



Reading Recommendations for Baby and Toddlers

1. *To the Sea* by Cale Atkinson. Tim, a boy, and Sam, a blue whale lost in the city, both feel unnoticed until they meet, and they become best friends as Tim tries to help Sam get back home. Los Angeles; New York: Disney Hyperion (2015).
2. *Boats* by Bryan Barton. Depicts several kinds of boats and ships. New York: HarperFestival (1986).
3. *Whose Boat?* By Toni Buzzeo. This nonfiction ode to boats features six kinds of workers and their boats – a patrol boat, a tugboat, a car ferry, a lobster boat, a lifeboat, and a fireboat – with important parts properly labeled. New York: Abrams Appleseed (2018).
4. *Over the Ocean* by Taro Gomi. A young girl gazes out over the horizon, and wonders what lands lie beyond the ocean, and what the people are like who live in those lands. San Francisco: Chronicle Books (2016)
5. *Boats Float* by Rebecca Stromstad Glaser. Different kinds of boats float in this photographic board book for toddlers. Mankato, MN: Amicus Ink (2018).
6. *Blue Sea* by Robert Kalan. Several fishes of varying size introduce space relationships and size differences. New York: Mulberry Books (1992)
7. *The Little Sailboat* by Lois Lenski. Captain Small goes sailing, fishes from his boat, goes for an unexpected swim, and braves a storm on the way home. New York: Random House (2003).
8. *Hopper and Wilson* by Maria Van Lieshout. An elephant and a mouse embark on a journey to discover what it looks like at the end of the world. New York: Philomel Books, c2011.
9. *The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories* by Sergio Ruzzier. Fox enjoys quiet boat rides and watching the sunrise, but Chick is noisy and hyperactive and frequently disrupts their adventures – nevertheless they remain friends and enjoy their time together. San Francisco, California: Chronicle Books LLC (2019).
10. *Swallow the Leader: A Counting Book* by Danna Smith. A group of fish play follow the leader in their ocean habitat. Count the fish from one to ten as each joins the game, then count back down to one when the leader gulps a sea spider and sets off an unfortunate chain reaction (swallow the leader!). Boston: Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2016)

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