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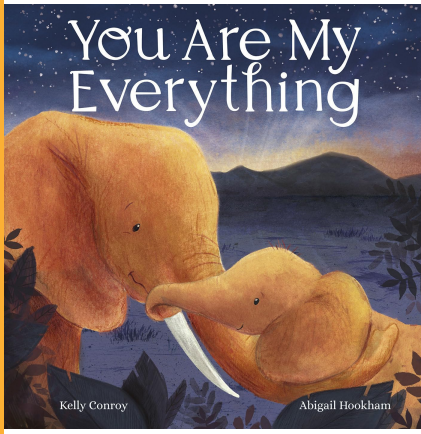
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Explore the five ways to help make a CHILD GROW SMARTER

LOVE

MAXIMIZE LOVE MANAGE STRESS



[You Are My Everything](#) by Kelly Conroy is a heartwarming children's book about two elephants and the unconditional love they share. Conroy's simple words and Abigail Hookham's beautiful illustrations show the many ways a parent can cherish and support their child no matter the situation.

Spend some time discussing love with your little one. How do you show love to your family or friends? What makes you feel loved and safe? Can you think of a time when you helped someone just like the elephants helped each other?

For more books on love, check out [Why the World Needs Love](#) by Gregory E. Lang and Lisa Alderson, [The Ways We Say "I Love You"](#) by Caroline Hadilaksono and [Painting the Sky with Love](#) by Mary E. Haque and Tatiana Gardel.



TALK

SING AND POINT

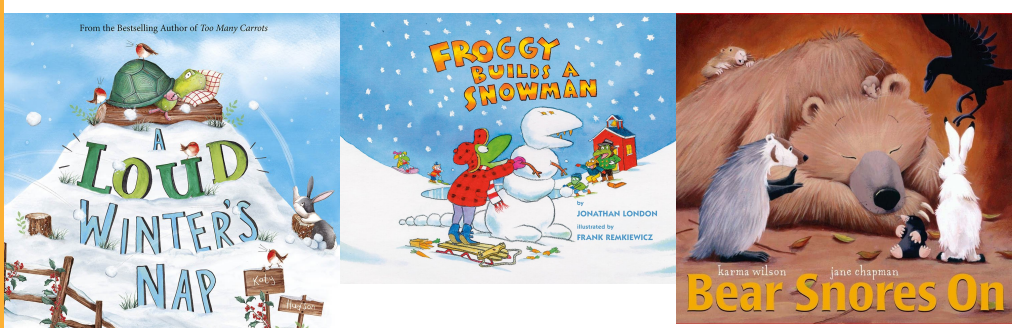


Winter is officially here, and what better way to celebrate than with some adorable woodland creatures?!

In [Harold Loves His Woolly Hat](#) by Vern Kousky, Harold the bear discovers that the loss of his precious hat leads him on a journey of kindness and understanding. When a mischievous crow steals his hat, Harold sets out to retrieve it, only to find that the hat might be helping someone in need.

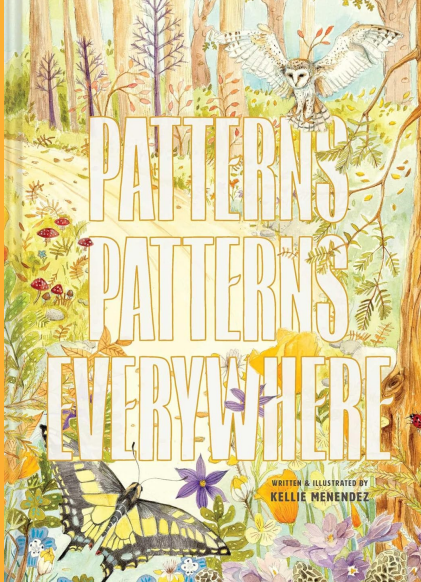
This gentle tale reminds readers that "it's not the things we own but the love we share that truly matters."

Check out these other adorable winter books: [A Loud Winter's Nap](#) by Katy Hudson, [Froggy Builds a Snowman](#) by Jonathan London and Frank Remkiewicz and [Bear Snores On](#) by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman.



