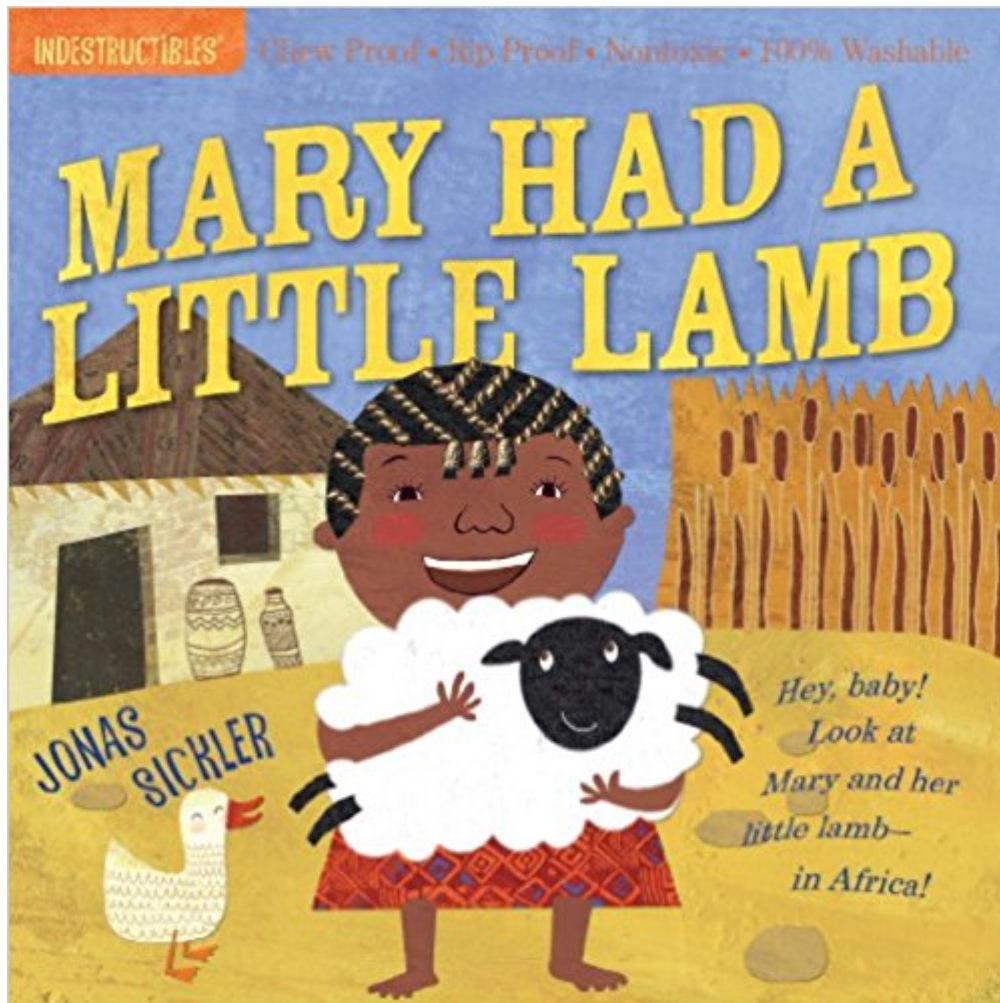




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# Indestructibles: Mary Had A Little Lamb



## Synopsis

Here is a book babies can really sink their gums into. Built for the way babies read, Indestructibles are printed on an amazing paperlike material that can't be ripped, torn, or punctured. Indestructibles are 100 percent safe and nontoxic, and if they get too funky, just throw them in the washing machine or dishwasher. They're made for baby to hold, grab, chew, pull, and bend, and are designed to create an even more special bond between reader and baby. Printed without words, the parent gets to make up the story, or just cuddle with baby while they explore together. Mary Had a Little Lamb introduces the work of Jonas Sickler, a children's illustrator whose paintings, full of detail and personality, have a fresh, whimsical sensibility, a pleasure for both baby and parents. The book gives a new spin on a traditional nursery rhyme, so parents can really have fun with the subject. Mary Had a Little Lamb follows a girl and her lamb in her village in Africa. The text for the nursery rhyme is printed on the back cover.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 1 - 2 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

I loved working on these books. I took these classic rhymes out of their normal settings and put a multicultural spin on them. I have always enjoyed pushing things beyond what is expected. Have fun telling new stories with my books.

