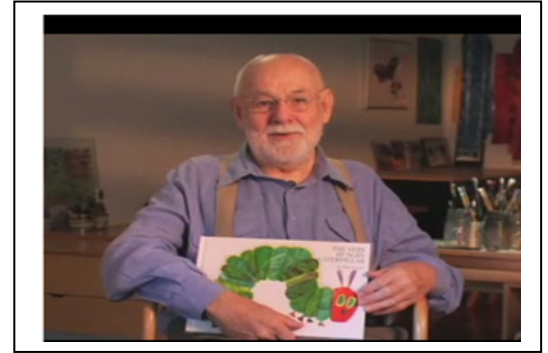


# ERIC CARLE

Eric Carle is turning 85 years old on June 25th. He has written over 70 books with some popular ones like "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "The Grouchy Ladybug", some of which have been translated in 30 languages. To create his beautiful illustrations he uses the technique of collage where he paints over colored tissue paper with acrylic paint. He often uses a sponge, burlap, or other bumpy material like a stamp to create texture to make the different parts of his scenes and characters.



**First Comes the Caterpillar** sing to the tune of "Up on the Housetop"

First comes the butterfly and lays its eggs,  
Out comes the caterpillar with its many legs,  
Oh, see the caterpillar spin and spin,  
A little chrysalis to sleep in,  
Oh, oh, oh, look and see,  
Oh, oh, oh, look and see,  
Out of the chrysalis, my oh my,  
Out comes a pretty butterfly!



**I'm a Hungry caterpillar** sing to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a hungry caterpillar walking slowly (Slowly walk two fingers from right hand up your left arm)  
Looking for something (place hand above eyes searching for something)  
To fill my belly (Rub belly)  
When I go to sleep (Close eyes, tilt head and rest on folded hands)  
I make a little cocoon (Cup hands together)  
Pop! I'll be a butterfly soon. (Throw open hands, link thumbs and make flapping movement)

## The Very Hungry Caterpillar

### Introducing the Book

Show your child a new book before opening it ~ you can talk about the book by using any of these ideas:

- Look at the front of the book. Ask questions and talk about the cover and picture. For example: Tell me what you see, What do you think the story will be about?, Do you think it's a happy story?, What do you think of when you see the cover picture?
- Tell your child the person who wrote the book (author) is Eric Carle. The same person made all of the pictures (illustrator). Talk about any stories your child may know by Eric Carle. Talk about the pictures (illustrations). For example: Do you know the author/illustrator?, What do you think about the title and the picture?, What would you draw to go with the title of the book?

### Reading Tips

- Use intonation and facial expression ~ use different voices for different characters
- Use visual aids (i.e. puppets and props)
- Ask questions
- Use pop up or push button sound books to promote reading participation
- Read predictable and rhyming books for children to join in (i.e. chorus or a repeated line)
- Pause while reading for a child to "fill-in-the-blank" (i.e. On Wednesday he ate through three plums, but he was still [hungry]!)
- Ask for predictions ~ What will happen next?
- Ask for reactions ~ How do you think the caterpillar feels now? Did you think that was going to happen?

### Books by Eric Carle

The Tiny Seed  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
Do You Want To Be My Friend?  
The Grouchy Ladybug  
The Mixed-Up Chameleon  
The Very Busy Spider  
Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?

The Mixed-Up Chameleon  
by Eric Carle



### Websites

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