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**What to read with a two year old? – librarians to the rescue**

Philip Ardagh has written an open letter to Simon Cowell in response to his comments that the books he is reading to his son are “quite boring”. Philip said “A good librarian can point you in the direction of some amazing books for your son. There really are some wonderful children’s books waiting to be shared, and a professional librarian can help you access them”.

ASCEL never can resist a challenge and we’ve enlisted librarians across the country to provide a list of stories which have been tried, tested and loved by two year olds.

We love to see dads sharing books with their young children. Books for two year olds need to be immediately appealing. They also need to offer reassurance and familiarity, as well as new experiences. They should feature strong, memorable characters to help children build their emotional skills and support speech and language development. Above all they should be fun for children and their parents.

We hope Simon and Eric enjoy some of the great books in this list –available of course -from local libraries.

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Is that my cat? - Jonathan Allen

Pants – Giles Andreae

Please, Mr Panda - Steve Antony

Snip Snap – Mara Bergman

The very cranky bear – Nick Bland

Ten Little Mermaids – Stephanie Boey

Love monster- Rachel Bright

Mr Tiger goes Wild - Peter Brown

Never tickle a tiger - Pamela Butchart

This dog just ate my book   - Richard Byrne

Dear Zoo – Rod Campbell

Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle

Lunchtime – Rebecca Cobb

The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson

Dandylion – Lizzie Finlay

Aliens love Underpants – Claire Freedman

Doing the washing –Sarah Garland (and others in the series e.g. Going shopping)

Again! – Emily Gravett

Monkey and Me – Emily Gravett

Oh no, George - Chris Haughton

Rosie’s Walk – Pat Hutchins

Kipper – Mick Inkpen

Poppy Cat - Lara Jones

I Want My Hat Back – Jon Klassen

Hugless Douglas - David Melling

The Crocodile that Didn’t like Water – Gemma Merino

Peace at Last – Jill Murphy

My Big Shouting Day – Rebecca Patterson

The Jjurney home- Frann Preston-Gannon

We are going on a Bear Hunt - - Michael Rosen

Dr. Seuss’ Sleep Book - Dr Seuss

Shark in the Park- Nick Sharratt

Red Car, Red Bus – Susan Steggall

Interrupting Chicken – David Ezra Stein

How to hide a lion – Helen Stephens

Banana – Ed Vere

That’s not my bear - Fiona Watt (and others in the series e.g. That’s not my dinosaur; That’s not my mermaid)

Tanka Tanka Skunk – Steve Webb

Poles Apart- Jeanne Willis

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