

# Thoughts on Storytime

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## A Storytime Journey: over 8 years time



**Striving to create developmentally appropriate storytimes that are inclusive and welcoming for all.**

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**Diverse Books**  
**Welcoming Spaces**  
**Talk, Sing, Read, Write, Play**  
**Variety of Offerings**



# Diverse Books

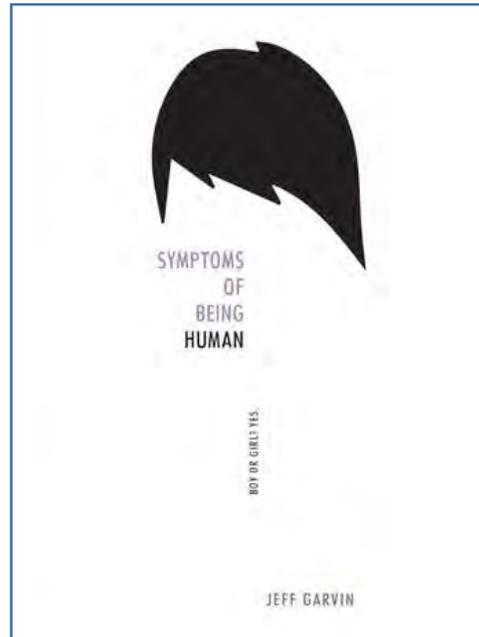
## Windows & Mirrors & Sliding Doors

“When we say students need diverse books, we are saying that they need books that reflect their own experience as well as the experiences of others. In addition to stories about different races and cultures, diverse books are about gender identity and sexual orientation, people who live in blended families, and people who live in poverty. The diversity provided through window and mirror texts extends beyond ethnicity. Diversity includes how a piece of literature addresses family structures, dialects, cultural traditions and values.”

*Moran, K. (2018). What Are Mirrors and Windows? [online] WeAreTeachers.com. Available at: <https://www.weareteachers.com/mirrors-and-windows/>.*



# Diverse Books



**Windows & Mirrors**

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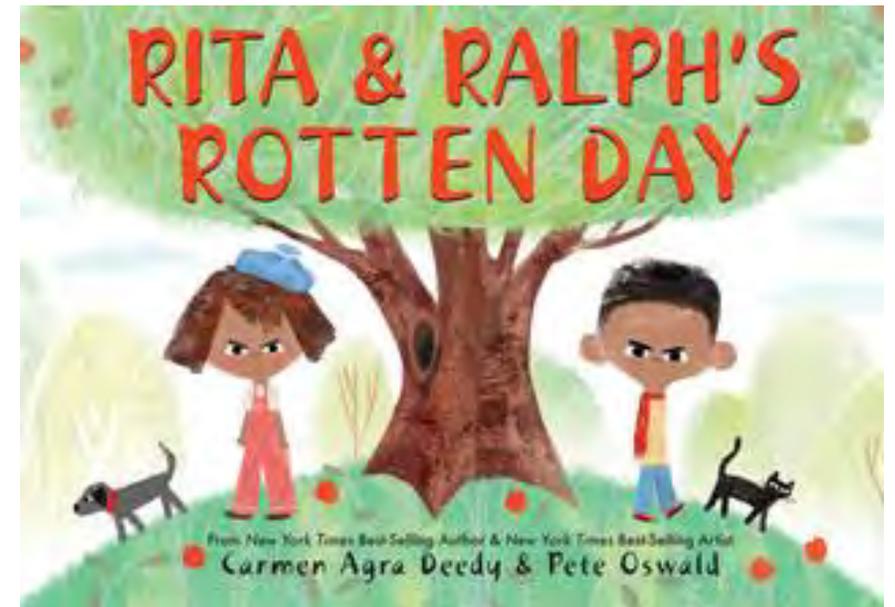
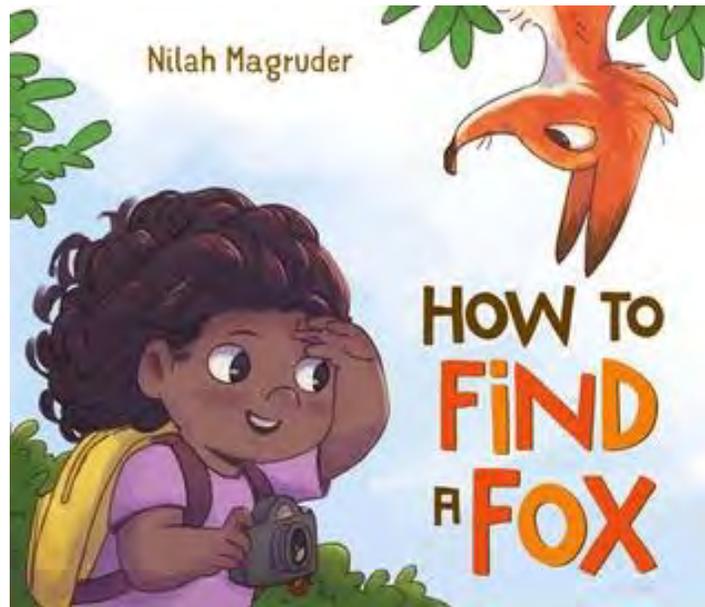


