

# Wordless Picture Books

Day, Alexandra. *Carl Makes A Scrapbook*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1994. ISBN 0374311293.

The love between child and dog needs no words in this book. Alexandra Day captures the essence of comradeship in the facial expressions and body language of Carl and the little girl. Those familiar with Carl will enjoy another escapade in his life. Those meeting Carl for the first time will be motivated to look for other books about Carl. Because this is about a scrapbook, there are numerous pictures about which children can converse and pore over. Carl and the little girl are a team who choose to fool Mom, and Carl will do whatever necessary to protect the little girl.

📖 Related Reading: *Carl Goes Shopping, Carl's Afternoon in the Park* (sequels)

Hoban, Tana. *Just Look*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1996. ISBN 0688140408.

“I was right!” is sure to resonate through the classroom as each child’s visual perception is challenged in this fun-to-guess book. A circular peep-hole on one page provides the first clue to the objects photographed on subsequent pages. Tana Hoban’s imaginative eye and skill with a camera are once again confirmed as she captures familiar objects and creatures in their natural surroundings. The black peep-hole pages create a stunning contrast to the colourful pictures behind them. Young and old alike cannot resist the invitation to take a look in this addition to a collection of “Look!” books.

📖 Related Reading: *Look! Look! Look!, Sense Suspense, Breathtaking Noses, Look Once Look Twice* (guessing books)

Hutchins, Pat. *Changes, Changes*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 1971. ISBN 0689711379.

Pat Hutchins has cleverly created a wordless picture book that shows how, by necessity, a wooden couple transforms their building-block house into a fire engine to put out a fire, then into a boat to protect them from the rising water used to fight the fire and into several other useful objects as they are needed. Brightly-coloured drawings encourage imaginative play in young children.

📖 Related Reading: *Ten Red Apples* (same characters)

Mayer, Mercer. *A Boy, A Dog, and a Frog*. Toronto: Scholastic Book Services, 1967. ISBN 0803707673.

This story may have no words on the pages, but the illustrations will elicit language and laughter from young readers. This has become a timeless classic which deserves a spot in primary classrooms. The boy, the dog, and the frog have a fun-filled afternoon, ending with a surprising twist.

📖 Related Reading: *Frog Where Are You?, Frog On His Own, Frog Goes to Dinner* ((sequels)

Spier, Peter. *Rain*. Toronto: Doubleday, 1982. ISBN 0385241054.

Two children don their raincoats and boots and venture out into the rain and wind storm to have fun. The illustrations in this wordless book are detailed and authentic as they portray the effects of the rain on everything in the children's environment.

☞ Related Reading: *The Rain*; *Noah's Ark* (author); *Dry or Wet?*; *An Ocean World* (water)