Vanessa Brantley-Newton, A Unique Touch

As an illustrator, Vanessa Brantley-Newton includes children of all ethnic backgrounds in her stories and artwork. She wants all children to see their unique experiences reflected in the books they read, so they can feel the same sense of empowerment and recognition she experienced as a young reader when she discovered *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Learn more about her work at [www.vanessabrantleynewton.com](http://www.vanessabrantleynewton.com/).

Illustrated by VBN
- *Drum City* by Thea Guido
- *Every Little Thing* by Cedella Marley
- *Early Sunday Morning* by Danene Miller
- *The Girl Who Heard Colors* by Marie Harris
- *The Hula-Hoopin' Queen* by Thelma Lynne Godin
- *The King of Kindergarten* by Derrick C. Barnes
- *Mary Had a Little Glam* by Tammi Sauer
- *Mister and Lady Day: Billie Holiday and the Dog Who Loved Her* by Amy Novesky
- *A Night Out with Mama* by Quvenzhané Wallis
- *One Love* by Cedella Marley

Written & illustrated by VBN
- *Grandma’s Purse*
- *Just Like Me* (01/14/20)

Think Big by Liz Garton Scanlan
- *We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song* by Debbie Levy

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LITERACY BEGINS AT BIRTH!
Singing is important. Music activities foster self-confidence and self-awareness. Singing in a group helps your child connect with peers.

Singing Tips
- Sing songs that like to play with sounds, such as “I Like to Eat Apples and Bananas.”
- Sing a song with letters, such as “Bingo.”
- Sing a song that encourages your child to echo or repeat you.
- Encourage your child to put on a concert for you, using a hairbrush as a microphone.
- Ask your child to pick out a song to sing together each morning.

All A-BOARD for Books!

Use these bedtime board books to help your child drift off to dreamland.

- *10 Minutes till Bedtime* by Peggy Rathmann
- *All Tucked In on Sesame Street*
- *Baby Animals Take a Nap* by Marsha Diane Arnold
- *Baby Night-Night* by Dawn Sirett
- *Bedtime* by Elizabeth Verdick
- *Bedtime, Ted!* by Sophy Henn
- *A Book of Sleep* by Il Sung Na
- *Cat Nap* by Toni Yuly
- *Even Super Heroes Sleep* by David Bar Katz
- *Find It Bedtime: A Highlights Puzzle Book*
- *Girl of Mine* by Jabari Asim
- *Good Night, Sweetie* by Joyce Wan
- *Hide-and-Sleep: A Flip-Flap Book* by Lizi Boyd
- *How to Tuck In Your Sleepy Lion* by Jane Clarke
- *I’m Not Tired: A Bedtime Routine Book*
- *Little Sleepyhead* by Elizabeth McPike
- *Llama Llama Nighty-Night* by Anna Dewdney
- *Nighttime Slumber* by Jane Sanders
- *Pajama Time!* by Sandra Boynton
- *Sheep Go to Sheep* by Nancy Shaw
- *Snuggle Bunnies* by Lisa McCue
- *Sweet Dreams, Baby* by Emma Dodd
- *Twinkle, Twinkle Dinosaur* by Jeffrey Burton
- *Who Sleeps, Cat the Cat?* by Mo Willems
- *Will Sheep Sleep?* by Hilary Leung
- *Yawn* by Sally Symes
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Rockabye Baby! Lullaby Renditions of Adele
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby Renditions of Beastie Boys
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby Renditions of Beyoncé
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby Renditions of Blink 182
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby Renditions of Bruno Mars
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby Renditions of Drake

Tiny Tunes Playlist

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Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Imagine Dragons
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Johnny Cash
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Katy Perry
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Lady Gaga
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Miranda Lambert
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Pink Floyd
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Selena
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Songs from Hamilton
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Taylor Swift
Rockabye Baby! Lullaby
Renditions of Tom Petty

Rhyme Time

Here is a baby, ready for his nap.
Lay him down in his mama's lap.
Now cover him up so he won't peep.
And rock your baby 'til he's fast asleep!

Rhyme Time Tip: Start with your hand in a fist. Raise a finger for each "meow" then raise your thumb on "now."

Five little kittens, all black and white,
Sleeping very soundly, all through the night.
Meow, meow, meow, meow
It's time to get up now.
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