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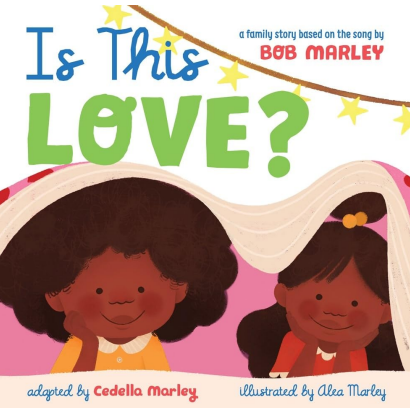
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LOVE

MAXIMIZE LOVE
MANAGE STRESS

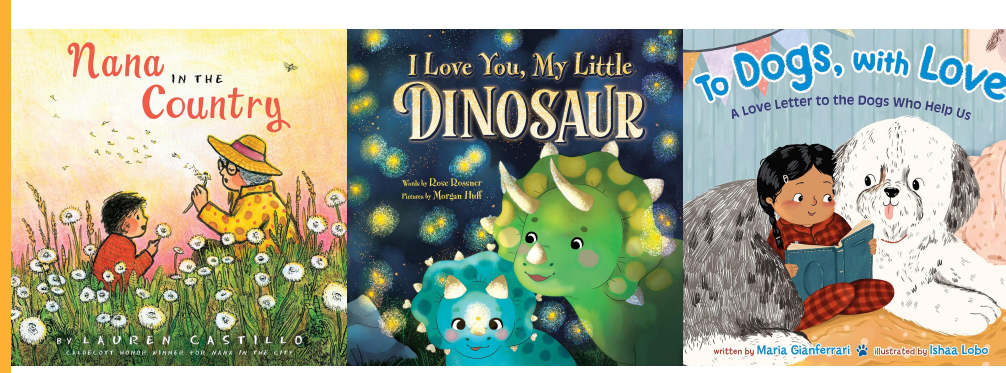


The book *Is This Love?* by Cedella Marley is based on an adaptation of Bob Marley's song "Is This Love?" In the book, a big sister promises to be her new baby sister's best friend forever. From building forts with blankets to playing at the park, big sister is always there for her little sister.

This book celebrates the love of a family by focusing on the joy of two sisters growing up together. The illustrations by Alea Marley show a family playing, reading and creating new memories together. Pick up this story for a gentle reminder that love among family members is both unconditional and joyous.

Looking for more activities that promote love within families? Try playing a game outside together or dancing to a new song.

For more books on love, check out *Nana in the Country* by Lauren Castillo, *I Love You, My Little Dinosaur* by Rose Rossner and Morgan Huff and *To Dogs, with Love* by Maria Gianferrari and Ishaq Lobo.



TALK

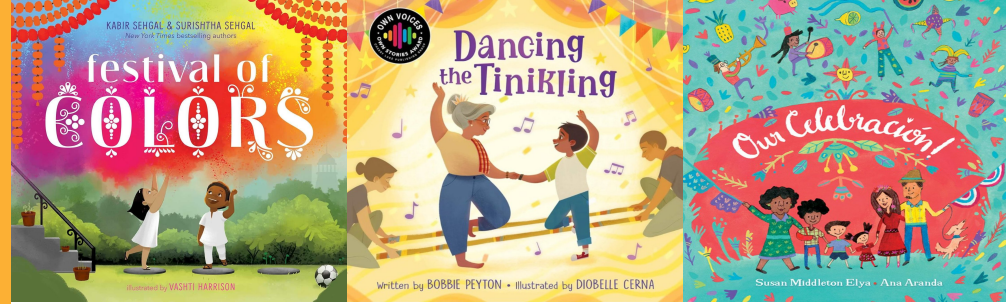
SING AND POINT



Celebrate Carnival in Trinidad and Tobago with Lah Lah and her papa in this tribute to the author to her grandfather in *Love, Lah Lah* by Nailah Blackman and Jade Orlando. The vibrant illustrations and rhythmic words capture the joy and energy of the Carnival festivities on each page.

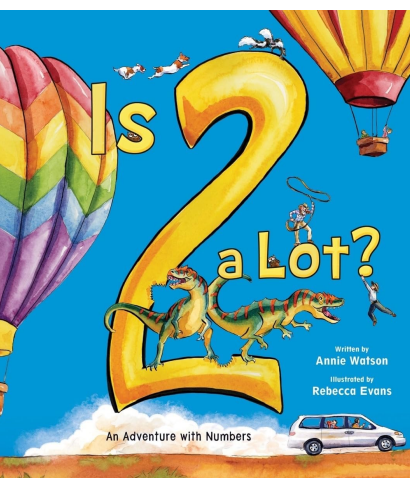
Learn more about Carnival music, costumes and other traditions in the glossary at the end of the book. Explore these topics with your little one. Talk about the similarities and differences between the traditions you celebrate and the Carnival festivities shown in the book.

