, uses her magic curls to build things.

Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho (1996). A rhyming lullaby which asks animals such as a lizard, monkey, and water-buffalo to be quiet and not disturb the sleeping baby. XP 811.54 HO

Joy by Yasmeen Ismail (2020). Rhythmic language and playful rhymes tell the adventures of a kitten and her mother.

Squeak! Rumble! Whomp! Whomp! Whomp! by Wynton Marsalis (2012). Takes readers on a rollicking, clanging, clapping tour through the many sounds that fill a neighborhood.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. (1989). An alphabet chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a tree.

Big Green Crocodile: Rhymes to Say and Play by Jane Newberry (2020). These original play-rhymes entertain and delight children and build their vocabulary and cognitive skills. XP 398.8 NEW

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold (2018). Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce a school where diversity is celebrated.

Construction Site Mission: Demolition! by Sherri Dusky Rinker (2020). In rhyming text, the vehicles of the construction crew set to work demolishing an old rickety building.

Ninja Red Riding Hood by Cory Rosen Schwartz (2014). In this rhyming twist on "Little Red Riding Hood," a wolf and Red train to be ninjas.

Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw (1986). Records the misadventures of a group of sheep that go riding in a jeep.

Digger, Dozer, Dumper by Hope Vestergaard (2013). Rhymes and colorful illustrations invite young readers to meet their favorite trucks and vehicles face-to-face. 811.6 VES

Hello Hello by Brendan Wenzel (2018). In simple text a set of animals greet and interact with one another.

People Don’t Bite People by Lisa Wheeler (2018). Humorous illustrations and rhyming text urge children to use their teeth for only biting food.

Blue on Blue by Dianne White (2014). Rhyming text and illustrations depict the swell and quieting of a storm.

Silly Sally by Audrey Wood (1992). A rhyming story of Silly Sally, who is joined by various animals as she travels to town--backwards and upside down.

Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman (1999 picture book, 2018 board book). This rhythmic, repetitive book will have children chanting along as Mr. Gilly, the trash man, cleans up his town.