



Great reads

Stock up on these books for your little ones.

5-8 yrs

Busy Hospital & Busy City

By Lisa Regan, Parragon, \$8.90 each, from Popular Bookshop

These lift-the-flap books are a friendly introduction to these two common places. Great for increasing your child's vocabulary with words like "specialist", "outpatient" and "commuter". The back pages contain more detailed information on the occupations and vehicles shown earlier.

7 yrs & up

The Diary of Amos Lee

By Adeline Foo, Epigram, \$13.90, from most bookstores

Follow Amos' one-year diary (which he is forced by Mum to keep) all written while he's on the loo. It has delightful local flavour, humour, sketches and even unwanted comments from Mum (who corrects his spelling, of course) and Dad. It introduces uniquely Singapore sights and sounds like the kopi lingo used at coffeshops, the Singtel Singapore Grand Prix and primary school life.

2 yrs & up

Gallop!

By Rufus Butler Seder, Workman, \$25.15, from Popular Bookshop

What looks like a regular book will captivate both adults and kids from page one. Flip the pages to see a technique called Scanimation in action – the images seem to move as though you were watching a video. See a chimp swing from vine to vine, a cat pounce and more. Even Youtube-fed older kids will be impressed.

1-3 yrs

World of Mirrors

By Herve Tullet, Templar, \$19.21, from Popular Bookshop

Each page is a metallic paper "mirror" accompanied by bold black graphics. Like flashcards, these black-on-silver images will stimulate Baby's senses – and he'll get a kick out of seeing his reflection, too.

4 yrs & up

Mr Big

By Ed Vere, Puffin, \$15, from most bookstores

He's a huge gorilla. His name is Mr Big. No wonder he can't fit in – everyone's scared stiff. So he finds solace in a piano and guess what, his cool tunes win him new friends.

6 yrs & up

The Shrinky Dinks Book

By Sherri Haab, Klutz, \$19.90, from Popular Bookshop

Draw a badge on one of the clear plastic sheets in this kit. Cut it out, bake it and watch it shrink to a third of its original size. The book contains plenty of pictures to trace over and reproduce, so Junior can make everything from key chains to fridge magnets. Perfect for a rainy afternoon. ★

