

Raising Literacy Australia (RLA) is excited to announce *Once Upon My Legs* and *Sing With Me* buggy board book have been shortlisted for the 2020 Speech Pathology Book of Year Awards.

Published by RLA publishing house Little Book Press, both books were selected as finalists in the Birth to 3 Years Category.

RLA CEO Sue Hill said the organisation was thrilled to be recognised.

“I would like to congratulate our authors and illustrators, Mike, Sarah and the RLA creative team,” she said.

“All of our books are carefully and thoughtfully designed to support foundational literacy and numeracy development for young children.

“The aim is for children to be exposed to high-quality resources that support their brain development in the formative years.

“It is so fabulous for these titles to be commended and recognised for these qualities.”

Once Upon My Legs, written by Mike Dumbleton and illustrated by Sarah Boese, is a gentle rhyming story that follows four babies as they explore their world around them. The story celebrates the milestones of children as they grow and develop.

Author Mike Dumbleton said the story reminds parents to enjoy these little moments with their children.

“It’s a story that all parents and children can relate to. The significance of different parts of the story will change as the child progresses from lying down to climbing and running,” he said.

“They will see their own achievements reflected at each stage of the story.”

A nursery rhyme buggy board book, *Sing With Me*, is the perfect first book for babies and families to share together at the supermarket, in the car, at the park or while taking a stroll in the pram.

The story is filled with nursery rhyme favourites including ‘*Baa Baa Black Sheep*’, ‘*Hickory Dickory Dock*’ and ‘*Once I Caught A Fish Alive*’.

Each song introduces new language and numbers through rhyme and repetitive rhythm to help children develop speech and language skills.

The winning books will be announced on Friday, November 6, 2020.

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