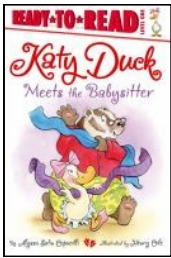
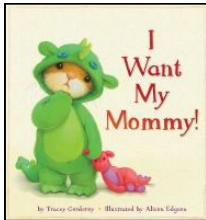


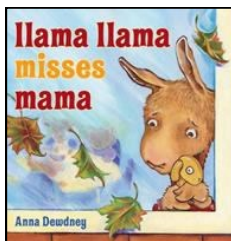
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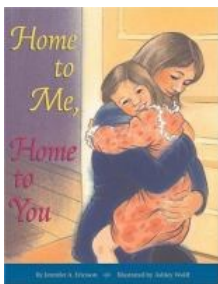
Capucilli, A. Katy Duck Meets the Babysitter. Dancing diva Katy Duck is none too pleased when her parents inform her that she will be staying home with a babysitter while they attend a party. Katy knows that parties are much more fun than staying home! But when Mrs. Duncan arrives, she shows Katy that spending time with the babysitter may be much more entertaining than she expected... jE Capucilli



Corderoy, T. I Want My Mommy! It's Arthur's first day away from his mommy and he really misses her. Even his fantastic dragon suit and favorite toy dragon don't help cheer him up. "Rargghh!" he roars grumpily. But luckily Grandma knows just what to do! jP Corderoy



Dewdney, A. Llama Llama Misses Mama. It's Llama Llama's first day of preschool! And Llama Llama's mama makes sure he's ready. They meet the teachers. See the other children. Look at all the books and games. But then it's time for Mama to leave. And suddenly Llama Llama isn't so excited anymore. Will Mama Llama come back? Of course she will. But before she does, the other children show Llama Llama how much fun school can be! jP Dewdney



Ericsson, J. Home to Me, Home to You. A mother's much anticipated arrival after her business trip is at the center this warm homecoming story. Illustrations show the pair thinking of each other throughout the day. "After breakfast, my playgroup comes over... We make an airport..., and I fly one of the planes high over our city. "This is my mommy coming home," I say." The facing page features a view out a plane window as the mother reflects, "The plane takes off, and everything on the ground shrinks to the size of your toys." The mother returns in time for a comfy cuddle before putting her daughter to bed. j PAR PIC Ericsson



Genechten, G. Little Kangaroo. Mother Kangaroo is ready for Little Kangaroo, who is not so little anymore, to leave her pouch and explore the world on her own legs. But Little Kangaroo would rather stay put. She starts out with eyes closed, hugging her parent, plugging her ears to block out the world. But slowly, she turns around and hangs her feet out of the pouch, delighted by the wonders around her. A good choice to reassure less-assertive children that the world is safe and full of sights to explore. jP Genechten

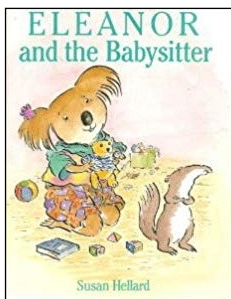
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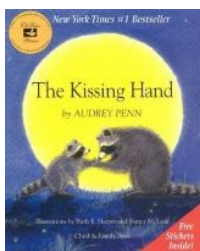
Harris, R. Don't Forget to Come Back! Faced with the prospect of Mommy and Daddy going out for the evening, a girl pulls out all the stops to prompt a change in plans: "If you go out tonight, I'll get a very bad tummy ache-and I'll throw up!"; "If you really, really love me, you'll take me with you"; etc. The girl's logic, threats and bold entreaties don't sway the adults; and baby-sitter Sarah soon arrives. Since Sarah is "so-ooo cool," the young charge sheds her angry feelings during a night of fingernail painting and pizza. Harris gets all the childhood emotions right, and by creating parents who have seen it all before, she helps paint a humorous family portrait that many readers will recognize. j PAR PIC Harris



Haughton, C. Little Owl Lost. Uh-oh! Little Owl has fallen from his nest, and his mommy is nowhere to be seen! With the earnest help of his new friend Squirrel, Little Owl goes in search of animals that fit his description of Mommy Owl. But while some are big (like a bear) or have pointy ears (like a bunny), none of them have all the features that make up his mommy. A cast of adorable forest critters in retro, neon-bright hues will engage little readers right up to the story's comforting conclusion. jP Haughton



Hellard, S. Eleanor and The Babysitter. Eleanor's mommy and daddy are going out for the evening, and Alison, a new babysitter, has arrived. Eleanor insists that she does not need a sitter and refuses to play any of the games that Alison suggests. The stubborn child takes refuge in a dark closet, where some luggage and old clothes look too much like a monster for her liking. Alison comes to her rescue, and the youngster realizes that her brave sitter isn't so bad after all. jP Fowler



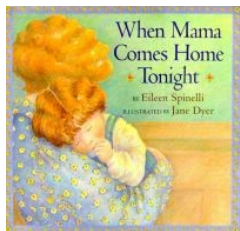
Penn, A. The Kissing Hand. School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary.

jP Penn



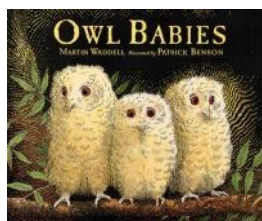
Savage, S. The Babysitter from Another Planet. E.T. meets Mary Poppins! When their parents go out for the evening, a brother and sister are left with a babysitter unlike any they've ever had before--an alien from another planet! But even though she seems a little strange, the kids quickly see that this babysitter can make anything fun...even brushing their teeth and doing their homework. jP Savage

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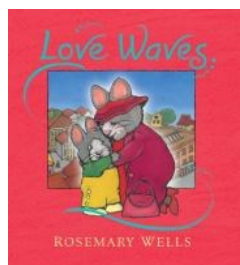


Spinelli, E. When Mama Comes Home Tonight. It can be hard waiting for Mama to come home from her job, but once she's there it's the best time of the day. This soothing, rhythmic book celebrates the precious rituals a mother and her toddler perform together as they wind down to bedtime.

jP Spinelli



Waddell, M. Owl Babies. "I want my mommy!" Three baby owls awake one night to find their mother gone, and they can't help but wonder where she is. What is she doing? When will she be back? What scary things move all around them? Stunning illustrations from striking perspectives capture the anxious little owls as they worry. Not surprisingly, joyous flapping and dancing and bouncing greet the mother's return, lending a celebratory tone to the ending of this comforting tale. jP Waddell



Wells, R. Love Waves. Love Waves are what we send to our loved ones until we can be together again. Invisible and strong, they can fly across town or around the world, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that neither time nor space can keep love from finding its target. Rosemary Wells offers an ingenious way to ease the separation anxiety many children feel when parents go to work, or live in separate homes; when close friends or relatives move, or live far away; or whenever a loved one's absence calls for an extra dose of reassurance. jP Wells

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