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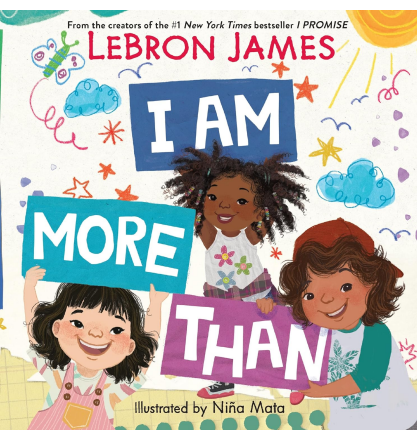
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Explore the five ways to help make a CHILD GROW SMARTER

LOVE

MAXIMIZE LOVE
MANAGE STRESS



One of the best gifts you can give your child is the belief that they can do anything. *[I Am More Than](#)* by LeBron James can help remind kids that every challenge is a chance to grow. The illustrations by Nina Mata encourage kids to dream big and be themselves.

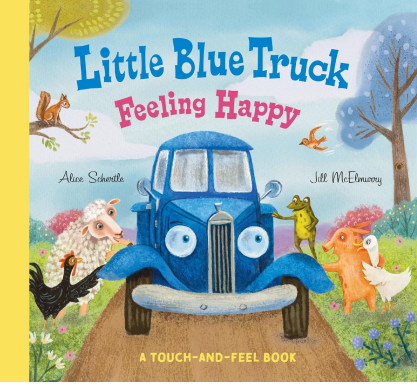
Spend time celebrating your child's efforts and let them know that it's okay to fail—it's part of learning. Using words of affirmation will help build their confidence and show them that with love and encouragement, anything is possible!

For more books on love, check out *[I'm Proud of You](#)* by Craig Melvin and Sawyer Cloud, *[Métis Like Me](#)* by Tasha Hilderman and Risa Hugo and *[Gorgeously Me!](#)* by Jonathan Van Ness and Kamala Nair.



TALK

SING AND POINT



Take a trip around the barnyard in this wonderful new addition to *[The Little Blue Truck](#)* saga, *[Little Blue Truck Feeling Happy](#)* by Alice Schertle and Jill McElmurry. Featuring the delightful rhymes and animal sounds that *[The Little Blue Truck](#)* books have come to be known for, this book is the perfect choice for storytime.

Created especially for younger readers, this book provides fun and sensory exploration while gently communicating the message that we don't have to all be the same to be the best of friends or enjoy who we are. The touch-and-feel story features elements for little fingers to explore in a large, sturdy board book. With a different texture on each spread, young readers can learn to associate touch with written descriptions of popular farm animals. Oink and cluck your way through this lovely book today!

Looking for more books to help your child learn animal noises? Here are a few great titles to pick from: *[Everybody Says Meow](#)* by Constance Lombardo, *[The Quiet Forest](#)* by Charlotte Offsay and Abi Cushman and *[The Farm that Mac Built](#)* by Tammi Sauer and Jackie Urbanovic.



COUNT

GROUP AND COMPARE



Practicing counting and comparison skills with the child in your life can be done with many different books, not just ones specifically focused on those skills. For a fun October read, try *[Go Away, Big Green Monster!](#)* by Ed Emberley. This storytime staple is great read aloud and offers a chance to practice noticing.

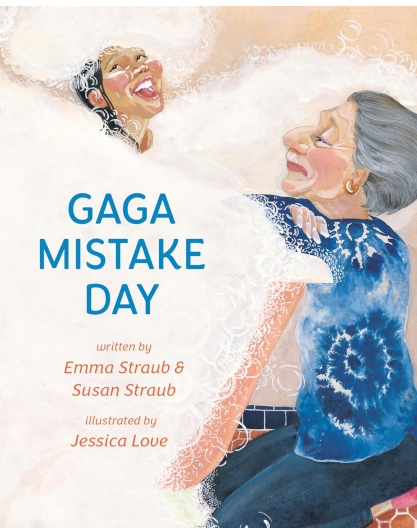
The die-cut construction of the book offers an easy way to point out different shapes like "two big yellow eyes." Try counting the monster's teeth and finding delight in telling each one to go away. Point out colors as you go along, such as the fact that the monster's nose is the same color as their ears.

