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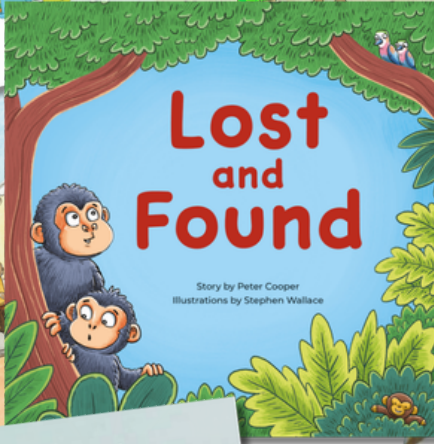


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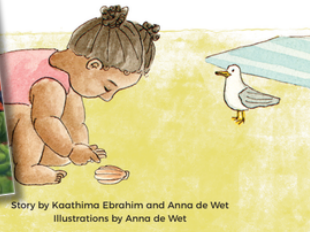
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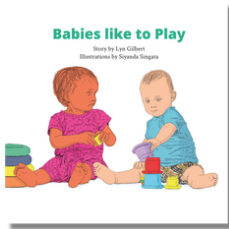
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FIVE TOP TIPS TO START BOOK-SHARING TODAY



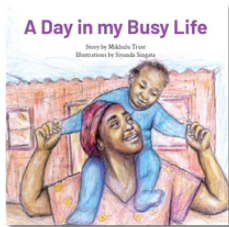
1. **Focus on your child's interests** - Paying close attention to what your child is attracted to will help keep them interested and engaged. For example, if your child's attention is focused on a picture of some babies playing, you could say, "Oh look, these babies are playing with their toys! Which toy do you like best?"
2. **Always respond positively to your child** - Responding positively to any contribution your child makes will help them feel confident and encourage them to contribute more. Always respond positively, even if you think they are wrong. For example, if you ask "What do you think this is?", pointing to an orange; and if your child says "ball", rather than saying "No, It is not a ball. It is an orange", you could say "Yes. It is round, just like a ball; but from its colour, do you think it might be an orange?"
3. **Point and name things in the book** - Pointing and naming things and actions in the book helps children learn new words. It is important to repeat new words. So, you could say "That's a bicycle. And see, there's another bicycle. And, see, this child here has a blue bicycle."
4. **Ask who, what and where questions** - Asking your child 'wh-' questions, helps them develop both their thinking skills and their spoken language. For example, you could ask "Where is the dog?" Let your child try to find it, and remember – whatever your child replies, respond positively to them. Then you could say, "And who is with the dog? And what is the little girl carrying?"
5. **Build on what your child says** - Building on what your child says also helps them develop both their thinking and language skills. So, if there is a picture of a mother cooking, you could build on it by asking, "What is the mother cooking?" Whatever your child replies, build on it again. If your child replies "pap", you could say, "Yum! And what is your favourite thing to eat with pap?" If they then respond saying "I like it when we have sausage with our pap", you could then build on further by saying "I like cooking sausage and pap for us. What do you think the lady will cook with her pap?"



BABIES LIKE TO PLAY

1 - 2
YEARS

This book shows babies playing together. Sometimes they laugh together; and sometimes they ignore each other. Sometimes they give things to each other, and sometimes they imitate each other's actions. Playing can be very tiring and often ends in a deep sleep.



A DAY IN MY BUSY LIFE

1 - 2
YEARS

This book describes a baby's day, from the time they wake to when they go to bed. It shows their typical daily routines of feeding, being changed, and being carried while their mother gets on with her chores and enjoys the company of friends. When other babies are present, daily life for this baby is particularly interesting.



FAMILY VISIT TO THE BEACH

1 - 2
YEARS

A mother, father, and two young children visit the beach on a warm summer day. They travel by taxi and bring their favourite things, like a ball, to play with and bananas to eat. They play with their hands and toes in the sand and learn new words like "seashell." Big brother feels sad when it is time to go home, while the baby falls asleep in her mother's arms.



CUDDLES BRING COMFORT

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YEARS

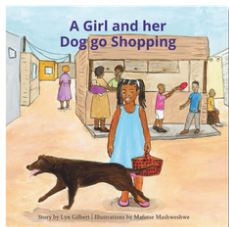
A little baby is playing while his mother hangs up the washing. He sees a cat on his grandmother's lap, and his mother encourages him to go and play with the cat. He is happy to get some cuddles from the cat, but then the cat suddenly jumps up and runs inside. The baby feels upset and he now needs his mother's cuddles to help him feel better.



CHILDREN LIKE TO PLAY

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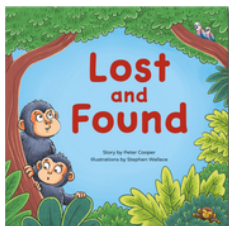
This book shows little children playing, alone and together. It shows children playing with many different kinds of toys: ones they can carry and pull and beat and fly and ride. Playing can be very tiring and often ends in a deep sleep.



