

de Paola, Tomie..... **Charlie Needs a Cloak**
(J/E/Dep)

Dodd, Lynley..... **Schnitzel von Krumm**
Forget-Me-Not (J/E/Dod)

Elliott, David..... **And Here's to You!** (J/E/Ell)

Everitt, Betsy..... **Mean Soup** (J/E/Eve)

Fleming, Denise **Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!**
(J/E/Books for 4's)

Florian, Douglas..... **A Pig is Big** (J/E/Flo)

Forest, Heather **The Little Red Hen**(J/E/For)

Fox, Mem..... **Tough Boris** (J/E/Fox)

Frasier, Debra..... **On The Day You**
Were Born (J/E/Fra)

Gackenbach, Dick..... **Mighty Tree** (J/E/Gac)

Gag, Wanda..... **Millions of Cats** (J/E/Gag)

Gramatky, Hardie..... **Little Toot** (J/E/Gra)

Grambling, Lois **Can I Have a Stegosaurus,**
Mom? Can I? Please!?
(J/E/Gra)

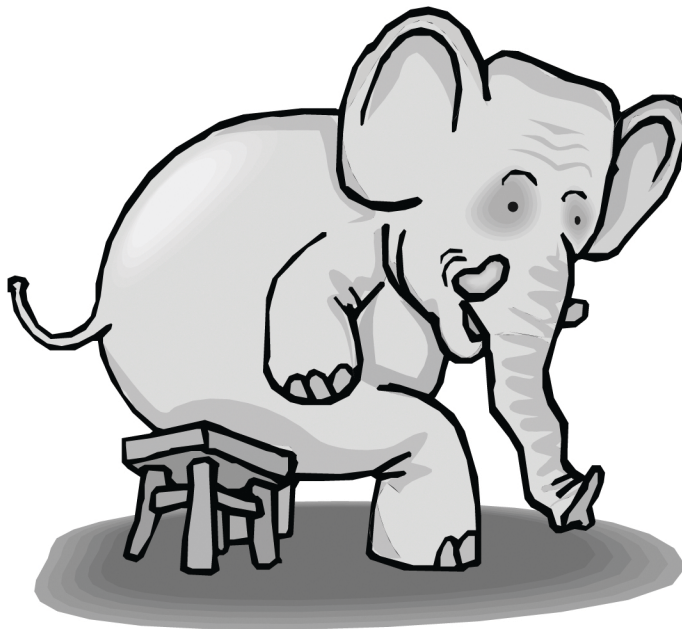
Hearn, Diane **Dad's Dinosaur Day**
(J/E/Hea)

Hutchins, Pat..... **There's Only One of Me**
(J/E/Hut)

Jeffers, Oliver..... **Lost and Found** (J/E/Jef)

Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page **What Do You Do With**
a Tail Like This?
(J/E/Books for 4's)

Joose, Barbara **Please Is a Good**
Word to Say (J/E/Joo)



Kasza, Keiko **A Mother for Choco**
(J/E/Books for 4's)

Keller, Holly..... **Farfallina and Marcel**
(J/E/Kel)

Klise, Kate and M. Sarah .. **Imagine Harry** (J/E/Kli)

Kontis, Alethea..... **Alpha Oops! The Day Z**
Went First (J/E/Kon)

Krosoczka, Jarrett **Baghead** (J/E/Kro)

Kulka, Joe **Wolf's Coming** (J/E/Kul)

Kuskin, Karla **Green as a Bean** (J/E/Kus)

Leuck, Laura **My Monster Mama**
Loves Me So (J/E/Leu)

Lewin, Betsy **Chubbo's Pool** (J/E/Lew)

Lin, Grace **Lissy's Friends** (J/E/Lin)

Lionni, Leo..... **Swimmy** (J/E/Lio)

Long, Melinda..... **How I Became a Pirate**
(J/E/Lon)

McCloskey, Robert **Make Way for Ducklings**
(J/E/Books for 4's)

McGovern, Ann..... **Too Much Noise** (J/E/McG)

Most, Bernard **Whatever Happened to**
the Dinosaurs? (J/E/Mos)

Murphy, Jill **A Piece of Cake** (J/E/Mur)

Numeroff, Laura..... **If You Give a Mouse a**
Cookie (J/E/Books for 4's)

