



Predictable Books

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Chain or Circular Story

Aardema, Verna. **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears.** (CBC 398.23 Aa724wm 1975)
Reveals the meaning of the mosquitoes buzz.

Kimmel, Eric. **Anansi and the Talking Melon.** (CBC 398.24 K5714at 1994)
A clever spider tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.

Munsch, Robert. **Love You Forever.** (CBC E M9275I 1987)
A sentimental favorite about a mother's love for her child that has sold more than 15 million copies in paperback since its publication in 1987.

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Rohmann, Eric. **My Friend Rabbit.** (CBC E R6366m 2002)
Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.

Familiar Sequence

Ahlberg, Allan. **Ten In a Bed.** (CBC Fic Ah472t 1989)
When a girl finds various storybook characters in her bed on successive nights, she discovers that the only way to get rid of them is to relate amusingly twisted versions of their tales.

Hutchins, Pat. **The Doorbell Rang.** (CBC E H9705d 1986)
Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.

Jonas, Ann. **Round Trip.** (CBC E J6922r 1983)
Black and white illustrations and text record the sights on a day trip to the city and back home again to the country. The trip to the city is read from front to back and the return trip, from back to front, upside down.

Milgrim, David. **Time To Get Up, Time To Go.** (CBC E M5984t 2006)
From morning until night, a young boy stays busy by playing, doing chores and eating.

Sendak, Maurice. **Chicken Soup with Rice.** (CBC E Se557c 1990)
This book includes a short poem for each month with chicken soup with rice in it. For example, in January you eat it while slipping and sliding on the ice; and in February, you eat it to celebrate your snowman's birthday. Read this book to find out what else you do while eating chicken soup with rice.



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Pattern Story

Beck, Ian. **Five Little Ducks.** (CBC E B3883f 1992)

When her five little ducks disappear one by one, Mother Duck sets out to find them.

Brown, Margaret Wise. **The Runaway Bunny.** (CBC E B8143r)

A little rabbit who wants to run away tells his mother how he will escape, but she is always right behind him; even if he changes into a fish, she will become a fisherman fishing with a carrot.

Gag, Wanda. **Millions of Cats.** (CBC E G1213m)

How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions?

Galdone, Paul. **The Little Red Hen.** (CBC 398.24 L7273 1973)

The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the cake she makes from it.

Krauss, Ruth. **The Carrot Seed.** (CBC E K8687c)

Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith in the carrot seed he plants.

Losi, Carol. **Five Hundred Twelve Ants On Sullivan Street.** (CBC Fic L8977f 2006)

In this rhyming, cumulative story, the number of ants doubles each time they take a new treat from a picnic lunch.

Question and Answer

Arquette, Kerry. **What Did You Do Today?** (CBC E Ar686w 2002)

A cat, pig, bee, chicken, and other farm animals describe what they did during the day.

De Regniers, Beatrice. **May I Bring A Friend?** (CBC E D4444m)

A well-mannered little boy has permission to bring his animal friends to visit the king and queen.

Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page. **What Do You Do With A Tale Like This?.** (CBC 591.4 J4186w 2003)

A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated interactive guessing book.

Martin, Bill Jr. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?.** (CBC E M3632b 1995)

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

Moncure, Jane Belk. **What Do You Say When A Monkey Is Acting This Way?** (CBC E M7446wd 1988)

Each day of the week, Little Monkey learns appropriate behavior for a variety of situations.

Piers, Helen. **Who's In My Bed?** (CBC E P6154w 1999)

A donkey tries to find out why the various animals on the farm are not sleeping in their proper places- and discovers that it is his fault.

Shulman, Lisa. **The Moon Might Be Milk.** (CBC E Sh928m 2007)

A young girl asks her animal friends what they think the moon is made of, and her grandmother proves that each theory is partly correct.



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Yee, Wong Herbert. **Who Likes Rain?** (CBC Y358w 2007)

As a young girl splashes in the rain, she plays a guessing game with the reader about other living things that enjoy a cloudburst.

Repetition of Words, Phrases, Questions, and Sequences

Ahlberg, Janet and Allen. **Each Peach Pear Plum.** (CBC E Ah474p)

Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play "I Spy" with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.

Allen, Pamela. **Who Sank the Boat?** (CBC E A1546w 1996)

The reader is invited to guess who causes the boat to sink when five animals of varying sizes decide to go for a row.

Baker, Keith. **Who is the Beast?** (CBC E B1744w 1990)

When a tiger suspects he is the beast the jungle animals are fleeing from, he returns to them and points out their similarities.

Brown, Margaret Wise. **Goodnight Moon.** (CBC E B8143gm 1975)

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air.

Brown, Margaret Wise. **Two Little Trains.** (CBC E B8143tl)

Two little trains, one streamlined, the other old-fashioned, puff, puff, puff, and chug, chug, chug, on their way West.