A GIRL AND HER DOG GO SHOPPING

2 - 3
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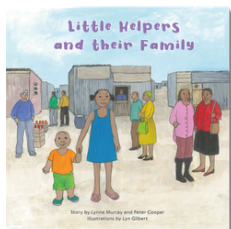
A little girl sets off with her basket to do some shopping for her mother, walking through her neighbourhood with her dog. It is a lively community and, on her way, the girl comes across some interesting characters, all busily engaged in their daily activities. Sometimes the girl simply watches them, and at other times she becomes involved with them. She returns home at the end of her walk with a full basket of fruit which she enjoys eating with her family.



LOST AND FOUND

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YEARS

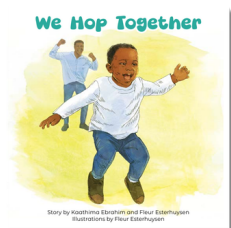
It is very common for little children to become deeply attached to particular toys or objects that are a source of comfort and security. If they are separated from these special objects, children can become very distressed. These feelings are very real and need to be taken seriously. In this book a little monkey has a favourite toy monkey that he loves. While playing in the forest, his toy is accidentally buried by a squirrel. The little monkey is distraught when he can't find it. All the other little animals and their parents realise how upset he is and they decide to help him look for the little monkey's toy. When they can't find it, they offer to share their own toys with the upset little monkey. The squirrel eventually realises his mistake and returns the toy to the baby monkey.



LITTLE HELPERS AND THEIR FAMILY

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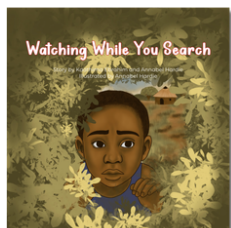
There is no food at home, so the two children go out to explore their neighbourhood. On their walk they come across people who have a problem, and the children help them. Each time, they receive a gift of thanks. By the end of their walk, they have enough food for a delicious meal with their parents.



WE HOP TOGETHER

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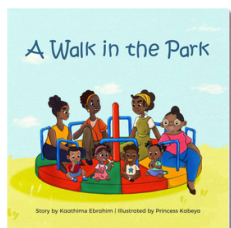
A little boy visits the park with his dad, and they play together. The boy feels brave and wants to try hopping over different things – a rock, a stick, and a big tyre. When he falls, his dad helps him up, puts him on his back, and they hop together over the tyre.



WATCHING WHILE YOU SEARCH

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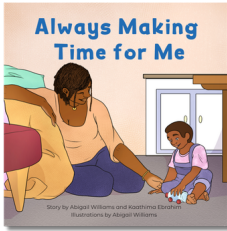
A little girl is searching for something she has lost. She finds many different animals along the way. After a long day, she falls and hurts her knee. Her mother puts a plaster on her knee to help her. Then she is surprised by her little dog — the friend she was looking for all along.



A WALK IN THE PARK

2 - 3
YEARS

This book follows four toddlers enjoying the park with their mothers. They play on the slides and the swings. They play on the jungle-gym and the see-saw. Some of them want to play without help from their mothers, while others feel safer holding on to their mothers. Playing and having fun can make toddlers hungry and tired and they end the day with some snacks before heading home.



ALWAYS MAKING TIME FOR ME

2 - 3
YEARS

A mother is marking a pile of test papers. She feels stressed and the house is messy. Her baby is playing alone and sees that the mother is not happy. The baby goes to the mother to help. The mother lets the baby help her, and together they tidy the house. Working together helps the baby feel proud, and they both enjoy the time together.



FALLING OUT AND MAKING UP

2 - 3
YEARS

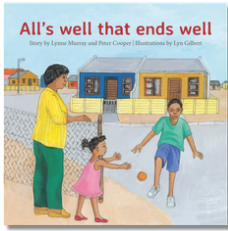
A young boy goes to the park with his mother and baby brother. While his mother sits with her friends, he joins other children playing in the sand pit. A conflict breaks out when another boy takes a girl's toy and upsets her. The mother of the boy who took the toy is angry and looks as though she might hit her son, but her friend intervenes, talking to the children and helping them find a way to play well together.



WHAT A MIX UP

3 - 5
YEARS

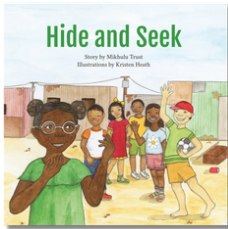
A mother tells her daughter to look after four babies in their yard. Over the fence, next-door, a man leaves his four dogs. One by one, while the girl is not looking, dogs and babies swap places, going through holes in the fence to reach the other side. As the dogs replace the babies, the girl in charge becomes upset, and goes to fetch her mother. By the time they return, dogs and babies have all swapped over. It is a real puzzle for the girl and her mother. An old woman is disturbed by the babies playing in the yard next door, and scolds them. The girl and her mother hear the noise, discover the babies, and bring them back. The man comes back to collect his dogs, and now he is puzzled to find them gone.



ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

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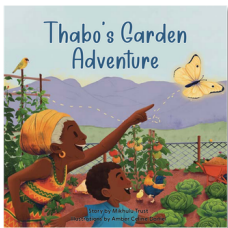
A boy and his little sister are naughty, and their mother is cross with them. They go off to the park, where some older boys are mean to them. Some women comfort the children, and another boy kindly gives the little girl his toy. Everyone is entertained as some minstrels pass by. The two children then head for home. They find some flowers on the ground and put them in a box which they decorate. They take the flowers back to their mother. She is delighted, and the family is in harmony again.



HIDE AND SEEK

3 - 5
YEARS

Children are playing hide and seek. Gradually the hiders are found, except for one child who is hidden by a sheet that a dog pulled over her from a washing line. The other children do not realise that the strange shape under the sheet is their friend, and they run away from it, causing chaos all around them. The dog solves the problem by tugging the sheet away from the girl, and everyone is surprised and pleased.



THABO'S GARDEN ADVENTURE

3 - 5
YEARS

Thabo spots a golden butterfly land on his grandmother's prize pumpkin and rushes outside to tell her. Together they set off to find it – watering cans in hand, gardening tools at the ready. The butterfly keeps slipping away: behind the bean plants, among the caterpillars, past the carrots and tomatoes, over a line of busy ants, through the vegetable patch and a flock of birds. Each time they get close, it moves on. When the birds finally scatter and the butterfly returns to where it started, Thabo and his grandmother lift a broad leaf on the pumpkin, and find exactly what the butterfly had been doing all along.



A GROWING UP DAY

3 - 5
YEARS

A young boy is about to face two special new experiences. The first is that he will start school. As his mother helps him prepare he feels rather anxious and wonders what school will be like. The boy's mother takes him to school and encourages him to join the other children playing. Everything feels very new to the boy but the teachers and the other children are friendly. Soon he is taking part in the school activities with them. At the end of the school day the boy is excited to see his mother and show her what happened. The second new experience is that the boy has to go to the dentist. The boy also feels anxious about this event but his mother explains what will happen and reassures him. The dental examination goes well. That evening the boy proudly shares his new experiences with his family. With the support of his family and all the other people involved he has successfully managed two important new challenges.



DIFFERENT FAMILIES COME TOGETHER

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YEARS

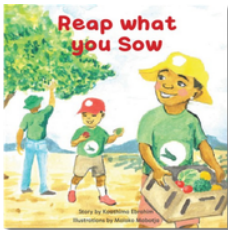
Families organise their lives in different ways. In some, family members have similar roles, sharing household duties, while in others they differ in what each member does, taking on "traditional" male and female roles. This book shows two contrasting families. The mother in the more traditional family is used to doing almost all the domestic chores herself; there is a lot to do, and she sometimes finds it tiring. She sees the family next door share out the work between them, and she decides to encourage her own family to do the same. In fact, this new way of doing things at home turns out to be fun, and when all the jobs for the day are done, everyone can feel satisfied, and the two families can enjoy relaxing and sharing a meal together.



DO YOUR BEST

3 - 5
YEARS

In this book, a clever young girl gets support from many different males who all play a positive role in her life. Her father goes to work very early in the morning, but he spends time with her, and prepares supper for the family, when he gets home. Her grandfather helps her get ready for school and makes sure that she has everything she needs. At school, she has a best friend who is a boy. She helps him to do better at his school work, and she appreciates when he stands up for her when another boy is mean to her. All the men are important to her and support her to do well in life.



REAP WHAT YOU SOW

3 - 5
YEARS

In this book, a little girl makes a mistake and her father over-reacts and shouts at her for this. This makes her feel sad, and her mother is disappointed that the father was so harsh with the little girl. The father apologises to the girl and they enjoy a day together at the "Family Day", where the father is the farm manager. They collect, and count, different fruits and vegetables. When she makes a mistake this time, instead of shouting at her, the father helps her and lets her know that everything will be ok.



LET ME HELP

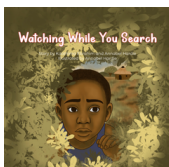
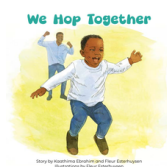
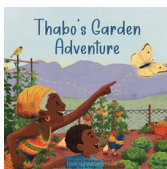
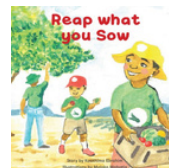
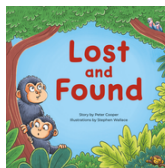
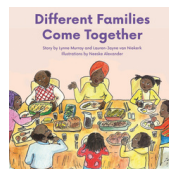
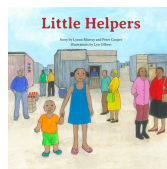
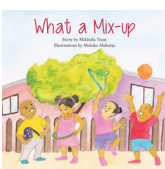
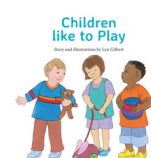
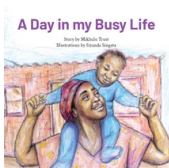
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YEARS

A little girl is helping her grandmother take the washing off the line. She accidentally drops a clean sheet on the muddy ground. The grandmother becomes upset and scolds the girl. The girl feels hurt because she was only trying to help. The grandmother realises her mistake and apologises. She then shows the little girl how to help in a better way.

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