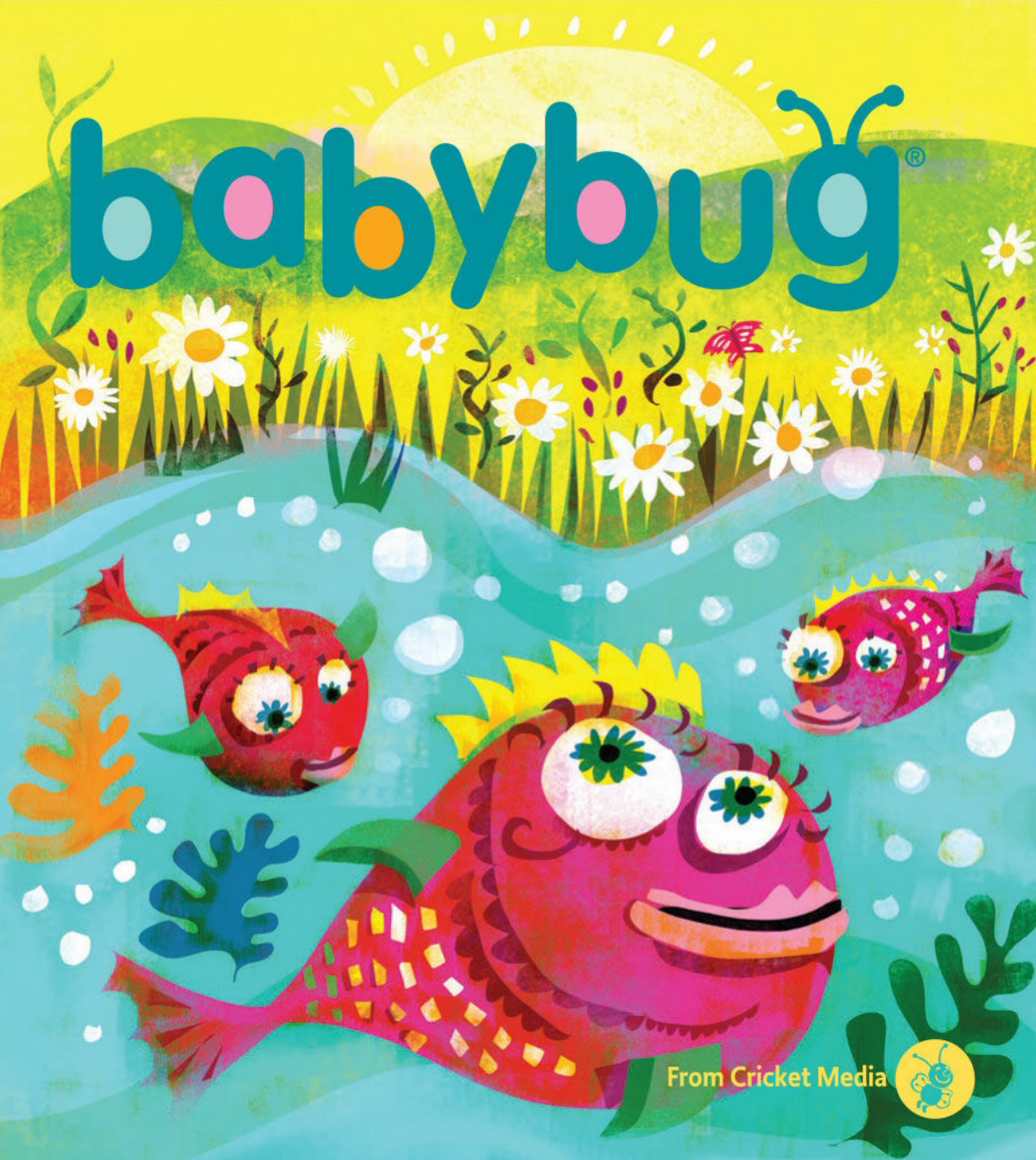


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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



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.



Follow me to the Guide for Caregivers!




Kim can crawl, too.
What a funny turtle!

Over in the Meadow

by Olive A. Wadsworth ✨ Art by Lee Hodges

Over in the meadow,
where the stream runs blue,
Lived an old mother fish and
her little fishies two.





**“Swim,” said the mother.
“We swim,” said the two.
So they swam and they swam
where the stream runs blue.**

Xavier's Feet

by Pamela Love ✨ Art by Jaime Kim



Xavier's slippers go shuffle, shuffle in the house.

Xavier's shoes go patter, patter on the sidewalk.



Xavier's bare feet go splash, splash in the water.



Shoemaker, Shoemaker

A Mother Goose Rhyme ✨ Art by Benton Mahan



Shoemaker, shoemaker,
mend my shoe,



Get it done by half-past two.



My big toe is peeping through.



Shoemaker, shoemaker,
mend my shoe.





MATTAN

A FIRST CONCEPT
PUDDLE JUMPS

by Lisa Leuck ✨ Art by Tatjana Mai-Wyss

When I step into a puddle,
It feels muddy, wet, and cool.





When a frog jumps into a puddle,
He says, “Look! A swimming pool.”





LET'S EXPLORE

MUD PIES



Scoop the dirt.
Pour the water.
Mix it into dough.





Fill the pan. Put flowers on top.
Look! You made your first mud pie!

Rinse your
hands and go.
Bye-bye!



by Beth Flower
Photos by Ginny Sheller

Six Snakes

by Sheri Delgado-Preston ✨ Art by Jennifer Zivoin

Six snakes in swimsuits
swam around the lake.





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Afterward they ate a snack:
strawberry shortcake!





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 “visit the pond” issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: Like Kim, your toddler probably revels in observing and then trying out what he or she sees. As you read this story, encourage your child to have fun doing what Kim does—flying like a bird, hopping like a frog, and crawling like a turtle. Your little one may also be fond of imitating the actions of a family pet. Offering your pretend kitty a gentle pat and a bowl of imaginary milk can be the start of a favorite game.

2. Xavier’s Feet: Water might just be the perfect toy. Clean, inexpensive, and readily available, it can be played with in many different ways and by many different



ages. Indoors, all it takes is a plastic dishpan of water, some towels, and a plastic smock or old raincoat for your child to wear. Outdoors, visit a puddle after a rain shower or fill a shallow wading pool with warm water. (Be sure to stay close to your child and empty the dishpan or pool when playtime is over.)

3. Six Snakes: Just watch your child’s face light up when you invent funny rhymes or read and recite bits of verses like this one. Children’s lives are enriched whenever adults share their delight in the rhythm, rhyme, and versatility of language.

— Sally Nurss, M.Ed.

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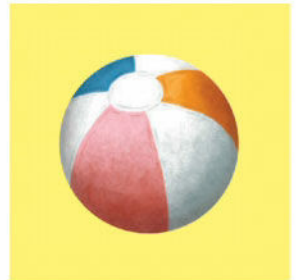
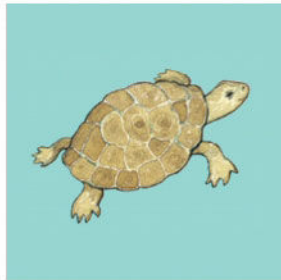
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