Jonas Sickler is a graduate of the Syracuse University school of Illustration. He began his career illustrating children's magazines. Jonas' first professional assignment was for the October cover of Cicada Magazine in 2001. Since then, Jonas has added numerous periodical illustrations to his portfolio. He is now focusing on illustrating children's books (but still accepts editorial assignments). His first six books are part of the INDESTRUCTIBLES® series by Workman Publishing Company. Jonas is influenced by vintage design and antique toys, and he always has music playing when he is working on a project.

I'm a huge fan of Indestructibles. I buy them often as gifts for parents and their babies because it really helps them developing that bond and love over books. This particular book is great because it takes a different spin on a familiar nursery rhyme. Instead of a rural American setting, we have it set in Africa. It's creative and adds some diversity to the eventual buildup of nursery rhymes and toddler books that have the same setting. Highly recommended!

Of course I let my babies pull, chew, and do all manner of baby damage to these books, and if I were to leave it at that, they would never learn to treat "regular" books properly. At least once a day, we'll sit together and turn the pages properly, point to the illustrations, and talk about the pictures. There is no text, which bothered me when I had my first child in 2005 (I was not accustomed to having one-sided conversations with babies). Indestructibles has since expanded their offerings and I really appreciate the diverse ethnic representations. Nine years and four babies later the lack of text isn't so much an issue since I've changed as a parent. Great product!

We LOVE this book! We love that this book adds diversity and different skin colors to our book collection. The rhyme is not listed in each page, but it is on the back. We remember most of it, but my 2.5 year old doesn't mind if we have to flip to the back to make sure. And sometimes it is more fun to just talk about the pages rather than "read" the story. The pictures are a great representation of each verse. My daughter loves to "read" it alone at nap time. The indestructibles are the only books she is allowed because she destroys others. This is her go to book. She hardly looks at the other 3 she has.

I LOVE these books. I have a toddler and an infant who have been using this book for one month. The book has been chewed on, stepped on, slobbered on, thrown, crumpled, wiped down, and is

even occasionally read! It shows no signs of wear! The pages are thin, like regular paper, but they feel slightly different. It is almost like they have a wax finish... I wish that I could describe it! The pages don't tear, don't cause paper cuts, and are just incredibly resilient! The illustrations are fun. The only thing that I do not like about the Indestructibles books, including the Mary Had a Little Lamb book, is that they are all picture books. I wish that some of the Indestructibles books had words so that my children could see letters and words, learn that you read from left to right, and so on. I understand that picture books are great so that you can make up stories, but I wish that at least some of the books had words so that we could have a good mix. Overall, this book is very much worth the \$4.50 I paid. I have bought several others. They really are quite indestructible.

My daughter asked me to get this for my 7 month old granddaughter and I love this book. It IS indestructible by drooly mouths and tearing hands. Also, it doesn't have any words so is a true picture book. I'll be getting more of them.

My 1-yr-old daughter loves this little book. We sing the song and she turns the pages. She asks for us to read it again and again. I like that we don't have to worry about how she treats this book. It's literally indestructible. The content of the book is wonderful; we love the illustrations. We have another Indestructible book called Baby Faces, and we love that one, too. These are fantastic books for babies and young toddlers.

I like that the book is made of a strong material and the illustrations are great. However, I expected something a little more substantial - there are just a few pages and there are no words in this book. Maybe I shouldn't have realized that from the product description, but I don't think that was made very clear. It would have been nice to see a preview on before buying.

I have written reviews of some of the other "Indestructibles" I purchased to have in my home for my great-grandchildren and recommend them for babies and toddlers. After I wrote the last one it occurred to me (as a retired teacher) that these could be welcome additions for older children with physical challenges that make turning pages difficult. There are several that are based on familiar rhymes and songs that would appeal to young school-age children who cannot manage most books easily on their own.

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