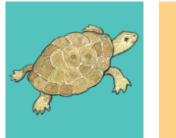


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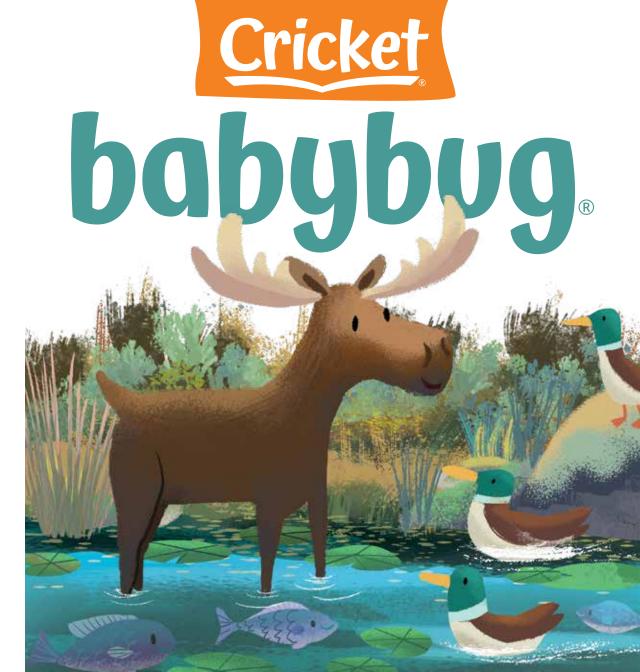


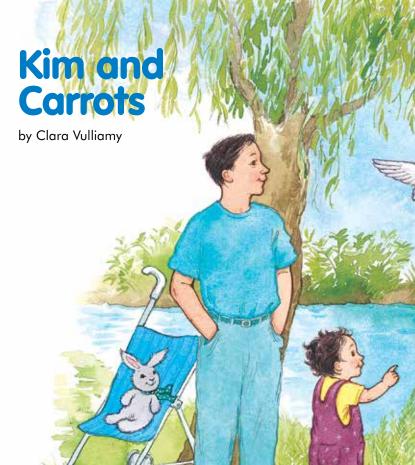






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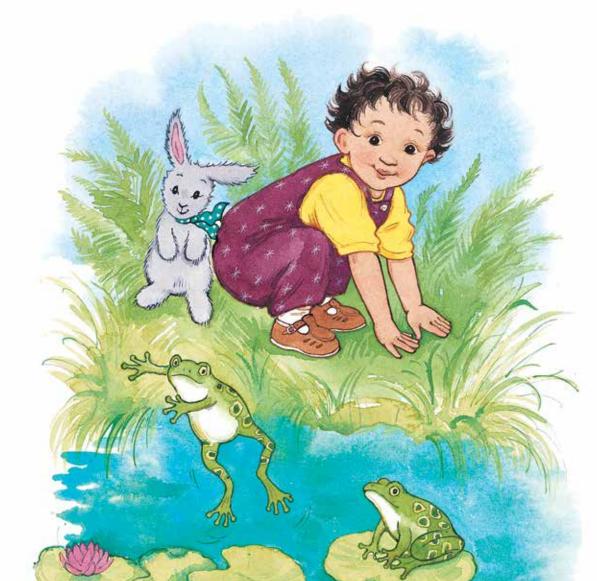




Kim and Carrots visit the pond with Daddy. They see a bird flying.

Kim pretends to fly like a bird, too.

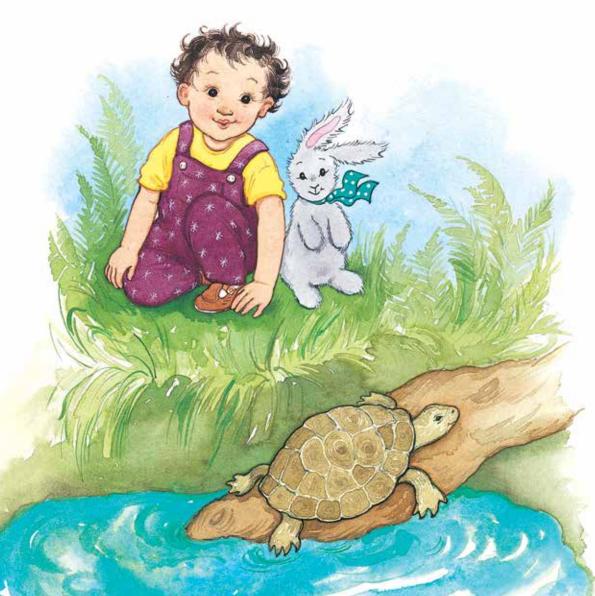
A frog jumps out of the pond.



Kim and Carrots jump like the frog.



A turtle crawls slowly out of the pond.





Kim can crawl, too. What a funny turtle!

A FIRST CONCEPT Stay Cool

Art by Dorothy Stott

Summertime is hot, hot, hot! Can you point to the things that help you cool down?



Summertime Fun

by Deborah Reidy 苯 Art by Taeeun Yoo

dandelion wishes soft sandy beach teddy bear picnic plump juicy peach

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MAR IS



squishy mud pies days filled with sun melting ice-cream cones summertime fun



Moose Loves to Swim

by Kalee Gwarjanski ♥ Art by Bonnie Lui Moose loves to swim. But not alone. Moose wants a friend. Duck dabbles for food. Moose can't. Bass hides in the reeds. Moose can't.

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Beaver splashes a big splash. Moose can, too!

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Moose and Beaver swim and splash together.



AT THE SHORE

by Kim Varner 苯 Art by Martha Aviles



Soft, wet sand between my toes



The smell of salt air in my nose



Squawking seagulls catch a fish



Tthrow a stone and make a wish





Water . . . leaps from the fountain, sprays from the hose, sparkles from the sprinkler.









We . . . cool our fingers, fill our toys, make little toe splashes and BIG hand splashes!





Birds in My Yard

by Kathleen Kull Urban Art by Megan Tadden

They swim in the bath and hide in the tree, but I like it best when they sing to me!

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BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this "pretty ponds" issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: While imitating how a turtle, a bird, or a frog moves, Kim is strengthening body awareness by thinking hard about physical positions and how to achieve them. At the same time, trying to move like an animal helps very young children experience new points of view and understand what it's like to be another living being. You and your child can pretend together. If you were an ant ... a squirrel... a robin ... Where would you go? What would you see? What would you do in the morning? At night?

2. Stay Cool: Here's a play activity that can help your child understand the early concept of cool and warm. Put

two dishpans of water side-by-side for your toddler to play with. Pour cool water in one and warm water in the other. Add a few toys or plastic cups to encourage exploration. Stay close as your child plays, and use the words *warm* and *cool* to talk about what he's doing.

3. Summertime Fun: Off to play in the sand? Pack your imagination and some of these household items: a shoebox

lid with holes punched in it, a plastic funnel, a sock to fill and empty, old spoons, yogurt cups, paper towel tubes.



—Sally Nurss, M.Ed

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