

## BABIES

## STORYTIME BOOKS

**Babies (English)**

*Colors with Little Fish* (2019) by Lucy Cousins. A bright and fun board book, with big images and simple words.

*Yellow Ball* (2016) by Molly Bang. A yellow ball floats out to sea. Lovely paintings and the simplest of text.

**Babies (Spanish/Bilingual)**

*El pequeño pez blanco* (2018) by Guido van Genechten (Bilingual; English version *The Little White Fish* available). Babies will enjoy looking at the bold black-and-white pictures with splashes of colour in this story about a little fish looking for his mom.

**Toddlers (English)**

*Little White Fish Deep Beneath the Sea* (2020) by Guido Van Genechten. Little white fish is curious to see how deep the sea is. High contrast and playful illustrations paired with minimal text.

**Toddlers (Spanish/Bilingual)**

*El océano* (2020) by Fiona Powers, Susaeta Ediciones (Spanish) An engaging lift-the-flap book that teaches little ones simple words about the creatures and habitat of the deep sea.

**Preschool (English)**

*Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way* (2018) by Sy Montgomery and Amy Schimler-Safford. Inspired by a true story about an octopus who escaped from a New Zealand aquarium.

*Deep in the Ocean* (2019) by Lucie Brunellière. A journey through the depths of the ocean, with a palette of six colours that evoke an underwater vibe. A free downloadable soundtrack is also available.

*Ana and the Sea Star* (2017) by R. Lynne Roelfs and Jamie Hogan. A little girl finds a starfish on the beach and learns how to respect the life around her while keeping it close in her imagination.

*Shy Ones* (2020) by Simona Ciralo. Lively and rich illustrations of sea creatures accompany this tale about shyness and friendship.

*The Boy and the Whale* (2017) by Mordicai Gerstein. A young boy must choose whether to follow his compassionate heart or obey his father—a highly rated, gentle and humane story with gorgeous colours.

*Down, Down, Down* (2016) by Steve Jenkins. Wonderful collage art introduces kids to deep sea dwellers with compelling visuals and interesting facts.

**TIP:**

When reading to babies and toddlers, take time to point out pictures and ask questions, and allow them plenty of time to respond.

## PRESCHOOL

**Preschool (Spanish/Bilingual)**

*El faro de las almas* (2015) by Ariel Andrés Almada and Zuzanna Celej (Spanish; English version *The Lighthouse of Souls* available, translated by John Brokenbrow). A gentle picture book story about the relationship between grandparents and grandchildren, and about seeking out hope.

*El faro de los corazones extraviados* (2011) by Celia Santos and Sonia Sanz Escudero (Spanish). A little girl who lives in a lighthouse takes care of wounded hearts she finds on the beach.

*El océano específico* (2016) by Kyo Maclear (Spanish, English version *The Specific Ocean* available). Soft illustrations accompany this sweet story about the wonder and draw of the ocean.

*Argento: el pececillo plateado* (2017) by Paul Kor, translated by Joana Delgado Sánchez (Spanish; English version *Flash the Fish* available). A brave little silver fish explores the ocean and comes across something unexpected.