

Colors

Is your child learning colors? Check out these fun books to help reinforce their color knowledge. Titles are shelved by the first three letters of the author's last name in the picture book section unless otherwise noted. For more titles, search "colors—juvenile fiction" in the MORE online catalog. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Baker, Keith. **Little Green Peas: A Big Book of Colors.** (E BAK)

Little green peas make their way into collections of objects of many different colors, from blue boats, seas, and flags, to orange balloons, umbrellas, and fizzy drinks.

Biggs, Brian. **Blue Bus, Red Balloon: A Book of Colors.** (Board Books: BB BIG)

Follows a red balloon's journey past various modes of transportation, each displaying a different color.

Boldt, Mike. **Colors Versus Shapes.** (E BOL)

Colors face off against Shapes in a talent show.

Boynton, Sandra. **Blue Hat, Green Hat.** (Board Books: BB BOY)

Humorous animal characters introduce the basic colors and familiar items of clothing. On board pages.

Carle, Eric. **Hello, Red Fox.** (E CAR)

Guests at Little Frog's birthday party include the red fox, the purple butterfly, the orange cat, and other colorful animals. The illustrations are designed to demonstrate the concept of complementary colors.

Crews, Donald. **Freight Train.** (E CRE)

Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.

Daywalt, Drew. **The Day the Crayons Quit.** (E DAY)

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

See also **The Day the Crayons Came Home.** (E DAY)

Ehlert, Lois. **Color Zoo.** (E EHL)

Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of shapes that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.

Ehlert, Lois. **Planting a Rainbow.** (E EHL)

A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden.

Fisher, Valorie. **Everything I Need to Know before I'm Five.** (E FIS)

This book covers the alphabet, counting, opposites, shapes, colors, and seasons and uses bright photos of retro toys to illustrate these topics.

Foster, Jane. **Jane Foster's Colors.** (Board Books: BB FOS)

Illustrations of animals and household objects introduce readers to the colors, from green and gray to red and yellow.

Hall, Michael. **It's an Orange Aardvark!** (E HAL)

A carpenter ant drills a hole to see what is outside his stump, worrying his fellow ants, and when new holes reveal different colors they fabricate a story about the horrible beast that will soon attack.

Khan, Hena. **Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors.** (E KHA)

In simple rhyming text a young Muslim girl and her family guide the reader through the traditions and colors of Islam.

Lionni, Leo. **A Color of His Own.** (E LIO)

A little chameleon is distressed that he doesn't have his own color like other animals.

Litwin, Eric. **Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes.** (E PET)

As he walks down the street, Pete the cat sings about his brand new white shoes as they change from red to blue to brown to wet.

Martin Jr., Bill. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** (E MAR)

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.

Pallotta, Jerry. **Butterfly Colors and Counting.** (Board Books: BB PAL)

Count the butterflies from one to ten. Learn their colors, then count again!

Seuss, Dr. **My Many Colored Days.** (E SEU)

This rhyming story describes each day in terms of a particular color which in turn is associated with specific emotions.

Stockland, Patricia M. **Red.** (E STO)

Watch readers observe the colors all around them through this bold and beautiful series. Simple, repetitive text and bright illustrations.

(See also: **Blue**, **Green**, and **Yellow** (E STO) by Patricia Stockland.)

Thong, Roseanne. **Red is a Dragon: A Book of Colors.** (E THO)

A Chinese American girl provides rhyming descriptions of the great variety of colors she sees around her, from the red of a dragon, firecrackers, and lychees to the brown of her teddy bear.

Tullet, Hervé. **Mix It Up!** (E TUL)

Using no special effects other than the reader's imagination, simple directions lead the reader to experiment with mixing and changing colors on the printed page.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. **Mouse Paint.** (E WAL)

Three white mice discover jars of red, blue, and yellow paint and explore the world of color.

Wilson, Karma. **Bear Sees Colors.** (E WIL)

While taking a walk with Mouse, Bear meets many other friends and sees colors everywhere.

Wolff, Ashley. **Baby Bear Sees Blue.** (E WOL)

Leaving the den as the weather warms, Baby Bear discovers blue birds, red strawberries, orange butterflies, and other colorful things in nature.

Yolen, Jane. **How Do Dinosaurs Learn Their Colors?** (Board Books: BB YOL)

Illustrations and rhyming text show dinosaurs learning the names of all the colors of the rainbow.