

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin.

E PETE LITWIN

Pete the Cat gets into colorful adventures while out walking in his new white shoes.

Blue Goose by Nancy Tafuri.

E TAFURI

When Farmer Gray goes away for the day, Blue Goose, Red Hen, Yellow Chick, and White Duck get together and paint their black and white farm.

Green is a Chile Pepper by Roseanne Thong.

E THONG

A little girl discovers all the bright colors in her neighborhood.

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh.

E WALSH

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

SHAPES

Circle, Square, Moose by Kelly Bingham.

E BINGHA

When Zebra and his enthusiastic friend Moose are asked to exit a book about shapes, Moose has other plans.

Bear in a Square by Stella Blackstone.

BB BLACKS

Bear looks for shapes everywhere, such as rectangles at school and stars in the nighttime sky.

The Shape of Things by Dayle Ann Dodds.

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Learn all about the shape of things.

Color Farm by Lois Ehlert.

E EHLERT

The rooster, dog, sheep, cow, pig, and other animals on a farm are made up of colorful shapes such as squares, circles, rectangles, and triangles.

Shape by Shape by Suse MacDonald.

E MACDON

Discover colorful shapes, which come together to reveal a creature from long ago.

I Spy Shapes in Art by Lucy Micklethwait.

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TPresents objects with the shape of a heart, a triangle, a square and other shapes through paintings by such artists as Magritte, Escher, and Matisse.

Friendshape by Amy Krouse Rosenthal.

E ROSENT

Friends Triangle, Circle, Square, and Rectangle have fun together and support one another through life.

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CONCEPT BOOKS

ABCs, 123s,
Colors, & Shapes



What are concept books?

Concept books are a special group of picture books that are designed to explain an idea, object, or activity.

ALPHABET

LMNO Peas by Keith Baker.

E BAKER

Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.

A to Z by Sandra Boynton.

BB BOYNTO

A variety of humorous animal characters introduce the letters of the alphabet.

Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel.

E BRUEL

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming.

E FLEMIN

A mouse works his way through the alphabet as he folds the "F," measures the "M," and rolls the "R."

Chicka Chika Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.

E MARTIN

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

I Stink! by Kate & Jim McMullan.

E MCMULL

A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.

Max's ABC by Rosemary Wells.

E WELLS

Max is in trouble; the ants are taking bites of his sandwich and drinking his cranberry juice.

A Busy Creature's Day Eating by Mo Willems.

JF HALE S

A busy creature eats his way through the alphabet!

COUNTING

Quack & Count by Keith Baker.

E BAKER

Seven ducklings take a rhyming look at addition as they play, swim, and have fun.

Doggies by Sandra Boynton.

BB BOYNTO

Count from one to ten dogs.

Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd.

E DODD

In this colorful story of a sloppy dog, you can count on a happy ending.

Let's Count Goats by Mem Fox.

E FOX

The reader is invited to count goats of many shapes, sizes, hobbies, and professions.

1 Grumpy Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins.

BB HIGGIN

Bruce the bear does not appreciate all the animals who show up ready to party in groups from one to ten.

Ten Eggs in a Nest by Marilyn Sadler.

ER SADLER

Red is so excited that Gwen has laid a nest full of eggs, he rushes out to buy a worm to feed each of the increasing number of chicks as they hatch.

Found Dogs by Erica Sirotych.

E SIROTI

Counts up ten dogs who are waiting in a shelter, then counts back down to one as each dog is adopted.

COLORS

Penguins Love Color by Sarah Aspinall.

E ASPINA

Six little penguins named after flowers and plants decide to paint a beautiful picture on the ice for their mother.

Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton.

BB BOYNTO

Count from one to ten dogs.

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt.

E DAYWAL

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.