To explore other books about celebrations, check out *Festival of Colors* by Kabir and Surisitha Sehgal and Vashti Harrison, *Dancing the Tinkling* by Bobbie Peyton and Diobelle Cerna and *Our Celebración!* by Susan Middleton Elya and Ana Aranda.



COUNT

GROUP AND COMPARE



Is 2 a Lot?: An Adventure in Numbers by Annie Watson and Rebecca Evans not only features numbers from two to five, but also helps children begin to understand larger numbers and the concepts of comparing, contrasting and one-to-one correspondence. The illustrations are fun and engaging and are sure to give children and adults plenty to discuss while reading the story.

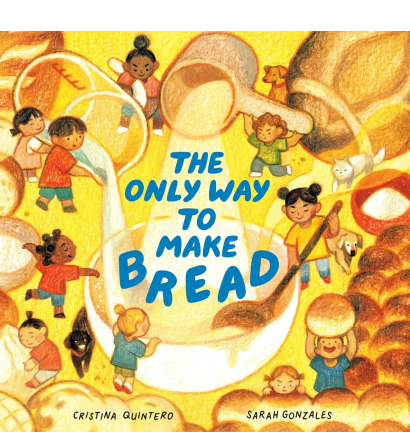
A young child has many questions while riding in the back of the car. His mom is quick to respond to his curiosity with many creative numerical explanations. Children will love the colorful dinosaurs, hot air balloons, cowboys and smelly skunks, while the details will make adults laugh out loud. This book was a hit in storytime and would be great to read one-on-one with the child in your life.

For more counting books, try *One is a Lot* by Muon Van, *Counting to Bananas* by Meera Sriram and *One Whole Bunch* by Mary Meyer and Sara Gillingham.



PLAY

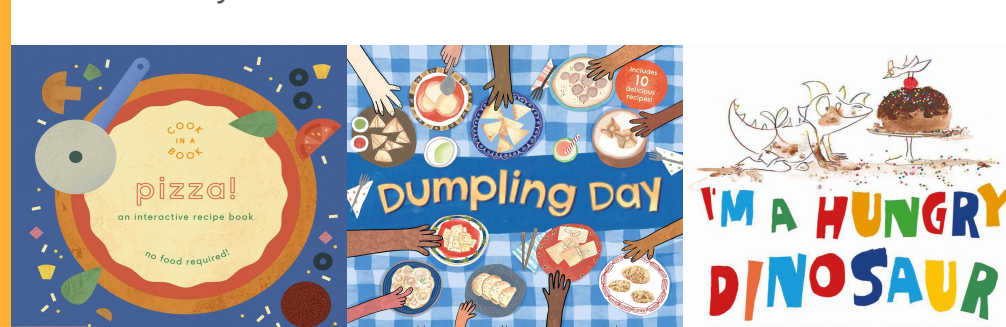
EXPLORE THROUGH
MOVEMENT AND PLAY



What is your favorite kind of bread? *The Only Way to Make Bread* by Cristina Quintero and Sarah Gonzales is a playful guide on all the many ways to make bread, such as cooked, baked or fried. The illustrations are bound to make you hungry. The illustrator even says the enticing artwork was "baked until golden brown." Luckily, there are recipes at the end so you can make your very own arepas or pandesal.

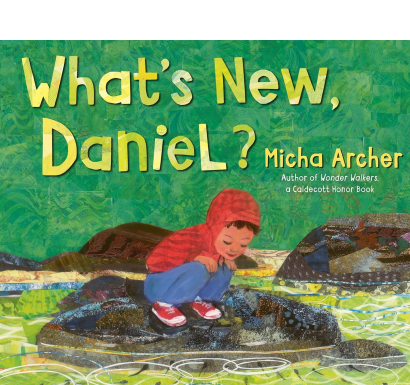
For those wondering what the secret ingredient is in making good bread, the author states that "It's always the same! You always want to make your bread with love."

For more picture books about making food, check out *Pizza!* by Lotta Nieminen, *Dumpling Day* by Meera Sriram, Inés de Antuña and Laurel P. Jackson and *I'm a Hungry Dinosaur* by Janeen Brian and Ann James.



READ

AND DISCUSS STORIES



What's New, Daniel? by Micha Archer offers an invitation to look around and notice the new life springing up all around. Daniel can't find the words to his grandpa's question "What's new?" until he explores the park and discovers that not only is the world being made new, but that he is growing and changing too. From a lost tooth to learning how to whistle, Daniel discovers that he has much to talk about with his grandpa.

As you read the story, take time to enjoy the illustrations. Each spread vividly shows Daniel's discoveries. Talk about how Daniel is imagining the world around him talking to him as he notices each new thing. Next time you go for a walk with the child in your life, imagine what a squirrel could be saying to you or where a cardinal is going. Point out the buds on trees or the colors of the flowers. Talk about what's new in your life too, and challenge yourselves to ask someone else "What's new?" and really listen.

For more books about connecting with the natural world, try *Beneath* by Cori Doerrfeld, *A New Green Day* by Antoinette Portis and *At the Park* by Anna Süsbauer.



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