For more favorite storytime books that help children practice counting and comparing, try *[Mister Kitty is Lost!](#)* by Greg Pizzoli, *[Ten in a Hurry](#)* by Lo Cole and *[Freight Train](#)* by Donald Crews.



PLAY

EXPLORE THROUGH
MOVEMENT AND PLAY



"Mistakes are fun, aren't they?" That's what Gaga tells her granddaughter in *[Gaga Mistake Day](#)* by Emma and Susan Straub and Jessica Love. Gaga makes lots of mistakes according to her granddaughter. She wears her slippers on her ears and puts too many bubbles in the tub, for example. When dancing ballet, Gaga says her dance is called Free Spirit. She even reads books upside down!

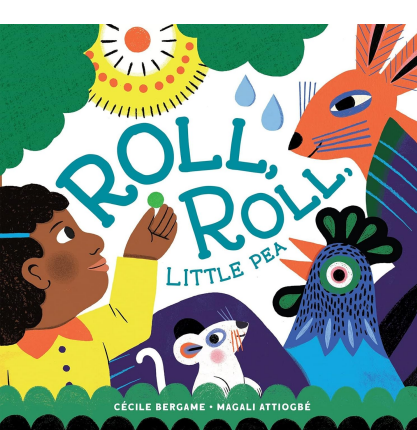
Gaga's playful mistakes keep her granddaughter laughing. Through all the antics, Gaga's love for her granddaughter is portrayed vividly in Jessica Love's painted illustrations.

For more books celebrating mistakes, try *[Fail-a-bration](#)* by Brad and Kristi Montague, *[Oops!](#)* by Julie Massey and Pascale Bonenfant or *[Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great!](#)* by Sandra Boynton.



READ

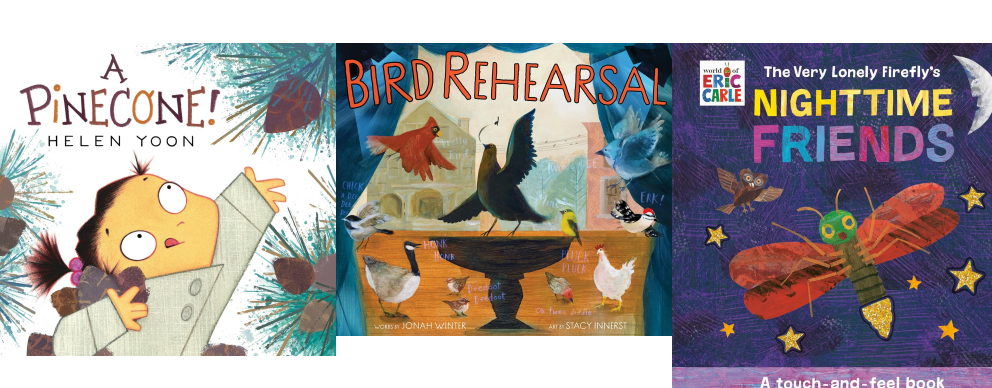
AND DISCUSS STORIES



Enjoy a small adventure created by ordinary circumstances with Cécile Bergame and Magali Attigbé's colorful picture book, *[Roll, Roll, Little Pea](#)*. A small pea escapes the careful hands of a little girl and sets off over the tiles, under the stairs and out into the garden, all while avoiding the hungry animals seeking to stop its onward progress. What will happen when the pea finds a hole in the ground?

Full of great sounds to make together and bright, bold illustrations to enjoy, this story reminds readers young and old that life is full of unexpected obstacles but also rich discoveries. As you read the story with the child in your life, try saying the refrain "Roll, Roll, Little Pea" together. Talk about any unfamiliar words like "peck," "devour" or "nibble."

For more everyday adventure books, try *[A Pinecone!](#)* by Helen Yoon, *[Bird Rehearsal](#)* by Jonah Winter and *[The Very Lonely Firefly's Nighttime Friends](#)*.



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