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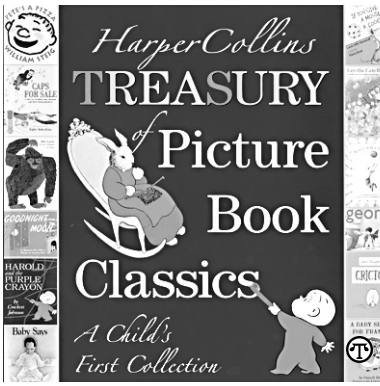
Picture Book Classics

(NAPSA)—Read all about it: Reading aloud to your toddler, studies show, is one of the best ways to inspire a life-long love of reading.

Many parents prefer to start with the classics, which are now found in one lavishly illustrated volume.



The best of the best: Twelve classics of children's literature have been collected in one volume.

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