Grant Snider comic  
2018 issue of *The Southampton Review*

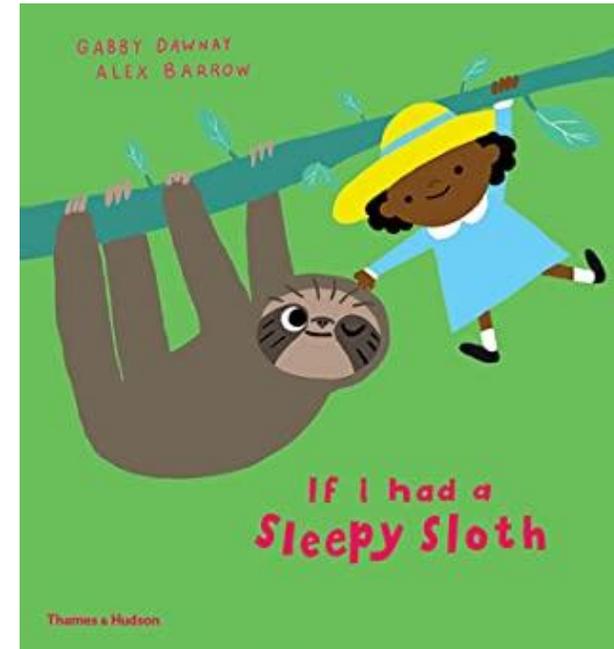
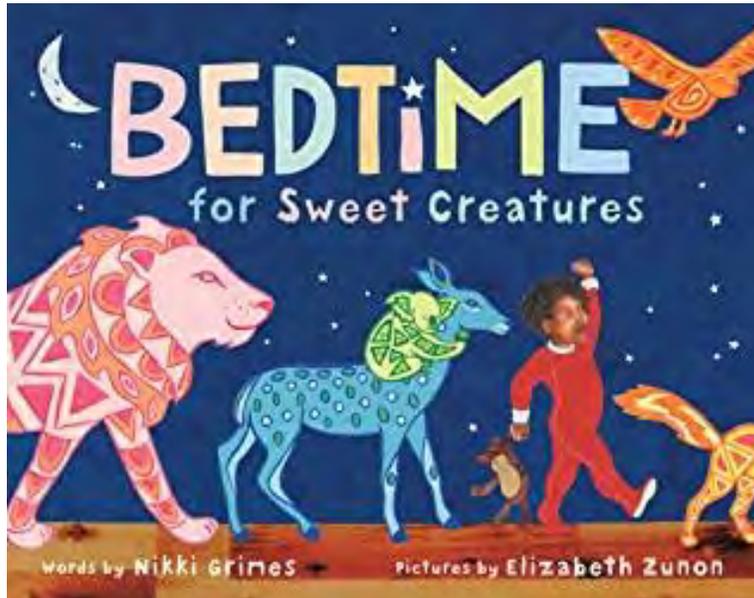