COUNT

GROUP AND COMPARE



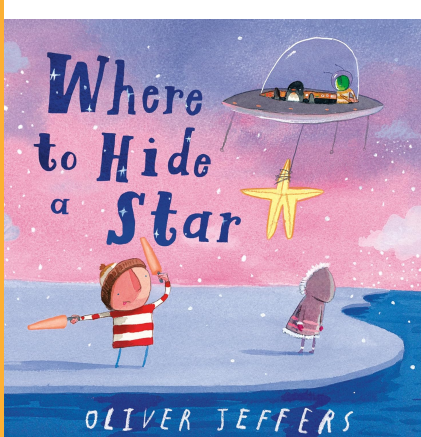
[Patterns Patterns Everywhere](#) by Kellie Menendez draws attention to the patterns surrounding us in the world and in our daily lives. From flowers to leopard fur and even music and buildings in a city, patterns are everywhere! The intricate pictures prompt conversations about all the patterns readers can discover. Menendez encourages readers to search for other patterns in their lives, in what they can hear, feel and create.

Ready to search for other patterns found all around you? Check out these additional books to spur more exploration of all the repetition in nature: [We Are Branches](#) by Joyce Sidman and Beth Krommes, [Line Up!: Animals in Remarkable Rows](#) by Susan Stockdale and [Wings, Waves & Webs: Patterns in Nature](#) by Robin Mitchell Cranfield.



PLAY

EXPLORE THROUGH MOVEMENT AND PLAY



A game of hide-and-seek becomes an adventure in [Where to Hide a Star](#) by Oliver Jeffers. A boy, a penguin and a star love to play hide-and-seek together, but one day the star goes missing during a game.

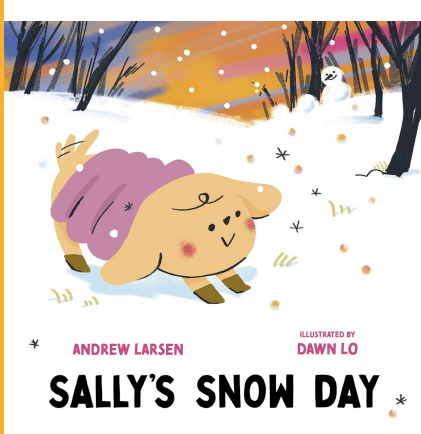
Can you find where the star might be hiding? The star has always been so easy to find before, but today it will require a radio call to a friendly Martian, a flight to the north pole and help from a new friend to find the star.

This is the fifth book about the boy in the red-and-white striped shirt. If you enjoyed Jeffers' whimsical tale of friendship and want to read more about the boy, the penguin and the star, check out [How to Catch a Star](#), [Lost and Found](#), [The Way Back Home](#) and [Up and Down](#).



READ

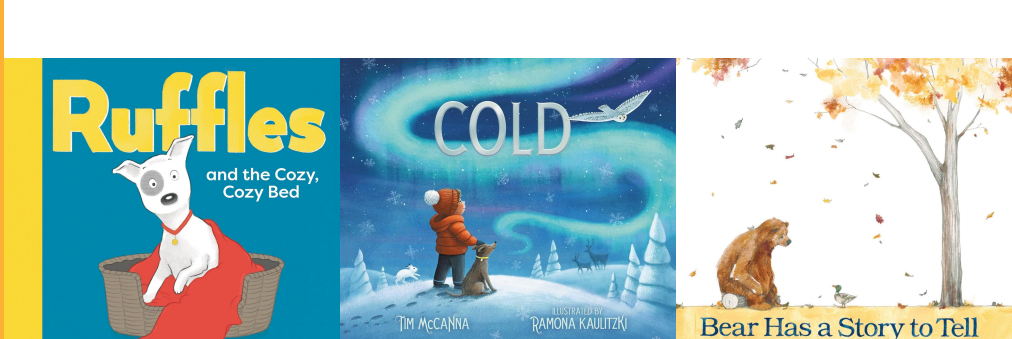
AND DISCUSS STORIES



[Sally's Snow Day](#) by Andrew Larsen and Dawn Lo offers a comforting, cozy read for cold days. Join Sally and her owner for a playful look at winter. Before reading the story, open up the book to the endpapers, the decorative design on the inside covers of the book, to find the snowflakes and snowballs featured in the story. Talking about book design with young children can help develop visual thinking skills and art appreciation.

As you read, talk together about what you see in the illustrations. When Sally needs her boots and coat, can you find them on the page? What activities does Sally do that you also do in winter?

For more cozy reads, try [Ruffles and the Cozy, Cozy Bed](#) by David Melling, [Cold](#) by Tim McCanna and Ramona Kaulitzki and [Bear Has a Story to Tell](#) by Philip C. Stead and Erin E. Stead.



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