

NOVEMBER

Don and Audrey Wood

Don and Audrey Wood were married in 1969. Audrey decided to be an artist, like her father, in first grade. Both Don and Audrey were involved in the theater as young people. They have one son, Bruce, and live in Hawaii.

You can learn more about Audrey at:

www.audreywood.com

OTHER RESOURCE SITES:

www.paonebook.org

OTHER BOOKS BY DON AND AUDREY WOOD:

King Bidgood's in the Bathtub
Little Penguin's Tale
Merry Christmas, Big Hungry!
Weird Parents
Heckedy Peg



- 😊 Approaches to Learning through Play
- 📖 Creative Thinking and Expression
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- 👨👩👧👦 Partnerships for Learning: Families, Learning Environments and Communities
- 🔍 Science Thinking and Technology: Exploration, Inquiry and Invention
- 🧠 Social Emotional Development
- 🌍 Social Studies Thinking: Connecting "Me" to My Community and the Larger World

The Napping House

A flea causes problems to all the rest of the creatures who are trying to take a nap.



- 📖 Talk to your child about sleeping words. A nap is a short sleep. What other words describe what happens when we sleep: (ex: snore, snooze, doze, etc).
- ▶ Draw and color a house using only the following shapes: square, rectangle, triangle, and circle.
- 📖 There is a tremendous storm in this story. Act out your own rain storm following the simple steps. (See Songs, Fingerplays & Poems in back of this Activity Guide.)
- 📖 The snoring granny had trouble sleeping. Maybe a lullaby could have helped her. Sing "Are You Sleeping" with your child. You can even sing it in French! (See Songs, Fingerplays & Poems in back of this Activity Guide.)

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT SLEEPING...

Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton
It's Time to Sleep, My Love by Eric Metaxas

Silly Sally

Silly Sally is joined by various animals as she travels to town—backwards and upside down.



- 📖 Make up your own funny names just like Silly Sally's for each member of your family. For example, your brother Christopher can be "Crazy Christopher."
- 📖 Play Simon Says with your child using directional words and a ball. Give directions such as "Simon Says put the ball on your head," or "Simon Says put the ball behind your back."
- 📖 Silly Sally meets interesting creatures on her walk to town. Create and write your own sentence with rhyming words. For example: On the way she met a duck, a silly duck, that gave her luck.
- 📖 Silly Sally walks and dances and plays. Act out some of your own rhyming actions. For example, dance a jig like the pig.

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT SILLY ANIMALS...

Flamingos on the Roof by Calef Brown
Rhinceros Tap: 15 Seriously Silly Songs by Sandra Boynton
What Do You Hear When Cows Sing? And Other Silly Riddles by Marco Maestro

Alphabet Mystery

Little x is missing from Charley's Alphabet, and the other lowercase letters go off to solve the mystery of his disappearance.



- 📖 Play hide and seek with your child. Have your child hide somewhere in the house, count to ten, and then go find him or her. Switch roles and hide while your child looks for you.
- 📖 Pick a letter of the alphabet and help your child write it on a piece of paper. Draw pictures of words that begin with that letter of the alphabet.
- 📖 Go on a letter hunt. Write letters of the alphabet on pieces of paper and hide them. Have your child go and find them. After they have found all the letters, identify the letters.
- 📖 Sing the alphabet song with your child. Sing it again, but this time, sing it yourself and have your child listen. While you are singing it, skip a letter. Tell you child to listen carefully and see if they can identify the missing letters.

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT MYSTERIES...

A Mountain Alphabet by Margriet Ruurs
ABC Mystery by Doug Cushman
Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book by Yuyi Morales

Piggies

Ten little piggies dance on a child's fingers and toes before finally going to sleep.



- 📖 With your child, chant the Piggy Wig and Piggie Wee fingerplay. (See Songs, Fingerplays & Poems in back of this Activity Guide.)
- ▶ Have your child count how many fingers he or she has. Next have your child count how many fingers you have. Finally, count how many fingers you have all together.
- 📖 Have your child draw a picture of a pig. Talk about who takes cares of pigs and what pigs need to live.
- 📖 Have your child pretend to be a piggy. Have them pretend to be a "hot piggie," a "cold piggie," "a dirty piggie," and a "silly piggie."

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT PIGS...

Ziggy Piggy and the Three Little Pigs by Frank Asch
Old Woman and Her Pig: An Appalachian Folktale by Margaret Read Macdonald, John Kanzler (Illustrator)
The Three Little Brown Piggies by Fred Crump