Parr, Todd **Reading Makes You**
Feel Good (J/E/Par)

Paul, Ann..... **Manana, Iguana**
(J/E/Books for 4's)

Rathmann, Peggy **Good Night, Gorilla** (J/E/Rat)

Rey, H. A..... **Curious George** (J/E/Rey)

Scamell, Ragnhild **Toby's Doll's House** (J/E/Sca)

Seeger, Laura **Black? White!**
Day? Night! (J/E/See)

Sendak, Maurice **Where the Wild Things Are**
(J/E/Books for 4's)

Shannon, David..... **Duck on a Bike** (J/E/Sha)

Simont, Marc..... **The Stray Dog** (J/E/Sim)

Steig, William **Sylvester and the Magic**
Pebble (J/E/Ste)

Stewart, Joel..... **Dexter Bexley and the Big**
Blue Beastie (J/E/Ste)

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie .. **Elizabeti's Doll** (J/E/Stu)

Umansky, Kaye **I Don't Like Gloria** (J/E/Uma)

Valckx, Catharina **Lizette's Green Sock** (J/E/Val)

Viorst, Judith **Alexander and the Terrible,**
Horrible, No Good, Very
Bad Day (J/E/Books for 4's)

Wallace, Karen **Scarlette Beane** (J/E/Wal)

Wells, Rosemary **McDuff Moves In** (J/E/Wel)

Whybrow, Ian..... **Sammy and the Dinosaurs**
(J/E/Why)

Willems, Mo..... **Knuffle Bunny** (J/E/Wil)

Williams, Vera..... **A Chair for my Mother**
(J/E/Books for 4's)

Yolen, Jane **Owl Moon** (J/E/Yol)

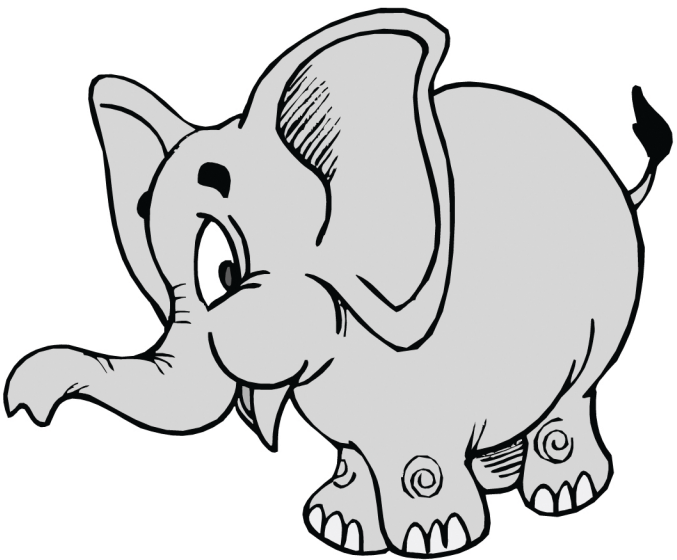
Yolen, Jane **Harry the Dirty Dog** (J/E/Zio)

Zolotow, Charlotte **Mr. Rabbit and the**
Lovely Present (J/E/Zol)



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Unforgettable Books for Four-Year-Olds



Allen, Jonathan **I'm Not Cute** (J/E/All)

Allen, Jonathan **I'm Not Scared** (J/E/All)

Asch, Frank..... **Happy Birthday, Moon**
(J/E/Asc)

Aylesworth, Jim **Teddy Bear Tears**
(J/E/Ayl)

Bauer, Marion Dane **A Mama for Owen**
(J/E/Bau)

Beaumont, Karen **I Ain't Gonna Paint No**
More! (J/E/Books for 4's)

Berkes, Marianne **Over in the Jungle**
(J/E/Ber)

Bruel, Robert..... **Bob and Otto** (J/E/Bru)

Bruel, Robert..... **Bad Kitty** (J/E/Bru)

Bruel, Robert..... **Poor Puppy** (J/E/Bru)

Buehner, Caralyn **Snowmen at Night**
(J/E/Bue)

Burton, Virginia Lee **Mike Mulligan and**
His Steam Shovel
(J/E/Books for 4's)

Burton, Virginia Lee **The Little House**
(J/E/Bur)