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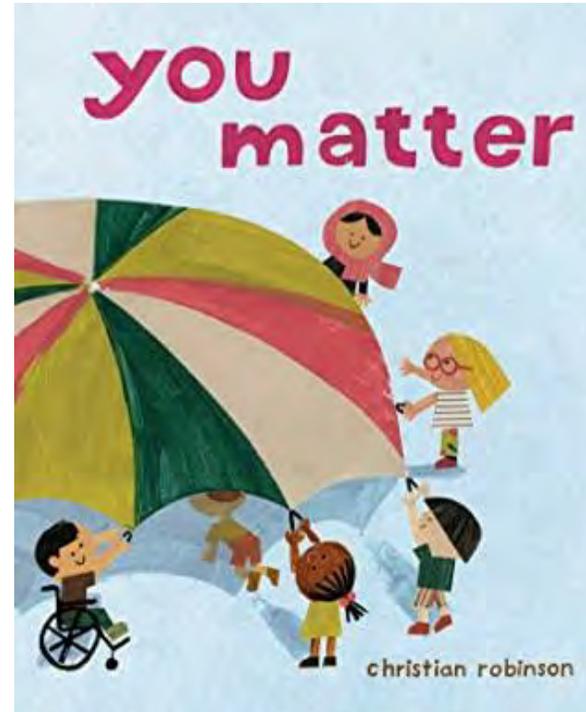
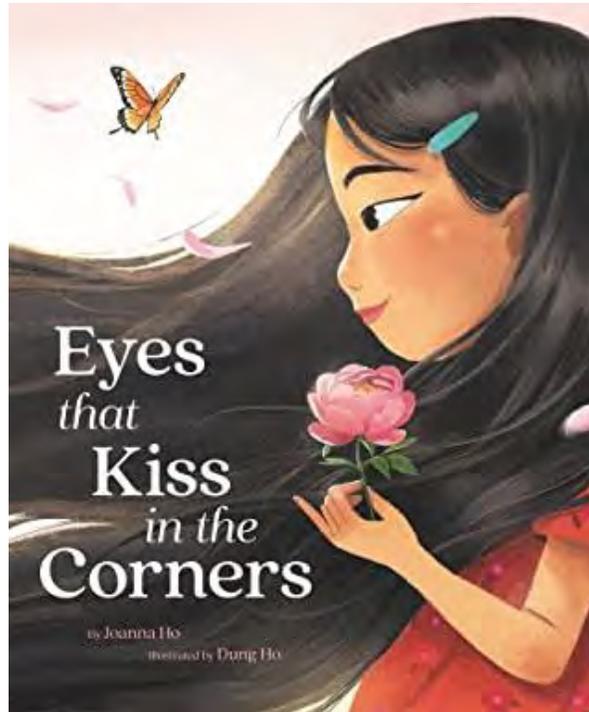
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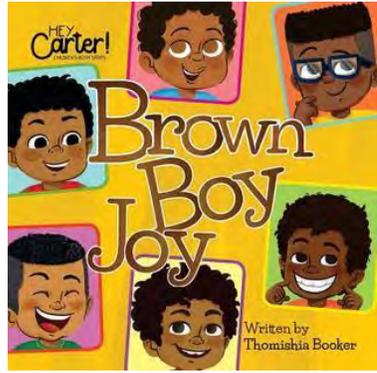
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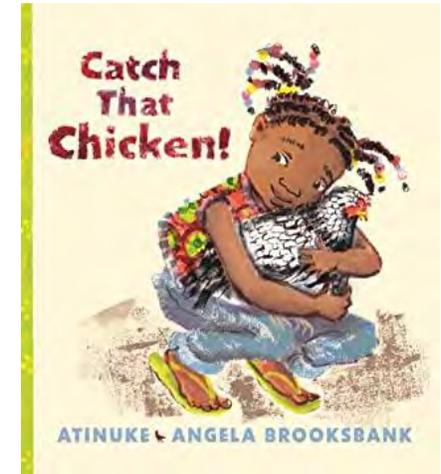
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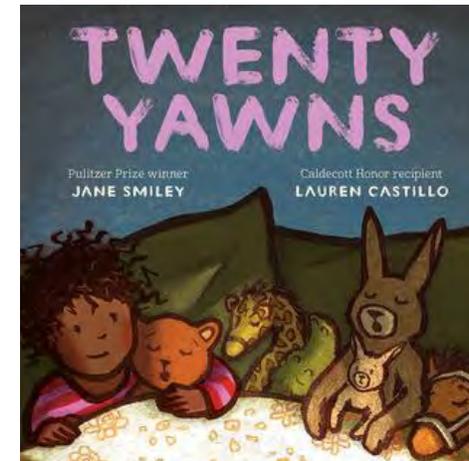
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## Diverse Books