Carle, Eric. **Do You Want To Be My Friend?** (CBC E C1923d)

A small gray mouse hopefully searches for a friend to share his day and he persistently travels from animal to animal until he finds a companion in another mouse.

Fleming, Denise. **Mama Cat Has Three Kittens.** (CBC E F6294m 1998)

While two kittens copy everything their mother does, their brother naps.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **A House is a House For Me.** (CBC E H6534h)

Lists in rhyme the dwellings of various animals and things.

Kalan, Robert. **Jump, Frog, Jump!** (CBC E K1247j)

A cumulative tale in which a frog tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself.

Lindbergh, Reeve. **The Day the Goose Got Loose.** (CBC E L6405d 1990)

The day the goose gets loose, havoc reigns at the farm as all the animals react.

Mahy, Margaret. **A Summery Saturday Morning.** (CBC E M2798su 1998)

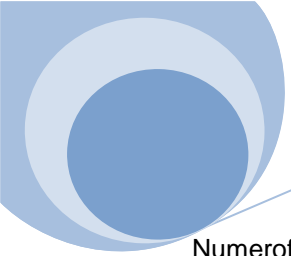
Though their Saturday morning walk is not as peaceful as planned, a group of children and their dogs, with one brave adult, enjoy themselves.

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

Martin, Bill Jr. **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?** (CBC E M 3632p 1992)

Zoo animals from polar bear to walrus make their distinctive sounds for each other, while children imitate the sounds for the zookeeper.



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One thing leads to another when you give a pig a pancake.
- Rathmann, Peggy. **Goodnight, Gorrilla.** (CBC E R 1877g 1994)
An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.
- Root, Phyllis. **What Baby Wants.** (CBC E R6784w 1998)
Various family members try to stop Baby from crying, but only his brother figures out what he wants.
- Serfozo, Mary. **Who Wants One?** (CBC E Se667w 1989)
Rhyming text and illustrations introduce the numbers one through ten.
- Shannon, George. **The Piney Woods Peddler.** (CBC E Sh193p)
A peddler sets out to find a shiny silver dollar for his dear darling daughter.
- Tafari, Nancy. **Have You Seen My Duckling?** (CBC E T1256h 1984)
A mother duck leads her brood around the pond as she searches for one missing duckling.
- Van Laan, Nancy. **Possum Come A-Knockin'.** (CBC E V3225p 1990)
A cumulative tale in verse about a mysterious stranger that interrupts a family's daily routine.
- Williams, Sue. **I Went Walking.** (CBC E W6754i 1990)
During the course of a walk, a young boy identifies animals of different colors.
- Wilson, Karma. **Bear Snores On.** (CBC E W6945b 2002)
On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.
- Wood, Audrey. **King Bidgood's In the Bathtub.** (CBC W8502k 1985)
Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his kingdom.

Rhyme

- Beaumont, Karen. **Move Over, Rover.** (CBC E B3837m 2006)
When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself but finds that various other animals, including a skunk, come to join him. It's raining cats and dogs! Good thing Rover is snuggled safe and dry inside his doghouse--until, one by one, a soggy menagerie of creatures shows up looking for a cozy place to sit out the storm. But who's the very unwelcome surprise visitor? Skunk, of course. Suddenly that doghouse isn't quite so crowded after all!
- Brimner, Larry Dane. **Rumble Bus.** (CBC E B7705r 2006)
Children get on and off the school bus, providing a lesson in addition and subtraction.
- Charlip, Remy. **A Perfect Day.** (CBC E C3816p 2007)
A parent and child spend a perfect day together, from sunrise to nightfall.



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All the farm animals are where they should be, clucking and mucking, mewing and cooing, except for the missing goose.

Gag, Wanda. **The ABC Bunny.** (CBC E G1213a)

A small book on the alphabet which tells a story in rhyme of a bunny going home; 1934 Newbery Honor book.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **A House is a House For Me.** (CBC E H6534h)

Lists in rhyme the dwellings of various animals and things.

MacLennan, Cathy. **Chicky Chicky Chook Chook.** (CBC E M2248c 2007)

Chicks, chickens, cats, and bees on a farm enjoy an active, busy day playing, snoozing, and getting drenched in a thunderstorm before finally going to sleep at night.

Martin, Steve. **The Alphabet From A to Y With A Bonus Letter, Z!** (CBC ON ORDER)

Presents a rhyming couplet featuring each letter of the alphabet, with such characters as David the dog-faced boy, who dons a derby despite being dirty, and Victor, whose frequent victories have made him vainglorious.

Shaw, Nancy. **Sheep in a Shop.** (CBC E Sh275si 1991)

Sheep hunt for a birthday present and make havoc of the shop, only to discover they haven't the money to pay for things.

Sierra, Judy. **Wild about Books.** (CBC E Si176w 2004)

A librarian named Mavis McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.

Weeks, Sarah. **Overboard!** (CBC W4185o 2006)

From morning to night, a young child playfully grabs and throws items, including bath time rubber ducky and snack time raisins.