Chen, Chih-Yuan..... **Guji Guji** (J/E/Che)

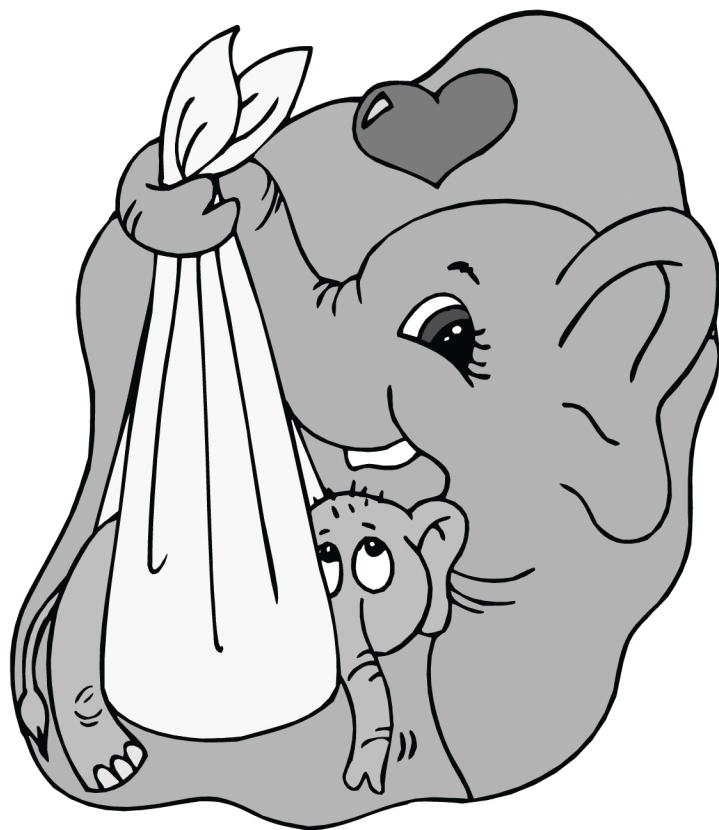
Cleary, Brian **Peanut Butter and**
Jellyfishes: A Very Silly
Alphabet Book (J/E/Cle)

Curtis, Jamie Lee **Today I Feel Silly**
(J/E/Cur)

Day, Alexandra..... **Carl's Afternoon**
in the Park (J/E/Day)

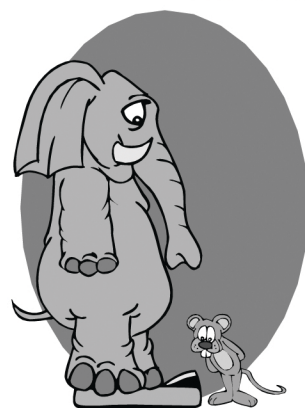
NEW BABY IN THE HOUSE

- Alexander, Martha **Nobody Asked Me If I Wanted a Baby Sister** (J/E/Ale)
- Brown, Marc **Arthur's Baby** (J/E/Bro)
- Harris, Robie **Hi, New Baby!** (J/E/Har)
- Hoban, Russell **A Baby Sister for Frances** (J/E/Hob)
- Lobel, Gill **Too Small for Honey Cake** (J/E/Lob)
- Romanova, Yelena **The Perfect Friend** (J/E/Rom)
- Van Leeuwen, Jean..... **Benny and Beautiful Baby Delilah** (J/E/Van)
- Thomas, Shelley..... **A Baby's Coming to Your House** (J/305.232/Tho)
- Murkoff, Heidi **What to Expect When the New Baby Comes Home** (J/306.875/Mur)
- Helmer, Diana **Let's Talk About Having a New Brother or Sister** (J/306.875/Hel)
- Heiligman, Deborah..... **Babies: All You Need to Know** (J/612.65/Hei)



