



# Tactile Books for Children

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**Why tactile books?** Books with tactile elements offer hands-on learning, appeal to a diversity of learning styles, and can be particularly beneficial for children with impaired vision. Tactile books include elements such as Braille, pop-ups, cut-outs, textured material, lift-the-flaps, and finger puppets. They're also just plain fun for all young learners!

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**Animals : Knowledge You Can Touch.** Star, Fleur. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2016.

Designed especially for the young braille reader, this tactile reference book features a fascinating selection of creatures, from bears and big cats to birds and bugs. Every entry is written in both braille and large print to allow all readers the opportunity to discover fascinating facts about animals. The entries are also illustrated with large, tactile images, including a leopard with fuzzy flocked fur. Advanced readers. (j) QL151 .A54 2016

**Insects : a Close-up Look.** Seymour, Peter S. New York : Macmillan, c1984.

An introduction to the physical characteristics and habits of insects, with pop-up, lift-up, and pull features. Early readers. (j) QL463 .S96 1984

**Naturescapes : a Three-dimensional Field Guide to Woods, Forests, Meadows, & Marshes.**

Felts, Shirley. New York : Viking Kestrel, c1988.

Text and pop-up illustrations present information on deciduous and coniferous forests, grasslands, ponds, and marshes, and the plant and animal life which such natural communities can support. Early readers. (j) QH48 .F348 1988

**Little Honey Bee.** Ormes, Jane. Somerville, Mass. : Big Picture Press, 2016.

Follow a garden's journey from spring to summer in this beautiful counting book with lift-the-flap board pages. Pre-readers. (j) QL568.A6 O76 2016

**What's in the Prehistoric Forest?** Seymour, Peter S. New York : Henry Holt, c1990.

Various prehistoric creatures are revealed camouflaged behind primitive plants in the lift-the-flap and pop-up illustrations. Pre-readers. (j) QK979 .Se96 1990

**The Butterfly.** Mudd, Maria M. New York : Stewart, Tabori & Chang, c1991.

Describes the life cycle of butterflies and depicts several species. Large pop-up Monarch butterfly in center of book. Advanced readers. (j) QL541 .M833 1991

**Tree : a Peek-through Picture Book.** Teckentrup, Britta. New York : Doubleday, 2015.

A book with peek-through holes that let a child view the changes in a tree throughout the four seasons. Pre-readers. (j) QK475 .T28 2015

**The Tale of Peter Rabbit : a Pop-up Book.** Potter, Beatrix. Baltimore, Md. : DreamHouse, c1994.

This simple retelling of the tale of Peter Rabbit's adventures in Mr. McGregor's garden is charmingly illustrated with three-dimensional pop-up pages. Pre-readers. (j) SB322 .P851 1994

**In the Butterfly Garden.** Ug, Philippe. Munich : Prestel, c2015.

This pop-up book traces a caterpillar's evolution from cocoon to magnificent winged butterfly. Along the way we find cunning insects hidden in the grass, inchworms munching their way through a jungle of leaves, and a floral paradise where the newly hatched butterfly makes its home. Pre-readers. (j) QL541 .U4 2015

**How Does Your Garden Grow? : a pop-up and pull-tab garden.** Burns, Kate. London : Levinson Books, c1997.

Pop-ups, pull-tabs, and simple text depict a garden in spring, summer, and autumn.  
Pre-readers. (j) SB454. C17s B937 1997

**Nestor fait son jardin.** Pittau, Francesco. [Paris] : Seuil Jeunesse, c1999.

Nestor plants and grows a garden. Pop-up, lift-up, and pull features make this French language tale interactive.  
Pre-readers. (j) SB453 .P588 1999

**The Old Tree.** Brown, Ruth. London : Walker, c2007.

In this beautifully illustrated book, an old tree inhabited by many creatures is marked for cutting. The resident animals save the tree by transforming the paint mark into a bird house. Includes large pop-up tree. Early readers.  
(j) QH541.5.F6 B814 2007

**I Spy in the Garden.** Powell, Richard. New York : Puffin, 1997, c1993.

A lift-the-flap book illustrates animals and tools in the garden. Pre-readers. (j) SB453 .P868 1993

**Rosie Plants a Radish : a lift-the-flap nature book with real seeds.** Scheffler, Axel.

Kansas City, Mo. : Andrews McMeel Pub., c1997.

