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Books by Mary Murphy:

Look! (illus Zhu Cheng-Liang, Walker Books, date TBC)

Chirp (Walker Books, Spring 2021)

Only a Tree Knows How to Be a Tree (Otter-Barry Books, Spring 2020)

The Thing I Like Most (illus Zhu Cheng-Liang; Walker Books, August 2019, UK; Candlewick Press, September 2019, US)

HAPPY: A First Book of Feelings (Walker Books, March 2019)

Picken (Walker Books, January 2017)

Goodnight Like This (Walker Books, 2015)

Crocopotamus (Walker Books, 2015)

Say Hello Like This (Walker Books, 2014)

Are You My Mummy? (Walker Books, 2014)

Mouse is Small (Walker Books, 2013)

A Kiss Like This (Walker Books, 2012)

Quick Duck! (Walker Books, 2012)

Slow Snail (Walker Books, 2012)

Utterly Lovely One (Walker Books, 2011)

Comings and Goings at Parrot Park (illus Jessica Ahlberg; Walker Books, 2008)

Panda Foo and the New Friend (Walker Books, 2007)

Parrot Park (illus Jessica Ahlberg; Walker Books, 2006)

Moonchap (Random House, 2003)

Little Owl and the Star Walker Books, 2003

I Kissed the Baby! (Walker Books, 2003)

How Kind! (Walker Books, 2002)

The Flyaway Alphabet (Egmont, 2002)

Koala and the Flower (Egmont, 2001)

All The Little Ones (and a Half) (Random House, 2001)

Some Things Change (Egmont, 2001)

Let's Go! (Egmont, 2000)

Here Comes the Rain (Dorling Kindersley, 2000)

Christmas is the Best Bit (Egmont, 2000)

Here Comes Spring (Dorling Kindersley, 1999)

My Puffer Train (Egmont, 1999)

Please Be Quiet! (Egmont, 1998)

You Smell! (Dorling Kindersley, 1997)

I Like it When... (Egmont, 1997)

Reviews

"Move over, Goodnight Moon. There's a new star on the bedtime bookshelf." – Kirkus Starred Review of *Good Night Like This*

"The perfect read-aloud for parents and babies to share at bedtime"
– The Bookseller on *Good Night Like This*

"Toddlers and their adults nationwide will welcome with open arms this clever coupling of animal sounds and lift-the-flap elements.
... Murphy's thick, black outlines and bright (but never garish) colors will do well with large groups, and the half-page flaps that turn to reveal the various animal sounds will guarantee that this becomes a crowd pleaser...
A hoot (pun intended)."
– Kirkus Starred Review of *Say Hello Like This*

"It is a rare find to have a book that so easily and enjoyably allows the practice of phonemic awareness, an essential pre-literacy skill... With 49 possible combinations, this is a book that can be looked at over and over

again. What fun!" – Kirkus Starred Review of *Crocopotamus*

"Mix and match the split pages of this ingenious board book to make your own amazing farmyard creatures! So whether it's a Picken or a caglet or a chicken or a piglet babies and toddlers will roar with laughter as they test their matching skills and imaginative play to create animals as they really do look, and indeed ones they've created themselves!" – LoveReading review of *Picken* – January 2017 Book of the Month

"Murphy offers indisputable proof that a newborn is one of nature's most powerful mood enhancers...An animal cast so elated they seem on the verge of jumping on the readers' laps." – Publishers Weekly Starred Review of *I Kissed The Baby!*

"Ebullient and adorable... A knock-out in design and concept."
– Kirkus Starred Review of *I Kissed The Baby!*

"A farmyard classic... lovely flowing text... delighting child and adult alike, with the glorious, colourful illustrations." – Bookstart on *How Kind* (Book of the Month, Jan/Feb 2004)

"Good deeds beget good deeds in this graphically bold and bright celebration of benevolence... This is a winner." – Kirkus Reviews on *How Kind*

"Exceptional... illustrations are stunning... A joy to read aloud... Eye-catching and original... Highly recommended." – Children's Books Ireland on *Little Owl and the Star*

"Childlike shapes and bright colours against a dark blue background radiate joy." – The Bookseller on *Little Owl and the Star*

"A little penguin tells a big penguin about the shared experiences it likes most... Murphy's first book makes clear the happy closeness of the pair..."

Any child with a loving, committed caregiver will recognize that person in these pages." Kirkus Starred Review of *I Like It When...*

"While penguins may evoke an icy climate, the loving and playful relationship between this penguin parent and child makes for an exceptionally warm little book." Publishers Weekly on *I Like it When...*

"Delightful, distinctive... pleases just about all the senses." – Publishers Weekly on *You Smell*

"Glowing colours and a charming story... a real winner" – Children's Books Ireland on *Caterpillar's Wish*

"Charming and gentle book about the joys of friendship... Lovely. Just lovely." – Liverpool Echo on *Panda Foo and the New Friend*

"Enormous fun... letters, words and story change with fascinating speed." – Times Educational Supplement on *The Flyaway Alphabet*

"Witty and inventive... Wordplay will delight... A bright bit of imagination." – Kirkus Starred Review of *The Flyaway Alphabet*

"Clever numerical fable... certain to become a hot favourite" – Times Educational Supplement on *All The Little Ones (And A Half)*