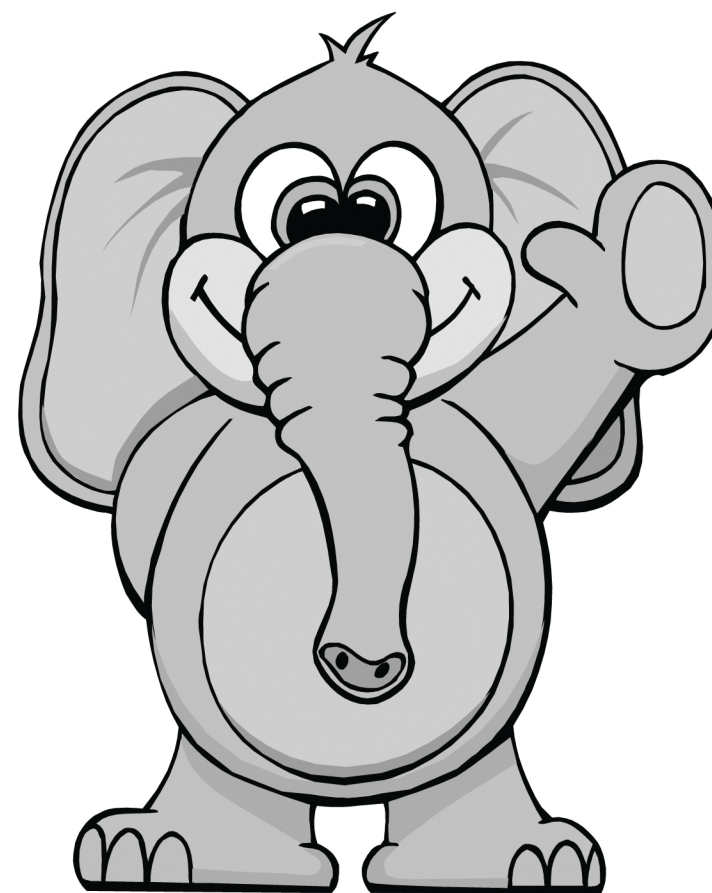
FAIRY AND FOLK TALES

- Andersen, H.C..... **The Princess and the Pea** (J/398.21/And)
- Brett, Jan **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** (J/398.21/Bre)
- Galdone, Paul..... **The Teeny-Tiny Woman** (J/398.21/Gal)
- Lobel, Anita..... **King Rooster, Queen Hen** (J/398.2/L783)
- Marshall, James..... **Red Riding Hood** (J/398.21/Mar)
- Stevens, Janet..... **The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse** (J/398.2/Ste)



GREAT BOOKS ABOUT READING:

- Hearne, Betsy **Choosing Books for Children: A Commonsense Guide** (J/PT/011.62/Hea)
- Carlson, Ann D..... **The Preschooler & the Library** (J/Ref/027.625/Car)
- Odean, Kathleen..... **Great Books for Babies and Toddlers** (J/PT/028.162/Ode)
- Hall, Susan and Louisa Moats Ed.D ... **Straight Talk About Reading** (J/PT/372.41/Hal)
- Trelease, Jim **The Read-Aloud Handbook** (J/PT/372.64/Tre)
- Fox, Mem..... **Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever** (J/PT/649.58/Fox)



CHOOSING BOOKS FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS

Four year olds can understand longer and more complicated picture books. They still enjoy books about familiar situations, but are also interested in reading about different kinds of families and cultures. They still love the sounds and rhythm of language. They delight in chants, nonsense words, riddles, simple tongue twisters and playing with words by whispering or shouting them. Four year olds are always asking "why" and will welcome informational books that help to satisfy their curiosity about certain topics.

TIPS FOR READING TO FOUR-YEAR-OLDS

Continue to:

- Read to your child on a daily basis. (They don't outgrow their need for this even after they can read on their own!) Also, make sure your child sees you reading.
- Allow your child to choose some of the books to be read and have books available around the house for him to pick up at will.
- Encourage your child to talk about the illustrations and story by asking him questions.
- Do not make this a forced discussion, but interject the questions naturally. Ask opinion questions such as, "Who was your favorite character?" Encourage him to enlarge upon what he says by repeating the phrase he made, "Ann was funny because she was trying so hard to catch the dog!" and then adding to it, "Yes, Ann was a funny character because she was trying so hard to catch the dog that she fell in the puddle and got very dirty!" This encourages him to use his language skills. (You aren't correcting what he says, but encouraging him by adding to it.)

Around the age of four:

- Choose books that will expand your child's view of communities, families, and the world.
- If you are reading a rhyming story, pause and let your child fill in the missing rhyming word.
- Play rhyming games with her: what other words rhyme with that word?
- Encourage her to create her own books out of cut up magazines.