

Books to Inspire Children's Mathematical Thinking About Spatial Relationships

Carle, E. *The Secret Birthday Message*. (HarperTrophy, 1971)

Relative position words, shape symbols, and a map in a beautifully illustrated story about finding a treasure.

Hoban, T. *over, under & through*. (Simon & Schuster, 1973)

Hutchins, P. *Rosie's Walk*. (Aladdin, 1968)

This simple, fun story illustrates a variety of relative position words.

Rosen, M. & Oxenbury, H. *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. (Aladdin, 1989)

This classic rhyme provides a fun way to act out relative positional words.

Sweeney, J. *Me on the Map*. Dragonfly Books, 1996)

Shows how maps are special kinds of pictures; simple language, but complex ideas about perspective and scale.