**The Bear in the Family by Maya Tatsukawa**  
**Brown Boy Joy by Thomishia Booker**  
**Catch that Chicken by Atinuke**  
**Don't Feed the Coos by Jonathan Stutzman**  
**Happy in Our Skin by Fran Manushkin**  
**I am Brown by Ashok Banker**  
**Our Skin by Megan Madison**  
**Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev**  
**Twenty Yawns by Jane Smiley**



# Welcoming Spaces

## Make a Personal Connection

- **Name tags + Welcome Table**
  - **Introduction**
  - **Microphone**
  - **Accessible**



# Welcoming Spaces



Zoom Meeting

Participants (9)

- Miss Tami (Host me)
- Susan :D (Co-host)
- Elsa
- Jain
- Rory
- Avira
- Amber R.
- Hinckley
- Venus Sung

Zoom Meeting interface showing a grid of video thumbnails for participants: Miss Tami, Susan :D, Rory, Hinckley, Venus Sung, Avira, Elsa, and Jain. A nameplate for Amber R. is visible in the bottom right of the grid. The bottom of the screen shows the Zoom control bar with icons for Mute, Stop Video, Security, Participants, Chat, Share Screen, Record, and Reactions.

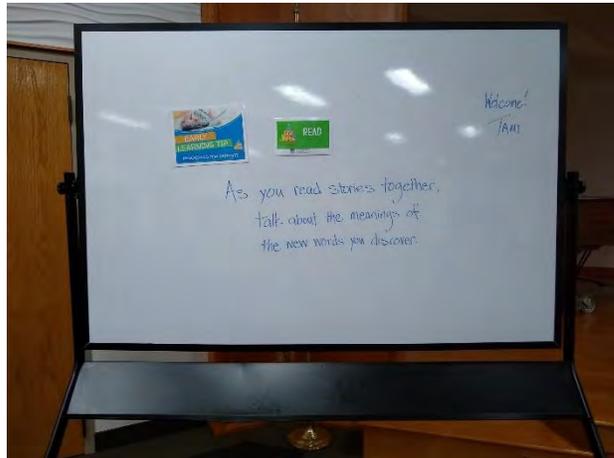


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**Hi. Welcome to Storytime. My name is Tami. I'm so excited you are here. We are going to have so much fun! (clap!)**

**Just a few thoughts before we get started to help make storytime fun for everyone!**

**Grown-ups – if you would save your visiting and phone use until play time that would be great!**

**Also, if you have a little one that becomes inconsolable, if you would just step out, let them recover and then you're welcome to come right back in!**

**And if you can help me protect my space, that would also be so helpful! I promise your little one can play with all the things during playtime!**

## Welcoming Spaces



Audio2000s Wp-604b/I Dual  
Channel Wireless Microphone  
Amazon. \$109.95

+



Professional MAONO-CO2 2.4 G  
wireless headset microphone.  
Amazon. \$27.99



For Zoom Storytimes  
Cyber Acoustics Mono Headset,  
headphone with microphone  
\$12.30

# Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.

## Playful and Informal for Parents

- **Running Dialogue**
- **Rhymes & Poetry vs Nursery Rhymes**
  - **Flannels**
  - **Writing**
  - **Process Art**
    - **Play**



# Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.

## Sleepyheads

Sleepyhead left and sleepyhead right  
met each other late at night.

“How do you do? And how do you  
do?”

And how do you do?” they said.

