

Books for children continued...

Eddie and Dog

By Alison Brown. Little Tiger Press, £5.99
A beautiful story on a loving friendship, Eddie and Dog is a great read for children who love an adventure, and for dog-lovers too. The illustration in this book is exciting and imaginative capturing the essence of this story: adventure and friendship. The story follows Eddie and his new friend Dog, but when Eddie takes Dog home Eddie's mum decides that Dog can't stay as he needs a garden, but will Dog find his way back? A playful story, it's a perfect picture book for little explorers.

Wibbly Pig and the Tooky

By Mick Inkpen. Hodder, £11.99
Mick Inkpen is a name that all book lovers are familiar with, young and old. He's one of the top-selling picture book artists and writers in the world; his lovable Kipper and Wibbly Pig stories have millions of readers worldwide, and he has accolades to his name. One of the latest instalments in the Wibbly Pig series brings about more animal antics. This time, Big Pig's sister and her friend have been to the zoo where Big Pig's sister should have brought back a cuddly toy but instead she's put Tooky the toucan in her backpack. Mick Inkpen's fabulous illustrations and charming characters are easy for children to relate to, and the humour is always on-point, and this is certainly no exception for Wibbly Pig and the Tooky.

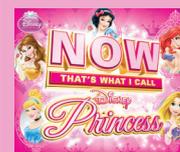
No!

By Tracey Corderoy. Little Tiger Press, £5.99
If you've reached the 'tantrum' stage, No! by award-winning author Tracey Corderoy will certainly strike a chord. No! is a hilarious tale based on Archie – a little rhino. Archie has become overfamiliar with the word "No!", shouting it at mealtimes, bath times, and every single bedtime – the dreaded word that many parents will be acquainted with. But by always answering "No!" it sometimes means Archie misses out on special treats. Follow the story in the gorgeously illustrated No!, it'll certainly make parents and children giggle, and is the perfect tale for parents whose children may be over-using the word "No!".

Toucan Can

By Juliette MacIver. Gecko Press, £11.99
Set in a decorative jungle, Toucan Can is a vibrant, energetic and exciting book from author Juliette MacIver. Full of high energy and plenty of tongue twisters this book is packed with exotic fun. Children will enjoy the various colourful characters and animals you get to meet along the way like Aunty Candy's panda and Aunt Amanda's salamander. This book is a great one to read out loud as the rhythm and pace picks up towards the end with hilarity and ludicrous rhyming for the reader to tackle.

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Now That's What I Call Disney Princess

www.nowmusicstore.com
Lots of little ladies (and some bigger ones too!) will love singing their hearts out to this fabulous album. Two CDs full of Disney's most wonderful princess songs and a sing-a-long song book makes it perfect for parties or car journeys. Featuring classics like Kiss the Girl from The Little Mermaid and Colours Of The Wind from Pocahontas but also songs from more recent films such as I've Got a Dream from Tangled.

Zappie app www.zappie.com

Aimed at pre-schoolers, the Zappie app is the first of its kind to use augmented reality technology. With interaction at the forefront it transforms pictures by bringing them to life. Zappie have launched a range of cute and colourful nursery rhyme products including wall stickers, heat transfers and greeting cards. Download the free nursery rhymes app, scan your Zappie product, select the nursery rhyme to match, then 'zap' the image – scanning with your device until the animation loads.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY APPS | This season's top parenting apps



The Essential Baby Care Guide

By The Essential Parent Company, Free
This app allows access to over 140 high quality videos from their Essential Baby Care Guide DVDs, presenting all the vital content a parent needs to look after their baby in the first 12 months. Once downloaded you'll receive 20 free vital videos.



My Baby's Beat Matis, £2.49

This innovative parenting app allows you to listen to your baby's heartbeat. My Baby's Beat is based on an algorithm that taps into the iPhone's sound capturing and processing capabilities. The app imitates a medical stethoscope, by amplifying the sound of the baby's heartbeat.



Happy No Nappy

Caroline Williams, 69p
Babies are born with the instinct not to soil themselves. This app teaches recognition and response to your baby's toilet need signals. Offering a "how to" guide, pictures, trouble shooting. Helping any modern mum achieve early nappy independence.



Nursery Rhyme Videos by MyVoxSongs

MYVOXSONGS Ltd, 69p
Eight delightful nursery rhyme animated videos with lyrics, lovingly created using real instruments and original hand-drawn artwork. This is the ideal app for parents looking for something special to engage the imagination of their babies and young children.