



For ages
3-5

The Bookworm



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Help your young child get ready to read...

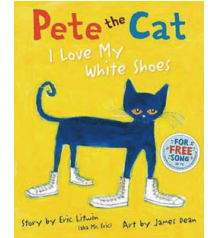
Developing a love of reading, or **print motivation**, is one of the six early literacy skills that help young children become readers when they begin school. Researchers have found that children who enjoy books are more likely to stick with learning to read. The way we share books with children can help their enjoyment of books.

Here's how you can help your preschool child become interested in books:

- Make book-sharing a special time between you and your child. Get comfortable and cozy!
- Let your child see you reading and enjoying reading.
- Visit your public library often. Make it a special night or day of the week and make a big deal about it.
- Let children choose the books they want to read or have read to them.
- Give books as gifts.
- Young children have a short attention span, so keep reading activities brief and fun. Don't worry about finishing a story.
- Share rhymes and songs that young children enjoy. Keeping books fun will keep them coming back for more.

Book of the Month

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin, illustrated by James Dean



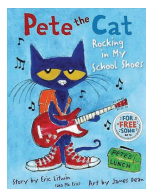
This book is Pete's first opportunity to strut his stuff. No matter what life has to throw at him, it is alright because "it's all good". This story combines color identification, repetition, prediction, cause and effect, and a catchy tune to teach basic preschool skills.

Mr. Eric is an award-winning author and musician. *I Love My White Shoes* was his first book.

Free download: Hear Mr. Eric read the story and sing Pete's song at

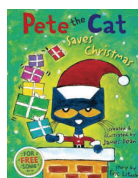
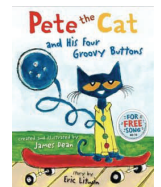
www.harpercollinschildrens.com/feature/petethecat/

Look for other Pete the Cat books at your local library:



Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes is the perfect way to introduce young children to school terms and routines.

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons: As Pete's buttons pop off one by one, he still finds a reason to sing. A very funny counting book.



Coming Soon: *Pete the Cat Saves Christmas*: Pete proves that giving your all in the spirit of Christmas is the totally groovy thing to do.

More fun with *Pete the Cat*

Tech time... On the publisher's website there are lots of activities that children can do with Pete the Cat, including a maze and matching shoes. You can access the website from your local library's computers.

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Out and about... Play "I Spy" in the car, at the park, or while waiting for an appointment. Say, "I spy something red," and let your child look around and guess what it is. Start with the basic colors from the book and then branch out into other colors that your child may not be as familiar with. Take turns with your child "spying" things.

Shared reading... Encourage your child to be active with this story. When you come to, "*Did Pete cry?*" each time, let your child respond with the "*Goodness, no!*" line. The more you read the story together, the more lines your child will want to "read" on her own. Then she'll be reading the story to you!



Song to sing with your child

If You're Wearing Something Blue
(To the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you're wearing something blue,
clap your hands.

If you're wearing something blue,
clap your hands.

If you're wearing something blue,
then stomp your feet, too.

If you're wearing something blue,
clap your hands.

(Continue with different colors)

Action Rhyme

Try this rhyme with your preschooler:

If your clothes have any blue
Put your finger on your shoe.

If your clothes have any green
Wave your hand so you'll be seen.

If your clothes have any yellow,
Smile like a happy fellow.

If your clothes have any brown,
Turn your smile into a frown.

If your clothes have any black,
Put your hands behind your back.

If your clothes have any white,
Clap your hands with all your might!

- Jean Warren, *Preschool Express*

What your library can do for you...

Your library offers many free resources to help you build your child's early literacy skills: age-appropriate books, music CDs, storytimes, parent workshops, booklists, take-home information, and events for the whole family!

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