

**TEN  
OF  
BLB'S  
FAVORITE  
BABY  
BOARD  
BOOKS**

# INTRODUCTION

Although board books got their start in the 1940's (due to a cloth shortage during WW2) and the 1950's, it wasn't until the late 1970's and early 1980's that children's authors began transforming their books into small-hand-friendly and durable board books.

Older children love to re-read these books to eager baby listeners with their sweet voices and gentle mannerisms.

Sturdy as they are, be prepared to buy some of these beloved books again and again.

Here are some of my favorites as a parent, auntie and teacher.

**BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?** -Bill Martin, Jr.  
This classic book is loved by several generations of children & well-used in primary classrooms across America. Its colorful animals with repetitious, predictive text engage readers easily.

**CHCKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM**-Bill Martin, Jr, & John Archambault  
Children LOVE this book well into their early school years. This bright, funny, rhyming ABC book has them giggling over & over.

**COLORS ABC NUMBERS**-Roger Priddy  
With bright colors & realistic pictures, Priddy introduces some "first" common words as well as the alphabet, colors, numbers & beginning opposite concepts. It's a busy, busy book!

**EATING THE ALPHABET**-Lois Ehlert  
As a teacher, I love alphabet books. As a foodie, this one is especially entertaining to me. Bright, colorful illustrations of fruits & veggies from around the world will introduce reader & listener alike to some new and favorite foods. I learned a few new ones, too!

**EYES, NOSE, FINGERS & TOES**-Judy Hindley  
Illustrated with sweet-faced children from all cultures playing their toys and pets, this book has rhyming text to build your baby's body vocabulary as well as words from their animal and toy world.

### **GOODNIGHT MOON-Margaret Wise Brown**

This well-loved classic story will be read over & over & over again. Its soothing poetry and gentle drawings make it a perfect "night-night" tale. This one might make your eyes start to close, remember.

### **MY HEART IS LIKE A ZOO- Michael Hall**

The bright, cheerful animals created using a heart shape with rhyming text will engage any young listener and reader. Older children will enjoy counting the hearts.

### **NUMBERS COLORS SHAPES-Roger Priddy**

Bright, colorful realistic pictures encourages vocabulary growth using everyday, environmental images in your child's world. Older children will like reading it, too. It's another busy, busy book!

### **THE LAND OF NOD NUMBERS- Orla Keily**

The simple, modern - designed images in soft colors might well relax you-know-who into dreamland. With one word descriptors for numbers 1 to ten and their pictures, sheep may not be a necessary.

### **THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR-Eric Carle**

This author and his classic books are & have been favorites of many children, parents & teachers. Colorful illustrations with counting & food delight readers & listeners during the caterpillars journey into a beautiful butterfly.