Rosie the rabbit plants radish seeds and watches them grow to harvest. Early readers. (j) SB351.R3 Sch24 1997

**Ben Plants a Butterfly Garden.** Petty, Kate. London : Macmillan Children's, 1998.

To attract butterflies Ben plants flowers among the nettles in his garden. Includes flaps and pop-ups. Early readers.  
(j) QL545 .P456 1998

**Tulip Builds a Birdhouse.** Gottlieb, Dale. Santa Fe, N. M. : Envision Pub., c1998.

Pull-tab and lift-the-flap pictures show Tulip the rabbit building a birdhouse and making friends with the birds who come to nest in it. Pre-readers. (j) QL676.5 G175 1998

**In Wiggly's Garden.** Inkpen, Mick. New York : Viking, c2000.

Wiggly Pig plants a bean which grows into a giant beanstalk. Includes lift-the-flaps. Pre-readers. (j) SB327 .In 2000

**Sam Plants a Sunflower : a lift-the-flap nature book.** Petty, Kate. London : Macmillan Children's Books, 2000.

Sam the cat plants sunflowers and Ladybird tells him how to grow them. Includes lift-the-flaps. Early readers.  
(j) SB299 .S9 P456 2000

**Jazzy in the Jungle.** Cousins, Lucy. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, c2002.

Help Mama Jo-Jo the lemur find her baby Jazzy in this lift-the-flap jungle book. Pre-readers.  
(j) QH541.5 R27 C836 2002

**Pooh's Secret Garden.** Hapka, Cathy. New York : Disney Press, c2012.

Pooh discovers that the secret to a hive full of honey is a fine garden of busy bees so he decides to plant one of his own. Early readers. (j) QL568 .A6 H65 2012

**Creatures of the Desert World.** Gibson, Barbara. [Washington, D.C.] : National Geographic Society, c1987.

Action-filled pages describe and illustrate the activities of various animals in Arizona's Sonoran Desert. Includes intricate pop-ups and pull tabs. Early readers. (j) QH541.5.D4 C74 1987

**Bees Love Flowers** : a 'guess who!' touch-and-feel flap book. Powell, Richard. Shepton, Somerset, [England] : Treehouse Children's Books, c2001. A touch-and-feel flap book that shows what animals love in a garden. Pre-readers. (j)QH541.5.G3 B392 2001

**Nightwatch** : Nightlife in the Tropical Rain Forest. Riley, Peter D. Pleasantville, N.Y. : Reader's Digest Children's Books, c1999. The flora and fauna of rain forests around the world is presented in text and pictures with translucent plastic panels revealing different layers of jungle life. Advanced readers. (j) QH541.5.R27 R454 1999

**Plant**. Akeroyd, John. New York : DK Pub., c1998. Text and realistic three-dimensional photography introduce the varied world of plant life. Includes a mirrored viewer to see the plants in 3-D. Advanced readers or adults. (j) QK49 .Ak35 1998

**Backyard** : Fun Experiments for Budding Scientists. Burke, Lisa. New York : DK Pub. 2010. Eleven hands-on experiments that bring science to life, right in your own backyard. Each project has a large flap to lift revealing "science stuff." Early readers. (j) QH55 .B917 2010

## Book boxes (traditional books plus tactile accessories):

**From Seed to Plant**. Gibbons, Gail. New York : Holiday House, c1991. This is our library's first tactile book box, which includes various seeds to explore and touch while enjoying the story! The book is an excellent introduction to how plants reproduce and grow from seed. Early readers. (j) QK661 .G3.52 1991 c.2 (Shelved in Library Office; please ask staff for assistance)

**Plants Feed Me**. Rockwell, Lizzy. New York: Holiday House, 2014. Watermelons are fruits, cabbages are leaves, walnuts are seeds, carrots are roots. People eat many parts of plants – even flowers! Book box includes a plant parts sorting game. (j) SB105 R59 2014 c.2 (Shelved in Library Office; please ask staff for assistance)

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**. Martin, Bill. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1989. An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. Book box includes activity tree with felt alphabet letters. (j) SB299 .P3 M364 1989 c.2 (Shelved in Library Office; please ask staff for assistance)

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. Carle, Eric. New York: Philomel Books, 1987. Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food, until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Book box includes butterfly life cycle models. (j) QL541 .C192 1987 c.2 (Shelved in Library Office; please ask staff for assistance)

