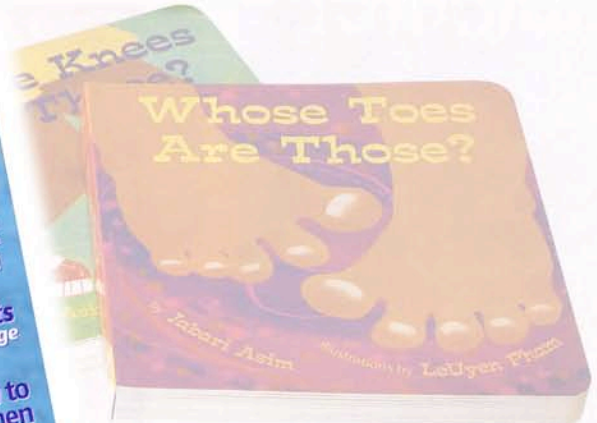


parenting picks

Best books, music, DVDs/videos, and software



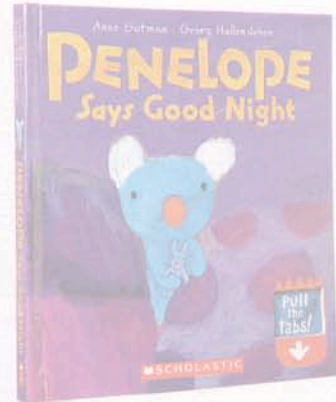
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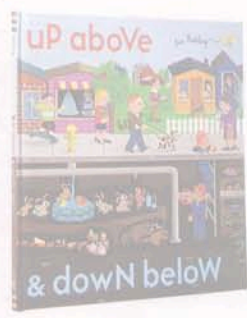
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ings: **Alphabet Discovery** Simple association ("A" for "apple," "B" for "books") and colorful clips grace this shingly no-frills, op bop through BC's. Peppy will help keep baby engaged. D, babyinklings —BRUCE KLUGER

3 to 5 yrs

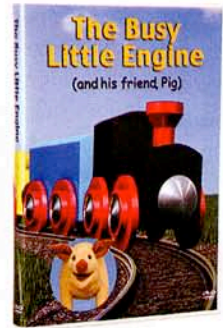
BOOKS
Penelope Says Good Night Anne Gutman and Georg Hallensleben A blue koala cub is in the kitchen making pancakes but can't quite manage the flip. Pull the paper tabs and voilà! Throughout, kids get chances to help adorable Penelope make her eventful way through the day toward bedtime. (\$10, Cartwheel/Scholastic) —L.S.M.



Moms to 3 yrs



BOOKS
Up Above & Down Below Sue Redding Bright swarms of toylike little people and animals crowd the stage of Redding's eye-catching read-and-laugh-aloud. The split-screen graphics depict the above- and below-ground goings-on, on a busy city street, a penguin-packed ice floe, and more. (\$15, Chronicle)



DVDS/VIDEOS
The Busy Little Engine A sweet musical tale of a little wooden train that pretends to be real. The story chugs along at just the right clip, as a friendly pig narrator does out the basic choo-choo-ology. (\$16 DVD, Squirrel Tracks, busylittleengine.com) —B.K.

What Do Wheels Do All Day?

April Jones Prince; illustrated by Giles Laroche Visually vibrant cut-paper collages give parents and kids front-row seats at a bicycle race, skateboarding demonstration, traffic jam, and other everyday sights and scenes. (\$16, Houghton Mifflin) —L.S.M.



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