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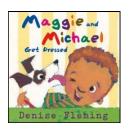
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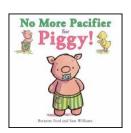
Bunting, E. My Big Boy Bed. There are countless reasons for one energetic three-year-old to love his new big boy bed. Best of all, he can get out of his bed any time he wants—as long as his parents don't hear him! This story perfectly captures the feelings surrounding a rite of passage that every child experiences. jP Bunting



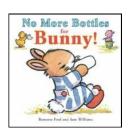
Curtis, J. My Brave Year of Firsts. This book celebrates the extraordinary, everyday bravery of trying new things for the very first time. Whether Frankie's learning to ride a bike, love her first dog, make new friends (her very first twins), or help out her dad, she discovers that trying new things is how she grows—and that being brave enough to do so is what growing up is all about. jP Curtis



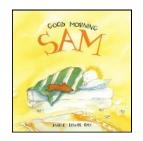
Fleming, D. <u>Maggie and Michael Get Dressed</u>. It's time for Michael to get dressed and he counts on his dog, Maggie to help. Michael knows where each piece of colorful clothing should go. Yellow socks on feet, brown hat on head. But who will end up wearing the blue pants? jP Fleming



Ford, B. No More Pacifier for Piggy! Ducky has a new game he'd like to share with his friend: peekaboo! Piggy wants to play, but every time he tries to smile or call out "I see you!" his pacifier gets in the way. Will Piggy forget about his pacifier ... or forget about having fun? jP Ford



Ford, B. No More Bottles for Bunny! Adorable Pig and Ducky, who first appeared in No More Diapers for Ducky!, return with an equally appealing new friend. Bunny always sucks on his bottle. But now he has an invitation to Piggy's lovely tea party. And no one drinks tea from a bottle! What will Bunny do? jP Ford



Gay, M. Good Morning, Sam. Preschooler Sam is awakened by his older sister, Stella, who offers to help him dress. Sam bravely announces that he doesn't need any assistance. But though he's willing, he's not quite up to the job, being largely undermined by his own sense of fun and the antics of his little, mischievous, pot-bellied dog. Big Sister's help is, therefore, occasionally

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necessary. "Finally," says impatient Stella when the job is done. "Let's go," she says, heading out the door--still wearing her nightgown. jP Gay



McGhee, A. Bye-Bye, Crib. With some reluctance, a blond, blue-eyed boy and his best stuffed friend seek the courage to move from his small but secure crib to a gigantic new bed. "I'm a big boy now. You know what that means," the boy announces, turning away from a proffered bottle and diaper. But the bed's eye-like pillows glare, and its blanket drapes in a menacing frown. The boy and Baby Kitty take matters in hand, tossing familiar objects onto the mattress ("How is it over there, Big Pillow?") before making the leap! jP McGhee



Patricelli, P. <u>Big Kid Bed</u>. Goodbye, crib. Hello, bed! Baby is happy to move on to the next phase of sleep furniture. There's so much to do on a big, soft bed — lie on it, play on it, bounce on it! At bedtime, Daddy tucks Baby in, Mommy says good night, and there's so much space, and the bed feels so . . . different. What now? Trepidation gives way to a good night's sleep in a celebration of a familiar toddler ritual. j Board Patricelli



Primavera, E. <u>Thumb Love</u>. Lulu was a thumb sucker: in fact, Lulu and her thumb were best friends. Despite the urging of her family and the teasing of her friends, Lulu just would not give up her thumb-sucking habit. That is, until one day . . . when Lulu made up her mind to stop. And to help herself and thumb suckers all over the world, Lulu developed a program—one with steps. jP Primavera



Ross, T. I Want My Pacifer. The little princess is not ready to give up her pacifier, even though grownups have told her she is too old for it. in fact, a grown-up's hand keeps entering the illustrations to remove the pacifier. The girl keeps unearthing the missing object from such well-concealed spots as the chimney the dog s bed and the trash can. It is not until a young cousin enters the mix that peer pressure accomplishes what adult machinations could not! jP Ross

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van Lieshout, M. <u>Bye-Bye Binky</u>. In Bye-Bye Binky, a smiling toddler narrates her transition from a crying baby comforted only by her binky to a girl who can ask for what she needs. She marks her transition to "big kid" by passing her binky along to another baby. jP van Lieshout



Verdick, E. <u>Pacifiers Are Not Forever</u>. For many young children, giving up the pacifier is a major milestone. This board book offers warm, comforting words and pictures to ease the transition and make it a positive experience for kids and grown-ups alike. The focus is on minimizing stress and drama, dealing with feelings of loss and frustration, finding fun things to do without a pacifier, and finally being pacifier-free. Includes helpful tips for parents. jBoard Verdick



Yum, H. <u>The Twins' Blanket</u>. These twins have always shared everything—their room, their toys, a crib, and, since the day they were born, a blanket. But as they grow into new beds, they need new blankets, too. Now they face a new dilemma: they don't know how not to share. jP Yum