## Board Books:

**Jungle Animals**. New York : DK Publishing, 2012. From hairy orangutans to scaly snakes, there are all sorts of textures to explore in this safe, sturdy book that encourages preschool learning. Pre-readers. (j board) QH541.5.R27 J86 2012

**Goodnight, Sweet Butterflies** : a Colour Dreamland. Bentley, Dawn. New York : Little Simon, c2003. Nine colored butterflies disappear one by one as the pages that match their colors are turned. The butterflies are made of

plastic and attached to the pages. Pre-readers. (j board) QL541 .B446 2003

**Cozy Caterpillars.** McLean, Wendy. Belrose, Sydney, NSW, Australia : Book Company, c2003.

Five caterpillars find a place to rest and make their cocoons. The caterpillars are 3-D plastic. Text in rhyme. Pre-readers. (j board) QL541 .M223 2003

**In My Tree.** Gillingham, Sara. San Francisco, Calif. : Chronicle Books, c2009.

Turn the pages to find out what makes the little owl's nest so cozy. On board pages with owl finger puppet. Pre-readers. (j board) QL676.2 O8 G415 2009

**In My Nest.** Gillingham, Sara. San Francisco, Calif. : Chronicle Books, c2009.

Bright pictures, a sweet, reassuring message, and an adorable finger puppet make this a book filled with reading and playtime fun! Pre-readers. (j board) QL676 .G415 2009

**In My Flower.** Gillingham, Sara. San Francisco, Calif. : Chronicle Books, c2010.

On die-cut board pages with butterfly finger puppet, attached to cover back, young readers learn about the relationship between a butterfly and its flowers. Pre-readers. (j board) QL541 .G415 2010

**Dirt is Delightful!** Cherrington, Janelle. New York : Simon Spotlight 1999.

In a book based on the Jim Henson television series, Bear in the big blue house, Bear explains why soil is important to plants and animals. Includes lift-the-flaps. Pre-readers. (j board) S591 .C424 1999

**The Little Composter.** Gerardi, Jan. New York : Random House, c2010.

Colorful pictures and simple text describe the process of making compost. Includes lift-the-flaps. Pre-readers. (j board) S654 .G47 2010

**Eye Spy a Ladybug!** Lilly, Melinda. Los Angeles : Price Stern Sloan, 1997.

In this board book children can discover animals hidden behind every easy-to-lift flap. Pre-readers. (j board) QL468 .L628 1997

**The Not So Itsy-bitsy Spider : a Pop-up Book.** Heo, Yumi. Santa Monica, Calif. : Piggy Toes Press, [1999?]

The insects flee when itsy-bitsy spider shows up at their garden party. The book has tabs, textures, and pop-ups. Pre-readers. (j board) QL451 .H41 1999

**Morning in the Garden.** Gondek, Heather J. [Woodbury, N.Y.] : Barron's, 2002, c2001.

Lift the flaps or watch the pop-ups to see the animals and plants wake up in the morning. Pre-readers. (j board) SB453 .G586 2001

**Ants, Ants, Ants.** Reasoner, Charles. New York : Price Stern Sloan, c2001.

Count all the ants as they climb around plants and burrow into the soil. Includes lift-the-flaps. Pre-readers. (j board) QL568 .F7 R235 2001

**Hurry Home Spider : Run Your Finger Along the Tracks to Follow Spider Home.**

Crossley, David. Hauppauge, N.Y. : Barron's, c2001.

It's raining in the garden, and Spider goes inside the house. On board pages with die cut grooves for fingers to follow. Pre-readers. (j board) QL451 .C884 2001

**Look Inside a Rainforest.** Mantegazza, Giovanna. New York : Grosset & Dunlap, c1993.

Cutouts in board paper introduce animals and plants of New and Old World tropical rain forests, comparing and contrasting them with temperate deciduous and coniferous forests. Early readers. (j board) QH541.5.R27 M318 1993

**Look Out Ladybug.** Crossley, David. Hauppauge, N.Y. : Barron's, c2001.

Follow Ladybug as she flies through the garden and encounters her friends in this book with grooved tracks for finger tracing. Pre-readers. (j board) QL596.C65 C884 2001

**Look Inside a Tree.** Ingolia, Gina. New York : Grosset & Dunlap, 1989.

Cutouts in board pages allow students to look inside a tree as they read about the different parts of a tree. Early readers. (j board) QK475 .In4 1989

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