Then they went back home to bed.

I had a little turtle.

She lived in a box.

She swam in the puddles.

She climbed on the rocks.

She snapped at the mosquito.

She snapped at the flea.

She snapped at the minnow.

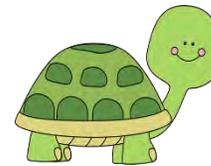
And she snapped at me.

She caught the mosquito.

She caught the flea.

She caught the minnow.

But she didn't catch me!



# Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.

**Scarlett had a little lamb, little  
lamb, little lamb.**

**Scarlett had a little lamb.  
It's fleece was green as ... grass**



# Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.

## Five Hungry Ants

**Flannels**

Five hungry ants marching in a  
line  
came upon a picnic where they  
could dine.

They marched into the salad.  
They marched into the cake.  
They marched into the pepper...

Uh, oh, that was a mistake!  
**AHHH-CHOOOOO**



# Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.

Mouse in a House



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The main window displays a grid of 20 video thumbnails, each representing a participant. The thumbnails show various people, including children and adults, in different home settings. Some thumbnails are muted, indicated by a red slash icon. The top of the Zoom window shows the title 'Zoom Meeting' and a 'View' button. On the right side, there is a 'Participants (20)' list with a search bar and a list of names, each with a small video icon and a mute icon. The bottom of the Zoom window shows a control bar with buttons for Mute, Stop Video, Participants, Chat, Share Screen, Record, Reactions, and Leave. The system tray at the very bottom shows the taskbar with various application icons and the system clock displaying 1:42 PM on 2/24/2021.

# Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.

Write



# Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.

Write



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The main window displays a grid of 25 video thumbnails, each with a name below it. The names include: Miss Tami, Susan Spicer, rmbarnhouse, Claire and Jace, AdeleSophia, Danny, Kai and Jace, Beckett & Cooper, Rebecca Whitney, Miles M, Scarlett, Diane, MS0154, Chris, Sai, brielle parks, Patterson Clan, Coco & Jolo, Maggie and Matt, Candice Diehl, Corina, Adrian, Aubrey, Camie, and makenziemaylor. The top left of the Zoom window shows 'Zoom Meeting' and a 'View' button. The bottom of the window has a control bar with icons for Mute, Stop Video, Participants (30), Chat, Share Screen, Record, and Reactions. On the right side, there is a 'Participants (30)' sidebar with a search bar and a list of 30 participants, each with a name, initials, and status icons (mute, video off). The names in the list include: Miss Tami (Me), Susan Spicer (Host), AdeleSophia, Adrian, Aubree Grant, Aubrey, Beckett & Cooper, Brandon Mooso, brielle parks, Camie, Candice Diehl, Chris, Claire and Jace, Coco & Jolo, Corina, Danny, Diane, Elliot, and others. The bottom right corner of the Zoom window shows the time '11:20 AM' and the date '2/25/2021'.

## 10 Things Every Parent Should Know About Play

# Play

- 1 – Children learn through play.
- 2 – Play is healthy.
- 3- Play reduces stress.
- 4 – Play is more than meets the eye.
- 5 – Make time for play.
- 6 – Play and learning go hand-in-hand.
- 7 – Play outside.
- 8 – There’s a lot to learn about play.
- 9 – Trust your own playful instincts.
- 10 – Play is a child’s context for learning.



[www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/10-things-every-parent-play](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/10-things-every-parent-play)

*Play in Early Childhood:  
The Role of Play in Any Setting*

## Play

The science of child development points to three core principles that can guide what society needs to do to help children and families thrive. These include:

**Supporting responsive relationships**  
**Strengthening core life skills**  
**Reducing sources of stress**

**Play in early childhood is an effective way of supporting all three of these principles.**



<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/play-in-early-childhood-the-role-of-play-in-any-setting/>

# Play



## Variety: Thinking Outside the Box

**Offer many different options over time**

- **In-person Programming**
- **Online Live Programming**
- **Recorded Storytime Shorts**
- **Storytime to Go Backpacks**
- **Play & Learn Storytime Kits**
- **Storytimes in the Community**



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